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EDITOR'S NOTE

Pumpkin spice in everything? Nice!

Isn't that what October was made for? This month promises the possibility of cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and clove in almost every conceivable food group. No one appreciates spicy baked goods more than I do, but for breast cancer survivors, October offers an added sweetness.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month allows survivors to unite in gratitude, walk in celebration and pray for those still in the battle. Every year adds more warriors and more survivors, to whom the old phrase, "the more, the merrier," has special meaning. Still, the fight for many ends less merrily than hoped and sooner than welcome.

A 12-year survivor, October finds me a bit more mindful of everyday blessings: FaceTiming an old friend, lunching at a grandchild's school, attending an Ellis County fall festival, and, yes, sipping apple-spice tea in the at-last-brisk morning air. It also finds me lacing up my tennis shoes and walking beside those who can, and for those who can't, in one of the many events to help find a cure for breast cancer.

If you are one of the tens of thousands who've walked, then on behalf of myself, my daughters and my granddaughters, thank you. If you're not, it's not too late. The Pink Army is always open to new recruits. A quick Google of "breast cancer walks" will give you all the information you need.

Tasty tea and pumpkin muffins are delightful. October's sweetest promise, however, is an end to breast cancer. So, slip on your sneakers. You'll catch a whiff as you cross the finish line.

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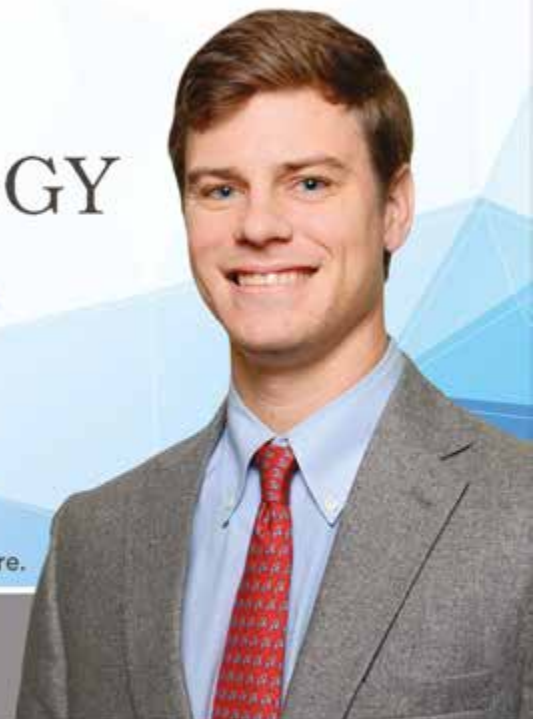


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— By Sally Fuller

Hollis Page's gaze fixed unwaveringly through the powerful magnifying glass on the tiny decal held by precision tweezers in hands steadied by years of practice and almost unearthly patience. With painstaking concentration, he positioned the .15-inch-by-.1-inch military insignia on the shoulder of a miniature military figure whose entire arm was less than an inch long. The tiny detail in its proper place, he smiled — then breathed.

Hollis is a model builder, what is sometimes referred to as a “military miniaturist,” and though he’s not completely comfortable with the title, there’s no denying he’s an artist. Hollis doesn’t call himself an artist, but anyone who’s heard him talk about the hobby he laughingly refers to as a “sickness” thinks differently. The type of model building in which Hollis is fanatically engaged requires exhaustive research, experimentation with media that includes dryer lint and broom bristles and endless hours working on the 1:35- to 1:350-scale models with tweezers and X-ACTO knives.

A longtime Red Oak resident, Hollis enjoyed model building during his youth, but in adulthood had little time for the leisure activity. About 15 years ago, he renewed his interest in the hobby and soon began entering his historically accurate replicas of military weaponry, i.e., tanks, planes and ships, (and other things) in the Creative Arts Contests of the State

Fair of Texas. His success at the fair soon turned his enjoyment of the pastime into a passion. “This started it all, the first one I ever entered. I got Third Place on this and success breeds fanaticism,” Hollis said with a laugh.

He went on to describe the tank and scenery that were born in his imagination but based on his study of history — in this instance World War II history. “It’s a T-34 early-model Russian tank, somewhere in Russia in 1939 or ’40. They fought out on the steppes, anywhere along the Russian front. They fought on the steppes where it’s just high weeds and rolling plains, and that’s what this is. This, where it all started, is why I had to buy my wife a new broom,” he said with a broad smile, referring to the broom-bristle weeds in the scene.

Since that Third Place award, Hollis has won three First Place, four Second Place, eight additional Third Place and many Honorable Mention ribbons. Winning any of those honors affords the entry display

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space throughout the duration of the State Fair. "I'm just happy to have anything I do on display," Hollis said.

That's not to say his first blue ribbon doesn't hold special meaning. "I finally got a blue ribbon, and I put it up there where I can really see it," he said, nodding at the cluster of ribbons hanging over his worktable, the blue shamelessly placed on top.

His first blue-ribbon build was a recreation of a French tank crossing a bridge in North Vietnam during the French Indochina War. Its accuracy and creativity not only earned Hollis his inaugural blue ribbon, it also caught the attention of a Vietnamese citizen on the other side of the world when Hollis posted a picture on social media.

"What I did with this is I have a picture of this. It's a recreation of an actual French tank crossing over an actual bridge in North Vietnam. I had a guy who sent me a message on Facebook. He said, 'I know where that bridge is.'"

That kind of connection with people captured Hollis' heart, which makes him all the more zealous about what he does. Through social media, Hollis has connected with model builders from around the globe. "I don't know where the first one came from. Somebody contacted me, and then I found out this Facebook subgroup existed. They're Asian, they're from Belarus, Finland, Portugal, Ukrainians, South Africans, all over Europe, even Yankees," he said jokingly.

One of the defining values Hollis and his global modeling community share is a commitment to accuracy. "In our groups, we stay strictly focused on what we're doing, on historical accuracy. There are some guys on there, I think they know every single German tank ever built and who commanded it. They are that deep into research. ... Accuracy is

important because it's a piece of history. These people fought for whatever country. You don't want to disgrace people by just throwing something together," he said.

Model kits come from all over the world, as well. When they arrive, all the pieces are one color. Hollis constructs each model or diorama from the hundreds of individual pieces and hand-applies every detail to his builds, from the myriad colors of soldiers' uniforms to the brand-new or worn, weathered and rusted armor of the vehicles or the rigging on the 1:350-scale ships to the facial hair on miniature soldiers. In all of this, he strives for meticulous accuracy.



Those in the social media groups Hollis participates in offer each other encouragement and education. Hollis' "second favorite build," a model Japanese Zero airplane, was the subject of critique by a historian from the Virginian Military Institute. "Nearing the end of the war, their planes were badly beaten up, dirty, because they didn't have the resources. And this guy says, 'See right here on these roundels, where they're all scraped up? No! The plane might be beat up, leaking oil, shot up, but the roundels, were always painted fresh every day for religious and political reasons.' I would never have guessed that," Hollis said.

Hours spent focused on a world so small has led Hollis to a much larger view of the world around us. "Once you take away politics, religion, parochialism, we all get along. Not only do I find it satisfying doing this type of stuff, but when you talk to people from around the world, you realize they're not really much different from you." Perhaps like the model kits Hollis and his global community work with, we are all the same underneath the paint and decals. **NOW**

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Have one conversation with 7-year-old Jaksyn Brown, and you are sure to see her light radiating into the world. This little superstar has spunk, intelligence, courage, beauty and a gift for public speaking that is unusual for her age. Her first experience speaking in front of a crowd was at church when she was just 4 years old. She recited "Hey, Black Child" for the congregation and has since performed the poem for many other inspired audiences.

Now, she recites her motivational speech "Unleash Your Superpower" for competitions and local organizations. "I always win first place with my speech," Jaksyn said with a smile. "I got to introduce my speech to the Chocolate MINT Foundation. I brought my poster board with pictures, and it was a lot of fun. It's about Michelle Carter, who is an Olympic gold medalist. She competed in shot put, and she is from Red Oak."

When she isn't offering a helping hand in her community, Jaksyn competes in the National American Miss Pageant, a natural pageant that promotes public service, public speaking and poise. The pageant prohibits the use of makeup, hair extensions and other look-

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— By Joy Horn



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The National American Miss Pageant is the largest pageant system in the country, and Jaksyn is currently the national queen in her age group. She enjoys competing because it allows her to develop new skills, and most of all because it is fun. "I get to travel all over the world. This year, I get to travel to New Jersey and New York. We get to participate in a dance and then pass out trophies. We get to demonstrate our talents to the audience. My favorites are acting and the fashion shows," she explained.

These experiences are helping her and other girls learn to feel confident in front of a crowd while also learning the power of hard work. "I have to wake up really early for pageant days," she said. Waking up very early might be difficult, but once she gets there, she loves the experience of participating in the events and socializing with the girls who have come to be close friends. Her dedication has obviously paid off, as she is consistently successful in competitions. Recently, she won a cruise for receiving best actress in her age group when she performed a Doritos commercial in a country accent in front of 300 people. She also won \$2,000 for winning first place at nationals.

In addition to her pageant accomplishments, Jaksyn finds joy in helping others and giving back to her community. Her service at the local food

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pantry, the Chocolate MINT Foundation in DeSoto, earned her the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. She volunteers about once a month, more often during the summer. "Community service is super fun. We got to put a banana in each lunchbox, so homeless people can have food to eat," Jaksyn expressed.

At Christmas, Jaksyn's generous spirit continues to shine. When she was just 5 years old, she participated in the Angel Tree and helped organize the toys with the Salvation Army. For the past three years, she has volunteered to ring the bell for that organization. "I go by Brookshire's or Wal-Mart, and I ring the bell to get people's attention. The quarters are my favorite," she said.

While it is obvious that Jaksyn's talent, enthusiasm and commitment have led her to success, it is also clear her parents deserve credit for their dedication to their daughter's success. At first, Jaksyn was shy and not willing to talk to people, so her parents did their best to bolster her confidence and help prepare her for the future. "I have a strong passion for things like public service and public speaking skills, and I feel that children should start learning these skills at a young age," Amber said.

"A lot of kids don't have exposure to outside activities, so I wanted to make sure Jaksyn had that exposure. Doing things like public service has helped her with leadership skills and even with simple things like following instructions." Amber, a Red Oak middle school teacher, is helping shape the future through her commitment to her daughter's growth and education. **NOW**

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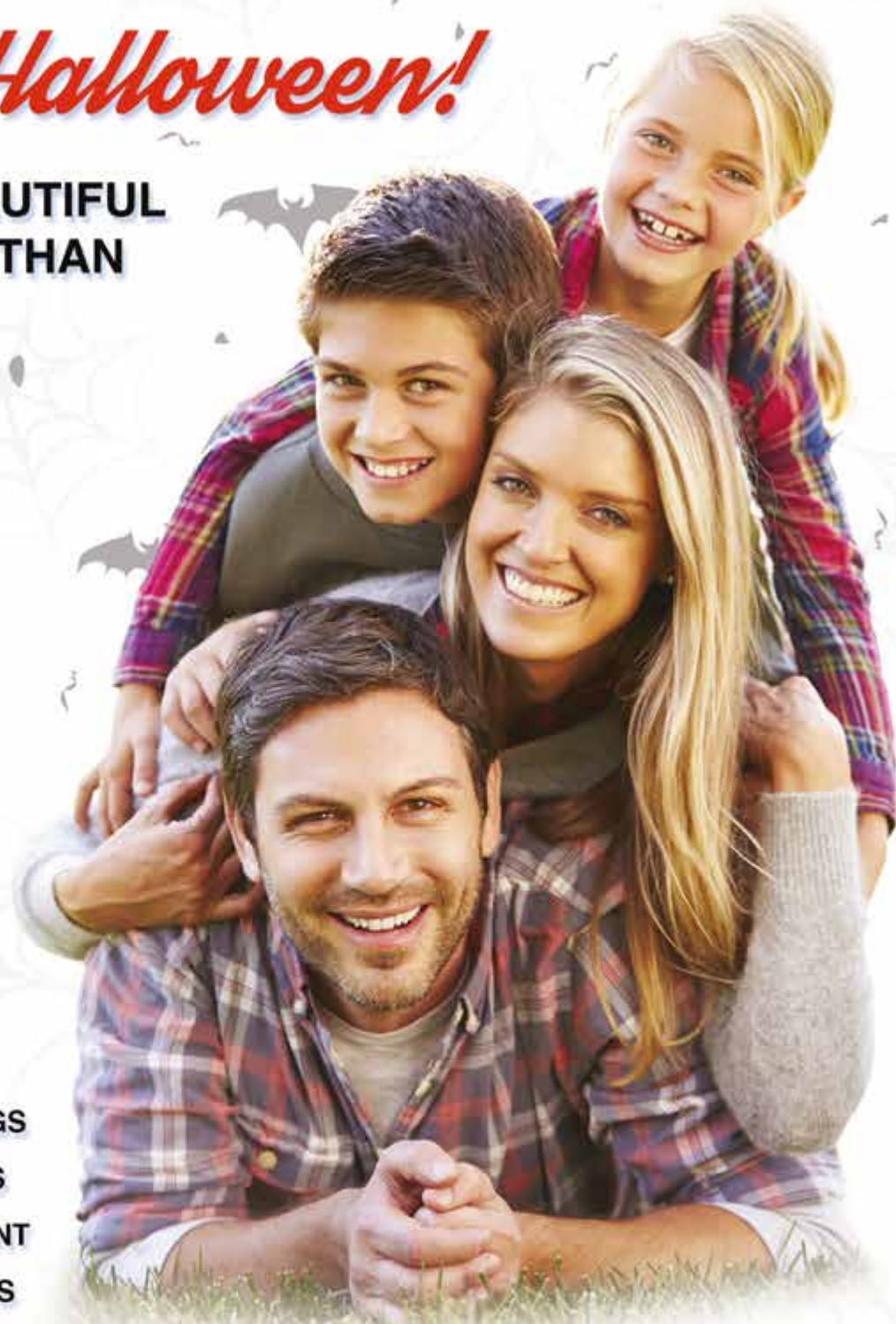
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The salon's roots are located just down the road in DeSoto, where they had a storefront for more than 20 years. Owner Reba Chandler moved the salon and staff to their current space eight years ago. Vonda and fellow stylists Gina, Alanna and Sherry, have been working alongside each other almost 30 years.

Vonda promotes a family atmosphere with all new hires and works hard to maintain it, so there's less employee turnover. "We really are like family here," she said. "Megan and Stephanie have been with us for about seven years each, and Ms. Dean, the massage therapist, has been giving customers much-needed massages for 20-plus years. We're also always looking for new talent to add to our team."

In October, the salon hosts an open-house, Halloween-themed party where guests can come and go, grab a bite to eat and take advantage of certain Aveda product specials and holiday offerings. During Christmastime, the staff decorates and fills the salon with holiday cheer, as they host an additional open house for clients to stock up on their favorite Aveda products. They also have pop-up sales throughout the year. In addition to haircuts, Keratin straighteners and custom color and highlights, Impressions Salon offers eyelash extensions; permanent cosmetic application; massage therapy in separate, relaxing rooms; facials; and manicures and pedicures.

"When people like a salon as much as they do the stylist, they are willing to see another stylist if need be," Vonda shared. "Our clients are comfortable enough here to know they can find someone to do as good of a job, so they keep coming back." **NOW**

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Zoomed In: Alexandria Garcia

By Sally Fuller

With a smile as warm as the Texas sun, Alexandria Garcia waits on customers at Brookshire's, as she anticipates the next phase of her life beginning. In February, the 2019 Red Oak High School graduate will leave her home in North Ellis County and head for the windy city of Chicago for U.S. Navy basic training.

"I was a little scared to go straight into college," Alexandria shared. "I wanted to be a little bit more stable and prepared before I went."

Alexandria enjoys her work at the grocery store but is excited about the future and the possibilities her time serving her country will present. "The military is going to prepare me. It's going to get me to where I want to go."



Mammography tech Monica Aguilera reminds her North Ellis County friends that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Braylen Caperton, Ferris ISD PK-4 student at Ingram Elementary, chooses the princess crown for her first day of school picture.



Glenn Heights Fire Chief Keith Moore, Mayor Harry Garrett and Chief of Police Vernell Dooley welcome students and teachers at the city's Back to School Bash.



The Ferris High School graduating class of 1969 recently celebrated their 50th Class Reunion at El Fenix Restaurant in Dallas, a place where the class has been congregating since their high school days.



Debbie and Jerry White of Ovilla take a break from their shopping to visit with an old friend.



Painter Jose Barron makes sure the homes in one of Red Oak's new senior living developments is ready for their new owners.



The self-named Three Messketeers, Gayla Streck of Irving (left), Gloria Wood of Tool and Judy Millican of Red Oak, all friends for 40-plus years, enjoy an afternoon of shopping and laughter in downtown Ferris.



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CookingNOW *In the Kitchen With* **BEN LAFLEUR**

— By Sally Fuller

Growing up in Eunice, Louisiana, true “Cajun Country,” Ben LaFleur learned to cook possibly before he learned to read. “I remember when I was 4 years old, and my ‘maw maw’ had a chair that I stood on, while she taught me to cook gumbo,” Ben shared.

Ben’s love of Cajun food and cooking grew as he did, so much so that he and his brother developed a brand of Cajun seasonings to ensure the flavors of the food they grew up loving remain true. Now a Ferris businessman, Ben said time spent cooking his traditional fare “brings me back to my childhood and culture.”

“The flavors of Cajun cooking are one of a kind,” he said. “A lot of people mistake New Orleans for Cajun, but New Orleans is Creole.” **NOW**

Chicken Sauce Piquant

2/3 cup flour
3/4 cup oil (approximately)
2 cups onion, chopped
1 6-oz. can tomato paste
1 1-lb. can whole tomatoes
1 5-lb. chicken, cut up
Salt, red and black pepper, to taste
2 stalks celery, chopped
1/2 cup green pepper, chopped

1 large can mushrooms
1 tsp. sugar
Fresh parsley and garlic, finely chopped, to taste
Rice, cooked per pkg. directions

1. Brown flour in oil (or melted chicken fat) in a heavy pot, stirring constantly. Add onions; cook until tender.
2. Add tomato paste and tomatoes; cook over low heat, stirring, approximately 45

minutes. If this recipe is increased, increase cooking time for tomatoes.

3. Season chicken with salt, red and black pepper. The more red pepper used, the more “piquant” the gravy will be.

4. Add chicken and all other ingredients, except rice, to the pot; add water to cover the chicken. More water may be added later if the gravy is too thick.

5. Cover; cook, stirring often, until chicken is tender. Serve over rice.

Pat Johnson’s Grand Champion Crawfish Etouffee

2 sticks butter
4 medium onions, chopped
1 large green bell pepper, chopped
2 cups water
2 lbs. peeled crawfish tails
4 Tbsp. cornstarch
1/2 cup green onion tops, chopped
3 Tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped
Salt, red and black pepper, to taste
Rice, cooked per pkg. directions

1. Melt butter in a large Dutch oven. Stir in onions and bell pepper. Cook 20-30 minutes, or until vegetables are tender.
2. Add water; reduce heat. Continue to cook approximately 10 minutes, uncovered.
3. Add crawfish; bring to boil. Reduce heat to simmer; cook 10-15 minutes.
4. Dissolve cornstarch in a small amount of water; add slowly until sauce is slightly thickened.
5. Add onion tops, parsley and seasonings; serve over hot rice.

Chicken and Sausage Gumbo

- 5-6 qts. water
 1 pt. roux
 1 lg. chicken, cut into serving-size pieces
 1 1/2 lbs. pork smoked sausage, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
 2 large onions, chopped
 1 cup green onion tops, chopped
 1/2 cup fresh parsley, minced
 Salt, red and black pepper, to taste
 Rice, cooked per pkg. directions

1. Place water and roux in a deep pot. Heat on high, stirring frequently to keep the roux from sticking. Boil for approximately 1 hour to ensure the roux is completely dissolved.
2. Add chicken, sausage and onion. Boil for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally, skimming off any grease that rises to the top while cooking.
3. Add green onion tops, parsley and seasonings. Cook approximately 30 minutes more; serve over hot rice.

Crawfish Fettuccine

- 1 onion, chopped
 1 stalk celery, chopped
 1 small green bell pepper, chopped
 1 small clove garlic, chopped
 1 stick butter
 2 Tbsp. flour
 1 Tbsp. fresh parsley
 1 lb. peeled crawfish tails (may substitute shrimp)
 1 cup half-and-half
 1/3 lb. Velveeta cheese
 1 jalapeño pepper, deseeded and chopped
 1/2 pkg. fettuccine noodles, cooked per pkg. directions
 Parmesan cheese, to taste

1. Heat oven to 350 F.
2. In a large pot, sauté onions, celery, bell pepper and garlic in butter 15-20 minutes.
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4. Add parsley and crawfish; cook for 10 minutes, stirring frequently.

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Chicken and Sausage Gumbo

5. Slowly stir in half-and-half. Add 1/2 of Velveeta and jalapeño. Cook on low heat approximately 20 minutes.
6. While crawfish is cooking, cook fettuccine noodles per package directions; drain water from noodles. Add noodles to crawfish.
7. Pour noodles and crawfish into a greased casserole dish. Sprinkle on Parmesan cheese; cover with remaining Velveeta.
8. Cook 15-20 minutes, or until cheese is melted.

Mexican Cornbread

- 2 cups ground meat
1 cup cornmeal

- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking soda
Pinch of salt
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
3 jalapeños, deseeded and chopped
4 small onions, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 egg
1 cup milk
1 small can cream-style corn
1 medium box of Velveeta cheese, grated

1. Heat oven to 350 F.
2. Cook meat until no longer pink; drain fat.
3. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl; pour into a 9x13-inch casserole dish.
4. Bake 45 minutes, or until the center is done. Cut into squares; serve hot.

Corn Maque Choux With Shrimp or Crawfish

- 4 cans whole kernel corn, drained
1 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped
1/2 cup red and green bell peppers, chopped
1/2 cup green onions, chopped
1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped
1/4 cup oil
1 16-oz. can stewed tomatoes, undrained

- 1 Tbsp. white sugar
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 cup water
2 lbs. shrimp or crawfish, peeled
Rice, cooked per pkg. directions

1. Smother corn and all vegetables in oil until tender, approximately 30 minutes; stir and then add tomatoes. (Smothering is a Cajun cooking technique of braising meats or vegetables in a small amount of liquid over low heat for a long time.)
2. Add sugar, salt, pepper and water; bring to a boil.
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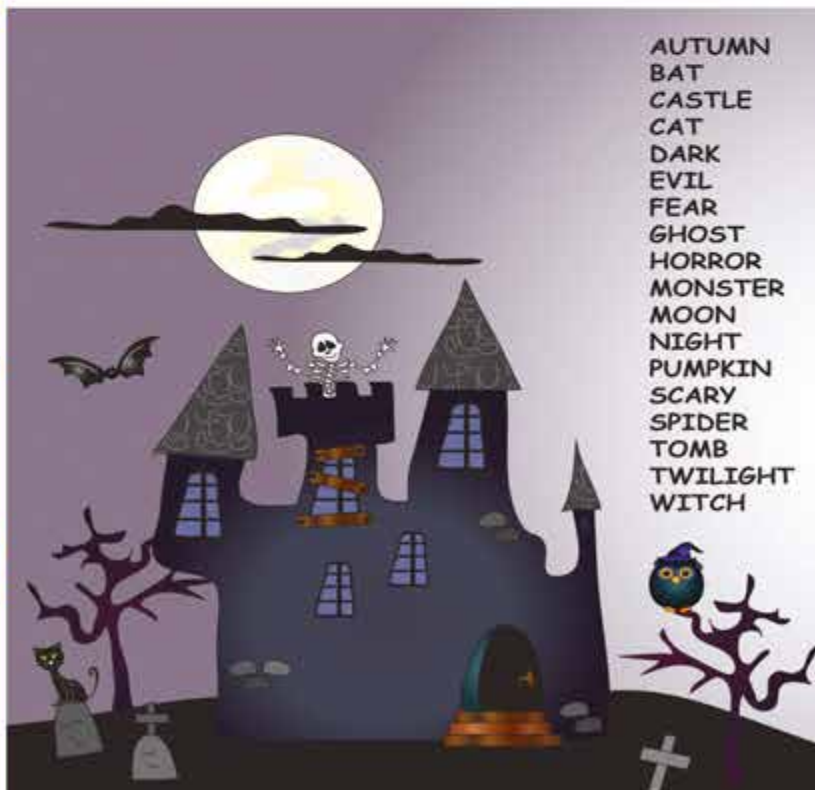

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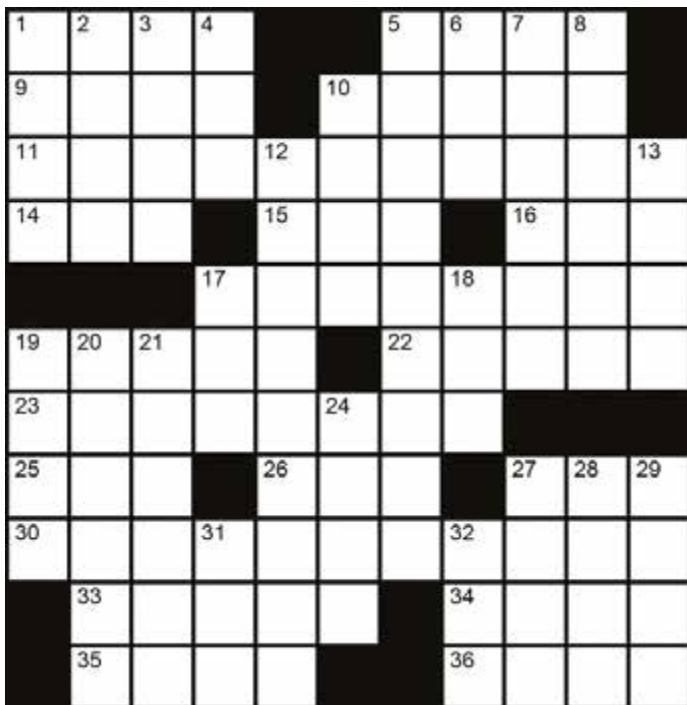
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10/4

Red Oak ISD Homecoming:

The parade begins at 2:00 p.m. at ROHS, 220 S. Hwy. 342, followed by the football game at 7:30 p.m., Billy Goodloe Stadium, 154 Louise Ritter Blvd. Redoakisd.org/athletics for ticket information.

10/5

Ferris First Baptist Fish Fry:

Come enjoy all-you-can-eat catfish and homemade desserts. Donations only. 11:00 a.m. until the food runs out, 311 W. 6th St.

Fall Plant Sale:

Ellis County Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and help with selections. Bring your own cart or wagon. Proceeds benefit ECMGA Scholarship Fund. 9:00 a.m.-noon, Coleman Jr. High School, 1000 Hwy. 77, Waxahachie. TXMG.org/Ellis/fall-plant-sale/.

Vaqueros Cristianos:

Everyone is invited to celebrate the opening of the church's arena with a Tex-Mex patriotic and Christian event featuring live music, bounce houses, a mechanical bull, raffles and more. Free admission; food and beverages for purchase. 3:00-7:30 p.m., 1266 Narrow Lane, Red Oak. (469) 218-2180.

10/12

Harvest Festival:

Children's activities, food concessions, live music, vendor booths and, of course, pumpkins will mark Red Oak FUMC's Second Annual Harvest Festival. Free admission; food, beverages, crafts and pumpkins available for purchase. Noon-8:00 p.m., 600 Daubitz Dr. (972) 617-9100.

Hawktoberfest:

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Red Oak High School Courtyard, 220 Hwy. 342. RedOakISD.org.

10/19

Blue Jean Ball:

The annual dinner and auction of the Red Oak Area Chamber of Commerce with raffles, entertainment, appetizers, drinks, dinner and live and silent auctions. 6:00-10:00 p.m., Red Oak Municipal Center, 200 Lakeview Dr. For tickets and information, (972) 617-0906 or redoakareachamber.org.

Ellis County Walk to End Alzheimer's:

Help lead the way to the first survivor along a 3-mile trek through Waxahachie. Registration: 8:00 a.m.; ceremony: 8:30 a.m.; walk begins: 9:00 a.m., Downtown Square, Main Street. brithomas@alz.org or (214) 540-2401.

10/26

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Party in the Patch:

Free "Trunk or Treat" event for the whole community. 2:00-4:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 600 Daubitz Dr., Red Oak. FUMCRO.org.

10/27

Candy Bash:

Bring the whole family for a fun evening of face painting, a petting zoo, hayrides, games, food and, of course, candy at First Baptist Church of Red Oak. 4:30-6:30 p.m., 320 E. Ovilla Rd.

First Mondays

Ellis County Genealogical Society Meeting:

7:00 p.m., Ellis County Woman's Building, 407 W. Jefferson, Waxahachie. (214) 564-4025.

Tuesdays

Ferris Library Game Day:

Young people 7 to 17 can play PS4 and Wii in the library's meeting room. 3:30-5:30 p.m., 301 E. 10th St. (972) 544-3696.

Last Thursdays

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