

Fourth Quarter 2023 Issues – KGFF-AM, Shawnee, OK

10/3/23

Formal sentencing is set for Oct. 30 for the defendant charged in a 2022 burglary and rape case in Tecumseh. A Pottawatomie County jury trial began during the recent term for the defendant accused of knocking on doors in Tecumseh and forcing his way inside to sexually assault two young girls. The trial ended on the second day after the defendant decided to change his plea to guilty after witness testimony. Clifton P. Davilla, 31, pleaded guilty to 13 felony counts: first-degree rape, two counts of forcible oral sodomy, lewd acts with a child under 16, two counts of burglary in the first degree, two counts of kidnapping, two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, attempted first-degree rape, sexual battery and first-degree rape by instrumentation.

10/14/23

The City of Shawnee will host a Fall Clean-Up day today. The event hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Due to limited capacity, the City will provide regular updates on the City's Facebook page on the day of the event. The drop-off location will be staffed to ensure that no unacceptable items are dumped.

10/26/23

A meticulous monthlong murder investigation by the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office ended late Tuesday night as the husband of Makayla Meave-Byers, a Macomb teacher's assistant who was killed last month, was arrested in El Reno. Pottawatomie County Undersheriff Travis Dinwiddie said Frank Alan Cole Byers, 32, is now jailed without bond in the Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center on complaints of murder in the first degree, unauthorized removal of a dead body and desecration of a human corpse. Formal charges have not yet been filed.

10/31/23

An Oklahoma contractor is now charged with nine counts of felony embezzlement and a pattern of criminal offenses after an investigation by the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit. The Office of the Attorney General charged Benjamin Moore, 36, in Pottawatomie County District Court after the investigation revealed he allegedly took nearly \$85,000 from nine customers for construction projects that were never completed. Moore's business dealings spanned Creek, Tulsa, Hughes, Pottawatomie, Noble, Okfuskee and LeFlore counties.

11/4/23

Shawnee Public Schools educators received \$14,860 in grants from the Shawnee Educational Foundation, announced Michelle Wallace, SEF president. SEF awarded more than \$21,000 in classroom grants to SPS and other Shawnee area schools this year, Wallace said. The Shawnee Educational Foundation is dedicated to providing a reliable and perpetual source of needed supplemental funds and to foster excellence in educational programming and instructional techniques in Shawnee area schools.

11/16/23

The City Commission of Shawnee recently passed an ordinance aimed at regulating meal operations within Downtown Shawnee. As part of this ordinance, a Special Use Permit is now required for the

distribution of food to four or more people. This initiative seeks to ensure that food distribution activities within this zone comply with the city's regulations, creating a pleasant environment for all. The Special Use Permit applies specifically to Downtown Shawnee, an area bounded by Highland Street, 7th Street, Harrison Street and Kickapoo Street.

11/21/23

Only a week after seizing more than 36 tons of black-market marijuana in a single day, the Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force and Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority have made another major seizure, this time in Pottawatomie County. OCTF agents and OMMA compliance inspectors and agents served search warrants Nov. 16 at six medical marijuana grow operations near Prague. The sweep yielded 77,362 untraceable and untagged marijuana plants, nearly 2,000 pounds of untraceable and untagged harvested marijuana, and several firearms. Established through a recently enacted state law, the OCTF works closely with federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies to investigate crimes related to illegal marijuana grow operations, including human trafficking and the distribution of fentanyl and other deadly drugs.

11/30/23

Community Market of Pottawatomie County (CMPC) has just received a grant from the Avedis Foundation for \$160,896. Support from this grant will allow the local food bank to continue to meet the needs of area residents. CMPC Executive Director Daniel Matthews said the Avedis Foundation continues to provide care and support for those most in need in our community. "The access to good healthy food provides the foundation upon which people can begin to build their lives and live to their full potential," he said.

12/5/23

The enchanting spirit of the Christmas season is set to come to town as the city prepares to host Oklahoma's Largest Nighttime Christmas Parade this Friday. Families, friends, and community members are invited to partake in the magic of the Christmas season on Friday, Dec. 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. The parade will begin on Main Street Downtown Shawnee to Minnesota Avenue. Experience the joy of the season through the melodies of local marching bands; immerse yourself in the creativity of the community with spectacularly decorated floats; and witness the excitement on the faces of children and adults alike as Santa Claus makes a grand entrance, spreading holiday cheer to all.

12/21/23

After nearly an hour of citizen participation from more than 20 residents Monday night, Shawnee City Commissioners approved a no sit, no lie ordinance in downtown Shawnee -- despite most residents voicing opposition to the measure. On Monday, Shawnee City Manager Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer said the proposal was created in response to significant feedback from the public and affected property owners. She said the ordinance was drafted "for the purpose of promoting downtown Shawnee as a family-friendly public area, an inviting environment supportive of tourism and businesses, and accessible to individuals with disabilities." The ordinance applies to everyone within the downtown area -- bounded by Highland Street; 7th Street; Harrison Street; and Kickapoo Street.