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**NEWS**

**Miami hosts one of four tourism summits**

*designed to share best practices locally*

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According to Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell, the goal of a tourism summit that will be in Miami Tuesday, Nov. 2 “is to empower individuals locally with the resources necessary to create more revenue for cities and towns.”

This is one of four tourism summits staged yearly by Pinnell’s office in association with the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association.

The City of Miami, Visit Miami OK and the Coleman Theatre are the local hosts.

“These conferences are a way to share best practices with small local business owners and local travel and tourism professionals to learn best practices on how to get more people, and tourists to communities like Miami,” said Pinnell, who also serves as Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage on Gov. Kevin Stitt’s cabinet. “Every town is so

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**RECEPTION IS HELD TO MARK RENAMING OF Integris mammography program**

A reception commemorating the naming of the mammography program at Integris Miami Hospital in memory of Jo Ann VanSandt was held Monday afternoon.

VanSandt, a member of the hospital’s environmental services team for 40 years, lost her battle with breast cancer in September 2020.

October is breast cancer awareness month and part of the hospital’s participation was to name the program the “Miami Mammography Program in Memory of Jo Ann VanSandt.”

“She loved all of you. You are all the ones who made her job enjoyable. We can’t thank you enough. This is overwhelming to us,” said an emotional Bobby VanSandt, JoAnn’s son.

The program, administered through the Integris Health Foundation-Miami, provides free mammograms to underserved patients in Ottawa, Delaware and Craig counties that

apply and meet criteria.

“For 40 years, Jo Ann VanSandt took great pride in her job at the hospital. She was the kind of caregiver always known for having a smile on her face or a kind word to share with patients or fellow co-workers,” said Jonas Rabel, chief health executive of Integris Miami and Grove Hospitals. “Naming our hospital foundation’s mammogram program in her honor, as part of breast cancer awareness month, seemed fitting because she would want to spread the message of the importance of yearly mammograms.”

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Early detection offers the best chances for successful treatment, with regular mammograms considered to be one of the best screening tests.

Though most insurance plans cover the cost of mammography, those with no insurance or with large deductibles may not be able to afford a mammogram.

**Jonas Rabel (right), chief health executive of Integris Miami and Grove Hospitals, presents a plaque in honor of Jo Ann VanSandt to her son, Bobby VanSandt during a reception in recognition for naming the Integris Miami Foundation mammography program in memory of Jo Ann VanSandt. Pictured (from left) are family members Kathy Patton, Priscilla VanSandt, Shelly VanSandt, Macey VanSandt, Ramsey VanSandt, Alyssa VanSandt and Bobby VanSandt along with Rabel.**

“She was just an all-around, compassionate, kind person who loved the role she played here at the hospital. She loved being a part of the Integris family,” said Integris marketing and communications specialist Jennifer Walker of the Integris Foundation. “If she ever had a bad day, you

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Hannah Faith Loehr was the 2019 winner of the Miss Merry Christmas contest.

**Miss Merry Christmas entries now accepted**

Entries are now being accepted for the Miami Hi-Noon Business Women’s annual Miss Merry Christmas contest.

For more than 30 years, the organization has sponsored the event. Proceeds from the funds raised provide scholarships for non traditional students who are pursuing a career in nursing or an other related field.

Hannah Faith Loehr was the winner in 2019. There was no contest in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Children must be between 3 and 10 years old.

A coronation ceremony will be Dec. 2 and all contestants

will receive a trophy. The top three candidates will be in the Miami Christmas Parade on Dec. 4.

The entry deadline is Oct. 31. All contestants must raise \$50 to participate in the parade. This includes a \$25 entry fee.

The winner will receive a \$100 gift card, tiara and trophy. Second place will receive a \$75 gift card and trophy and third place will receive a \$50 gift card and trophy.

For more information, or if more tickets are needed, contact the organization through Messenger or call 918-961-8653, 918-542-7897 or 918-919-2922.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT IMPROVEMENT IN COUNTY FINANCES**

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Ottawa County commissioners approved the final estimate of needs/budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 at their regular meeting Monday, noting that the county is in better financial shape than it has been for some time.

“All the estimates of needs have been met from every office, as well as being able to put \$400,000 plus in the county’s reserves, a position we have never been in before,” chairman and District 3 commissioner Russell Earls said. “There are things that aren’t insured, like the HVAC units at the jail, but we are in a good position financially to go forward with them, for example.”

During the citizen’s participation portion of the meeting it was noted that the annual Veteran’s Day parade is set for Nov.11 at 5 p.m. and is being coordinated by the local OSU Extension office.

The commissioners also approved the publication sheet for the county’s governing board financial statement of the various funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and the estimate of need for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

And they approved applying for a District 3 REAP grant for Grand Gateway to do a storage containment facility at the cost of \$50,000.

And the board approved a request from the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office for a yearly planned equipment (generator) maintenance agreement in the amount of \$627.77, and a request between the OCSO and Lighthouse Web & Design Marketing to plan, design, and code a website and e-mail. Undersheriff Rocky Ferdig said that this is part of a DEQ grant and will cost \$5,500 for the initial outlay and then \$841 per year after that.

A donation of hand sanitizers from the Quapaw Nation to Ottawa County

Emergency Management was also approved. Chad Holcomb, Emergency Management Director, said they are to be distributed to the schools and will have to be picked up in Picher.

Also approved was the transcript of proceedings on the sale of county property acquired by Martin Gonzalez at resale in the amount of \$20. Legal description: Lot 7, Block 4, Elliott 2, Commerce, and the county deed, in addition to the transcript of proceedings on the sale of county property acquired by the Quapaw Nation at resale in the amount of \$1 in Ottawa County, and the county deed.

The final item approved by the board regarded clarifying Ottawa County district employees’ scheduled holidays for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year.

Earls said, “This is concerning

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**EVENT**

*Spooky fun is on tap all weekend across Miami*



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With Halloween on a Sunday this year, kids can take advantage of various Halloween events all weekend long. Several organizations have activities planned for the spookiest holiday of the year with some events on Halloween and others taking place on the Friday or Saturday before. It’s a weekend full of fun for the whole family and lots of candy, too!

On Friday, Oct. 29, the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa County will have its Halloweentown Family Night at its primary location at 830 D SE. This annual Halloween carnival is for all the club families. These are the families of the boys and girls who are already members of the club, no matter which site they attend.

“We probably have around 300 families altogether,” said program director Jennifer Spence. “We have the site here, then the Teen Center and the sites in Fairland and Commerce. All the families from every site are coming together at our main site here in Miami.”

Everyone is encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and take part in the carnival games to win prizes. All games are free to play and trick or treat bags are provided. Attendees can also join in the face painting and pumpkin decorating and enjoy free hot dogs and drinks.

The Boys and Girls Club will be getting help

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# Spooky

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this year from its community partners, which Spence said was new for them. These partners will be helping with the event and setting up different booths.

"I know that Northeastern Tribal Health is doing a Fear Factor Food Challenge," Spence said. "They'll all be doing different fun stuff. I'm really excited because normally it's just us. Since we're having so much more going on, I think we're going to have an even better turnout than usual."

To learn more about the Boys and Girls Club, call 918-542-6325 or visit their website at [www.bgcottawacounty.org](http://www.bgcottawacounty.org).

Miami Elks Lodge 1320 at 401 S. Main St. is having its annual Monster Mash on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the lodge. Jennifer Koch, one of the event's many organizers said there's an entire committee dedicated to putting on the best Halloween bash ever. They're expecting around 300 to 400 people at the come-and-go event.

"The hope here is that we just have a nice, three-hour event for families where children can come and feel safe and parents can let their kids enjoy Halloween," Koch said.

The Monster Mash is completely free and open to the public. Planned activities include a small bounce house indoors for the younger kids

and a much larger one outdoors for the older kids. Because the event is completely centered around children, there'll be lots of children-appropriate games with prizes, including a cakewalk, pin the bowtie on the skeleton and a fishing pond game, among others. Parents can snap a picture of the kids with Spider Man or one of the Disney princesses and everyone gets free hotdogs, chips and drinks, plus plenty of candy.

"Kids always view their experience on their candy haul, so we've been collecting lots of candy," said Koch. "We're hoping that every child comes away from this event saying they had a great time, wanting to come back next year and going home with tons of candy. That's the goal here. Good times and candy!"

After the kid's event, the Elks Lodge switches gears for its Halloween Hootenanny, an adults-only party from 9 p.m. until close (about 1:30 a.m.). While this event is also open to the public, there's a \$5 cover charge for non-members.

"We'll have a DJ and a costume contest with cash prizes," said Koch. "We're all Halloween, all the time here at the Elks Lodge."

DJ Darrell Taylor will be cranking out the tunes throughout the event. There'll also be a unique treat for attendees that meshes well with the

Halloween spirit.

"We have a medium and fortune teller coming," Koch said. "For \$20 for 10 minutes, she'll read your Tarot cards or give you a spiritual cleansing or talk to someone who's passed on. It's going to be very interesting."

To learn more about the Elks Lodge and its other upcoming holiday events, call 918-542-4898 or visit its website at [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org).

On Halloween, hit Downtown Main Street for pre-trick or treating fun. The Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce is once again hosting the Rt. 66 Sweet Street Trail after they regretfully had to cancel the annual event last year. Sweet Street features tons of family fun with carnival games, various activities, bounce houses, the Express Clydesdale horses and lots of candy and sweets. The event runs from 4 to 6 p.m.

Takisha Estes, administrative assistant with the chamber said many of the Downtown businesses as well as other businesses from around town will have vendor booths set up along Main Street. These vendors will have different carnival-type games and hand out all kinds of goodies.

The Friends of the Coleman will kick off the event with its Boo Ha Ha Parade at the Coleman Theatre. The parade is always a treat for the kids and onlookers alike.

"All the kids in costumes will parade across the stage at the Coleman," explained Estes. "They'll get their picture taken and have a lot of fun crossing the stage."

Anyone can participate in the Boo Ha Ha parade. Sections of the downtown area will be blocked off throughout the event to ensure participant safety.

Learn more about other upcoming Chamber of Commerce events by calling 918-542-4481 or visiting its website at [miamiokchamber.com](http://miamiokchamber.com).

From 4 to 10 p.m., the All Saints' Episcopal Church invites residents to come have a spooky Halloween at its Saints and Smores event. Swing by at 6 p.m. for hotdogs and smores under the pavilion at 225 B NW. Everyone is welcome to come show off their costumes and celebrate All Saints' Eve while they're out trick or treating.

The First Baptist Church at 24 A SW will be giving out candy at its drive-thru trunk or treat from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the church's North parking lot. Come check out its Lightning/Thunderstorm Tunnel.

The Miami First Assembly of God will be having its Candy Explosion Scavenger Hunt from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The hunt begins at the church at 1815 E. Steve Owens Blvd. and takes families throughout Miami on the search for sweet treasures.

## DOC SERVICES MENU

- Monday, Nov. 1  
Chicken tenders, tater tots, peaches, sliced bread, cookie
  - Tuesday, Nov. 2  
Beef enchilada casserole, refried beans, cinnamon baked apples, pudding w/whip topping
  - Wednesday, Nov. 3  
Smothered chicken, California vegetable blend, pears, roll, brownie
  - Thursday, Nov. 4  
Ham & bean soup, spinach, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, ambrosia
  - Friday, Nov. 5  
Tuna & noodle casserole, broccoli, corn, pie
- Call before 12 p.m. a day prior for a reservation at the selected nutrition site.
- DOC Services Inc. Main Office - 918-542-6671
- Nine Tribes: 918-542-3713
  - Commerce: 918-675-5207
  - Grove Senior Ctr.: 918-786-6310
  - Vinita: 918-961-0273
- Suggested donation for seniors 60+ is \$3 and guest rate for individuals under 60 is \$5.
- All paid Meals on Wheels is \$4.50 per meal, regardless of age.

# S U D O K U

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## Tuesday's Sudoku

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2	4	5	7	8	6	9	3	1
7	9	1	3	2	4	8	5	6

Sudoku uses pure logic and requires no math to solve. It is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers.

The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

# C R Y P T O Q U I P

U F B Y M L M J V H S X R M J W B Q B J V  
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**Tuesday's Cryptoquip:** GUY WHO'S OBSESSED WITH STUDYING PLANTS THAT GROW IN DENSE MASSES ON BOGGY GROUND: PETE MOSS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals D

# C R O S S W O R D

### Across

- 1) The silent Marx
- 6) Less dicey
- 11) Triangular sail
- 14) In-demand group
- 15) "Skyfall" singer
- 16) " \_ been had!"
- 17) "Purple Haze" singer mentioned in "Rock and Roll Heaven"
- 19) Soccer star Hamm
- 20) Fraternal group
- 21) Japanese noodle soup
- 23) San Diego community
- 27) Steering system parts
- 29) How pills are taken
- 30) Life's work
- 31) Co-op alternative
- 32) Three-dimensional
- 33) Scott Joplin piece
- 36) "Lucky Jim" writer Kingsley
- 37) Board game turns
- 38) Split apart
- 39) \_ Palmas
- 40) Sugar portions
- 41) Saran don of "Bull Durham"
- 42) Prison warden
- 44) Danson's role on "Cheers"
- 45) Weight-training partner
- 47) Edison's 1,000+
- 48) Sullen sort
- 49) Brand with a four-ring logo
- 50) Start of the Musketeers' motto
- 51) "Dock of the Bay" singer mentioned in "Rock and Roll Heaven"
- 58) Go slaloming
- 59) Acme's opposite
- 60) Opera role
- 61) Solo of "Star Wars"
- 62) Reaches across
- 63) Shangri-las

### Down

- 1) Leon Uris novel, with "The"
- 2) "Aladdin" prince
- 3) Salt's place, in a margarita
- 4) Tire gauge meas.
- 5) Shakespearean Moor
- 6) Early decaf brand
- 7) Tosses in
- 8) In favor of, in dialect

### 9) Inventor Whitney

- 10) Former co-host of "At the Movies"
- 11) "Light My Fire" singer mentioned in "Rock and Roll Heaven"
- 12) Like some college walls
- 13) Pork go-with
- 18) TV rustic \_ May Clampett
- 22) "Facts\_ facts"
- 23) Kind of anesthetic

### 24) Kitchen allure

- 25) "Me and Bobby McGee" singer mentioned in "Rock and Roll Heaven"
- 26) Early auto maker
- 27) Old wives' output?
- 28) Camera or eye part
- 30) Nightclub charge
- 32) Like a designated driver
- 34) \_garde
- 35) Chromosome units
- 37) Donkey-horse offspring
- 38) Hold sway over
- 40) Colorful bits in some cakes
- 41) Vegged out
- 43) Munched on
- 44) Put together
- 45) Hard tennis shot
- 46) Welk tune
- 47) Feline utterances
- 49) A, \_ "apple"
- 52) Gregory Hines specialty
- 53) First lady McKinley
- 54) Defective firecracker
- 55) Hotel freebie
- 56) "Delta of Venus" author
- 57) Petrol, stateside

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### Answers to Tuesday's crossword

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