

Third Quarter 2019 Issues – KGFF-AM, Shawnee, OK

7/2/2019

An Oklahoma City man who allegedly led authorities on a high-speed chase in Pottawatomie County while driving a stolen vehicle over the weekend remained jailed Monday. Pottawatomie County Undersheriff Travis Palmer said Tyler R. Doyal, 25, was booked into the Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center early Sunday. He remained jailed Monday on complaints of eluding a police officer, possession of stolen property and possession of a stolen vehicle. Formal charges have not been filed. Case reports will be turned over to the district attorney's office for consideration of formal charges.

7/10/2019

A person of interest being sought in connection with a double homicide investigation in Stroud was taken into custody Tuesday evening on a DUI complaint, authorities said, but the murder investigation is ongoing. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and Stroud Police Department are investigating the double homicide that occurred in the 500 block of West 10th Street in Stroud. The OSBI reports Shawn Pittman, 39, is a person of interest in the deaths of his parents, Pauletta Pittman and Mark Pittman.

7/16/2019

Former Finance Director- turned Assistant City Manager Chance Allison will soon be taking on a new role again as Shawnee city commissioners unanimously voted Monday to hire him as the city manager. Allison officially is set to take the position at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 2 — on the weekend before the next board of commissioners meeting.

7/25/2019

North Rock Creek Public Schools invites members of the community to the grand opening of their new high school on Tuesday, August 6, from 6-7 p.m. According to Superintendent Blake Moody, new and current students as well as their parents will attend the opening which will have food trucks, live music and self guided tours of the new building. Moody explained the grand opening is just two days before the first day of school which is Thursday, August 8 and it coordinates with Meet the Teacher night which will commence after the opening from 7-8 p.m.

8/6/2019

After waiting several months, the county's Environmental Crimes program has received funding from both the Department of Environmental Quality and Pottawatomie County Commissioners. According to head of Environmental Crimes Deputy Shawn Copelin, the DEQ awarded the program \$18,000, which was less than originally thought. However, in their annual budget meeting Commissioners made a change to the Sheriff's Department Fiscal Year budget and added an additional \$20,000 to be used for Environmental Crimes.

8/16/2019

A Shawnee man charged in the traffic deaths of two Tecumseh teenagers was bound over for trial Thursday following a three-hour preliminary hearing. Roger D. Flint's hearing was held in Pottawatomie County District Court. Special District Judge David Cawthon ruled Flint should stand trial on both counts of first-degree manslaughter and his formal arraignment is now scheduled for Oct. 9. Flint, 62, was formally charged in Pottawatomie County District Court in April and is accused of causing the deaths of Tecumseh High School students Logan Don Deardorff and Shelby Danielle Johnson on Jan. 26, 2019.

8/27/2019

An Oklahoma judge handed down the verdict in the State's lawsuit against opioid manufacturer Johnson and Johnson and its subsidiaries. The judge specifically agreed with the state of Oklahoma that Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiaries created a public nuisance that "compromised the health and safety of thousands of Oklahomans." This was the first major verdict in various lawsuits brought on by states against major opioid manufacturers.

8/29/2019

A suspect charged after allegedly taking a running vehicle from a Shawnee residence and then leading police on a high-speed pursuit up U.S. 177 back in February has pleaded guilty and been sentenced in the case. Pottawatomie County court records show he received a five-year prison sentence with the Department of Corrections for the four felony counts. In the misdemeanor charge, he received a one-year sentence to be served in the Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center. He did receive credit for time served in jail since Feb. 8 and the two sentences will run concurrently. Harley Dustin Leflore, 24, was charged in Pottawatomie County District Court with four felony counts and one misdemeanor.

9/4/2019

The Shawnee City Commissioners approved an amendment to the city ordinance to allow residents to keep chickens within city limits. City planner Rebecca Blaine said the trending topic has been picking upsteam over the past decade across the country. Representatives of the Pottawatomie County Food Policy Council, a group who researches food systems gaps in the county and offers recommendations to city councils, were at the meeting to answer questions or concerns from the board. Commissioners unanimously voted in favor of the ordinance.

9/12/2019

In June Shawnee City Commissioners voted to establish a new board of directors for the center, as a new contract had not been approved for the next fiscal year. City recreation Manager Kerri Foster said the purpose of the new board is to advise and assist city staff on facilitating recreational services for seniors. She said the new board members bring together each a lifetime of experience in different avenues with a heart for programming.

9/20/2019

County school districts — and the Family Justice Center — are continuing to gather additional funds to support education, thanks to an area tribe, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN). When voters backed a .49-cent Pottawatomie County sales tax increase for schools in 2015, CPN voluntarily stepped up to make contributions, as well. Making payments on a quarterly basis, CPN has increased county school funding by an average of \$50,100 per quarter — giving thousands of dollars in added revenue for districts. In September, another contribution to the 14 school districts in Pottawatomie County and the Family Justice Center (FJC) was put on the books. This is one of typically four handouts each year CPN has doled out since the county's education tax began.

9/25/2019

North Rock Creek High School started its first Future Farmers of America chapter and already has its first two students. According to John Cope, with the Ancient Order of Lamb Fry Epicureans member, NRCHS sophomores Konnor McKey and Alecia Bienhoof are the first President and Vice President of the NRC FFA chapter. "This North Rock Creek Chapter is the first chapter added to Pottawatomie County since 1963...which is a very long time," Cope said. Cope said the Epicureans hosts monthly dinners to help raise funds for FFA and the organization is excited to see the development of the NRC FFA chapter.