

Second Quarter 2019 Issues – KGFF-AM, Shawnee, OK

4/5/2019

Shawnee Public Schools sent out notification via emails and automated phone calls to Shawnee High School parents Thursday afternoon with information that there has been a few cases of scabies reported at Shawnee High School. Cherity Pennington, spokeswoman for Shawnee Public Schools, said SHS is working closely with health officials, while doing more deep cleaning at the school. After a student has been treated with medication prescribed by a healthcare provider, the nurse said the student may return to school; a note with a return date from the healthcare provider is required.

4/16/2019

A formal manslaughter charge was filed against a driver accused of causing the death of his passenger in a traffic accident Saturday at Harrison and Federal Streets. Monday afternoon, Pottawatomie County District Attorney Allan Grubb charged Christian Trey Key, 25, with a listed address in Oklahoma City, with first-degree manslaughter. He is accused of causing the death of Tanya Lynn Wolfe, 47, of Shawnee, on Saturday, April 13. According to the Shawnee Police Department, which didn't release any information about the crash until Monday, Key and Wolfe were occupants of the northbound Corolla on Harrison Street when Key went left of center and hit the southbound pickup driven by Donald Morgan, 62.

4/17/2019

A Shawnee man was formally charged with two counts of first-degree manslaughter relating to the January traffic deaths of two Tecumseh High School students. After a thorough investigation by the Shawnee Police Department, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the District Attorney's Office and after meeting with families, District Attorney Allan Grubb charged Roger Dean Flint, 62, in Pottawatomie County District Court. Charges were the result of a traffic accident Jan. 26 along 45th Street near Aydelotte Street. The students, Logan Don Deardorff, 18, and his passenger, Shelby Danielle Johnson, 17, were killed as a result of injuries suffered in that crash.

4/19/2019

North Rock Creek Public Schools is finishing major projects and beginning several new ones. According to Superintendent Dr. Blake Moody, the district is in the final stages of building its new high school. "We're about a month and a half away from completion. We have finished polishing our concrete floors and we have a few days left of painting," Moody said. In addition to the new high school renovations, NorthRock Creek has placed the foundation and utilities on various buildings including a new outdoor athletic facility, a new track and a new administration building. After a two-year application process, North Rock Creek also was awarded a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a new safety room in the elementary school,

5/2/2019

Governor Kevin Stitt on Wednesday declared a state of emergency for 52 counties due to severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding. Pottawatomie, Lincoln, and Seminole Counties were all included in the declaration. Damage was reported to homes, businesses, outbuildings, trees and power poles. Under the governor's executive order, state agencies may make emergency purchases and acquisitions needed to expedite the delivery of resources to local jurisdictions. The declaration also marks a first step toward seeking federal assistance should it be necessary.

5/22/2019

Due to flooding from various thunderstorms, a few roads are closed throughout Pottawatomie County and several were impacted in Lincoln County as well. According to the Pottawatomie County Commissioners office, two roads were closed Tuesday. In Lincoln County, heavy rainfall and waters from the swelling Quapaw Creek and Deep Fork River were impacting roadways. As of late Tuesday, Lincoln County Emergency Management reported the following closures:

- SH 66 between U.S. 177 and Chandler was closed by ODOT
- U.S. 177 North of SH 66 was closed by ODOT
- SH 18 South from Chandler was closed by ODOT
- Fallis Road was closed.

5/23/2019

As area rivers are overflowing or near cresting prompting an ongoing flooding threat in many areas, several water rescues were reported in Lincoln County Wednesday and a tornadic storm also impacted Seminole County Wednesday evening. Seminole County Emergency Management reported a tornado touched down north of Cromwell Wednesday evening, with minimal damage reported. In many areas, though, rising waters are an ongoing concern as massive amounts of rain have fallen throughout the state. The Oklahoma Mesonet shows a five-day total of 5.40 inches of rainfall in Chandler, with a five-day total of 1.81 inches in Shawnee.

5/29/2019

The nation's first state trial against drug makers blamed for contributing to the opioid crisis started Tuesday in Oklahoma in a case that could shape negotiations to resolve the roughly 1,500 other opioid lawsuits consolidated before a federal judge. Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter started opening statements by saying powerful painkillers have led to the "worst manmade public health crisis" in U.S. history. Drug makers deny Oklahoma's claims. The companies maintain that they are part of a lawful and heavily regulated industry that is subject to strict federal oversight, and that doctors are the ones who prescribe the drugs. Much of the opioid crisis, they argue, is the result of illegal activity, such as drugs being stolen or obtained fraudulently.

6/1/2019

The winningest coach in Oklahoma Baptist athletics history is stepping away. Bobby Cox, who led the Bison to four NAIA World Series appearances, two NCCAA national championships, a Great American Conference tournament title, and back-to-back NCAA regional berths, announced his decision Friday. With a career record of 1,378,643 (.682), Cox never had a losing season in 35 years at the helm of the OBU baseball team. He is the only coach to take the Bison to the NAIA World Series, accomplishing the feat in 1989, 1996, 2011, and 2014. The team also reached the NAIA Opening Round in 2012 and 2013. Competing in the National Christian College Athletic Association during OBU's transition from the NAIA to NCAA Division II level, his team won back-to-back NCCAA World Series titles in 2016 and 2017. After overseeing the program's successful transition to Division II, Cox led the Bison to NCAA Central Regional berths in both of their first two years of NCAA postseason eligibility in 2018 and 2019.

6/11/2019

Jarius Hicklen gave fans a taste of what to expect in the future as he showed out for the first time inside Mabee Arena at the Noble Complex this past Saturday. The incoming OBU Bison freshmen played a major part in helping Team Texas to a Faith 7 Bowl victory, 102-95, over their Oklahoma counterparts. Hicklen dropped a team-high 27 points on Team Oklahoma's defense, displaying long-range accuracy with five 3-pointers made in the contest. The 6-3 combo guard also led his team with eight rebounds and six assists. In the Women's game the Oklahoma women beat Texas 84-82. Shawnee grad and University of California-Berkley Golden Bear Lauren Fields won Oklahoma team MVP with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

6/19/2019

The FireLake Fireflight Balloon Fest, Oklahoma's biggest balloon festival of 2019, is set to return to Shawnee this August bringing live performers, family-friendly activities, fireworks, a hunting and fishing expo, a 5K, a display of 25 hot air balloons and more. The festival kicks off on Friday, Aug. 9 at 4:00 p.m. at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Powwow Grounds. There will be food trucks, a 5K race and more over the weekend. Attendees will also have the opportunity to attend The Outdoor Nation Expo, a hunting and fishing expo located inside the FireLake arena, offering family-friendly activities and plenty of vendors and demonstrations for all to enjoy. It will be a fun-filled weekend of balloon glows, balloon rides and family activities. Festivalgoers can expect to see balloons covering the Shawnee sky throughout the weekend.

6/25/2019

Salvation Army Capts. Patrick and Stacey Connelly, and their children, have officially moved into their roles as corps. officers of the Shawnee branch of the Salvation Army. The welcome to town has been refreshing, he said, as he described an unexpected embrace from local board members toward them and their children. The Connelys said they want their time here to be spent very involved in ways to help the area — and with the support of the Lord and the community, they will.