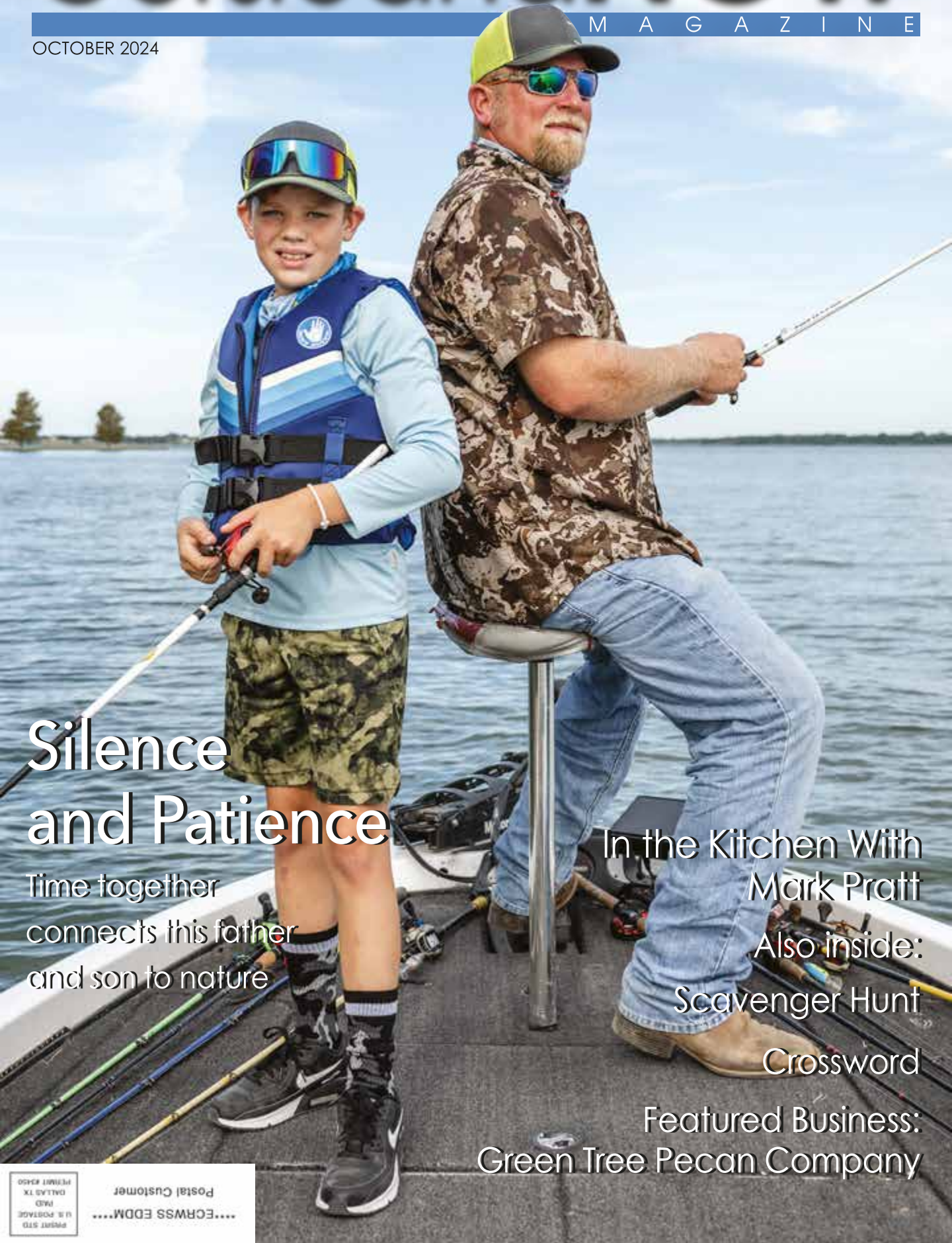


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This season screams with ghosts and goblins!

This month, with its cooler temperatures, is becoming one of my favorite times of the year. The trick-or-treaters, Halloween, football games and area festivals make this a fun time. Scary stories told around a weekend campout fire pit with a background of classical music played in minor keys add to my kids and grandkids' memory banks. Combined with the old flashlight on facial features trick, the night becomes a spooky event. S'mores and hot cider sweeten our times together.

Remember the TV show, *The Twilight Zone*? I can still hum its musical theme. Rod Sterling always appeared in every episode and was frightening to my young self. Another favorite around my family's one television set was *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*. Again, the namesake appeared weekly with his voice that seemed macabre. Boris Karloff, scary in both television and on the big screen, hosted the television show *Thriller* for a short two-year run. So wonderful these shows were, they're now streamed, so after spending this last year introducing my older grandkids to the musicals of the 1950-1960s, some of which were in color or colorized, I'm introducing them to the wonders of fright in black and white this month.

Haunted houses are another favorite thing to visit, whether as a guest, an actor or behind-the-scenes crew. After moving to my ranch near Tehuacana, a town south of Corsicana, I enjoyed doing the makeup and room settings in some of the older, haunt-filled homes in and around that small town. My favorite was a home that was being remodeled, so its downstairs wooden floor had been removed. The floor we provided for the haunting, moved back-and-forth after the lights were extinguished. It was our most successful scare ever.

Happy haunting!



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SILENCE AND PATIENCE

— By Virginia Riddle

In 1894, the “original Brice” was born on the land in Navarro County that Brice Bonner IV still farms and ranches. It’s a generational thing, and Brice Bonner V, age 11, is following in his dad’s footsteps in his love of the land and water when on their ranch, hunting or fishing. A fifth-grader at Kerens ISD, Brice V shared proudly, “I got my first deer three years ago.”

“We enjoy anything outdoors,” Brice IV added. Fishing is currently their primary shared passion when not working or in school. Brice IV, a former Mildred High School fishing club adult volunteer, can now be found most Wednesday nights fishing for three hours each time with Brice V as part of the Wednesday Nighter Richland Chamber group. “We have a Facebook page and different jackpots,” Brice IV explained.

In preparation, father and son enjoy hand tying and molding lead to make their own customized jigs. “I’ve caught a 5-pounder on one of our homemade jigs,” Brice V said. He’s also won the Media Bass youth division. His favorite memory? “I caught my biggest bass ever from the dock. I hooked it, but Dad thought it was a limb. He looked up at a plane, and the line took off.” One of Brice V’s goals now is to qualify for the Bassmaster Open trials.

“My dad, Brice III, got me into fishing and hunting,” Brice IV stated. “Everyone around here knew him from his Aggie General days. He bought my first johnboat when I was in high school, so I had my driver’s license. I was king of the lake and got into bass fishing.” Brice IV has broken his own Richland Chambers record and has repeatedly made great fishing memories. “During one of the Wednesday Nighters, I hooked an 8-pounder, it jumped, the hook came out and the line broke. It was the one that got away,” he recalled.

Outdoor sports are a shared passion throughout the Bonner family. “All of my people are big outdoorsmen,” Brice IV stated. “My wife, Whitney, is a crappie fisherman, and our daughter, Jessie, age 5, a pre-K student in Kerens, is coming along.”



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Farming and ranching take up much of Brice IV’s time, but he also shares some necessary skills in that area with his son. He runs a cow/calf operation, raising Black Angus and Charolais. A graduate of Mildred High School, he attended Navarro College, Tarleton State University and Texas State Technical College. Brice IV holds a diesel agricultural certification. “I enjoy living and working in Navarro County because I know somebody almost everywhere I go,” he stated.

“Back in the day, I used to team rope at jackpot ropings and rodeos,” Brice IV said. Now, he’s teaching Brice V to rope, starting with roping their commercial goats.

“This is my third year to show goats at the Navarro County Youth Expo,” Brice V said. “I like showing



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goats because I get out of school." He participates in the woodworking, arts and crafts and cooking events during the 4-H and FFA annual show as well.

The family is also involved in a sport that Brice V enjoys. "I like to play baseball," he said. In school, his favorite subject is science.

The family's travels mostly revolve around fishing and baseball tournaments and hunting outings. "We like trips into East Texas and Davy Crockett National Forest and hunt around Hamilton, Texas," Brice IV, remarked.

For those who want to learn about fishing and hunting, Brice IV recommended getting with some experienced fishermen or hunters. "We taught kids at Mildred High School who didn't know anything about fishing to fish and be on the team," he said. There are also programs sponsored through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and private guide services.

Brice IV sees commercial, industrial and residential development as the biggest threat to the outdoor way of life. "I like the country the way it is," he said. "We're losing a lot of farm and ranch acreage to development and higher

taxes. I hope my son likes the outdoor way of life as much as I like to live it and will keep his interest in it while gaining skills."

"We need more kids to join us," Brice V agreed.

"I see my niece, nephew and friends' kids enjoying outdoor sports," Brice IV concluded. "Hunting and fishing teach patience and what can happen with the weather and wind. Nature is always in control. Just when we think we have everything under control, the weather or something changes." These are valuable life lessons still being taught and learned since time began. **NOW**

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Zoomed In: Victoria Shepherd Burnett

By Virginia Riddle

A Navarro County resident since last December when she and her husband, Bryan Burnett, and daughter moved to his family's land, Victoria Shepherd Burnett has been busy helping area residents through Inner Circle, a new nonprofit shop which helps those with addictions, PTSD and other problems. Want to talk, bring lunch and eat, learn a new craft, sell your crafts or come in for a snack, coffee and shopping? "I'm here for those who want help," Victoria said. In her spare time, she crafts, builds websites and enjoys family activities.

Having moved from the Metroplex, Victoria shared, "I enjoy my 10-minute commute now, and I understand that to impact change in my life, I need to help others. Everyone, including kids and volunteers, are welcome — as are those wishing to donate items."



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Chestnuts might roast in that popular Christmas melody, but at Green Tree Pecan, the fruit of the Texas Official State Tree holds center court. Customers can enjoy the down-home atmosphere in person or shop online or by phone. The store offers pecans, almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews and peanuts in raw, roasted or mixed packaging. Candies, dried fruits, home decor items, garden and flowering plants in season and nut and fruit trees are also available. Green Tree Pecan Company is also the place to go for commercial pecan shelling and individual custom cracking. Their deli serves

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A Navarro County native, Dennis was raised in Powell. "My family all live in Navarro County and are part of our business," he stated. "Our daughter, Rebecca, handles all of our retail shipping and office duties. Our son, John, handles the pecan shelling plant and product packaging. We put Bible verses in our advertisements because, in that way, we have found the true value of life and hope that others will find it, too."

As the business grew, Dennis still found time to give back to his community. He served 19 years as the mayor of Powell, as the Powell VFD's fire chief and on the Navarro County Planning & Zoning Commission. He has been a Navarro Regional Hospital trustee and a Navarro County Emergency Services District commissioner.

When the family isn't at work, Dennis and Kim enjoy traveling and RVing across Texas and visiting the San Juan Mountains in Colorado. At home, during breaks from the store, they enjoy their small farm and watching wildlife pass through the acreage.

"Our grandchildren, Chloe and Landon, help at the store when they are not in school," Dennis said. He and Kim will perhaps enjoy bringing them into the business full-time eventually. "Chloe and Landon have been coming to work with their mama since they were about 2 weeks old," Dennis said. "We truly are a family business." **NOW**

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MARK PRATT
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Growing up around family-owned restaurants and loving to eat, Mark Pratt developed cooking skills. “I began cooking in college because I couldn’t afford to eat out much,” he recalled. He married wife, Cheryl, and the couple had three sons, Joseph, Matthew and Gabe, who now help cook for family gatherings. “The boys played sports. Cheryl, a teacher, would drive the Mom Taxi, and I would come home and have supper prepared,” Mark said.

A salesman, Mark enjoyed eating at “hole-in-the-wall” places. After retirement, Cheryl opened Turquoise Armadillo, so Mark’s still the cook. “I like down-home cooking and grilling, and we’ve always loved the beach, so seafood’s a big part of my cooking,” he explained. When not cooking, Mark enjoys anything having to do with cars — working on them, watching racing or going to car shows. **NOW**

Seafood Dressing

- 3 boxes honey sweet corn bread mix
- Eggs (2 more than the corn bread mix requires)
- 1 stick butter
- 4 cups onions, diced
- 3 cups celery, diced
- 1 lb. 70 count shrimp
- 1 lb. crab meat
- 1 tsp. sage

- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 8 cups chicken broth

1. In a bowl, prepare the corn bread mix according to package directions; add two additional eggs to the batter. Set aside.
2. In a skillet, melt the butter. Sauté the onions and celery. Add the shrimp and crab meat.
3. Combine the shrimp mixture with the

corn bread mixture. Add the sage, salt and pepper; mix well.

4. Mix in the chicken broth; pour the completed batter into a baking dish. Cover the dish with foil; bake for 1 hour at 350 F. Remove the foil; bake for an additional 30 minutes or until the top starts browning.

Shrimp Cocktail

- 1 lb. 70 count shrimp
- 1 30-oz. can Ro-Tel
- Juice of 2 limes
- 1/2 8-oz. bottle prepared chili sauce
- 3-4 oz. orange juice
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- Avocado, sliced
- Tortilla chips

1. In a large pan, boil the shrimp. Drain; set aside.
2. *For the sauce:* In a bowl, combine the Ro-Tel, lime juice, chili sauce, orange juice, salt and pepper; mix well. Pour the sauce into a bowl; garnish with the avocado slices. Serve with the shrimp and tortilla chips.

Cheryl's Smoked Pickled Jalapeños

This recipe can be halved.

- 60 jalapeño chilies
- 5 1/2 cups distilled white vinegar
- 1/2 cup kosher salt
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup garlic, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. cumin seeds

1. Sterilize 4 pint-size canning jars according to canning directions.
2. Using gloves to protect one's hands, clean the jalapeños; snip the stems to approximately 1/2-inch in length. Using a paring knife tip, score approximately 1/2-inch-deep across in the tapered end of each jalapeño.
3. In a large stockpot, combine all ingredients; bring to a boil over high heat.
4. Remove the pot from the heat. Using tongs, place 15 jalapeños into each sterilized jar. Ladle enough hot pickling liquid from the stockpot to fill each jar to the bottom rim of the jar's mouth. Seal according to canning directions.

Shrimp and Grits

- 1 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 lb. smoked sausage
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 1 cup grits
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup cheese, shredded

1. In a skillet, cook the shrimp, sausage, onions and celery; season with salt and pepper. Remove; set aside.
2. In a saucepan, cook the grits according to the package instructions, except use the chicken broth instead of water. Add the cheese; mix well until the cheese is melted and blended.
3. Plate the grits; spoon on the shrimp and sausage mixture.

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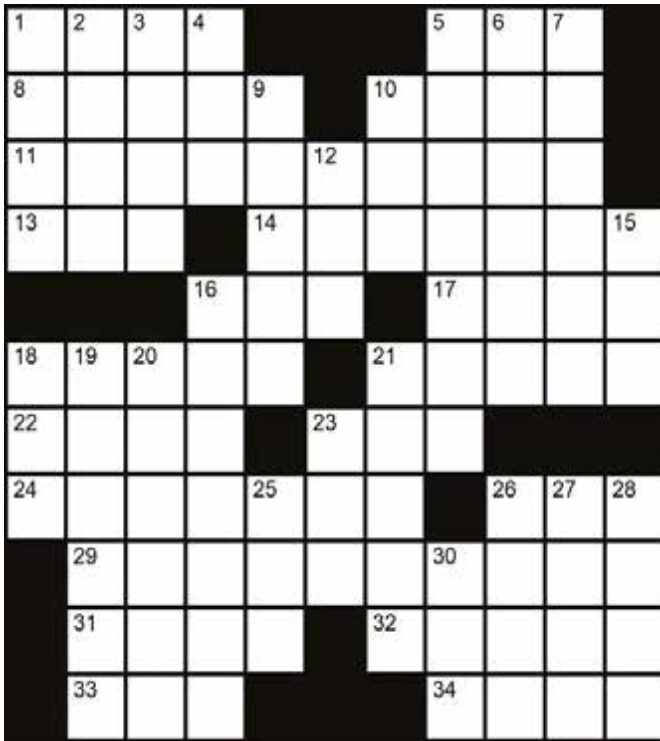
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- 5 Spread
- 8 Torus-shaped food
- 10 Convergence points
- 11 Sociable
- 13 Longbow wood
- 14 Moves rapidly, deflecting her lust
- 16 Egg drink
- 17 "— Romeo slain himself?" (Shakespeare, "Romeo and Juliet")
- 18 The —, seat of the International Court of Justice
- 21 --- Neiman, sports artist
- 22 Speck
- 23 Used to be
- 24 Took the rudder
- 26 Mister in Mumbai
- 29 Descendants of Jacob
- 31 Invent
- 32 Texting alternative
- 33 Last resting place in Virginia
- 34 She was shortened by Henry

Down

- 1 Nervously irritable
- 2 Collective wisdom
- 3 Once more
- 4 Assault
- 5 Mollifies
- 6 Eye-related
- 7 Aware of
- 9 Heavy Chevy
- 10 Evergreen tree
- 12 Top gear?
- 15 Bashful
- 16 Digital
- 18 Possesses
- 19 Prison in New York
- 20 Occurs
- 21 Soup scoop
- 23 Minuscule
- 25 Stood for office
- 26 Laurel or Musial
- 27 Bit strap
- 28 Sea key
- 30 Well, --- monkey's uncle!

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10/3

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10/10

The Bellamy Brothers: 7:30 p.m., The Palace Theatre, 112 W. 6th Ave. www.corsicanapalace.com.

10/12

Corsicana Airsho: \$20 per car. Gates open: 9:00 a.m.; show starts: Noon, Corsicana Municipal Airport, 9000 Navarro Road. www.coyotesquadron.org.

10/13

Fall Pet Photo Shoot:

Proceeds benefit the Humane Society of Navarro County. Walk-ups are welcome, but RSVPs are accepted. \$30 for 3 images. 2:00-6:00 p.m., Daisy Lane Studio, 4675 FM 744. (903) 875-1060.

10/14

Family Fall Fun Night:

Crafts, games and refreshments. 5:00 p.m., Corsicana Public Library, 100 N. 12th St. Facebook: Corsicana Public Library.

CISD Family Matters:

Free dinner, child care and program on drug awareness for all families of K-12 students. 5:30 p.m., Collins Intermediate School Cafeteria, 1500 Dobbins Road. APayne@cisd.org.

10/19

Kerens Cotton Harvest Festival:

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8:00 p.m., Downtown Kerens. For more information, visit www.kerenscottonharvestfestival.com.

10/23-10/26

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10/24

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