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## NEWS

### American Legion is seeking new members

Join the American Legion for Coffee & Donuts every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. The last Saturday of each month, starting Oct. 30, the American Legion will serve a Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. Both events are free and open to the public. Donations are welcome and appreciated.

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American Legion Post 147 is actively seeking new recruits to join its ranks. Any male or female veteran is encouraged to get involved with the local post, which has lots of events planned. Current members are also urged to invite fellow veterans to attend a meeting and see what programs and services the organization offers veterans. Many people walking into the American Legion Hall, located at 2129 Denver Harner Drive, for the first time, immediately notice the long line of photos depicting the previous post commanders. A new commander has been elected each year since the very first one in 1920. "All officers are elected annually and serve one year," said post historian and past commander, Mike Headlee. "It's the same for all the committees like the

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## LATEST SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRLS COMES UP EMPTY



Investigators discuss plans for Friday's dig at Picher as part of the ongoing search for Ashley Freeman and Lauria Bible.

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The latest search in the Picher area for two girls who have been missing since 1999 failed to turn up any new information. A dig in the area that has identified through interviews with Ronnie Busick, the last surviving suspect in the case, as well as a relative of deceased suspect David Pennington. "It was fruitless. We ended up not finding anything" said OSBI special investigator Tammy Ferrari. "We spent most of the day searching." A search in the same area about a mile south of the old Picher High School Ronnie Busick was sentenced to 10 years in prison and five years probation for his involvement in the murder of Danny and Kathy Freeman and the presumed deaths of



Lorena Bible, mother of Lauria Bible — one of two girls that have been missing since 1999 — speaks to media prior to the start of a search Friday in Picher.

their daughter, Ashley, and her best friend, Lauria Bible. Investigators believe the girls, both 16 at

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## EVENT

### Sweet Street, Boo Ha Ha Parade is Halloween night

Miami's Sweet Street 2021/Boo Ha Ha Parade is back.

The event will be Sunday, Oct. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. "This timeline will allow us to host one community event on the actual holiday," said Cindy Morris of the Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce. "Many churches will be hosting their own type of event during the same timeframe to coincide activities or hosting after our event. This will give our children a full afternoon/evening of fun."

Area churches, businesses and organizations join with the chamber and the Friends of the Coleman to present the event.

Organizations or volunteers wishing to participate or make monetary donations should call the chamber at 918-542-4481 or email info@miamiokchamber.com.



A wide variety of items are on display at the Floyd L. Perry American Legion Post 147 military memorabilia museum.

## Wide variety of items are on display at Legion museum

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Military history enthusiasts or anyone interested in military memorabilia will find helmets, hand grenades, uniforms, medals, propaganda and much more at the American Legion Military Museum at 2129 Denver Harner Drive. The collection includes artifacts from the Civil War all the way through current conflicts. Many of the guns, ammunition and other items displayed are the real deal and donated by local veterans, but a few items are replicas. Mike Headlee, the current historian and a past commander of American Legion Post 147, frequently guides tours through the museum. Headlee was an Air Force Security Policeman with the 7th Air Force in Vietnam. He explained that there are authentic guns on display and in the gun room, so they keep both areas securely locked up and alarmed. "The guns in our gun room are the ones

we use for funeral details," said Headlee. "We still have funeral details, but not as much because most of us are getting too old. We need to attract some younger members. Most of those guys doing funeral detail, the youngest one is probably 72, and the rest run clear up into their 90s." The original museum opened in 2015. Headlee said Legion member Glenn Pitts started the museum. Pitts used to be the Historian and still gives tours at 96 years old, when his knees are up to it. He served during World War II as what was later referred to as a frogman. "They'd swim in close to the land and blow-up stuff that would keep the ships from coming in," Headlee said of Pitts' time in the service. "He said he'd dive, then take a breath of air, and [they'd] be up there shooting at him with bullets hitting all around you. Somebody asked him, 'Mr. Pitts, how'd you get that job?' He said 'cuz I could hold my breath a long time,' so he got volunteered."

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## COMMERCE LANDMARK TO GET FRESH COAT OF PAINT

Will the third time be the charm? Attempts to paint and clean up the Allen's Fill-in' Station in Commerce will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16.

The threat of bad weather forced the postponement in July and then in August. A Commerce landmark will get a sprucing up Saturday, July 17.

"Allen's Fillin' Station" will be painted as part of a workday scheduled to start at 10 a.m. — weather permitting.

It will be bumped to Sunday if needed, said Rhys Martin, president of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association.

"It's one of the first landmarks people see when they are on Route 66 in Oklahoma," Rhys Martin, president of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, said in an earlier interview. "I know he (owner Larry Martin) has it for sale, so a fresh coat of paint not only help it look good for folks that are coming in to take pictures, but it will help him, too."

The station, built in either 1929 or '30, is located at 101 South Main at the intersection of Commerce Avenue and Main.



Bobby Allen photo via Facebook

"Allen's Fillin' Station" in Commerce gets a bath in preparation for a cleanup Saturday organized by the Oklahoma Route 66 Association.

Known as the "Hole in the Wall Conoco Station," it's built into the wall of a building that is across the street from the Dairy King — which in its past life had been a Marathon station.

It was built by F.D. Mitchell as a stop for travelers along the newly paved Route 66.

According to historical information, it was branded Conoco and Phillips 66 (beginning in 1938) over the years.

It is rumored that Bonnie & Clyde may have stopped for gas there.

Martin said the building again will be painted in Conoco colors as a tribute to Larry Martin's late wife, Linda.

## City of Miami plans surplus auction

The City of Miami will conduct an online auction to sell surplus property.

Items declared as surplus by the Miami City Council will be listed on the www.govdeals.com website and search for Miami, OK, listings. Bidding will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22.

Items also will be listed on the city's website, www.miamiokla.net. Items proposed for surplus include

information and technology items, office furniture, filing cabinets, miscellaneous maintenance items, dump trucks (non-working), E-readers and more.

All sales are final and winning bidders must pick up items at City Hall, located at 129 5th Ave. NW within 10 days after the auction closes.

Questions may be directed to purchasing agent Krista Duhon at 918-541-2224 or by email at kduhon@miamiokla.net.



# Members

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building committee.”

Headlee explained that the Legion Hall was named after Lt. Floyd Perry, a World War II pilot who perished in Liverpool, England, on Oct. 2, 1918.

“He actually didn’t die of wounds over there,” said Headlee. “He died during that 1918 flu epidemic. You got to figure, back then, they flew those old biplanes, no cockpits, no heat, nothing. You’re up there breathing cold air down into your lungs.”

Lt. Perry was born on Nov. 8, 1892, in Fairland, and though he died in England, his body was shipped back home for burial. The Legion places a flag on his grave every Flag Day.

For spouses of veterans, the American Legion has a Women’s Auxiliary, which is also actively seeking new members. This group is for women only, but you don’t have to be a veteran’s spouse to join. If any of your relatives is a veteran, such as a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or sibling, you’re welcome to join. The Women’s Auxiliary has its own monthly meetings, committees and projects but also helps the American Legion with parties and events.

The local Disabled American Veterans organization also shares space in the American Legion building. The DAV has a Service Officer that helps veterans get the benefits they’ve earned. The American Legion used to have a Service Officer and they’re diligently working on getting

another one. They hope to have one installed sometime in November, then they can also assist veterans in the same way as the DAV.

Some of the ongoing events the American Legion is currently organizing include coffee and donut get-togethers every Tuesday and Thursday and biscuits and gravy breakfasts on the last Saturday of each month.

“Anybody is welcome to come to either event,” said Bill Tritthart, who’s the current commander of the Post. “If we get enough people coming, we can have the [military] museum open and if people want to go through the museum, they can.”

In conjunction with the DAV, the American Legion is also honoring one male and one female Student of the Month from Miami High School. At the end of May, the organizations will present \$500 scholarships to one male and one female Student of the Year.

The American Legion meets once a month on the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. and the DAV meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Students of the Month will be announced at each organization’s monthly meetings beginning with their October meetings.

To learn more about joining the American Legion call the Legion Hall at 918-542-6227. Contact the DAV at 918-919-3465 to ask about its programs for veterans.

# Week 7 capsules



### Miami @ Wagoner

Last week — Oologah 47, Miami 28; Wagoner 56, Catoosa 0  
Records — Miami 2-4 (0-3 in District 4A-3), Wagoner 4-2 (2-1 in District 4A-3)  
Last meeting — Wagoner 70, Miami 8 (2020)  
Series record — Wagoner leads 20-10, dating back to 1936

### Wyandotte @ Fairland

Last week — Commerce 49, Wyandotte 6; Fairland 58, Afton 0  
Records — Wyandotte 0-6 (0-3 in District A-5), Fairland 4-2 (2-1 in District A-5)  
Last meeting — Wyandotte 19, Fairland 10 (2020)  
Series record — Wyandotte leads 57-31-2, dating back to at least 1939

### Ketchum @ Commerce

Last week — Oklahoma Union 41, Ketchum 6; Commerce 49, Wyandotte 6  
Records — 1-5 (0-2 in District A-5), Commerce 4-2 (2-1 in District A-5)  
Last meeting — Commerce 54, Ketchum 6 (2020)  
Series record — Commerce leads 17-2, dating back to 1984

### Afton @ Quapaw

Last week — Fairland 58, Afton 0; Pawhuska 57, Quapaw 6  
Records — Afton 1-5 (0-3 in District A-5), Quapaw 4-2 (2-1 in District A-5)  
Last meeting — Quapaw 14, Afton 0 (2020)  
Series record — Afton leads 49-41-3, dating back to 1928

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### Friday’s Sudoku

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

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

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IXPVBEV SVPYG.

Friday’s **Cryptoquip**: IF THOUSANDS OF BIVALVES WERE WASHED ASHORE BY SOME MASSIVE WAVES, THAT’D BE SUCH A CLAM-ITY.  
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: D equals B

# C R O S S W O R D

### Across

- Lindsay of “Machete”
- “You’re a Grand Old Flag” composer
- Gig gear
- Coffeshop allure
- Antipasto bit
- Birth-named
- Reason to award a Navy Cross
- Muscular power
- Lyricist Gershwin
- Banned Sinclair Lewis book
- Karaoke need
- Milky Way unit
- Give laughing gas to
- Cash-back deals
- Onion in cocktails
- “\_ y Plata” (Montana motto)
- Sniggler
- Travels like Huck Finn
- Do some logrolling
- Like a wink and a nod
- Au naturel
- Ply with drink
- Inquisitor \_ de Torquemada
- Leg it
- Lock of hair
- Take a nosedive
- Software instruction file
- Assayer’s sample
- Pipe bend
- Banned Grace Metalious book
- Bro, say
- Comhusker State city
- Mete out
- As well
- Fired up again
- Bulgaria’s capital
- Sloppy digs
- Blissful spots
- Grown-up cygnets

### Down

- Wash up
- Graduate exam, maybe
- Holly who dethroned Ronda Rousey

- Microscope slide creature
- Do a voice-over
- \_Nostra
- Lena of “Alias”
- Subtle suggestion
- Not at all eager

- Time for resolutions
- Banned George Orwell book
- Cause for a raise
- Hippie sign-off
- Do a host’s job
- Totally blah
- LBJ son-in-law Charles
- Clinton’s canal
- Banned Brendan Behan book
- Shutter parts
- Gussy up
- Prefix with “sphere”
- Tried partner
- Mailed off
- Lady’s man
- Condor’s gripper
- President pro\_
- Do one better than
- Appeared to be
- Laid-back
- Takes five
- “The Waste Land” author
- Where the Clintons met
- Like a dime, in a saying
- Nosebag morsels
- Sporty Italian car, briefly
- Slot insert
- Depot postings, briefly

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### Answers to Friday’s crossword

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All sales are final and winning bidders must pick up items at City Hall located at 129 5th Ave. NW in Miami, OK. Within 10 days after the auction closes.  
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DATED this 30th day of September, 2021.  
/s/ Ronna Arnall  
Ronna Arnall,  
Personal Representative  
Approved as to form:  
/s/ Rogers S. Hughes  
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Dated this 1st day of October, 2021.  
/s/ Cori Yerby  
Cori Yerby, Personal Representative

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
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# Thinking out loud

## A DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT: LIVING WATER FLOWING

**John Catrett**

After a workout in the gym there is nothing like a refreshing drink of water. The highlight of jogging in the hot sun in downtown Tulsa is coming into our condo and taking a cool, refreshing shower. There is something special about the properties of water in how it refreshes both the outside and the inside. Taking in deep gulps of water from a refrigerated container hits the throat and takes away the dry, parched craving. Stepping under the shower head with hot, sweaty skin, allowing the cool water to flow over your body revives and rejuvenates.

John 4:10 - Jesus told the Samaritan woman, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." NKJV Jesus was communicating to the woman a source of life refreshing which would be a constant and continual provision. He explained that with this "living water" her thirst would be quenched, and she would never thirst again. In fact, Jesus went on to explain that this "living water" would be a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 7:38 - Jesus said, "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." NKJV. Here Jesus describes how this "living water" can flow inside the believer's life. It is not stagnant. It is not a reservoir restricted to banks. This "living water" must flow. It is on the move. It touches every part of the heart and motivation of the individual's life. This water influences, it guides, it teaches, it corrects, it changes; all according to God's design.

John 7:39 - Scripture goes on to explain, "But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." NKJV The "living water" is the Holy Spirit living inside the believer. This water refreshes the inside. It quenches the thirst for purpose and meaning. Deep gulps will take away the dry, parched craving for joy and fulfillment.

This water also refreshes the outside. It washes away every sin. It removes the irritation of insignificant influences that clog the pores of life. It cools, revives, and rejuvenates. The presence of the Holy Spirit is a life giving flow that provides a continual refreshing in the life of every believer.

May the Living Water flow from God's Spirit to refresh and rejuvenate you today.

## Museum

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The bulk of the museum didn't exist until a recently completed expansion more than doubled the exhibit space. The expansion was made possible through the generosity of J-M Farms.

"The museum previously only had the little section up front," explained Headlee. "Every year, J-M Farms has a golf tournament, and they give money to somebody that needs it. They heard about our museum and they came over and built this whole section for us. This used to just be one big open garage. They did the wiring, air conditioning, everything."

The newer section houses separate display areas for each branch of the military, including the women's corps, often called the nursing corps. There's also a remembrance wall for deceased veterans. Residents are encouraged to bring in a framed photo of a deceased relative who was a veteran to add to the wall.

There's another wall dedicated to Miamians who perished during the Vietnam War. Headlee said he's missing a photo for this wall. He'd really like to add a photo of Tom Robison, Class of 1966, if anyone has one.

While the museum contains a fantastic collection of military memorabilia, the Legion gladly accepts and will proudly display military-related items anyone would like to donate. Tours of the museum are currently by appointment only.

Anyone interested in taking a tour can call Mike at 918-542-1132, Glenn at 918-542-3255 or Martha at 972-768-9189.

They can also stop by the Disabled American Veterans office, housed within the American Legion, on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and they'll contact someone to open the museum.

**One wall in the museum is devoted to photos.**