

## **Third Quarter 2022 Issues – KGFF-AM, Shawnee, OK**

7/5/22

David Hammer, the District Attorney-elect for Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties, died Sunday afternoon according to family members. Hammer was elected last Tuesday as the District 23 District Attorney and was set to take office in January of 2023. Hammer served as an assistant district attorney in Shawnee from 2016 to 2018 before returning to the private sector.

7/11/22

Woodlands Veterans Park is about to get a face lift as bids are being considered to start the large-scale improvement projects. Six applicants submitted bids, which were opened at last week's City Commission meeting. The bids range from just over 4-point-6 million dollars to roughly five million dollars. The Commission deferred a decision to award a contract and the bids are now under review.

7/22/22

Allan Grubb, the District Attorney of Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties, wants a grand jury tossed after a leaked memo showed the grand jury recommended the District Attorney be removed from office amid allegations of questionable financial practices within his office. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and the State Auditor Inspector's office investigated Grubb over alleged financial issues and questions regarding some offenders paying fees to avoid prosecution. Grubb and his lawyer claim the grand jury investigation is politically motivated since his office is behind on payments to the District Attorney's Council.

8/8/22

A hearing on an accusation for removal from office and an immediate suspension was scheduled for today for Pottawatomie and Lincoln County district attorney Allan Grubb but the hearing has been rescheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> and will be held before a Cleveland County district judge. In July, the state's multi-county grand jury filed a 10-page report on Grubb seeking his removal from office and suspension. The judges that make up District 23 in Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties have recused themselves from the case.

8/17/22

The Meeker Public Works Authority has received approval for a \$99,999 Rural Action Plan grant through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The grant is to improve Meeker's water infrastructure. The Meeker Public Works Authority owns and operates a purchase water system with drinking water coming from Shawnee. The grant proceeds will be used to update the distribution system by updating water lines. The estimated cost of the project is equal to the grant funds.

8/29/22

The joint state and federal Disaster Recovery Center in Seminole County now has new hours of operation. The Seminole County Disaster Recovery Center will now be open from 11 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Friday. The Disaster Recovery Center is still located inside the David L. Boren Library on the campus of Seminole State College. The Center, along with the ones in Pottawatomie County and

across the state, are there to assist those effected by the severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding May 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>.

9/7/22

Authorities are investigating a deadly shooting that occurred early this morning in Pottawatomie County just east of Shawnee. Law enforcement officials have not released many details but say the situation started to unfold around 1 AM after deputies responded to reports of a shooting near MacArthur and Crosslin roads.

9/19/22

U.S. News and World Report has named Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee as the top Oklahoma university in its list of Best Regional Universities in the West. OBU also received the best Oklahoma ranking on the Best Value list for Regional Universities in the West. OBU has been ranked on the Best Regional Universities in the West for 31 consecutive years and has been ranked the top Oklahoma institution for 29 of those years.

9/27/22

Authorities are investigating a shooting in Pottawatomie County. Around 8:30 AM Friday, deputies with the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office were called to a home near Highway 39 and South Ducker Street in Asher following a reported shooting. OSBI officials say a man drove his vehicle near his neighbor's home. The man driving stopped his car and had an argument with the neighbor, who was on the front porch of his home. Agents say the man pulled out a gun and fired at the neighbor. At that point, the neighbor returned fired. Authorities say the first man was hit once and is being treated at a local hospital. The neighbor was hit several times and rushed to OU Medical Center. So far, no arrests have been made.