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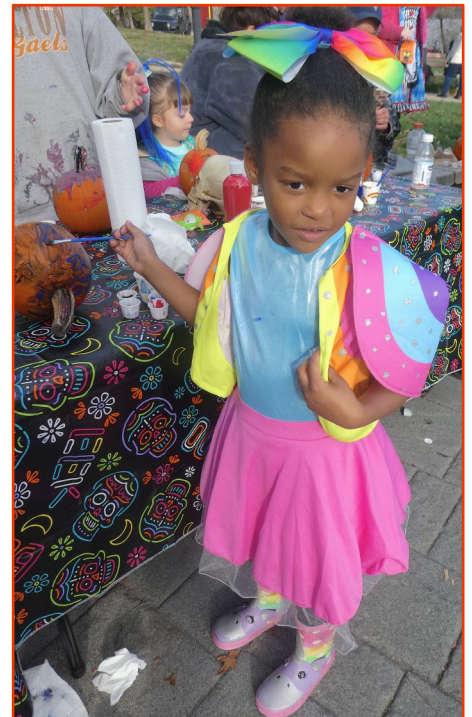
DERBY - Creepy and cute costumes were represented on a chilly Sunday afternoon as the Cultural Commission sponsored Halloween on the Green.

About 100 spirited children accompanied by parents and grandparents painted pumpkins, paraded around the Green, and enjoyed Halloween treats.

A costume parade was led by Cultural Commission member Susan Lanzaro, wearing a banana costume.

The event had been scheduled the previous Sunday, before Halloween, but it was postponed because of heavy rain.

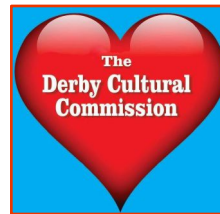
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Children in colorful costumes ignore Sunday afternoon's chill as they paint pumpkins and parade around the Derby Green.

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3rd annual Diamond Dig is buckets of fun

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***"I can dig it, he can dig it, she can dig it
We can dig it, they can dig it, you can dig it
Oh, let's dig it.
Can you dig it, baby? (Grazin' in the grass is
a gas, baby, can you dig it)"***

SHELTON - The refrain from the 1969 song *Grazin' in the Grass* by Friends of Distinction popped into my head when I thought about the third annual Diamond Dig that goldsmith Kate Marks held in October.

Marks owns Marks of Design, a jewelry store at 389 Bridgeport Ave.

The Diamond Dig benefits the Valley Goes Pink, a grassroots effort to raise funds for The Hewitt Center for Breast Wellness at Griffin Hospital in Derby and raise awareness of breast health.

Participants pay \$40 for a bucket to use to dig through a trough of sand in search of a one-carat diamond. All of the proceeds are donated to The Valley Goes Pink.

I bought a bucket, tried my hand digging in the trough, but didn't uncover the diamond.

I did get some lovely gemstones in the bucket for the past three years which can be fashioned into a piece of jewelry.

The event is a fun one and, speaking as a breast cancer survivor, it's great to know that all of the proceeds go to a worthy cause.





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