

FIRST QUARTER 2015

JANUARY

7 Jan 2015

A Tecumseh man being sought in connection with a triple stabbing case in Oklahoma City was tracked down by local police and arrested Tuesday afternoon in Shawnee. Chad Pope, commander of the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Warrant Team, said Santos Arrendondo, 34, was arrested following a traffic stop on Highland Street. Pope said Arrendondo was being sought on Oklahoma County warrants of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon in connection with the Oklahoma City case.

17 Jan 2015

Two suspects arrested after alert residents helped deputies track down two burglary suspects following a manhunt are now formally charged with two felony counts. Jonathan A. Treat, 33, and Rosi Sky Still, 35, are charged in Pottawatomie County District Court with second-degree burglary and knowingly concealing stolen property. Both were arrested Dec. 30 after a short manhunt.

21 Jan 2015

After a petition for detachment of Citizen Potawatomi Nation land was found insufficient by the city clerk in October, the tribe filed a civil complaint in Pottawatomie County District Court. A judge recently ruled a public hearing was required. Tuesday, the heated hearing concluded with a denial of the detachment.

FEBRUARY

1 Feb 2015

A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Outlook warns central Oklahoma's drought could continue to develop in February. Gary McManus, of The Oklahoma Climatological Survey, explained the gravity of the situation using 2014 figures.

"The January [through] December statewide average precipitation total of 28.47 inches was more than eight inches below normal and the 26th driest year on record," he said.

3 Feb 2015

A splash pad at Boy Scout Park is closer to fruition following the announcement of a sizeable grant at the Monday night Shawnee City Commission meeting. The Avedis Foundation approved a \$203,293 grant to the city, requiring the money be matched dollar for dollar by the city. The commission voiced gratitude for the funds.

18 Feb 2015

Talks have resumed concerning a merger involving Pottawatomie County's 911 system. In a meeting Tuesday morning, the Pottawatomie County Enhanced 911 System Trust Authority voted to resume negotiations "with all entities" regarding a 911 merger. Rather than just considering a possible merger with the city of Shawnee, the county 911 board left the meeting with a new idea to ponder: a possible merger with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. CPN Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett offered a proposal to consolidate the county 911 system and the CPN dispatch operations through a contract of services.

MARCH

12 Mar 2015

A ground-penetrating radar aided in the discovery of human remains north of Shawnee Wednesday, which could solve the 2012 disappearance of a Shawnee woman. Pottawatomie County District Attorney Richard Smothermon confirmed the remains were discovered as authorities executed a search warrant and conducted an archaeological dig at 4 Rustic Oak Drive. Smothermon said it will be up to the state medical examiner to identify the skeletal remains and determine whether they belong to Samantha Weaver, a 27-year-old mother of two who disappeared in June 2012.

20 Mar 2015

In June 2014, the City of Shawnee declared voluntary drought management practices. Subsequent participation levels have not been enough to liberate the community from water conservation fears. With lake levels worsening since the declaration, voluntary water rationing remains intact. Mayor Wes Mainord encouraged community involvement. The tri-county area remains plagued by abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions. The Mesonet reported Shawnee received 50.34 inches of rainfall in 2013, the highest recorded amount in two decades. In 2014, that figure plummeted to 28.41.

29 Mar 2015

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation reports the overhaul of Kickapoo Street could be complete in fall. Community members remain largely frustrated with the project's pace. Road renovation began in February 2013. ODOT Resident Manager Archie Moore hopes to see construction finished in September.