

Second Quarter 2021 Issues – KGFF-AM, Shawnee, OK

4/5/2021

Voters throughout Pottawatomie and Lincoln County head to the polls. Voters in Meeker will vote on an \$850,000 bond issue for Meeker Public Schools. Voters in Prague will vote on the city's sales tax while voters in Maud and McLoud will vote on city council seats. All issues passed

4/13/2021

Robert Kinsey was named the next superintendent of Tecumseh Public Schools during a special board meeting last week. Kinsey is currently the district's assistant superintendent. He is a Tecumseh native, who graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1995. Kinsey will officially begin his duties as superintendent on July 1st.

4/26/2021

A five crash yesterday left one man dead and several others injured. The accident occurred between 10 AM and 11 AM on Sunday along westbound I-40 in Seminole County. The Oklahoma Highway patrol has not disclosed the cause of the accident.

5/3/2021

Oklahoma Baptist University will return to normal campus operations on June 1st. With the announcement, the university signaled the end of altered campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The announcement also said OBU will return to its traditional fall schedule with classes beginning August 19th and Welcome Week beginning August 14th. The move also ends required physical distancing and mask mandates.

5/11/2021

Voters head to the polls today for the South Rock Creek Public Schools special proposition vote. If passed, the money from this bond issue will be used to purchase four new school busses with air conditioning and security cameras. The bond issue passed.

5/28/2021

State Highway 39 will be intermittently narrowed to one lane, with flaggers directing traffic, from U.S. 177 in Asher to about three miles east of State Highway 102 near Wanette. The narrowing is expected to last through July and is part of an on-going bridge and pavement reconstruction project.

6/10/2021

On Wednesday, the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators named Dr. April Grace of Shawnee Public Schools as the 2021 OASA State Superintendent of the Year. Grace was also named OASA District 9 Superintendent of the Year. Grace will be recognized at the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration Summer Leadership Conference in June and the National AASA School Superintendents Association Conference in February 2022. In her five years at the helm of Shawnee, Grace has received numerous state and national awards recognizing her philosophy of reimagining, redefining and redesigning education to ensure learning and development for all.

6/15/2021

The Avedis Foundation has just announced its award of a \$25,000 grant toward a re-entry investment/student education program at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in McLoud. The R.I.S.E. Cosmetology Program at Mabel Bassett Correction Center opened for classes March 27, 2017. The Avedis Foundation is one of its first supporters. The program evolved under leadership of Executive Director Christie Luther, with 61 graduates to date and 26 of the women being released. The fourth class of women in the program began their training this month.

6/25/2021

Shawnee Little Theatre was honored with the Twink Lynch Organizational Achievement Award this past week by the American Association of Community Theatres (AACT). The award was presented during Virtual AACTFest 2021 National Theatre Festival, Saturday, June 19. It was accepted virtually by SLT Managing Director Rebecca Fry. The AACT Twink Lynch Organizational Achievement Award recognizes AACT member theaters for successfully completing major steps in new directions, expanding services to their communities, or moving to the next level of organizational development. SLT will begin its new season of shows with the classic musical "Pippin" in September 2021.