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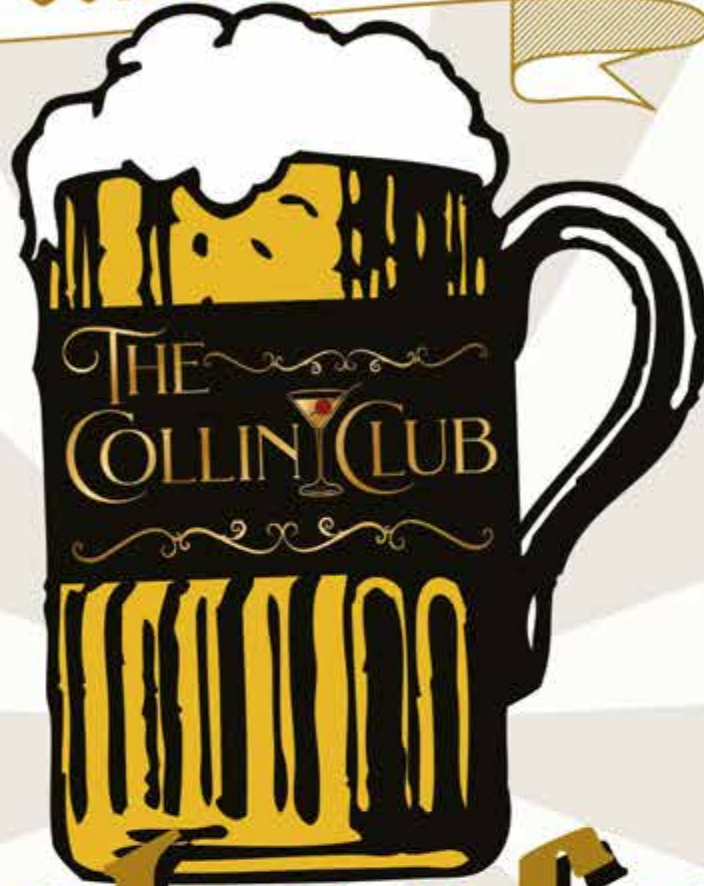
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EDITOR'S NOTE

'Tis the season of change ...

Can you feel it? Longer nights, shorter days, cooler breezes and lots of outdoor activities. It's October, the month of pumpkins and ghosts. I normally head to New Mexico or to Virginia to enjoy the changing of the colors during this month with kids and grandkids, but this year, my youngest is coming my way with her family to celebrate her 20th high school reunion. It's hard to believe my youngest "child" is that old, since it seems so short a time since my 20th reunion with old friends. It will be Katie's first time to attend homecoming activities and the first time for my granddaughters to fly. Their short trip will give Katie needed days away from her medical studies and work, but I will miss the fluttering gold, red and orange of the leaves and taking a hayride while gathering apples in an orchard.

Katie and her girls presented a new apron to me last Christmas. With these cooler days and their arrival, cookies in the oven will be a must. Our creations will be made even sweeter with the granddaughters' help.

Painting stockings for the troops with Corsicana Art League members and the comments I've received from artists telling me that my photography inspires them has encouraged me to try my hand at acrylic and watercolors again. I've never considered myself to be an artist, but I'm ready to learn and grow while overcoming a fear long instilled. I have enrolled in two online courses, bought the supplies and scheduled the dates and times into my calendar this month. I'm excited to see what I can learn.

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— By Virginia Riddle

There's a year-long party being planned, and everyone's welcome to be a part of the city of Corsicana's 175th birthday celebration. More than civic pride, this celebration is about people gathering at festivities and the traditions that highlight Corsicana's rich local culture and diversity. It's pride in the city's heritage and history. "We're excited!" Barbara Kelly, a steering committee member, said. "Corsicana has evolved since being founded in 1848, and we want this celebration to involve the entire community."

"The kick-off will be at the annual lighting ceremony in November, gathering around the Christmas tree," Parks & Recreation Director and Steering Committee Co-Chair Sharla Allen shared. She promises the Christmas parade in December will be the "largest ever, and Community Park's Christmas decorations will have a whole new look." A birthday gala will be held in February on the city's actual birthday. "We're planning even more festivities for Derrick Days, and July Fourth will light up the sky," she added. "Many more events will satisfy the calendar throughout the year, including music, art and a time capsule ceremony. It's going to be a wow! What a treat!"

Joining Sharla as steering committee co-chair is Main Street Director Amy Tidwell, who also serves as the city's tourism director. The committee's plans will be implemented by the Parks & Rec Department crews. "There are four subcommittees, local organizations and supporters who are all dedicated to commemorating the city of Corsicana," Sharla explained.

"This will truly take a village," Amy said. "Having a supportive community makes this celebration possible. We invite everyone and every organization to have a seat at the table in planning this year-long party. There's still room. We're partnering with the G.W. Jackson Multicultural Society for Black history celebrations and other events. We want to honor Corsicana's Jewish heritage, as well as include other cultures' celebrations. Organizations and businesses that are hosting their own events will be included and promoted on the 175 website. That will help their brand and offer more to visitors and residents."

Funding such a large undertaking will be year-long also. The city has approved a budget for marketing and advertising and a subcommittee oversees soliciting sponsors. The gala will not only be a big celebration but will also raise funds for the efforts of the Corsicana Preservation Foundation.



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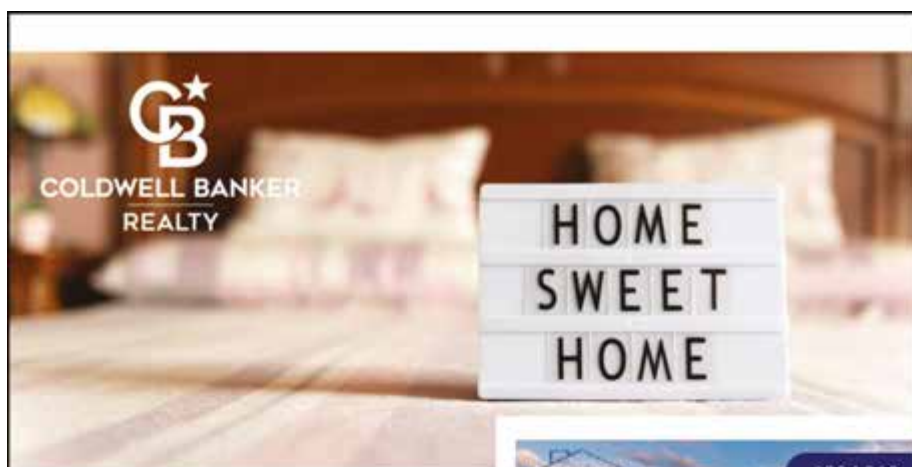
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This celebration will be a great time to learn of Corsicana's history in schools and through the arts. Corsicana ISD, Navarro College, the Corsicana Preservation Foundation and the Navarro Council of the Arts all have at least one representative volunteering to serve on the steering committee. "We're working with them and the library's genealogy department, so the history and local artists, both past and present, are featured," Amy stated.

Corsicana's past is full of facts, fables and notable characters. Named by José Antonio Navarro, a Texas Revolution hero, by 1849, the city had a county courthouse that served as a church, meeting hall and school and was the center of trade and businesses that sprang up. By 1850, the population was around 1,200.

Following the Civil War, merchants and prosperity returned with the advent of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad in 1871. The city was incorporated in 1872, and when the Corsicana Water Development Company drilled for water in 1894, it hit oil and gas, the first west of the Mississippi. The city was booming in every way, including a red-light district and 35 saloons in 1900. By 1912, electric trolleys took passengers to Dallas and Houston from Corsicana. In the 1930s, the city weathered the Great Depression better than most due to the oil and gas industry. The WWII era saw the flight training center, now the Corsicana Municipal Airport, open, training many pilots. Fueled mostly by oil and gas, Corsicana claimed at least 21 millionaires and the highest per capita income of any Texas city at





\$1,222 in 1953. The city's growth in population and industry has been slow and steady since then.

Barbara arrived in Corsicana in 1981 and is a Corsicana High School graduate. She serves on the CISD board of trustees and is a retired dispatcher for the Dallas Police Department. Additionally, she was a founder and is the current secretary of the Navarro County Boys & Girls Club. She serves as secretary for the Navarro County NAACP and is on the Meeting House Revival board. "In volunteering, I get to pass the power on and pull in younger generations to volunteer," Barbara said. "I'm a doer, and I want others to be doers in this community. After all those years commuting to Dallas, I've come back to work."

Amy was born and raised a fifth generation Corsicana native. She left for college but returned to raise her family and be near her family. Through her job, she serves on several boards in the community. "It is a privilege to serve my community through these various boards," she remarked.

Barbara echoed Amy's invitation for all to come take a seat at the table. "Corsicana is my home, and my family lives here. I know my community, and it takes me and others to make it better. Those of us on the steering committee want to get the buy-in from this entire community for this coming year's celebration, especially the younger generations. They are the future of Corsicana and Navarro County." **NOW**

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THE SHOE

— By Virginia Riddle

Pounding hooves, fast horses and a break in the crowd as horses and riders came into the final stretch — that was Willie Shoemaker's world for most of his life. Also known as William Lee Shoemaker, Bill Shoemaker and "The Shoe," Willie knew how to get the best out of his thoroughbred mounts throughout his 40-plus years "in the irons" as one of the most winning jockeys and trainers in the world. He rode 8,833 winning horses, setting a world record that held until 1999. He won the Breeders' Cup Classic and 11 races in the Triple Crown series, though the Triple Crown itself eluded him. He won each of the three races in the Triple Crown multiple times — two Preakness Stakes, five Belmont Stakes and four Kentucky Derbies — but he never won all three in the same season. However, his beginnings were humble. Born in 1931 in an adobe shack on his grandfather's ranch near Fabens, Texas, Willie's seemingly effortless riding style began to be honed while riding across the ranch's El Paso/Rio Grande area landscape.

The doctor who delivered Willie didn't think the 1 pound, 13-ounce tiny infant would survive, but Willie's grandmother created an incubator by wrapping him in a warmed blanket and placing him on a pillow near a warm oven. Life was hard for Willie's family during those Depression Era days, so he lived with several relatives as they came and went at the ranch. Willie's job, by age 6, was to ride a horse to pick up the mail. At age 10, he and his family, like so many other families of that time, moved to California looking for work, and he discovered horse racing.

By age 14, a school classmate had suggested that the diminutive Willie might be just the right size to become a jockey. He was strong and was known for not losing matches on his school's wrestling and boxing teams. So, he secured a job at the Suzy Q Ranch and quit school, earning \$75 a month. By age 16, he had become an exercise rider at the Bay Meadows track in San Mateo, California, learning from trainer Hurst Philpot and jockey, Johnny Adams, a future Hall of Famer. Willie's first race as a jockey was in 1949 at Golden Gate Fields. He won the race, which netted him \$120, the first dollars leading to a lifetime earnings of more than \$123 million. He led in the amount of dollars in purses earned in a single year 10 times.

Size wise, Willie at full height/weight was only 4 feet 11 inches tall and 98 pounds. Other assets were his even temper,

calm disposition and his remarkable understanding of horses. Horse breeder Rex Ellsworth was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* as saying, "When a horse was doing his best, Shoe left him alone. When a horse loafed, Shoe would get after him. I never worried when Shoe rode one of my horses, because I knew he'd do a perfect job." In 1959, Willie was inducted into the National Racing Museum and Hall of Fame.

His riding career was, as is usually the case with jockeys, riddled with small injuries, but in 1968, Willie broke his thigh when the horse he was riding fell on him. The doctor used a child-sized metal pin to repair the damage. After physical therapy for 13 months, he returned to winning races. In 1969, he was thrown and survived a broken pelvis, ruptured bladder and temporary paralysis of his left leg, only to return to racing and winning for the next 20 years. In 1981, Willie rode John Henry, and together, horse and rider won the Arlington Million, the first million-dollar stake thoroughbred race.

At age 54, in 1986, Willie rode a long shot horse, Ferdinand, in the Kentucky Derby. Ferdinand won, and Willie became the oldest jockey to win the Derby after having been one of the youngest years before to win that famed race. In 1990, Willie made a farewell tour of U.S. racetracks. He retired from riding to become a trainer, even after he became a wheelchair bound quadriplegic following an automobile accident in 1991. Willie retired as a trainer in 1997 after he faced the reality that he couldn't totally know the horses anymore without riding them, and the physical demands were becoming too much for him. He passed away in 2003, survived by a daughter from his third marriage. NOW

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Zoomed In: Nicole Quilling

By Virginia Riddle

There's a new face greeting visitors at the Cook Education Center. Nicole Quilling is putting her hospitality degree from the University of Mississippi to use. "Carole Davenport has been a great mentor," Nicole stated. She's been a part of the Disney College Program and earned a master's degree from the University of North Texas.

"My family lives at Richland Chambers, so I knew this was a caring community," she said. She volunteers at the Warehouse Living Arts Center; loves to read and travel to Jamaica, the Bahamas and through Europe; add to her photo collection; and spend time with her Golden Retriever, Lucy. She stated, "I'm looking forward to building a life here after so much travel and help Corsicana grow."



Jayden Huffman (4) and Eliette Moore (8) find a new friend at Mimosas At The Market.



First-day-of-school goodbyes are hard on parents and students, but the fun of learning is just beginning.



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All that glitters just might be gold and diamonds in the brightly lit showcases that line the walls at Van's Jewelers. Lila Gronau or AD Truong's smiling faces greet customers. Known as Corsicana's hometown jewelry store, understanding what the customer wants is an emphasized employee skill. "We work hard to make sure we're accommodating all our customers' jewelry needs," Owner Paul Nguyen said.

Customers might be celebrating a marriage proposal or a school graduation, honoring a loved one's life or selecting or



having Van's Jewelers design and create a personal favorite piece. There's usually a celebration of life's events or milestones involved. "We've even had a few marriage proposals right here in our store! Staff makes sure whatever selection our customer makes is a clear representation of the occasion's celebration," Paul explained. Jewelers can also perform minor and major repairs and provide written appraisals.

Founded in 1987 by Paul's father, Van Nguyen, the store carries a selection of engagement rings, wedding bands, necklaces, pendants, earrings and birthstone jewelry, as well as Seiko and Bulova watches. Among the six employees are Paul's family members. "Yen Truong, my aunt, is the office manager," he said. "My uncle, Hung Truong, has 40 years' experience as a jeweler, and my mom, Kim Nguyen, is an employee who can come and go and do as she pleases," her wise son added.

Best of the Best Corsicana is awarded to this store just about every year. "We're thankful and appreciative of the community support and love. In turn, we support our schools and businesses with donations and monetary support yearly,"

Paul shared. That support lessens but continues even in tough economic times. "Because jewelry's not a must-have, it's often eliminated first," Paul admitted. "But as long as people are getting married, we'll be here to help create the engagement ring of their dreams."

"WE WORK HARD TO MAKE SURE WE'RE ACCOMMODATING ALL OUR CUSTOMERS' JEWELRY NEEDS."

A native of Rhode Island, Paul and his family followed his dad as various jobs led the family to Corsicana. "This is my hometown. I went to school in Corsicana and grew up here," he stated. "I love Corsicana!" After graduating from Corsicana High School, Paul attended Texas A&M University, graduating in 1998 with a business management degree. "I still didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. Dad sent me to the Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad, California, to learn about diamonds and gemstones," Paul recalled. "I acquired my Graduate Gemologist and Colored Stones Accreditation. I think Dad knew I was going to be in jewelry before I did."

While living in College Station and Carlsbad, Paul missed Corsicana. "Everything slows down a bit here, and the people are so kind and friendly," he said. We have an amazing community in Corsicana. I really love the people." Paul and his wife, Raquel Lindemann-Nguyen, are parents of Kaya, a Collins Middle School student. Paul enjoys mountain biking and road cycling, competing in the Corsicana Criterium Bike Race annually. He has two younger brothers, Don and Andy, who live and work in Dallas.

"Getting to see excitement and smiles on our customers' faces is extremely satisfying," Paul concluded. "Jewelry is a symbol of love, so we foster an atmosphere of kindness, joy and love. We love being in the business of selling joy and happiness." **NOW**

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— By Virginia Riddle



It's said the kitchen is a home's heart. Guadalupe Rodriguez Azuna takes the saying seriously. She's one of many Corsicana ISD child nutrition staff members bringing a smile to Tiger Nation. "I didn't grow up in a kitchen, but I love to bake and grill at home with my family," Guadalupe said. "I love to experiment with unique ingredients, and I value quality foods."

She's aware that for some students, school breakfast and lunch may be their only meals of the day. "The offerings are no longer boring or limited," Guadalupe explained. Added options include a potato bar, tacos and meatloaf burgers. She added, "I try to bring a choice of quality eats and smiles to teachers and students. I love to see the smiles light up faces." **NOW**

Baked Potato Bar Ideas for Home

The Mexican twist with salsa and black beans is a personal favorite.

- 1 5-lb. bag russet potatoes
- 1 16-oz. tub sour cream
- 1 15-oz. tub butter or margarine
- 1 cup onions, diced
- 1/2 cup chives, chopped
- 2 cups cheese, grated
- 1 16-oz. jar salsa
- 2 cups broccoli, chopped
- 2 cups bacon, cooked and crumbled

- 1 15-oz. can chili (with beans is optional)
- 1 15-oz. can black beans

1. Cook the potatoes based on preference: oven baked, grilled, boiled or microwaved.
2. Set out the other ingredients in separate bowls or containers to provide creative avenues for a variety of tastes. Enjoy the ease of serving and cleaning up.

Chicken Mole

- 1 3-lb. chicken, cut in pieces
- 1 onion, chopped

- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp. creamy peanut butter
- 1 8.25-oz. jar Doña Maria Mole
- 2 Tbsp. sesame seeds

1. In a large pot, boil the chicken pieces, onions and garlic about 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is thoroughly cooked. Reduce the heat to medium. Remove about 1 cup of the chicken broth; pour the broth into a blender.
2. Add the creamy peanut butter and mole; blend well. The color should lighten, and the consistency should not be too thick.
3. Remove the chicken from the pot; debone, if needed, and shred. Add the shredded chicken to another pan; pour in the mole mixture. Stir well until all the chicken is covered with the mole sauce.
4. Sprinkle with the sesame seeds before serving.

Chicken Flautas

- Chicken:*
- 2 lbs. boneless chicken
 - 1 onion, peeled and halved

2 garlic cloves, diced
2 tsp. salt

Flautas:

16 small corn tortillas

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Vegetable or canola oil, enough
for frying

1 head lettuce, shredded

Crema (Mexican sour cream), to taste

1 tomato, sliced

1 cup avocado, sliced

1. *For chicken:* In a large pot, add the chicken, onion, garlic and salt; cover all the ingredients with water up to 1/2 inch over the chicken.

2. Simmer on low heat for about 20 minutes; bring to a boil on medium heat. Lower to a simmer for an additional 20 minutes to cook the chicken thoroughly; stirring occasionally. Remove the chicken; shred and set aside.

3. *For flautas:* Preheat the oven to 200 F to keep the flautas warm before serving; line a baking sheet with paper towels.

4. Stack the tortillas on a plate; cover with a damp towel. Cook the tortillas in the microwave for about 15 seconds until they become warm and pliable. Remove the tortillas from the microwave; lay each of them flat on the baking sheet.

5. Add about a Tbsp. of the chicken to each tortilla; wrap each tightly. Stick a toothpick through each tortilla to secure them while frying.

6. Pour about 2 inches of oil into a skillet; heat. Fry each tortilla in the oil, flipping each until all sides are a crispy, golden brown.

7. Remove; put each tortilla back on the baking sheet. Place them in the oven until ready to serve.

8. Plate each flauta; top with the lettuce, crema, tomatoes and avocado.

Lentil Soup

2 Tbsp. olive oil

1 onion, chopped

2 garlic cloves, chopped

2 cups dried lentils, rinsed

6 cups vegetable or chicken broth

1/4 tsp. salt

1. In a large pot, cook the oil on medium heat. Once it is hot, add the onions and garlic; cook for 2 minutes. Stir; raise the heat to simmer.

2. Add the lentils, broth and salt. Some scum may form on the soup's surface; scoop it off as often as needed throughout the cooking process.

3. Cover the pot with a lid; lower the heat



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to medium low; simmer the soup for an additional 35 minutes until the lentils are softened.

Chicken Tostadas With Guacamole Salsa

- 1 lb. chicken breasts
- 2 15-oz. cans black beans, drained
- 2 avocados, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, chopped

- 1 red onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. cilantro, minced
- 1 lime, sliced
- Black pepper, to taste
- Salt or lime seasoning, to taste
- 1 8- to 10-ct. pkg. corn tostada shells or homemade tostada shells from corn tortillas
- Cotija cheese, to taste

1. In a pot, cover the chicken breasts with water. Bring the water to boiling stage; lower

the heat to simmer on low until the chicken is completely cooked. Remove the chicken. Drain; shred.

2. Mash the black beans with a spoon or add to a blender to mash to a spreadable texture.

3. In a bowl or blender, make a guacamole salsa by blending together the avocados, tomatoes, onions, cilantro, lime slices, pepper and salt. Spread each tostada shell with the mashed black beans. Top with the shredded chicken.

4. Add the guacamole salsa to each tostada; top with the cheese before serving.

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The varied topography was formed from a tropical ocean that became a flourishing habitat for marine organisms living in the Capitan Reef. The sea evaporated, and the reef subsided, buried in sediments and salts, until the mountains lifted and

exposed it. Fossils from that period exist throughout the park but cannot be removed.

The Nde people, also known as Mescalero Apache, hunted, camped and took refuge on these lands until the mid-1800s when the Butterfield Stagecoach, U.S. Army troops, ranchers and conservationists arrived. The Pinery Trail leads to the ruins of a stagecoach station. The Williams Ranch site is only open to four-wheel vehicles, but the Frijole Ranch History Museum site is an easy one-hour hike. It features a springhouse, schoolhouse, bunkhouse, barn and picnic area. The historic Pratt Cabin and Hunter Line Shack can be visited by hiking the McKittrick Canyon Trail.

Along the deep, sheer-sided McKittrick Canyon walls, hikers can view the beautiful, rare Texas Madrone trees. With mixed desert, highland forest and canyon woodland landscapes, this canyon is home to willows, alligator junipers, ponderosa pine, cacti and Texas walnut, ash, oak and maple trees, where wildlife feed and take shelter. Glimpses of jackrabbits, coyotes, porcupines, gray foxes, mule deer, mountain lions and elk mean pets must be on a leash. Pets and bikes aren't allowed on the trails. Horseback riding and hiking are ways to see wonders along the 80 miles of trails.

Nature enthusiasts enjoy the easy hikes through the Indian


Meadow Nature Trail or Salt Basin Dunes, a mini-gypsum white-sands experience. The moderate McKittrick Canyon Nature Trail features the Chihuahuan Desert and the Capitan Reef. El Capitan stands at 8,085 feet with a 2,300-foot elevation gain. The trail is classified as moderately strenuous with switchbacks, multiple ascents and descents. It winds just below El Capitan but offers unique views of the peak and excellent views to the east, south and west. Other strenuous trails aren't marked well, requiring guidebooks from the visitor center.

Safety is key to enjoying this park. Weather can change quickly, so check with rangers for expected conditions. Avoid peak trails during high winds and thunderstorms. In snow, ice or rain, don't boulder climb. Rock climbing is not allowed due to instability of the cliffs, but many strenuous trails require climbing boulders. Trekking poles are recommended for these hikes. Hot on the desert floor with little shade, carry plenty of potable water, sunscreen and a hat. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, even for easy trails. Watch for rattlesnakes and scorpions.

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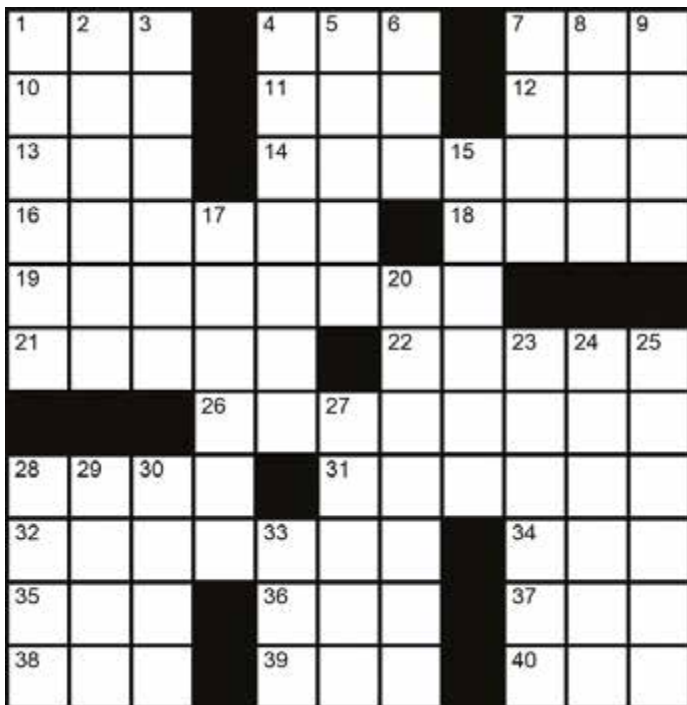
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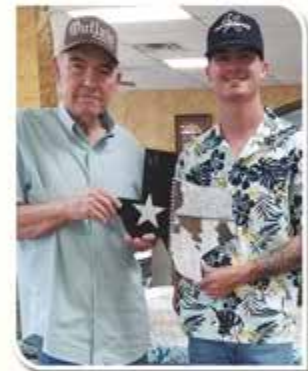
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Due to COVID-19, some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled while we were at press. Check with individual organizations or your city or Chamber websites to verify dates and times.

10/1-10/12

Western Artists Roundup:

Monday-Friday:

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.;

Saturday: Noon-4:00 p.m.,

Pearce Museum.

For more information, call
(903) 875-7438.

10/8

23rd Annual Corsicana Airshow:

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military personnel. Gates open:
8:30 a.m.; show starts: Noon,
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10/8-10/9

Tour Of Corsicana Bike Race:

Free. Times vary.

Downtown Corsicana.

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10/14-10/15

Kerens Cotton Harvest Festival:

For events, times and location
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10/20

Witches Night Out,

A Sip 'N Stroll:

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10/29

26th Annual Texas Country Reporter Festival:

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courts and live entertainment.

Admission: Free. 9:00 a.m.-7:00
p.m., Downtown Waxahachie.

10/31

Boo on the Block:

3:30-5:30 p.m.,

Downtown Corsicana.

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11/12

Ellis County Veterans Celebration Ceremony:

Classic Swing Band: 9:30 a.m.;

ceremony with a memorial

service and military-style flyover

begins: 10:00 a.m., Waxahachie

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