

## **Fourth Quarter 2021 Issues – KGFF-AM, Shawnee, OK**

10/11/2021

The City of Shawnee and Shawnee Public Schools have agreed to a trade. The City and the district agreed to a land swap with the City of Shawnee giving the district city-owned lots at the corner of Kickapoo and Dill streets, where the longtime Kickapoo Motel was recently razed. In return, Shawnee Public Schools will give the city the land where Franklin Elementary used to operate. The vote on the land swap passed the Shawnee City Commission four to one, with one commissioner abstaining.

10/29/2021

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hoffmiester announced the 12 finalists for Oklahoma's Teacher of the Year and one of the finalists is Bethel kindergarten teacher Carrie Ingersoll. During her 16 years at Bethel Public Schools, Ingersoll has taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Pre-K, transitional kindergarten and kindergarten. The state's 2022 Teacher of the Year will be announced in March.

11/4/2021

After one of his deputies survived seven gunshots during a standoff last Friday, Pottawatomie County Sheriff Mike Booth says Deputy Gary Knowles in amazing spirits as he begins his recovery. Deputy Knowles was responding to a Bethel Acres home for a domestic disturbance call when the suspect, 27-year-old Braedon Chesser opened fire on Deputy Knowles. Booth said Knowles took evasive maneuvers while taking on gun fire. Knowles was shot twice in his bullet-proof vest while other rounds struck him in the abdomen and legs.

11/16/2021

Shawnee Bridges out of Poverty received over a \$100,000 grant from the Avedis Foundation recently. The initiatives of Shawnee Bridges connect those living in poverty with the resources they need by bridging the gap between individuals in need and the organizations that can help them.

11/29/2021

There are many Christmas events up in Shawnee this holiday season, starting with Shawnee's nighttime Christmas parade and fireworks display on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. According to the Safe Events for Families website, the annual Shawnee Christmas parade is set to begin at 7 PM on Thursday. As usual, the parade will travel along Main Street from Beard to Minnesota. Stages and performers are expected to line the route so attendees can spread out and see the attractions better. Following the conclusion of the parade, attendees are invited to gather onto Main Street to watch a fireworks display.

12/7/2021

Cause of the fire that destroyed a downtown Shawnee building constructed the year of statehood in 1907 is suspected as arson, investigators said Monday. Just hours before the Shawnee Christmas parade was set to stroll down Main Street on Dec. 2, firefighters were called to the blaze at 524 E. Main, a building just west of the historic Santa Fe Depot and railroad tracks. During the blaze, the building partially collapsed, prompting immediate

demolition plans by city crews once the fire was out. Anyone with information is asked to call the Shawnee Fire Department, 405-878-1671.

12/16/2021

This afternoon a donation for \$30,000 will be making its way into the hands of Holiday Hope, a program that provides Christmas presents to children in foster care. For the past month, Boomarang Diner has been collecting donations, which yielded more than \$23,000 toward the effort. An additional \$6,373 was donated by Keep Giving Back Foundation, which is a nonprofit that supports good works in the community in honor of Boomarang Diner founder, Charles Degraffenreid, pushing the total donation to \$30,000. At 2:30 p.m. today on the Gordon Cooper Technology Center campus, the check will be presented to representatives of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Holiday Hope and Citizens Caring for Children, as well as Children's Advisory board members.

12/29/2021

In an attempt to meet requests from teachers and school districts throughout the country, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Department of Education began composing lesson plans about Potawatomi history in 2021. The first one available now tells the story of the Potawatomi Trail of Death. To ensure accurate content, college advisors Matt Higdon and Rachel Watson spearheaded a panel of primary education professionals and historians, including CPN's Cultural Heritage Center Director Dr. Kelli Mosteller, to compose the lesson plan. The team used their expertise and experience in Indian education, state standards and curriculum writing as well as Potawatomi history.