

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015 Issues

September 23, 2016

## **Suspect Jailed after Standoff**

A suspect arrested and jailed Tuesday following an overnight standoff in Bethel Acres. The same man was involved in a deadly shooting at the same home over the weekend. Following the standoff, Booth said the suspect, John J. Quinter Jr., 44, was arrested and jailed at the Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center on a complaint of assault and battery by strangulation. Formal charges have not been filed. Booth confirms Quinter is also the same man who was involved in the altercation that resulted in Saturday's deadly shooting of Robert Dale Almon, 35, at the same address.

September 15, 2016

## **City Commission to Address Moldy Firehouse – Water & Sewer Rate Increase & More**

A slew of issues have been piling up on the plates of city officials. So much so, that City Commissioners met Monday for a special work session to discuss an array of topics, such as, what to do with the moldy firehouse, how to bring in funding for much-needed improvements to the South sewage plant and which city parks to keep on their list of priorities.

August 25, 2016

## **Gordon Cooper Drive Widening Project Begins**

The widening of Gordon Cooper Drive between Benson Park and Bob Crouch Roads is now under way. Tecumseh City Manager Jimmy Stokes said speed limits in that area are reduced to 25 mph. Traffic is asked to detour on U.S. 177, but one lane will remain open. Drivers are asked to avoid the area if they can. The nearly \$4 million bid, awarded to Haskell-Lemon Construction, calls for a 250-day completion date, Stokes said, with incentives offered for early completion. Federal highway funds are paying for 80 percent of the construction costs, with the remaining 20 percent funded through a joint effort between the City of Tecumseh, Pottawatomie County and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

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August 13, 2016

### **Former Shawnee Youth Pastor Formally Charged**

Brian K. Burchfield, 42, of Edmond, is charged in Pottawatomie County District Court with four counts of soliciting sexual conduct or communications with a minor by use of technology. Charges stem from an investigation by Shawnee police that reportedly involved text messages between Burchfield and several teenagers from the area. Burchfield was booked into the Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center on the complaints and was later released after posting \$50,000 bond. His next court date hasn't yet been scheduled.

July 28, 2015

### **Shawnee's American Legion Post 16 part of national mural tour**

Noted New York artist Scott Lobaido made a stop in Shawnee to paint an American flag on the front of American Legion Post 16, 522 W. Saratoga. LoBaido said he randomly picked the post to represent Oklahoma as part of his Fifty State Tour, his personal tribute to the country's veterans. These posts were chosen for the condition of their exterior wall, and also to accommodate LoBaido's tour route and limited time schedule. "There is no cost to the posts. The murals are a gift to those who have served in the United States Armed Forces," LoBaido's website states.

July 19, 2015

### **Confessed killer found not guilty by reason of insanity**

An Asher man who confessed to the 2012 killing of his college classmate has been found not guilty of first-degree murder by reason of insanity and is being committed indefinitely to a state mental hospital for treatment. Jerrod Murray, 20, was charged with first-degree murder, deliberate intent, in the December 2012 shooting death of Generro Sanchez, 18, from Stuart. At the time of the killing, both Murray and Sanchez were freshmen at East Central University in Ada, with court affidavits in the case revealing Murray told investigators that he had planned to kill someone for weeks. Murray has undergone competency evaluations while the case has proceeded through Pottawatomie County District Court. At one point he was found competent for trial, but that changed following the latest reviews.