

Third Quarter 2021 Issues – KGFF-AM, Shawnee, OK

7/2/21

Shawnee Public Schools has received a \$285,000 grant from the Oklahoma State Department of Education to hire school counsellors and district based mental health professionals. The Oklahoma State Department of Education is using federal funds for this grant program designed to help students cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. Oklahoma's current counsellor to student ration is 411 to 1 but the recommended ratio is 250 to 1.

7/13/21

New coronavirus cases leaped in Oklahoma by 40% in the past week. Oklahoma ranked 13th in the nation among where coronavirus cases were spreading the fastest, according to Johns Hopkins University. Pottawatomie County reported 19 new cases and zero deaths in the latest week. Lincoln County reported 10 cases and zero deaths in the latest week and Seminole County reported 3 new cases and zero deaths last week.

7/22/21

Nearly a year after a man was found beaten to death in his garage, the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office has made an arrest. In august of 2020, 35-year-old Wes Langley was found dead inside his rural Shawnee home. Following a full investigation an arrest warrant was filed Monday for a suspect believed to be Langley's neighbor. The suspect, who has not been identified, was arrested on Tuesday.

8/4/21

Students and educators at McLoud Public Schools returned to in-person learning on Tuesday. The district is implementing COVID-19 safety procedures similar to the procedures from last school year. All McLoud public schools are also recommending masks this year but are not requiring them.

8/11/21

Authorities in Pottawatomie County are investigating a deadly crash from this morning. Just after 8 AM this morning emergency crews were called to an accident near Highway 3 and Valley View Road in Pottawatomie County. Initial reports indicate at least one person was killed in the wreck. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

8/27/21

The 2021 high school football season gets underway tonight with several area schools in action. In 5A, the Shawnee Wolves open up their season against the Guthrie Bluejays here in Shawnee. That game is set to kickoff at 7 PM. In 3A, McLoud will host Classen SAS with kickoff set for 7 PM. All other schools should begin their football seasons next week.

9/14/21

OBU student Vicki Coolidge was recently awarded the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Heartland Regional Emmy Student Scholarship for the second year in a row. She is a junior from Mesquite, Texas, majoring in journalism and mass communication with a media emphasis. The scholarship is considered a prestigious and highly selective honor

exclusively for college students majoring in a journalism/broadcast/mass media-related degree.

9/16/21

Voters in Bethel Acres went to the polls Tuesday to decide whether to form a town charter, while in Asher, two new board members were elected. Voters in Bethel Acres voted overwhelmingly in favor of framing a town charter, with 82.67 percent in favor of the issue. Asher residents also went to the polls Tuesday to decide on two positions for the board of trustees (unexpired term), ultimately selecting Robby Mosley and Wesley Culwell Jr.

9/22/21

A new era is now poised to begin, ending years of friction between the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) and the City of Shawnee. On Tuesday, at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, leaders from both local governments announced the launch of Shawnee Aligned, a new initiative with the goal of seeking opportunities to collaborate for the betterment of the Shawnee community. CPN Tribal Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett and Shawnee Mayor Ed Bolt signed an agreement that will allow both entities to collaborate on important community projects, as well as eliminate any duplication of efforts. Examples of efforts could include water system improvements, fire and police protection, housing, transportation, economic development and improving public facilities.