

Pumpkins aplenty

Mid-Del offers several spots for pumpkin picking

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Fall is almost here. That means it's time for pumpkins.

Picking out a perfect pumpkin is a popular tradition for many people. And there are plenty of options in the Mid-Del area.

The Lot 10928 SE 29th St. Oklahoma City

One would be hard pressed to find a pumpkin patch with a better selection and variety than The Lot.

The pumpkin patch, located near SE 29th St. and Westminster Rd., will have about 6,000 pumpkins on display including 31 varieties from 19 different farms this season, said owner Roy Mills. Squad, gourds and Indian corns will also be available.

"People are amazed when they come here because they've usually only seen the orange Jack pumpkins," Mills said. "We have all different sizes and shapes."

One of the new varieties available this year is the Galeux d'Eysines or "Peanut" pumpkin. The French heirloom variety gets its name from the peanut-shaped warts that cover its pale orange outer skin.

"The Galeux d'Eysines dates back to the 1800s in France," Mills

said. "It had been grown there for many years and it was rediscovered and brought to America in 1996. It's one of the sweetest tasting pumpkins and can be used in many recipes."

In addition to pumpkins, The Lot will have a children's maze made with hay bales, a 'haunted graveyard' and a decorative throne made from hay bales – perfect for fall photos.

The Lot will be open from Sept. 30 to Oct. 30. The hours will be noon – 8 p.m. Monday – Saturday, and 3 – 8 p.m. Sunday.

St. Matthew United Methodist 300 N. Air Depot Blvd. Midwest City

One of Midwest City's oldest and most popular pumpkin patches returns next week.

St. Matthew United Methodist Church will begin its 31st year of selling pumpkins on Sept. 25. The pumpkin patch is open 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Saturday, and noon – 8 p.m. Sunday.

The church will also host Pumpkin Fest from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oct. 8. The event includes vendors selling Christmas items, baked goods, and antique and home goods. There will be activities for children with crafts and pumpkin decorating contest.

Money raised from the pumpkin



Pumpkins prime for picking at Soldier Creek Baptist Church will begin showing up in early October. FILE PHOTO

patch will go towards community grants. Leah's Hope, Mid-Del Food Pantry, Mid-Del Public Schools Foundation and Mobile Meals are among past grant recipients.

Soldier Creek Baptist Church 9020 SE 15th St. Midwest City

A beautiful display of orange pumpkins and fall décor will soon pop up near one of Midwest City's busiest intersections.

Soldier Creek Baptist Church will begin selling pumpkins in their parking lot on Oct. 5. The pumpkin patch will be open every day from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. through Oct. 30.

The pumpkin patch will feature decorated areas for photos. Pulled

pork sandwiches will also be sold on the weekends.

The church will close out the pumpkin season with a Fall Festival on Oct. 30. The free event will run from 5 – 7 p.m. and include a trunk or treat area as well as games for children.

The pumpkin patch is a fundraiser for the youth and children's ministry.



Children enjoy Del City's annual trunk or treat event. FILE PHOTOS



Del City to host trunk or treat Oct. 29

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Trunk or treat will return to Del City.

The city of Del City and Del City Chamber of Commerce are teaming up for the 2022 Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Del City High School, 1900 S. Sunny-

lane Rd.

This year's event will take place in the back parking lot, between the high school and the football field. It is scheduled from 4 – 9 p.m.

The family-friendly event includes candy, food trucks, face painting, games and more.