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1-8-2019

Shawnee attorney Allan Grubb was sworn in Monday as the district attorney for District 23, which includes Pottawatomie and Lincoln Counties. Grubb was elected by voters on Nov. 6 and took his oath of office during a ceremony in Oklahoma City.

1-11-2019

A Pottawatomie County investigator working a local theft case and obtaining a search warrant at an Oklahoma County location resulted in authorities finding stolen items, along with a live bobcat and several marijuana grow rooms. The search warrant with officers from numerous agencies commenced at the Red Barn, an RV park located on the North Interstate 35 Service Road in Oklahoma City, said Sgt. Steven Sample, numerous thefts, including checks that had been stolen and then used and cashed in Norman and McLoud, along with a stolen dump truck/trailer from Tecumseh. Stolen property, estimated to be valued at well over \$100,000, was found and recovered, Sample said, including a stolen John Deere tractor from Lincoln County, as well as stolen dump truck/trailer from a Pottawatomie County business in Tecumseh.

1-15-2019

An armed suspect who allegedly ordered a clerk and several customers to the ground at gunpoint during a Sunday night robbery at Tecumseh's Family Dollar was apprehended and is now jailed on numerous complaints. Tecumseh police responded quickly to the incident thanks to a young boy in the store who ran to the bathroom and dialed 911. Tecumseh Police Chief J.R. Kidney said that boy, 13, and his father, walked into the store as the suspect had others on the ground at gunpoint. The suspect, later identified as Trey Nathaniel Harlin-Sumlin, 22, allegedly ordered the father and boy to the ground at gunpoint as well, Kidney said, but the boy ran to the bathroom and called police.

1-16-2019

The city of McLoud has a new interim police chief on duty after the city manager removed Police Chief Tom Pringle from his duties on Monday. McLoud City Manager Buck Day confirmed Tuesday that he decided to make some changes in administration and Interim Police Chief Wesley Elliott is now leading the police department.

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1-17-2019

This week Shawnee city commissioners OK'd an ordinance that created regulations for the simple possession of controlled dangerous substances. The change adopts and incorporates the Oklahoma Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act — but only to the extent that it regulates misdemeanor offenses. Shawnee Police Chief Mason Wilson said creation of a municipal misdemeanor offense was necessary since — until recently — those types of offenses were categorized as felonies. With the passage of State Questions 780 and 781 in 2016, simple drug possession and certain property crimes have been reclassified from felonies to misdemeanors across the state. The Shawnee board voted in favor of creating the local ordinance to line up with state regulations.

1-23-2019

The Pottawatomie County Board of County Commissioners finalized lease agreements regarding the South Annex building, formerly known as Mission Hill Hospital, with that property being deeded over to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. After a lengthy discussion the past few years regarding that property, commissioners, after meeting in executive session earlier this month, accepted an offer from CPN for the purchase of the south annex buildings, subject to the satisfaction of the final document and an executed lease with Solara Hospital, operating as Cornerstone Hospital of Oklahoma – Shawnee. As part of the deal, the Pottawatomie County Health Department can stay in its facility for at least 15 years, possibly longer, Dennis said, and the Family Justice Center can continue to occupy its portion of the South Annex for at least four more years.

1-30-2019

Shawnee police on Tuesday released a report involving the fatal accident that claimed the lives of two teens in a Ford Mustang Saturday evening at 45th and Aydelotte Streets, with reports indicating the driver of the other vehicle remains hospitalized with unknown injuries. Two vehicles — the Ford Mustang and a Honda Accord — were involved in the accident. Two Tecumseh High School students, Logan Deardorff, 18, and Shelby D. Johnson, 17, died from injuries relating to the crash. The name and medical condition of the driver of the Honda remained unknown until the accident report was released by Shawnee police Tuesday. That report shows the Honda Accord was driven by Roger D. Flint, 61, of Shawnee. Flint was taken by REACT EMS to OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City with unknown incapacitating injuries, the report shows.

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2-2-2019

A Pottawatomie County jury returned a guilty verdict Friday for a woman on trial for second-degree murder for her role in the death of Tecumseh Police Officer Justin Terney. The week-long trial of Brooklyn Danielle Williams, 24, began with jury selection Monday and was held before District Judge John G. Canavan, Jr.

With a courtroom gallery full of spectators, including more than 30 law enforcement officers from many agencies, the jury heard instructions and final arguments Friday morning. After deliberating a little more than two hours, the jury of six men and six women returned with the guilty verdict early Friday afternoon. District Judge John G. Canavan Jr. adopted the recommendation of the jury — 25 years in prison.

Williams was accused, on or about March 26, 2017, of engaging in the felony offense of harboring a fugitive and concealing Byron James Shepard, a person she knew to be a fugitive from justice. While she was in the commission of that felony, charges allege Shepard, 37, who was the passenger in a vehicle being driven by Williams and stopped by Officer Terney, fired a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol into the abdomen of the officer, causing mortal wounds.

2-13-2109

Voters in the Pleasant Grove Public Schools district passed a \$150,000 bond issue Tuesday to help fund the construction of a new storm shelter and a new lift station. According to Pleasant Grove Superintendent, Scott Roper, this is his third time and an overall fourth attempt for the district to get the bond passed in the past five years.

2-22-2019

On Thursday, Shawnee Public Schools celebrated the official purchase of 15 acres of land that will be home to a new Shawnee Elementary School. Superintendent Dr. April Grace, announcing the real estate closing via social media, said after two and half years of discussions and work with the Commissioners of the Land Office, the deal is finalized. The district's legal counsel has been working on a contract with CLO for the purchase of a tract of land on 45th Street, just west of Kickapoo Street. That's where Shawnee plans to build what will be the district's fifth elementary school. The new school is a part of a \$32 million Shawnee bond issue that was passed by voters in 2016.

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2-26-2019

A suspect charged in federal court in connection with a 2018 robbery at a Shawnee bank has been sentenced to serve federal prison time. Adam J. Steele, 26, who was charged in the April 2018 robbery of an IBC Bank in Shawnee, has been sentenced to serve four years and nine months, police reported. According to the complaint filed in federal court in Oklahoma City on May 1, 2018, a man robbed a branch of IBC Bank on North Harrison Avenue in Shawnee on April 14, 2018, by presenting a note that read: “give me \$10,000, you won’t get shot if you give it to me, don’t be stupid.” The man allegedly left the bank with \$2,909 in cash.

3-6-2019

The receivership awarded to the Prague Healthcare Association Monday was affirmed by a federal judge in a hearing Tuesday morning and a district judge in the afternoon.

Cohesive Healthcare Management and Consulting LLC is taking over operations of Prague Community Hospital. According to Prague City Manager Jim Greff, no action was taken in the federal hearing regarding charges and the lawsuit against the hospital’s former management company CAH Acquisition Company 7 LLC and its owner HMC/CAH. Greff also said no action was taken on a lawsuit filed by the hospital employees for wages CAH failed to pay.

3-13-2019

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported three fatalities in that head-on collision involving an SUV and a Konawa Schools activity bus. That crash occurred just after 7 p.m. on US 377, about one mile south of Bowlegs in Seminole County.

12-year-old Rhindi Kay Isaacs, a member of the Konawa Junior High softball team, died from injuries she suffered in that crash. Five other student athletes, and the driver of the Konawa bus, were injured, the OHP reported, and were treated for injuries at area hospitals and later released. Troopers identified the driver of the SUV as John Tallbear, 61, of Asher, also killed was a passenger, Shari Moore, also known as Shari Dockrey of Earlsboro. The OHP reports that Tallbear’s vehicle slammed head-on into a Konawa school bus, resulting in his death, the death of his passenger and one student on the school bus. That student has been named through obituary information as Rhindi K. Isaacs, a 12-year-old Konawa student who was a member of the junior high softball team.

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3-14-2019

A Shawnee woman was killed Wednesday morning in a crash at the Interstate 40 exit ramp on U.S. 177. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said that accident occurred about 7:03 a.m. A 2008 Ford Taurus, driven by Andrea Gould, 28, Shawnee, was westbound on the I-40 exit ramp and was at the stop sign, turning left, the OHP said. Troopers said she failed to yield at the stop sign and entered the intersection in front of a tractor-trailer rig going northbound on U.S. 177. The 2005 Peterbilt semi, driven by Darrin Dole, 53 of Conway Springs, Kansas, struck the Taurus, the OHP said. Gould was pronounced dead at the scene by REACT EMS medics from head, internal and external trunk, arm, and leg injuries, the OHP said. She was transported by Brown's Funeral Home to McLoud. The driver of the semi was not injured. Cause of the collision is listed as failure to stop at a stop sign.

3-21-2019

Shawnee city commissioners took a step back from a September decision to impose regulatory fees and fines for marijuana growing facilities for personal medical use; this week they removed the fee and fines from the City Fee Schedule. The \$25 fee and \$200 daily fine for noncompliance were both stricken from the City Code, effective immediately. The resolution is a housekeeping item to stay in line with the board's repeal of rules made in the fall.

3-30-2019

A defendant charged in a 2016 Tecumseh homicide entered a no contest plea Friday and received a prison term with the Department of Corrections. Joseph Wells III, 24, of Tecumseh, appeared in Pottawatomie County District Court Friday morning and entered the plea to an amended second-degree murder charge. Wells was sentenced to serve 40 years with the Department of Corrections, with the first 25 years to be served in prison and the last 15 years suspended and out on probation, said Assistant District Attorney Greg Wilson. Wells was originally charged in June 2016 with first-degree murder, deliberate intent, in the death of Randall Allen Warner. Court records show Warner died on or about June 15, 2016 at 700 N. 6th in Tecumseh in what was reported as a fight between neighbors. Wells was accused of causing the death of Warner by striking him in the head, neck and torso with his hands, feet and a metal object, according to the court file. Wells is jailed in the Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center and will remain there until his transfer to the Department of Corrections