

## THIRD QUARTER 2018

### July

7/3/18

Police name man killed in crash

Tecumseh police on Monday released the name of a man killed Saturday morning when his pickup collided head-on with an Army National Guard bus on U.S. 177 south of Tecumseh. Tecumseh Police Chief J.R. Kidney said the crash occurred about 5:15 a.m. on U.S. 177 near Broadway Extension, resulting in one fatality and nine soldiers injured. Kidney identified the man who died as David Joshua Nelson, 37. He had a Meeker address, Kidney said, but was residing in Ada.

7/6/2018

Teen shot, killed in McCloud

A McCloud teenager was fatally shot and killed at his home early Thursday during an alleged altercation with his older brother. McCloud Police Chief Tom Pringle identified the teen who died as Raydon French, 17. (Note: 7/20/18 - prosecutors have ruled the shooting was justified as self-defense.) Pringle said French suffered two gunshot wounds to the torso from a small caliber weapon and later died from those wounds.

7/7/2018

20-mile pursuit ends with arrest

A suspect who was drinking beer in a vehicle and allegedly kicked a sheriff's deputy Friday before leading police on a 20-mile pursuit was taken into custody and jailed, the undersheriff said. Michael Wayne Allen, 38, was being booked into the Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center Friday evening on complaints of assault and battery on a police officer, felony eluding, obstructing an officer and public intoxication. An initial court appearance for setting of bond is expected Monday; formal charges have not been filed.

7/17/2018

Board swears in 2 new members

A couple of the board seats changed hands when Shawnee City Commissioners met Monday. Results of the local June 26 election determined a change in commissioners, as three terms expired:

- Mark Sehorn — who did not have an opponent — replaced City Commissioner Lesa Shaw for Ward 5.
- Ben Salter retained his seat in Ward 6 — he, too, ran unopposed.
- Ed Bolt takes over Ward 1, replacing Dub Bushong, who did not seek re-election. Bolt defeated opponent Steve Palmer, CEO of Neighboring 101. Letters of Appreciation awaited Shaw and Bushong for their service to the board, as Sehorn, Salter and Bolt were sworn in and stepped into their roles immediately — finishing out Monday's meeting.

7/19/2018

Starving teen found living in barn

A 15-year-old Lincoln County boy who was reportedly sleeping in a barn with farm animals and suffering from severe malnutrition is now hospitalized while his father, stepmother and two older brothers are jailed on child neglect complaints, prosecutors said Wednesday. When he was found, the boy, who resided with his family at a rural residence at 101529 S. 3470 Road between Meeker and Prague, was likely within a week of death had he not been hospitalized, said Pottawatomie/ Lincoln County First Assistant District Attorney Adam Panter.

7/21/2018

2 teens jailed in shooting, murder plot

A Lincoln County mother is recovering from a gunshot wound to the face and hand while her teenage daughter and that girl's boyfriend are jailed in an alleged murder plot to kill the entire family while they slept. The shooting occurred at 344714 E. Highway 18B, which is located east of SH 18. A 15-year-old girl who lived in the home, along with her 18-year-old boyfriend, Zachary Shane Sligar, of Shawnee, have been arrested in the case, said Lincoln County Sheriff Charlie Dougherty.

## **August**

8/10/18

City manager resigns; search to begin

City Manager Justin Erickson announced Thursday he has accepted a position in Washington state. Mayor Richard Finley said Erickson has been a force of change in a very positive way and is leaving the city with good momentum. Finley said the search for Erickson's replacement will start right away.

8/18/18

School shooting threat prompts extra police at SHS

An extra police presence is expected at Shawnee High School in the coming days after a threatening message was scribbled on a girls' bathroom wall on Friday.

The threatening message came on the second day of the school year for Shawnee students and coincides with a trend of other school incidents in Oklahoma this past week, including a threat investigated at a Norman high school as well as a stabbing that injured a teen student at Luther Schools.

8/29

Macomb teacher arrested

A teacher from Macomb Schools has been arrested by the FBI in connection with a distribution of child pornography investigation and the district says that teacher has now been placed on suspension from his employment. According to reports, Lucas Cane, 30, of Ada, was arrested Tuesday morning on his way to school and is now jailed in the federal case.

8/29

Murder suspect caught, jailed

Wayne Eric Dyke Jr., 21, was located and apprehended Wednesday morning in Shawnee. He is now jailed without bond in the Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center; formal charges have not been filed. Dyke is a suspect in the murder of Mark Anthony Little, Shawnee police said.

## September

9/4/2018

Group receives \$1M loan for Indian Country businesses

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation was recently received a \$1 million loan through the innovative funding model of a \$10 million Native Community Development Financial Institution Capital Pool. First Nations Oweesta Corporation launched the program in June as funders, investors, and Native Community Development Financial Institutions celebrated the award at an event in Pacific Grove, California.

9/18/2018

Fire destroys 8 apartments

Eight apartments in Building 5 at Ashford Place Apartments in Shawnee were destroyed by a large fire Sunday, while eight more units in the same building are not habitable as a result of the blaze, firefighters said Monday. No injuries were reported in the early Sunday afternoon fire at 3105 Acme Road. Shawnee Fire Department Battalion Chief Tom Larman said electricity is shut off to that entire building, with half of it completely destroyed by the blaze. Overall, the fire displaced occupants from a total of 16 units. Cause of the blaze remains under investigation by the Shawnee Fire Marshal's office. The fire alarm call came in to 911 about 12:20 p.m. Sunday.

9/26

3 charged in homicide

Three defendants have been formally charged in Lincoln County District Court in connection with a homicide. Court records show all three are charged in the death of Donald Coleman. Waylon Eric Whitlow, 43, of Weleetka, Deirdre Joconfah Allen, 30, and Jerry Lee Richards, 33, both of Cushing, are charged conjointly with felony first-degree murder.

9/26

Inspire Brands buys Sonic burger chain for \$2.3 billion

Arby's owner Inspire Brands is buying the Sonic drive-in hamburger chain. Inspire is paying \$43.50 per share cash, or \$2.3 billion, for Sonic, which has 3,600 restaurants in the U.S. Inspire expects the deal to close by the end of this year. Sonic will operate as a separate business unit within Inspire and remain based in Oklahoma City. The first Sonic opened in Shawnee, Oklahoma in 1953. Inspire says Sonic's management team will also remain in place. Atlanta-based Inspire was formed earlier this year when Arby's acquired the Buffalo Wild Wings chain.