

TODAY'S FOCUS: COMMUNITY

Classics showcased at Murrieta Rod Run



People walk past classic cars on Washington Avenue in Old Town Murrieta Oct. 18 during the second annual Murrieta Rod Run. The two-day event featured classic cars, food vendors and raffles. ANDREW FOULK PHOTO

PELTZER FARMS' CORN MAZE, OTHER FUN ENDS THIS WEEK

Last chance to take a pony or train ride, catch a pig race as traditional autumn attraction wraps up its one-month run

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• SPECIAL TO THE U-T

If you haven't gotten a chance to check out the famous Peltzer Farms corn maze and pumpkin garden, or you want to go back for another look, now is the time.

This is the final week the attractions will be open for the year.

Peltzer Farms, located at 39925 Calle Contento, will wrap up its one-month run on Friday, Oct. 31.

The corn maze rises to about 10 feet and covers about a half acre. It's perfect for young children to walk around in as there are limited turns and dead ends.

Peltzer Farms is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and admission to the maze is free. Nighttime visitors are encouraged to bring a flashlight.

"(The corn maze) has been pretty much a staple that we have offered for 18 years," owner Charlie Peltzer said. "The corn didn't grow as well as it did last year, but the attendance at the farm all together has been at least as good as last year, if not better."

At Peltzer Fams, the corn maze is just the beginning. Visitors can also enjoy the farm's petting zoo, which includes goats, rabbits, sheep and chickens.

There's also a 12-passen-

ger train that travels past the maze and pumpkin garden, and it even blows smokes and toots. The farm and train ride cost \$2 and \$4, respectively.

Children are also welcome to ride ponies at Peltzer Farms. Winnie and Little Horse are two of the ponies little ones can hop on and ride.

The pony rides are in operation from 3-8 p.m. during the week and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Pony ride admission is \$5 per child.

The free Peltzer Farms pig races are also a big hit. Visitors are welcome to cheer on "Bacon Shelton," "Miranda Lambert," "The Notorious P.I.G.," "MC Hammer," among others, as they run toward the finish line for the top prize; the Oreo Cookie Surprise.

Pig races take place on Monday through Friday at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. and during the weekends at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

There's also a display garden with various fruits and vegetables that people may walk through.

And of course, there's the pumpkin patch right next to the maze.

For more information about the corn maze or any of the other Peltzer Farms attractions, visit www.peltzerfarms.com or call 951-695-1115

CALENDAR

TEMECULA

Oct. 27
Pumpkin Patch Contest
8 a.m., Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road
The Temecula Public Library will hold a special event, Pumpkin Patch Contest, for ages 4 to 12 years. For more information, visit www.temeculalibrary.org or call 951-693-8980.

Oct. 29
Prismatic Magic: Halloween Laser Spooktacular
4 p.m., Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road
The Temecula Public Library will hold a special event, Prismatic Magic: Halloween Laser Spooktacular, for all ages. The event will feature high-tech lasers and spooktacular Halloween music. For more information, visit www.rivlib.com or call 951-693-8980.

Oct. 31
Pennypickle's Trick or Treat Trail
3 p.m., Pennypickle's Workshop - Temecula Children's Museum, 42081 Main St.
Pennypickle's Trick or Treat Trail has been scheduled at Pennypickle's Workshop - Temecula Children's Museum. Tickets

are \$2 per child ages 2 and older and free for adults. For more information, visit www.pennypickles.org.

Fall Family Festival
6 p.m., Crossroads Church, 26090 Ynez Road
Crossroads Church will host its Fall Family Festival. For more information, visit www.gotocrossroads.com/temecula.

ESCONDIDO

Oct. 27
Knights Realm Chess Club for Kids
3:30 p.m., City of Escondido Library, 239 S. Kalmia St.
The Escondido Library has scheduled a meeting of its Knights Realm Chess Club for Kids. The club is for children ages 6 to 12. For more information, call 760-839-5456 or visit <https://library.escondido.org>.

SAN DIEGO

Oct. 28
Homework Help
6:30 p.m., San Diego Public Library-Clairemont Branch, 2920 Burgener Blvd.
The San Diego Public Library-Clairemont Branch



Oct. 31
Cruisin' Grand
The city of Escondido is holding a special event, Cruisin' Grand. The weekly event is held downtown on Grand Avenue. For more information, visit www.escondido.org.
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will hold Homework Help for ages 5 to 18. It will offer assistance with homework and reading for students in grades kindergarten to 12. For more information, call 858-581-9935.

Oct. 31
Fun and Games Friday
3 p.m., San Diego Public Library-Central Library, 330 Park Blvd.
The San Diego Public Library-Central Library will hold Fun and Games Fri-

day. It will include various family fun activities such as board games, Legos and Wii. For more information, visit www.sandiego.gov or call 619-236-5800.

VALLEY CENTER

Oct. 29
Preschool Storytime
10:30 a.m., Valley Center Library, 29200 Cole Grade Road
A special event, Preschool

Storytime, will feature stories and songs. For more information, visit www.sdel.org or call 760-749-1305.

VISTA

Oct. 29
Zumba Fitness class
6 p.m., Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive

The city of Vista Recreation & Community Services Department is hosting Zumba Fitness classes that combine body-sculpting techniques along with Zumba music and moves. The cost is \$71 for residents and \$85 for non-residents for 10 classes. Monthly passes are also available. For more information, visit www.cityofvista.com.

Oct. 30
Chess Club
4 p.m., Vista Branch Library, 700 Eucalyptus Ave.
The Vista Branch Library will hold a meeting of its Chess Club. Attendees can learn to play chess or play others at their skill level, according to the Vista Branch library. For more information, call 760-643-5100.

Oct. 31
Preschool Story Time
10:30 a.m., Vista Branch Library, 700 Eucalyptus Ave.
Preschool Story Time has been scheduled at the Vista Branch Library. For more information, visit www.sdcounty.ca.gov or call 760-643-5100.

Have a news tip or an event you'd like to see in print? Send details to Temecula@UTSanDiego.com