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Get ready for the holidays

Students of the Del Rio High School (DRHS) jazz group perform at the Student Performance Center (SPC) during the 2025 Winter SPC Concert Series. The concert series returns to SPC beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 1. (Courtesy Photo)

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Enjoy holiday music from Del Rio's youth

BY LOUIS ZYLKA
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Students of the Garfield Middle School (GMS) Mariachi group perform at the Student Performance Center (SPC) during the 2025 Winter SPC Concert Series. The concert series returns to SPC beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 1. (Courtesy Photo)

The San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District (SFDR CISD) annual concert series will return to the district's Student Performance Center (SPC), 315 Griner St., starting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, and ending on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

The Winter SPC Concert Series focuses on performances by students from the various music classes in Del Rio Middle School (DRMS), Garfield Middle School (GMS), San Felipe Memorial Middle School (SFMMS) and Del Rio High School (DRHS). The series includes performances from separate classes and others will combine students from different campuses.

Vanessa Martinez, the fine arts coordinator at SFDR CISD, spoke with The 830 Times about the concert series. Martinez, who has been the district's fine arts coordinator for two years, said the series has been going on for more than 16 years.

Martinez said the performances will be a mix of holiday tunes and music showcasing what the students have been working on during the fall semester. She said the concert series has been successful in giving students the opportunity to visit other schools and meet other musicians.

The series begins at SPC on Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a district art reception, which will include pieces of art by students from the different school campuses. Students are invited to bring their families to view their art and get a certificate at the SPC.

The rest of the series continues with the DRHS Choir group on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m., orchestra performances by DRMS, GMS and SFMMS on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m., Mariachi performances from DRMS, GMS, SFMMS and DRHS students on Monday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m., jazz performances by DRMS, GMS, SFMMS and DRHS students on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m., music from the DRHS orchestra group on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m., choir performances by DRMS, GMS and SFMMS students on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m., and performances by the DRHS band on Tuesday. Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

While most of the performances will be at SPC, Martinez said there will be additional performances held at other locations. On Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m., the DRHS Dance Company perform at the gym at DRHS, 100 Memorial Drive. Admission will be $5 for adults and $2 for students. The Color Guard group will perform at DRMS, 720 E. De La Rosa St., on Monday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Martinez said a combination of sixth grade students from the middle school campuses will have music performances at DRMS on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m. She also said music performances by seventh and eighth grade students from the middle schools will be held at the DRMS on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Winter SPC Concert Series

Full schedule

Dec. 1 – 6:00 pm – District Art Reception

Dec. 2 – 6:30 pm – Choir: DRHS

Dec. 3 – 6:30 pm – Orchestra: DRMS, GMS, & SFMMS

Dec. 7 – 6:00 pm – Mariachi: DRHS, DRMS, GMS, & SFMMS

Dec. 8 – 6:00 pm – Jazz: DRHS, DRMS, GMS, & SFMMS

Dec. 9 – 6:30 pm – Orchestra: DRHS

Dec. 10 – 6:30 pm – Choir: DRMS, GMS, & SFMMS

Dec. 15 – 6:30 pm – Band: DRHS



A visitor observes the behind-the-scenes photos of the 1989 "Lonesome Dove" series at the Whitehead Memorial Museum. The "Lonesome Dove" exhibit will be available to see for free on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. (Photo by Louis Zylka)

Whitehead showcases set photos of the Lonesome Dove miniseries

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The Whitehead Memorial Museum, 1308 S. Main St., will have an exhibit of photos from a 1989 miniseries filmed in Del Rio on display till Sunday, Jan. 3, 2027.

The new traveling exhibit on display at the Whitehead presents behind-the-scenes photos of the "Lonesome Dove" miniseries, which was a western drama filmed in the Del Rio area in the late 1980s, focusing on Texas Rangers played by Tommy Lee Jones and Robert Duvall. The miniseries was based on the epic Western novel by Larry McMurtry, which became a bestseller and also won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Michael Diaz, executive director for the Whitehead Memorial Museum, said the Whitehead staff set up the Lonesome Dove series last week, which was finished for display on Saturday, Nov. 21, and will be on display in the Big Barn building area.

Diaz said the exhibit is significant to Del Rio because the miniseries was filmed at the nearby Moody Ranch, which is located along the Rio Grande southeast of Del Rio. The exhibit will include about 50 photos with small descriptions explaining what the photo is capturing.

The "Lonesome Dove" series will be on display at the Whitehead for more than a month as part of general admission for visitors. The public can see the exhibit free of charge at a reception event on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Diaz said there will be light refreshments and snacks.

The photos are created by the Humanities Texas Exhibition Series, which Diaz added has collaborated with the Whitehead several times in the past. Diaz said the humanities organization rents out locations for its traveling exhibits and offers grants for museums.

When talking about the Humanities Texas Exhibition Series, Diaz said the Whitehead received a grant from the organization in October 2026, which covered the rental fee for the "Lonesome Dove" exhibit. He said the traveling exhibits help bring something new for people in Del Rio to see and learn.

"(The Whitehead staff) are very grateful for the grant and opportunity to bring these exhibits to Del Rio. We hope the community comes out and views these exhibits," Diaz said. "(The "Lonesome Dove" Series) is a big important part of our history."

Diaz said the Whitehead planned on having the exhibit coincide with the Smithsonian Institution's Museums on Main Street exhibition in Brackettville, Texas, while also being something for families to see when visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Top 5 Things to Do

Your weekly go-to for local events

Pokémon TCG Cup

Sat., Nov. 28 • 12 p.m.
Draculina's Nerduana,
401 S. Main St.

Bring your best Standard deck, compete for top-cut prizes.

Humanities Texas Exhibition Series

Sat., Nov. 28
Whitehead Memorial Museum,
1308 S. Main St.

Behind-the-scenes images of the Lonesome Dove series.

King & Queen of Pla-Mor Bowling Tournament

Sun., Nov. 29 • 3 p.m.
Pla-Mor Del Rio,
1201 N. Bedell Ave.

Compete against local bowlers to crown the King and Queen.

Make Your Own Christmas Wreath

Sun., Nov. 29 • 2 p.m.
Gin House Jazz Club,
900 Pecan St.

Learn to create a wreath.

Winter SPC Concert Series

Starts Tues., Dec. 1 • 6 p.m.
Student Performance Center,
315 Griner St.

Support SFDR CISD student artists.

Movie Review: I PLAY ROCKY

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Movies based on real stories are a dime a dozen. But many times, the real-life stories are better told through a documentary than through a romanticized version put together by a Hollywood screenwriter. But curiosity peaked when the newest biopic, directed by Peter Farrelly, not only focuses on the story behind the making of a movie, but of one of the most iconic movies of all time: 1976's "Rocky."

"I Play Rocky" takes place in the 1970s and follows a young Sylvester Stallone (Anthony Ippolito), who is a wannabe actor who moves to Los Angeles with his wife Sasha (Anna-Sophia Robb). After some inspiration, Stallone puts together an emotionally driven script that catches the attention of producers Irwin Winkler (P.J. Byrne) and Robert Chartoff (Toby Kebbell). In order for Winkler and Chartoff to use the script and make a movie out of it, they have to accept Stallone's offer: allow the writer to be the star of the film.

The question will arise: was this a movie that needed to be made? While not every detail and piece of dialogue may be accurate to the real-life story, "I Play Rocky" still tells an inspirational and relatable underdog story that acts as a companion piece to the "Rocky" franchise. It is fun to see the cast and crew recreating scenes from the 1976 classic, and the cast is also clearly having fun in their roles, including Byrne, Kebbell and Jay Duplass, who plays director John G. Avildsen. And Ippolito also does an incredible job portraying Stallone to the point where he looks strikingly identical to the legendary Hollywood star in several scenes.



Sylvester Stallone (Anthony Ippolito) argues with two producers to be the leading star in the film he wrote in "I Play Rocky," directed by Peter Farrelly. (Courtesy Photo)

The biopic about the making of one of the greatest movies of all time may not be the greatest movie itself, but it has enough heart and soul to bring a smile to your face as well as a tear or two. "I Play Rocky" is the feel-good movie of the year worth watching at any price.

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TOP 5 THINGS TO DO

Your weekly go to source for your top events

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POKEMON TCG CUP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

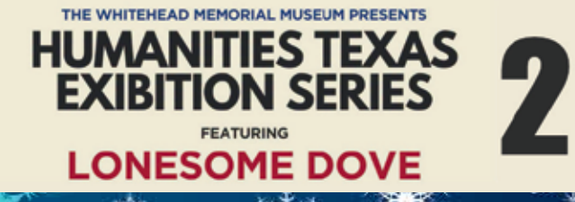
COMPETE AGAINST OTHER POKEMON PLAYERS AND WIN THE TOP PRIZE IN THE POKEMON TCG CUP AT DRACULINA'S NERDVANA, 401 S. MAIN ST., ON SATURDAY, NOV. 28, STARTING AT 12 P.M.

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HUMANITIES TEXAS EXHIBITION SERIES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

SEE BEHIND-THE-SCENES IMAGES OF THE LONESOME DOVE SERIES AT THE WHITEHEAD MEMORIAL MUSEUM, 1308 S. MAIN ST., STARTING SATURDAY, NOV. 28.



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KING & QUEEN OF PLA-MOR BOWLING TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

COMPETE WITH LOCALS IN THE BOWLING TOURNAMENT AT PLA-MOR DEL RIO, 1201 N. BEDELL AVE, ON SUNDAY, NOV. 29, AT 3 P.M. .

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MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS WREATH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

LEARN TO CREATE A CHRISTMAS WREATH AT THE GIN HOUSE JAZZ CLUB, 900 PECAN ST., ON SUNDAY, NOV. 29, STARTING AT 2 P.M.



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WINTER SPC CONCERT SERIES

STARTING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

SUPPORT THE SFDR CISD STUDENTS ART STUDENTS DURING THEIR CONCERT SERIES STARTING ON TUESDAY, DEC. 1, AT 6 P.M. AT THE STUDENT PERFORMANCE CENTER, 315 GRINER ST.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS WORKSHOP

NOV. 27 - Participate in an Adult Watercolor Greeting Card workshop at Marcos Mares Art Studio & Gallery, 205 E. Ogden St., on Friday, Nov. 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ONE PLACE MARKET

NOV. 28 - Shop from local vendors at the Pecan Ballroom area at the Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterans Blvd, on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MARKET EVENT AND LIVE MUSIC AT MESQUITE

NOV. 28 - Mesquite Creek Outfitters, 800 S. Main St., will have a Small Business Pop-Up Market event on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 11 a.m. The Donovan Amaya Band will also play at Mesquite later in the day at 7 p.m.

HUMANITIES TEXAS EXHIBITION SERIES

NOV. 28 - The Whitehead Memorial Museum, 1308 S. Main St., will be showcasing the Lonesome Dove exhibition during a free reception on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The exhibition will be on display from Saturday, Nov. 28, through Friday, Jan. 1.

POKEMON TCG CUP

NOV. 28 - Champions unite! The Pokemon Trading-Card-Game (TCG) Cup will take place at Draculina's Nerdvana, 401 S. Main St., on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 12 p.m. The entry fee is $20, and a prize pack will be handed out per entry (a decklist is required)

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EVENTS AT THE GIN HOUSE

NOV. 29 - Enjoy brunch and shop from local vendors at the Gin House Jazz Club, 900 Pecan St., on Sunday, Nov, 29, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A workshop to create a Christmas wreath will also take place at the Gin House at 2 p.m.

PLA-MOR BOWLING TOURNAMENT

NOV. 29 - Pla-Mor Del Rio, 1201 N. Bedell Ave, will have a King & Queen of Pla-Mor Bowling Tournament on Sunday, Nov. 29. The first three games will take place at 3 p.m. The Entry fee will be $40 per person. The top male and female bowler will take the prize fund.

GAMES AT THE COLLEXN

NOV. 29 - The Collexn, a trading card store at 1300 Veterans Blvd Set D, will have a Beyblade Open-Play-Tournament from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Dungeons & Dragons sessions at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29.

CHRISTMAS AT THE COLLEGE

DEC. 1 - Enjoy live music, including performances from the elementary choir groups and the Queen City Belles, family games and activities and pictures with Santa at the Southwest Texas College Del Rio campus, 207 Wildcat Dr, on Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WINTER SPC CONCERT SERIES

DEC. 1 THROUGH DEC. 15 - The San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District's (SFDR CISD) Fine Arts Department will be featuring its concert series with performances by student musicians at 315 Griner St. starting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. The series will end on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

FANTASTIC FOX: ART WORKSHOP AT MARCOS MARES

NOV. 28 - Children are invited to draw playful foxes using warm autumn colors, color mixing and more during a workshop at Marcos Mares Art Studio & Gallery, 205 E. Ogden St., on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $40 for the individual class.

LEGACY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE-THRU

DEC. 3 - Legacy Realty will have its Annual Christmas Drive-Thru with cookies, conchas and coca and an appearance from Santa at 210 Kings Way on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

DEC. 4 - Enjoy art exhibits from your local art galleries, including the Falcon Art Gallery, Lee-Bunch Studio Gallery and Del Rio Council for the Arts on Friday, Dec. 4. Stay updated with The 830 Times for more information.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

DEC. 4 - The city's annual Christmas parade will take place on Friday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. The parade will begin at the intersection of Ogden Street and Main Street and continue down downtown Del Rio ending at the intersection of Nicholson Street and Main Street.

NOISE FOR TOYS 16

DEC. 5 - The Casa del la Cultura, 302, will have its Noise for Toys fundraiser with performances by Anakin, The Code 88s, Andykandi, Bodeh, American Swine and Heatwave on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m.

WILD GAME DINNER GUN RAFFLE & AUCTION

DEC. 5 - The 2026 Wild Game Dinner, Gun Raffle & Auction will return to the Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterans Blvd, on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. Dinner tickets will be $10.

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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