

ISSUES and PROGRAMMING

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KSOK Local News is broadcast weekdays at 6:32 a.m., 7:10 a.m., 8:02 a.m., 8:32 a.m. and 9:02 a.m.

KSOK Public Affairs announcements and PSAs are done on a pre-recorded basis and air at varying times throughout the broadcast day.

COVID-19 Pandemic: KSOK has provided regular updates on the pandemic and information regarding testing sites. Updates have occurred daily and such information has also been provided free through our social media and web sites.

Community Calendar announcements: KSOK Radio offers announcements regarding events, fundraisers and other community happenings, free of charge, to all non-profit organizations any time with advance notice. We regularly reserve the 8:15 a.m. segment for interviews with non-profit organizations who have little or no ad budget.

LOCAL ISSUES:

KSOK provided support in the form of various public service announcements for local law enforcement.

KSOK News provided information, often live, on news and issues that concerned readers in their day to day lives.

News segments:

Pool Openings Delayed Due to Covid; Other Events Canceled, KSOK Local News, June 4, 2020. Regular news broadcast and morning discussion. Duration: 184 seconds.

Public swimming pools in Winfield and Ark City will open soon, after delays due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Ark City plans to open the Paris Park Pool on Monday for a shortened season. The pool is operated by the Ark City Rec Center.

Winfield's city pool will open June 12, city manager Taggart Wall said. Additional precautions are being taken to increase public safety.

Cowley County Official Urges Precautions As Covid-19 Spreads, KSOK Local News, June 11, 2020, morning news, live news broadcast and morning discussion. Avg. Duration: 13 mins (including live interview)

Content: Cowley County Public Health Officer Thomas Langer told KSOK-NewsCow Thursday morning that he's heard it all so far in regards to the coronavirus pandemic.

Early on, when businesses and government entities shut down in March to avoid one case, Langer said he was getting several calls urging him to open everything back up.

But in the past seven days, cases of COVID-19 in Cowley County have increased from 15 to 32 and active cases have grown from 11 to 28 — and numbers are expected to continue to rise.

All of a sudden, Langer said, calls and emails from some citizens are urging the City-Cowley County Health Department to close things back down.

Cowley County Sheriff Says Deputies Will Longer Due Civil Standbys For Bondsmen, June 18, 2020. Regular news broadcasts and morning discussions. Duration: 101 seconds

Content:

Cowley County Sheriff's deputies are no longer doing on-scene civil standbys for bail bondsmen who are on the job, Sheriff Dave Falletti said this week.

The change in common practice was in response to a fatal shooting involving a bondsman earlier this year.

"If they encounter an issue, just like any other citizen, they can call for assistance," Falletti said, in an email responding to a question from KSOK-NewsCow.

On Feb. 23, Jake Nettrouer, 38, was shot and killed at his residence in the 17000 block of 271st Rd. in rural Cambridge.

Cowley County Deputies Called To The Scene Of An Injury Motorcycle Accident, May 4, 2020. Live news, regular news broadcast and discussion. Duration: 40 seconds.

An Ark City motorcycle rider was injured Sunday evening in an accident on U.S. 77 highway, according to the Cowley County Sheriff's Dept.

Around 5:40 p.m., emergency crews were called to 77 highway and 71st Road for a report of an injury accident. That location is south of Winfield.

43-year-old Steven Becker was northbound on 77, riding on a 2000 Kawasaki motorcycle, when he was struck by a 2005 Chevy Silverado driven by 40-year-old Marlon

Flores-Ramirez, also of Ark City. Flores-Ramirez was not injured and located near the accident scene, according to radio traffic from the scene.

Meat Processing Plant Says Worker Has Tested Positive For Covid-19, KSOK Local News, May 12, 2020, Regular news broadcast and morning discussion. Live coverage from the scene. Duration: 121 seconds

Content: An employee at Creekstone Farms Premium Beef — a meat processing plant in Ark City — has tested positive for COVID-19, a company official confirmed to KSOK-NewsCow Tuesday afternoon.

This case was previously announced by the City-Cowley County Health Dept. on Monday but the name of the company had not been made public.

Creekstone General Manager Rudy Steiner said the individual is currently in self isolation, as are other employees who were in direct contact with that person. The health department identified that person only as a “young man.”

“This is our first and only case so far,” Steiner said. “We’re taking the necessary precautions. Obviously, employee safety is a top priority.”

Winfield’s Tabitha Rosproy Is Named National Teacher Of The Year, KSOK Local News, May 21, 2020, Regular news broadcasts and morning discussion. Duration 79 seconds.

Content: Winfield’s Tabatha Rosproy has been named the 2020 National Teacher of the Year.

Rosproy was one of four finalists and the first Kansas teacher to receive the honor since 1962.

She was announced as the winner live on national news Thursday morning.

“I’m overwhelmed with joy,” Rosproy told CBS This Morning. “I’m so honored to represent what’s best about education and all the incredible, hardworking people that are the educators in our country.”

Ark City Police Arrested Local Man Who Showed Up At Police Station With An Ax, KSOK Local News, April 5, 2020, Regular news broadcast and morning discussion. Duration: 87 seconds.

Content: The Arkansas City Police Department took a rural Cowley County man into custody today after a standoff that lasted for several hours in the ACPD lobby area. The suspect, Douglas R. Gleaves, 38, entered the lobby at 12:48 p.m. and struck the interior door to the secured part of the police department with a long-handled ax, according to Police Chief Dan Ward.

Officers responding to the incident saw Gleaves outside with the ax, yelling at them, so they called for backup and secured an outer perimeter. Downtown was cordoned off for two blocks in each direction.

Bond Set At Half A Million For Ark City Shooting Suspect, KSOK Local News, April 8, 2020, Regular news broadcast and morning discussion. Average duration: 64 seconds.

Content:

The Arkansas City Police Department has arrested a suspect in a fatal shooting that occurred April 3 in Arkansas City. He turned himself in Tuesday.

The shooting suspect, Christopher Robert Henry, 37, of Wichita, turned himself in about 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Arkansas City Police Department after a warrant previously was issued for his arrest, according to a media statement from Ark City Police.

Henry was arrested on suspicion of one felony count each of intentional second-degree murder and criminal discharge of a firearm at an occupied vehicle. He was transported and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$500,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Henry remained in custody at the time of this release.

Police were dispatched about 12:53 p.m. April 3 to the 700 block of North B Street for a report of shots fired. Before officers arrived on the scene, the individuals involved in the incident allegedly left.

Strother Field Airport Gets Coronavirus Stimulus Dollars, April 29, 2020, Regular news broadcast and morning discussion. Duration: 111 seconds.

Content: Strother Field is one of 11 rural airports in South Central Kansas approved for grant funds through the COVID-19 stimulus package passed through Congress last month.

Kansas Fourth Dist. Representative Ron Estes, a Republican, announced the Dept. of Transportation grants in a media release this week.

“The plains of Kansas are no stranger to aviation, and these grants for airports throughout our District will provide needed funding during these challenging times,” Rep. Estes said. “Thanks to the CARES Act, airports in Barber, Butler, Cowley, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Pawnee, Pratt and Sumner counties will receive a combined \$339,000 to keep planes flying in these communities.”

Strother Field is located halfway between Ark City and Winfield.

