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Methodist unveils community pumpkin patch

The First United Methodist Church has brought back its annual pumpkin patch at its location on 100 Spring St., which will be open for pumpkin shopping till its last day on Saturday, Oct. 31. (Photo by Louis Zylka)

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Bring families and friends to go pumpkin shopping

BY LOUIS ZYLKA
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Shop for pumpkins at the 17th Annual Pumpkin Patch at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 100 Spring St., lasting all the way to Saturday, Oct. 31.

The local pumpkin patch, which opened to the public on Sunday, Oct. 4, is put together by the FUMC. The hours of operation will be Mondays through Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

When you visit the church, you will be greeted with hundreds of pumpkins in various sizes and shades of orange scattered across the entrance and on the right side of the building. A couple of face-in-the-hole boards and wagons are also on display for visitors to take photos.

With the fall season here, FUMC will also have a country store on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and hayrides on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Ronda Kohut, event coordinator for the pumpkin patch, spoke with The 830 Times about what else visitors can expect and how the opening day performed. Kohut said volunteers helped unload 1,200 pumpkins and 1,000 specialty

pumpkins on Saturday, Oct. 3. She then said the pumpkin patch did “really well” for the first day on Sunday. Kohut added the weather worked in the event’s favor.

Kohut said the major difference in this year’s pumpkin patch is the change in times during the weekdays, which originally opened at 1 p.m. She said the change is to help get more business flowing and volunteers involved.

Pumpkins are sold based on their size, which Kohut said is determined by a measuring tape used by the volunteers at the patch. Pumpkins can range from \$3 to \$50, while specialty pumpkins have specific set prices.

All proceeds go back to serving the community. Kohut said her team raised \$8,200 last year from donations and money made from pumpkins sold, including at the country store. The \$8,200 went to helping the cancer resource room at Val Verde Regional Medical Center, the Bethel Center, Baptist Child Family Services, the Wesley Nurse Healthcare Ministry at FUMC and CASA of Val Verde County.

Kohut encourages the community to visit the pumpkin patch, adding “every year we design (the patch) to be a little different so that helps it (attract more people).”

(From left) Chris Evert, John Fletcher and Erica Tyler help unload pumpkins at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) on Saturday, Oct. 3. The 17th Annual Pumpkin Patch returns to FUMC at 100 Spring St. (Photo by Robin Palmer)



Whitehead travels back in time to the renaissance era

BY LOUIS ZYLKA
THE 830 TIMES

The Del Rio Renaissance Faire will return to the Whitehead Memorial Museum on Friday, Oct. 9, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The Del Rio Renaissance Faire began three years ago and is inspired by medieval periods and 16th century European aesthetics. Eighteen vendors will be in attendance, selling various food item, art and hand-crafted items.

Haven Mancha, spoke with The 830 Times about this year's "Ren Faire" and what makes it different from those in previous years. Mancha said the creation of the faire is based off her experiences visiting other renaissance-themed festivals out of town with her partner, Nathan Villarreal. She mentioned the best way to describe the Ren Faire experience is by calling it "whimsical," which she wants to create for people in Del Rio.

"I want everyone who attends the fair to experience some whimsy and magic along with friendship; I want the general public to enjoy whimsical things, even if it makes you feel silly at first," Mancha said.

Mancha said the major change for this year's faire is it will start at later times, which gives people more opportunities to visit after getting off work. Mancha also mentioned the change in times helps turn the faire into a night market and make it easier for guests who might have



Myles Kent Jakubowski, a local carpenter from Wood Troll Studios, uses a wheel to spin thread at the Del Rio Renaissance Faire on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at the Whitehead Memorial Museum. Wood Troll Studios will return to this year's local renaissance faire on Friday, Oct. 9, and Saturday, Oct. 10. (Photo by Louis Zylka)

heat issues.

Mancha said the entertainment would include presentations on the history of the spinning wheel by Myles Kent Jakubowski from Wood Troll Studios. Members from Draculina's Nerdvana and the Topsy Gecko will participate in a bellydancing performance. Minor Farms will be in at-

tendance with their petting zoo, and a masseuse will also be on location offering massages. Mancha mentioned that no pets are allowed at the faire.

The Ren Faire will have a costume contest and a beard contest, which involves judging an individual's facial hair based on length, style and quality.

Mancha said attendees can dress however they please, adding that her team have seen people dress in various creative outfits in the past. She also said there will be a professional photographer on site to take photos.

Besides vendors selling customized foods for the Ren Faire, Mancha said

the Whitehead will also be selling turkey legs and draft beer. She said her team's relationship with the Whitehead has been in good standing.

Entry fee for the Del Rio Renaissance Faire will be \$5 per person. Children five-years or under and seniors will be free to enter.

Movie Review: Digger

BY LOUIS ZYLKA
THE 830 TIMES

Tom Cruise can still be regarded as the biggest movie star living and still working today. But much of Cruise's success has been from his wheelhouse of delivering high stunts and thrilling action set pieces in blockbusters such as "Top Gun: Maverick" and the "Mission Impossible" sequels. Now Cruise has slowed down to give a daring and thought-provoking performance in

Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's "Digger."

Inarritu, known for bringing us "Birdman" (2014) and "The Revenant" (2015), gives moviegoers an artistic film heavily inspired by dark comedies such as Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove." Cruise is in the center playing Digger Rockwell, a wealthy billionaire oil tycoon who is called in to save the world from an upcoming global-scaled threat caused by a huge ice shelf, which has fallen

into the ocean near Europe and will cause threatening weather conditions. Rockwell aims to help stop this upcoming doom, while also causing and facing other twists and turns that make the premise complicated to explain without spoiling the film.

"Digger" has a strong cast with competent performances by Riz Ahmed, John Goodman and more. The main attraction is Cruise as Rockwell, who gives his most outrageous and fascinating performance in recent years. However, the movie's quality is not the same as the performances Cruise and the cast give. "Digger" is a more disappointing experience with an uneven pace and strange decisions on the narrative, making



Digger Rockwell (Tom Cruise) has to decide how to save the world from a shift in global temperatures in Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's "Digger." (Courtesy Photo)

it both the strangest and one of the most memorable movie-going experiences of the year.

Inarritu's highly anticipated political satire may have its audiences, which could grow in years to come with revisited viewings, but

"Digger" is not a crowd pleaser. While there are entertaining scenes and intriguing themes being tossed around, the newest Tom-Cruise-leading film is a daring theatrical experiment that viewers must approach with caution.

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RENAISSANCE FAIRE AT WHITEHEAD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

DRESS UP IN MEDIEVAL ATTIRE AND GET TRANSPORTED TO THE PAST AT THE DEL RIO RENAISSANCE FAIRE ON FRIDAY, OCT. 9, AT 6 P.M. AND SATURDAY, OCT. 10, AT 5 P.M.



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RIO GRANDE METAL DETECTING PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN METAL MAYHEM

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

ROCK OUT AND LISTEN TO HEAVY METAL BANDS AT THE CASA DE LA CULTURA, 302 CANTU ST., ON SATURDAY, OCT. 10, AT 7 P.M.

MAD TEA PARTY AT MESQUITE CREEK OUTFITTERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

RESERVE A SEAT AND ENJOY COFFEE, TEA AND AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-BRUNCH GRAZING TABLE AT MESQUITE CREEK OUTFITTERS, 800 S. MAIN ST., ON SUNDAY, OCT. 11, FROM 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.



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PUMPKIN PATCH AT METHODIST CHURCH

OCT. 9 THROUGH OCT. 31

SHOP FOR PUMPKINS AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 100 SPRING ST., WHICH LASTS TILL SATURDAY, OCT. 31



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17TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH

OCT. 9 THROUGH OCT. 31 - The First United Methodist Church, 100 Spring St., has brought back its annual pumpkin patch available from Friday, Oct. 9, through Saturday, Oct. 31. 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.

RAMS FOOTBALL GAME

OCT. 9 - The Del Rio High School Football team will play against Laredo United South at Del Rio High School, 100 Memorial Dr, on Friday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

DEL RIO RENAISSANCE FAIRE

OCT. 9 & 10 - The Del Rio Renaissance Faire returns to the Whitehead Memorial Museum, 1308 S. Main St., on Friday, Oct. 9, from 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 10, from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

MARCOS MARES ART STUDIO & GALLERY ART CLASSES

OCT. 10 - 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. 10, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$40 for an individual class and \$140 for an entire month.

POP UP DRTX

OCT. 10 - The Pop Up DRTX market events will be celebrating its four-year anniversary with 30 vendors at the Kress Building, 720 S. Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

QUEEN CITY MARKET

OCT. 10 - Queen City Market will be presenting its "Fall Into Fun" market event at A. Ramon Imports, 5601 E. Hwy 90, on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HALLOWEEN METAL MAYHEM

OCT. 10 - Six heavy-metal bands will perform at the Casa de la Cultura, 302 Cantu St., on Saturday, Oct. 10, starting at 7 p.m. The event is free and doors will open at 6 p.m.

AME (AMISTAD MUSIC EVENT)

OCT. 10 - Enjoy house/techno music at 713 E. Losoya on Saturday, Oct. 9, starting at 11 p.m. The DJ lineup includes DJ Trajic, Cybersoul, DJ Oscar and IronButterfly.

MAD TEA PARTY

OCT. 11 - Mesquite Creek Outfitters will have an all-you-can-eat brunch grazing table with a coffee-and-tea bar on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Purchase a ticket on Mesquite's official website.

SQUISHY BUNDLES

OCT. 11 - Shop from local vendors at the enchanted event center, 4934 US Highway, on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TODDLER TUESDAY

OCT. 13 - Young children can interact with their peers in a safe environment at Val Verde County Library, 300 Spring St., on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

YOGA CLASSES AT THE FIREHOUSE

OCT. 13 & OCT. 15 - Del Rio Council for the Arts at the Firehouse, 120 E. Garfield St., will have beginner-friendly yoga classes on Tuesday, Oct. 13, and Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. Tuition for a single-day class is \$10.

QUEENS VOLLEYBALL GAME

OCT. 13 - The Del Rio High School volleyball teams will play against SA Legacy at Del Rio High School, 100 Memorial Dr, on Tuesday, Oct. 13. JV and Freshman teams will play at 5:30 a.m., and varsity will play at 7 p.m.

AUTUMN PALETTE, LEAVES IN COLOR WORKSHOP

OCT. 15 - Learn to work with fall colors while painting autumn leaves at Marcos Mares Art Studio & Gallery, 205 E. Ogden St., on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Entry fee is \$40 per person.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT FOR KIDS

OCT. 15 - Children can enjoy a screening of "Lady and the Tramp" at the First United Methodist Church basketball courts, 100 Spring St., on Thursday, Oct. 15 (Time TBA).

BOTS & BOOKS

OCT. 15 - Students from third-grade levels to 12th-grade levels can participate in activities in the robotics program at the Val Verde County Library, 300 Spring St., on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

NIGHTMARES ON MAIN ST.

OCT. 15 - Mesquite Creek Outfitters, 800 S. Main St., will be screening "Nightmare on Elm Street" as part of its weekly horror-movie marathon on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

FIESTA DE AMISTAD

OCT. 17 & 18 - The International Good Neighbor Council (IGNC) will bring back the annual Fiesta de Amistad celebrations on Friday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 18. Stay updated with The 830 Times for more details.

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 Holliday's Dance Hall & Tombstone Sports Bar, Gorzugis at the Herald, White Horse Lounge, Mesquite Creek Outfitters, SoJo Cellars, Shane's Whiskey & Bourbon House and The Gin House.

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