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Sep 23, 2016

Gas Chamber to Be Removed

The Shawnee Animal Shelter is removing the gas chamber from the facility,” Shawnee Police Department Chief Mason Wilson said. The presence of the gas chamber in the shelter has created a perception that it remains in use, he said. “We want to move forward and create a better perception of the Animal Shelter and our community we serve.” he said. In December, the City of Shawnee launched an initiative to enhance animal control policies and procedures — including transitioning from gas chamber use to lethal injection, and adding more business hours per week for the shelter — which would allow for more time to reclaim or adopt animals housed there.

September 20, 2016

Expo Center Receives Grant

Avedis Foundation President and CEO Michelle Briggs, during Monday's City Commission meeting, announced a \$440000 matching grant awarded for the remodeling and enhancement of the Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center's conference center.

September 17, 2016

Bison sculptures installed at Kickapoo and MacArthur

Three life-sized Bison sculptures were installed on the northeast corner of the OBU campus Friday, Sept. 16. The Bison are featured as part of an art project on the southwest corner of Kickapoo and MacArthur.

September 8, 2016

Historic Pottawatomie County radio station gets FM channel

As of midnight Thursday, listeners of Pottawatomie County's oldest radio station, KGFF, can now tune in to an FM signal for a clearer, stereo broadcast of classic rock and local news. The station has been granted a license for an FM Translator to better serve the area.

August 11, 2016

Section of I-40 near Shawnee dedicated to state trooper killed in crash

A section of Interstate 40 in Pottawatomie and Seminole Counties was dedicated in honor of the Trooper Nicholas Dees, who was struck and killed while working a crash in that area last year.

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July 22, 2016

I-40/ Bryan Interchange is a No-Go

The proposed Bryan Street interchange on Interstate 40 in the North Rock Creek community is a no-go, but an alternate interchange at Leo Street drew support at a transportation summit Tuesday in Shawnee. The summit was organized and moderated by state Sen. Ron Sharp, R-Shawnee, and included representatives from the city of Shawnee, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Pottawatomie County, the city of McLoud, the Sac & Fox Nation, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

July 22, 2016

ODOT to Widen I-40

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation plans to make Interstate 40 a six-lane highway from Oklahoma City to U.S. 177, but it won't happen for a while. The department has the intent, but hasn't put the project into its eight-year plan, transportation director Mike Patterson said Tuesday in Shawnee. "Ultimately, what we want and what we will get is a six-lane facility on I-40 from Shawnee on into Oklahoma City," he said. "We have to add capacity." The six-laning won't happen before 2024 and probably would be done to coincide with the opening of a proposed turnpike on the east side of Oklahoma City.

July 01, 2016

New Local Sales Tax in Effect

Consumers may have noticed by now that a trip to the store today is slightly more than it was Yesterday. The new 0.495-cent Pottawatomie County sales tax for schools is now in effect. The tax will last for 10 years; it began July 1, 2016, and will end June 30, 2026.