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- **Downtown Monument Holiday Open House**, Fri.-Sat., Nov. 4-5. Begin your holiday shopping in Historic Downtown Monument with decorations, refreshments, and special savings. Some stores will be open Sunday; check with individual stores for hours.
- **Book Signings at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Nov. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Diane Wisdom will sign her cookbooks and Tammi Hartung will sign Cattail Moonshine and Milkweed Medicine: The Curious Stories of 43 North American Native Plants. Info: 481-2665.
- **Country Critters Uptown 25th Anniversary Open House Celebration**, Sat., Nov. 5, 2-4 p.m., 615 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Food and prizes, dogs welcome! Info: 481-0220.
- **Chamber Concert Series: "Sound Travels" with Trio Vivante**, Sun., Nov. 6, 2:30 p.m., Benet Hill Monastery, 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Cost: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors/students. Info: 633-0655, x 132, www.benethillmonastery.org.
- **CASA 4-1-1 Hour**, Thu., Nov. 10, noon-1 p.m., 701 S. Cascade Ave., Colo. Springs. CASA volunteers are empowered to make a lifelong difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. Find out how you can become a CASA. RSVP & Info: Kelly, 447-9898, ext. 1033 or visit www.casappr.org.
- **The Wine Seller presents In Vino Veritas, Charity Wine Event**, Thu., Nov. 10, 7-9 p.m., The Club at Flying Horse, 1880 Weiskopf Point, Colo. Springs. The event features top flight wines from around the world and a chance to bid on one of three live auction Chef's Table Wine Dinners. Cost: \$75. Proceeds benefit The Home Front Cares, a local charity dedicated to helping Colorado military members, veterans, and their families. Tickets & Info: 488-3019, www.thewineseller.net.
- **LPHS Musical: "Thoroughly Modern Millie,"** Thu.-Sat., Nov. 10-12, 7 p.m., plus a matinee Sat., Nov. 12, 2 p.m.; Lewis-Palmer High School Auditorium, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Tickets at http://showtix4u.com. Info: 488-4720.
- **Monument Academy Veterans' Day Assembly: "Honoring All Who Have Served,"** Fri., Nov. 11, 9:45 a.m., 1500 Village Ridge Point, Monument. All are invited to a tribute performance by students and a keynote speaker. Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. for veterans and active duty along with one guest. RSVP & Info: 481-1950 ext. 1240.
- **Tribute Concert to Veterans by Danny Byram**, Fri., Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Annual Holiday Craft Fair**, Sat., Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 675 Baptist Rd., Monument. Shop works of crafters and home-based businesses, breakfast and lunch concessions, too. Info: 408-393-9610, beverly4461@me.com.
- **St. Peter Catholic School Holiday Boutique & Craft Fair**, Sat., Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 124 First St. Monument. Free parking, free admission, St. Nick Bake Shop, more than 70 local crafters & vendors. Info: 481-1855.
- **Wine, Dessert, Give! Fundraiser**, Sun., Nov. 13, 2-5 p.m., Black Forest Community Club, 12530 Black Forest Rd. The Black Forest Animal Sanctuary has been accepted into the 2016 Give! campaign. Enjoy wine and desserts and auctions to raise funds for the farm. Cost: \$10. Info: Tracy Berry, 494-0158 or visit www.bfasfarm.org.
- **Monument Academy Parent Education Night**, Mon., Nov. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 1150 Village Ridge Point, Monument. "Helping children through family challenges," a free event for parents. Info: Jim Cunningham, 481-1950, x1722.
- **Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive**, Tue., Nov. 15, 3-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5714.
- **PRHS Musical: "Starlight Express,"** Thu.-Sat., Nov. 17-19, 7 p.m., plus a matinee Sat., Nov. 19, 2 p.m.; Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Tickets at http://showtix4u.com. Info: 867-8600.
- **American Heart Association - Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid Certification Course**, Sat., Nov. 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Reservations required: send \$25 and your e-mail or phone number to Carley Lehman, 17630 Woodhaven Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80908, by Nov. 14. Info: Carley Lehman (719) 502-3242.
- **Monument Hill Farmers Market Winter Indoor Market**, Sat., Nov. 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Grace Best, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Many new vendors plus all your old favorites. Meets every 3rd Sat. through April. Info: 592-9420.
- **Alpaca Holiday Extravaganza**, Sat.-Sun., Nov. 19-20; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun., Black Forest Community Club, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Meet alpacas and shop for clothing and accessories, fleece, yarn, and more. Free; children welcome. Info: 495-6693, http://secab-extravaganza.weebly.com/.
- **Free Premier Showing of "Star on Sundance,"** Sun., Nov. 20, 2 & 3 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. The history of the Palmer Lake Star. Info: www.townofpalmerlake.com.

- **Seniors Thanksgiving Potluck**, Mon., Nov. 21, noon-2 p.m., Senior Center at Lewis-Palmer High School (across from the YMCA). Monument. Bring a dish to share. Games and raffles. Sign up at the Senior Center or at the Silver Alliance Thrift Store, or call Sue, 464-6873. Info: 464-6873, www.trilakeseniors.org.
- **Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI): The Gold Assay Process: Magic or Chemistry?** Sat., Nov. 26, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd at I-25 Exit 156A. Discover how ore is processed to extract gold. Cost: adults \$8, military/AAA \$7, seniors/students \$6, children 3-12 \$4, free to children under 3 & museum members. RSVP to rsvp@wmmi.org or 488-0880. Info: www.wmmi.org.
- **Help for the Holidays in the Midst of Loss**, Sat., Nov. 26, 11 a.m.-noon, Serranos Coffee Co, 625 Highway 105, Monument. If you experienced loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, or health, this free workshop offers ways to cope and bring hope back into this season. RSVP & Info: Annie Campanaro, 719-358-1010.
- **Small Business Saturday Book Signings at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Nov. 26, noon-2 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. J.V.L. Bell will sign her local novel, The Lucky Hat Mine. Info: 481-2665.
- **Palmer Lake's 80th Annual Chili Supper & Star-lighting Festival**, Sat., Nov. 26, 4:30-7 p.m., star-lighting at 7 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Chili supper, hayrides, Christmas carols, Santa, silent auctions and bucket drawings; one winner will light the star. Tickets at door or www.eventbrite.com: \$8 adults, \$3 children under 12. Proceeds go to the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Info: Jeannine at the Rock House Ice Cream shop, 488-6917; or Toni, 481-2953.
- **Michael Martin Murphey's Cowboy Christmas Show**, Sun., Nov. 27, 3 & 6:30 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Do Good Drinking Great Beer**, Tue., Nov. 29, 5-8 p.m., Pikes Peak Brewing Co., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Five local non-profits will come together to raise awareness (and a little money) of services available to area residents. Door prizes, snacks, live music. \$1 for every beer purchased will go to the participating nonprofits. Info: Susan Davies, 719-314-6008.
- **Best Dog: Get your picture taken with Santa Paws**, Wed., Nov. 30, 4-7 p.m. or Sat., Dec. 10, 3-6 p.m. Monument Plaza, 481 W. Hwy 105, #203, Monument. Free puppy socialization sessions. Info: 648-9122, www.bestdogtld.com.
- **Plan Monument Open House**, Wed., Nov. 30, 4-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 166 Second St., Monument. Stop by and voice your opinion on how Monument should grow. Info: 481-2954.
- **Downtown Monument's Small Town Christmas**, Sat., Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus and their reindeer, kids' activities and crafts, hayrides, open houses, and more. Ice skating at Limbach Park 1-5 p.m., tree-lighting 5 p.m. Info: 481-2954.
- **Small Town Christmas at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. The store will host two children's authors: Kristin Miller will sign her beautiful picture book, Colorado Day and Nancy Oswald will sign her Ruby and Maude trilogy for middle readers. Info: 481-2665.
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club's 11th Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair**, Sat., Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Grace Best Education Center, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Browse hundreds of handcrafted items from 75 vendors. The Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church Cookie Walk and holiday music by D-38 school groups. Admission is free with nonperishable food items, toys, or cash donations for Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: www.monumenthillkiwanis.org, or contact Bob Nissen, 304-8705, Bob@mifigroup.com.
- **Palmer Lake Yule Log Pot Luck Dinner**, Tue., Dec. 6, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Circle. Please bring a potluck dish to share and place settings for your family. Info: 481-2953.
- **Local Author Book Signings at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Dec. 10, 105 Second St., Monument. Nancy Jurka will sign Bright Star of Palmer Lake and her poetry collection, Journey On, noon-2 p.m. Janelle Diller will sign her new adult title, Never Enough Flamingos,

along with two new Pack 'N Go Girls middle reader titles, Brazil #2: Mystery of the Lazy Loggerheads and Australia #1: Mystery of the Min Min Lights, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 481-2665.

- **Annual Handbell Christmas Concert**, Sat., Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Bells, chimes, organ, vocal selections, and more. Free; everyone is invited. Info: Betty Jenik, 488-3853.
- **Annual Palmer Lake Yule Log Hunt**, Sun., Dec. 11, 1 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Trek up the mountain in search of the Yule Log. Hunt participants should arrive 11 a.m.-noon. The winner will ride the Yule Log back to town and get the first cup of wassail. Non-hunters can stay warm indoors with carols and stories. Info: 481-2953.

Our community calendar carries listings on a space-available basis for Tri-Lakes events that are sponsored by local governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations. We include events that are open to the general public and are not religious or self-promotional in nature. If space is available, complimentary calendar listings are included, when requested, for events advertised in the current issue. To have your event listed at no charge in Our Community Calendar, please call (719) 339-7831 or send the information to calendar@ocn.me or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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Our Community News welcomes letters to the editor on topics of general interest to readers in the Tri-Lakes area. We do not knowingly print letters that are substantially the same as letters that have been submitted to other publications. To ensure that OCN contains a variety of viewpoints, each letter writer is limited to a maximum of six letters within any twelve month period. To submit a letter, please:

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- Include a suggested headline or title.
- Limit letters to no more than 300 words.
- Include your full name, home address, day and evening phone numbers, and email address, if you have one.
- Email your letter to editor@ocn.me or mail it to P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
- Send your letter at least 10 days before the "first Saturday of the month" when the paper is printed.
- If you are not at least 18 years old or an emancipated minor, provide a written statement from a parent or legal guardian that you have permission to submit the letter.

If, after two business days from the date of your submission, you have not received an acknowledgement of your letter, please call Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831. Letters may be edited for length, grammar, and accuracy.

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