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Draculina Fest returns to Whitehead

Lead singer of Kalavera de Azucar performs at Draculina Fest from October 2025. Rock, punk and heavy metal bands will be attending Draculina Fest 2026 at the Whitehead Memorial Museum, 1308 S. Main St., on Friday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Oct. 3. (Photo by Louis Zylka)

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Free shuttles will connect five Del Rio art galleries Friday, Oct. 2, as the city and the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce bring back transportation for the First Friday Art Walk. (Photo by Peter Ojeda).

Free shuttles for Del Rio's First Friday Art Walk

BY LOUIS ZYLKA
THE 830 TIMES

The City of Del Rio and the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce will be partnering to offer free public transportation to all local art galleries on Friday, Oct. 2.

Lupita De La Paz, executive director for the Casa de la Cultura, talked with The 830 Times about the upcoming collaboration between the art galleries, the city and the chamber. De la Paz said free shuttle rides

were offered more than 10 years ago during First Friday Art Walks, and she and the galleries wanted to bring them back to allow people to appreciate visual-art shows downtown.

"First Friday Art Walks were extremely popular (back then). It was an entire movement where people would come out and enjoy the art. At some point, they kind of died down a little bit. So this is our way of revamping them and letting people know of all the different galleries and the

artists here. It's a way to work with the chamber to create an art district and let people know about what is going on in south Del Rio," De La Paz said.

The locations the shuttles will be stopping at include Lee-Bunch Studio at 100 W. Greenwood St., the Firehouse Gallery at 120 E. Garfield St., Marcos Mares Studio & Gallery at 205 E. Ogden St., Falcon Art Gallery at 301 E. Garfield St. and the Casa de la Cultura at 302 Cantu St.

The shuttles, which

are the same transportation buses used by the city, will be rotating at each gallery. De La Paz said people can park outside the PNC bank, 535 S. Main St., or in the Casa de la Cultura parking lot, where they can board the shuttles, allowing them to avoid using gas and spending time to find parking spaces at multiple locations.

De La Paz said people are not allowed to bring alcoholic drinks or food inside the shuttles. She also said using the shuttles will

not only help persons visiting the galleries for the first time but also will allow them to become familiar with how easy and accessible city transportation is to use.

"I actually rode the bus recently, and I went through all the stops. They actually do 23 stops around town, and it is actually a really cool way to transport and be able to go all around town," De La Paz said.

Local museum to transform into concert stage

"Good vibes all night long" the two-day music festival, returns to the Whitehead Memorial Museum on Friday, October 2nd. (Photo by Louis Zylka)

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Rock, punk and heavy-metal bands will be raising the roof and performing at the Whitehead Memorial Museum, 1308 S. Main St., on Friday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m.

Draculina Fest, which debuted three years ago, is a two-day event in October featuring underground music from bands both local and from out of town. While the bands rock out, guests can also enjoy food, merchandise and a haunted house in celebration of the upcoming Halloween festivities.

Krystal Torres, creator of Draculina Fest, spoke with The 830 Times about her music festival. Torres mentioned there will make it 10 bands performing at the festival this year, which she said will be the biggest Draculina Fest her team has put together.

"I'm just so thankful to my husband and my team for helping put this together, Torres said. "We have been working on it since last Draculina Fest, and we are grateful to our sponsors that have helped us out

and the community that has turned out for the event. We had a good turnout last year, and we are hoping for an even bigger one this year."

Many groups will be attending the festival, including bands traveling from San Antonio, Eagle Pass, Uvalde and San Angelo. Torres said the majority of local bands will perform on Friday while the out-of-town bands will be playing on Saturday. The music lineup will begin on Friday at 7 p.m. and on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

The Friday lineup includes Ana Louise, Anakin, PoseidonsKiss, The Code 88s and While They Bled. The Saturday lineup includes Cosmic Rush, Anakin, Thrawn, The Code 88s, Ground Xero, Crimson Rose, Heatwave, Grupo Frackaso and While They Bled.

Twenty vendors will also be setting up on the Whitehead Museum grounds, with the majority of them selling food and refreshments and others selling band merchandise and handmade accessories. Torres said there will also be a backdrop for people to take photos, either with friends or their favorite bands.



Movie Review: HEART OF THE BEAST

BY LOUIS ZYLKA
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Director David Ayer has a polarizing resume of films under his belt. While he has made exciting flicks such as "End of Watch" and "Fury," Ayer has also been known for disappointing blockbusters such as "Suicide Squad" and "Bright." The filmmaker has now partnered with his previous collaborator, actor Brad Pitt, to bring an intense and emotional tale about a man surviving the wilderness with his trusty canine companion.

"Heart of the Beast" focuses on James Belmont (Brad Pitt), a retired special forces officer, who takes a trip via seaplane to the Alaskan wilderness with his retired combat German shepherd named Odin (played by a dog named Uber). On the way home, the duo survives a plane crash and are then stranded in the middle of nowhere. Thus, our two protagonists are thrown into a race for survival as Belmont and Odin have to embark on a journey back to civilization while combating the forces of nature



Odin (Uber the dog) and James Belmont (Brad Pitt) rest in the Alaskan wilderness in the survival thriller, "Heart of the Beast," directed by David Ayer. (Courtesy Photo)

such as the weather and wild predators.

The 2026 thriller is a very simple film without any use of twists or turns to intrigue the audience and only focuses on the outcome of the two main characters. While it may not be the most exciting and intense adventure of the year, the film is carried

by the emotion delivered by its two leads. As much as Pitt does a competent job as a retired soldier, the strongest performance in this movie, and even the entire year, is Uber the dog, who conveys so much emotion without the need to say a single word.

The film boasts beautiful cinematography and engaging music scores to

help carry its emotional side towards the finish line. Unfortunately, its CGI bears and wolves do not look convincing, and the film can slow down for some viewers. While it may not be the most memorable in its genre, "Heart of the Beast" will still pull on your heart strings, whether you are a dog lover or not.

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FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

ENJOY ART EXHIBITS FROM YOUR LOCAL ART GALLERIES INCLUDING THE FALCON ART GALLERY, LEE-BUNCH STUDIO GALLERY, AND DEL RIO COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS AT THE FIREHOUSE ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHERS ON FRIDAY, OCT. 2.

DRACULINA FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

JAM OUT TO ROCK, PUNK AND HEAVY METAL MUSIC AT THE WHITHEAD MEMORIAL MUSEUM, 1308 S. MAIN ST., ON FRIDAY, OCT. 2, AT 7 P.M. AND SATURDAY, OCT. 3. AT 4 P.M.



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ENGLISH PAPER PIECING WORKSHOP

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

LEARN TRADITIONAL HAND-SEWING AND PATCHWORK QUILTING TECHNIQUES AT THE VAL VERDE COUNTY LIBRARY, 300 SPRING ST., ON SATURDAY, OCT. 3, FROM 1 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

GUERNOS GHUECOS BULLRIDING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

WATCH TUFF ENUFF BULLRIDING CHALLENGES AT THE VAL VERDE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 2006 N. MAIN ST., ON SATURDAY, OCT. 3, AT 7 P.M.



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PUMPKIN PATCH AT METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

SHOP FOR PUMPKINS AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 100 SPRING ST., OPENING ON SUNDAY, OCT. 4, AT 12 P.M. TO 7 P.M.



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FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK

FIREHOUSE

Del Rio Council For the Arts at the Firehouse, 120 E. Garfield St., will showcase art from local artist Jose Gaitan in the "Brown and Proud" exhibit on Friday, Oct. 2, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

LEE-BUNCH

Del Rio resident Linda Rust will be showcasing her art at Lee-Bunch Studio Gallery, 100 W. Greenwood St., on Friday, Oct. 2, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

CASA DE LA CULTURA

The Casa de la Cultura, 302 Cantu St., will have its Camara en Mano mixed-media exhibition with photography and short films from Acuna-based artist Esteban Gonzalez.

FALCON ART GALLERY

Enjoy local art and win a raffle prize at the Falcon Art Gallery, 301 E. Garfield St., on Friday, Oct. 2, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

MARCOS MARES ART GALLERY & STUDIO

Local Del Rio artist Marcos Mares will have his gallery open at 205 E. Ogden St. and showcase his latest work during his "Love in Times of Chaos" exhibit on Friday, Oct. 2, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

LA BOHEMIA

Take part in free Mexican paper flower workshops at La Bohemia, 107 Pierce St., on Friday, Oct. 2. La Bohemia will have hour-long workshop sessions at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

DRACULINA FEST

OCT. 2 & 3 - Local and out-of-town bands will unite to play underground rock and heavy metal at the Whitehead Memorial Museum, 1308

S. Main St., on Friday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Oct. 3. The event starts on Friday at 7 p.m. and on Saturday at 4 p.m.

ENGLISH PAPER PIECING WORKSHOP

OCT. 3 - Learn traditional hand-sewing and patchwork quilting techniques at the Val Verde County Library, 300 Spring St., on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

GIN HOUSE TURNS ONE

OCT. 3 - The Gin House Jazz Club, 900 Lecan St., will celebrate its one year anniversary with a "Great Gatsby" garden party on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

GUERNOS GHUECOS

OCT. 3 - Witness Tuff Enuff Bull Riding Challenges at the Val Verde County Fairgrounds, 2006 N. Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. General admission is \$15, and admission for children is \$5.

MARCOS MARES ART STUDIO & GALLERY ART CLASSES

OCT. 3 - Children are invited to learn techniques using pencil, water colors and more at Marcos Mares Art Studio & Gallery, 205 E. Ogden St., on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$40 for an individual class and \$140 for an entire month.

17TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH

OCT. 4 THROUGH OCT. 31 - The First United Methodist Church, 100 Spring St., is bringing back its annual pumpkin patch starting on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. The pumpkin patch will be open Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., and it will last till Saturday, Oct. 31.

MUSIC, DANCING AND JAMAICA FUN

OCT. 4 - Enjoy entertainment and celebrate 120 years of faith at Our Lady of Guadalupe

Catholic Church, 509 W. Garza St., from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. DJ kick off music at 11 a.m., Ballet Folklorico dance group performs at 1:30 p.m., Erik Esquivel and Los Rebeldes perform at 4 p.m. and La Quimica performs at 5 p.m.

QUEENS VOLLEYBALL GAME

OCT. 6 - The Del Rio High School volleyball teams will play against Laredo LBJ at Del Rio High School, 100 Memorial Dr, on Tuesday, Oct. 6. JV and Freshman teams will play at 5:30 p.m., and varsity will play at 7 p.m.

YOGA CLASSES AT THE FIREHOUSE

OCT. 6 & OCT. 8 - Del Rio Council for the Arts at the Firehouse, 120 E. Garfield St., will have beginner-friendly yoga classes on Tuesday, Oct. 6, and Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. Tuition for a single-day class is \$10.

LET'S TALK SKETCHBOOK

OCT. 7 - Participate in a workshop to learn how to create a sketchbook from Maya Ayres at the Del Rio Council for the Arts at the Firehouse, 120 E. Garfield St., on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Register on the Firehouse's official website.

POUR TOUR

ONGONG - Visit local bars and collect stamps to receive an exclusive 2026 Pour Tour T-Shirt by supporting businesses in Del Rio's downtown area and on Veterans Boulevard. The participating Pour Tour stops include Doc Holiday's, Gorzugis at the Herald, White Horse Lounge, Mesquite Creek Outfitters, SoJo Cellars, Shane's Whiskey & Bourbon House and The Gin House.

MESQUITE CREEK

OCT. 3 - The annual Men & Women's Stein Hoist contest will take place at Mesquite Creek Outfitters, 800 S. Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.

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