

SECOND QUARTER 2017

APRIL

4 Apr 2017

Oklahoma Forestry Services officials say 2017 is already among the most active years on record for wildfires. The agency has responded to more than 800 wildfires so far that resulted in more than 450,000 acres of burnt woodlands and grasslands. That ranks in the top five wildfire seasons in Oklahoma.

7 Apr 2017

Oklahoma Democrats are urging Republican leaders to resurrect a Medicaid expansion plan that would infuse hundreds of millions of federal dollars into the state's health care system.

27 Apr 2017

The Shawnee Board of Education spent its lunch hour in a special meeting to sign off on the sale of \$5,700,000 in bonds as part of the \$32 million school bond issue voted on and passed last year in April.

MAY

11 May 2017

Taylor R. Annanders, 22, previously pleaded guilty and appeared in Pottawatomie County District Court Wednesday for sentencing on one count of first-degree burglary, four counts of second-degree burglary while being a felon as well as larceny of an automobile. He was sentenced to serve 10 years with the Department of Corrections on the first-degree burglary count and received seven years in prison for each of the second-degree counts, running concurrently. He also received a seven-year prison term, concurrently, for the larceny of an automobile charge.

19 May 2017

The Greater Shawnee Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that Chamber President/CEO, Nancy Keith recently retired after serving the Chamber for 20 years. In addition, Cindy Lantz will be leaving her position as Vice President/COO at the end of May after serving for 21 years.

31 May 2017

The Board of City Commissioners, Shawnee Municipal Authority and Shawnee Airport Authority met for a special session Wednesday to review and discuss the FY 2017-2018 proposed budgets, as well as a workshop focusing on Strategic Planning. The half-day event had commissioners looking at city projects, goals, long-term needs and funding options, along with the draft of the Shawnee Strategic Plan

JUNE

7 Jun 2017

Progress at the Pottawatomie County Museum is currently at a standstill as Garner Construction awaits the arrival of the remaining pieces of the framework. Last week, Indaco Metals delivered the majority of the framework and Museum Director Ken Landry anticipates the remaining materials needed for the beginning stages of building construction will begin next week. The Pottawatomie County Museum is being built on property to the north of the Santa Fe Depot along Minnesota Street between 9th and 10th Streets in Shawnee.

14 Jun 2017

Researchers preparing to conduct an extensive breast cancer research trial in Oklahoma City hope to find cancers that mammograms can't detect. The Mercy Breast Center is scheduled to begin the trial on July 1. It'll bring in 4,000 women over three years who've had a mammogram that was interpreted as normal.

Jun 2017

The Community Market of Pottawatomie County Food & Resources Center, 120 S. Center, is coming up on its first full year of service to the area. The market — a food and resource center affiliated with the Regional Food Bank in Oklahoma City— will mark its first anniversary July 5.