

Sancho Rancho kicks off inaugural pumpkin patch event

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As the seasons have changed and the Waco community has geared up for fall, a new pumpkin patch has snuck its way into town. From Friday to Sunday [Sancho Rancho held its first pumpkin patch event](#) for the Waco community to enjoy. The pumpkin patch will remain open every weekend until Oct. 30.

[Sancho Rancho](#) has been operating for about a year and according to its website it has the best bulls, beef and cattle feed in McLennan County. Quentin Sanchez serves as a ranch hand at Sancho Rancho and helps to tend to the animals on the property. Sanchez said he was excited about the owners deciding to have a pumpkin patch at the ranch, but was more excited about the opportunity to give back to the community.

“We wanted to give something back to the community,” Sanchez said. “[A pumpkin patch] bigger and better than what they’re used to, like how we enjoyed as little kids.”



With families in mind, the ranch not only has a wide variety of pumpkins laid out for picking, but also food vendors and numerous fall activities for everyone to enjoy, such as hay rides, games and even a bounce castle. Some of the food vendors included Kona Ice, Coney’s Bur-Gour-Met & Buns and Sweet-T-Pies.

[Coney’s Bur-Gour-Met & Buns](#), a food truck located in Temple, specializes in serving food combos that are named after famous athletes, like Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan.

Sweet-T-Pies was started by Marlene Tucker, a poet and jam maker based in Axtell, who creates all her products from scratch in her kitchen. After learning her jam recipe from an ailing woman in a retirement home, she's continued to sell her products and share her love of creating for others.

"I just do things because I think of the people who might need them or want them," Tucker said.

Rachel Sanchez, vice president of operations and co-owner of Sancho Rancho, moved to Texas from Florida over a year ago. Sanchez credits the ranch manager for initially coming up with the idea of a pumpkin patch, and after talking with him, both her and her husband felt that it was a great idea and could be an event that would bring the community together.

"It's something that I always grew up with," Sanchez said. "I just thought it was a cool thing to be able to go and pick out a pumpkin and take cool pictures and play games when I was a kid. So I wanted a place where families could go too."