- Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Kraig Kenning, Fri., Jul. 10, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- Volunteers Needed in Black Forest, Sat. Jul. 11.
 Volunteers are needed to drag branches to chipper to help clear Black Forest property of burned material.
 Info: Donna, 495-2445, BlackForestTogether@gmail.com.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI):** Museum Anniversary & Membership Appreciation, Sat., Jul. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. "The Museum That Works!" invites you to the museum to see the entire operation. The 19th and 20th century steam engines will rumble to life; you'll hear the shrill whistle of an Osgood steam shovel; watch a trammer speed down the rail, and tour the museum's one-of-a-kind Yellow Jacket Stamp Mill Gold & Silver Refinery as it processes gold ore! Visit with the donkeys as you enjoy cake and lemonade, available at noon for all visitors. New museum memberships will be offered at a discounted rate July 11 only. Admission: \$4, age 13 and up; \$2, age 12 and under. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- Peak Ranch's Alpaca Boutique & Tours Ice Cream Day, Sat., Jul. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 19850 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Free ice cream bars and popsicles, boutique sale, and cute alpacas! See ad for 10% discount. Info: 232-8509, www.peakranchalpacas.com.
- Lillians Dress Sale, Mon.-Sun., Jul. 13-19, 251 Front St., Suite 4, Monument. See ad for hours and 40% off one regularly-priced dress. Info: 488-3550, www.lillians.com/monument.
- Nepal Earthquake Relief Project, Tue., Jul. 14, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Free fundraising event with silent auction and first-hand account of Nepal's earthquake by Dan Edwards of Palmer Lake. Info: danedwardsdwe@aol.com, 481-0475.
- **Dotsero Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., **Jul. 17**, 7-9 p.m., doors open 6:30 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Contemporary Jazz on the Edge. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$15, nonmembers \$18. Day of show: TLCA members \$17, nonmembers \$20. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- Woodmoor Chipping Day, Sat., Jul. 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., south parking lot of Lewis-Palmer Middle School, 1776 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. \$10 a load (approximate size of a regular pickup bed, 3 cubic yards). Large diameter logs, MPB wood, pine needles, and firewood okay. Organic materials only. NO metal, nails, concrete, lumber, stumps, construction debris or trash. Info: WIA, 488-2693 x 2, covenants@woodmoor.org.
- 7th Annual Colorado Springs Native American Powwow, Sat., Jul. 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mortgage Solutions Financial EXPO Center, 3650 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs. Native American dancers, singers, arts and crafts, food, a live wolf exhibit, birds of prey, an Indian lodge, children's activities, and WWII Navajo Code Talkers. Cost: \$4, children 12 and under free. Bring a nonperishable food donation to feed the hungry. Sponsored by the Palmer Lake Historical Society. Info: 559-0525, www.palmerdividehistory.org.
- Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery: "50 Years of Blessings" Jubilee Celebration," Sat., Jul. 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Food, fun, tours, visiting with the Sisters. RSVP online by Jul. 8, www.benethillmonastery.org. Info: 633-0655, www.benethillmonastery.org.
- Pikes Peak Brewing Co. Summer Sunday, Sun., Jul. 19, Starburn plays at 4:30 p.m., 1756 Lake Wood-moor Dr., Monument. Info: 719-208-4098, info@pik espeakbrewing.com, www.pikespeakbrewing.com.
- Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive, Tue., Jul. 21, 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.
- Monument Parks Plan Open House, Tue., Jul. 21, 4-7 p.m., Bear Creek Elementary School 1330 Creekside Dr. No presentation, arrive any time 4-7 p.m. to provide input into Monument's park plan. Another open house is scheduled for Aug. 27, 4-7 p.m. at Monument Town Hall. View the conceptual drawings at www.townofmonument.org/departments/parks-and-

- recreation-plans/conceptual-parks-plan. Info: 884-8013
- Camp Bow Wow Yappy Hour Series at Pikes Peak Brewing Co., Tue., Jul. 21, Aug. 18, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Bring your dog, get additional drink discounts. Info: 632-9247.
- Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Tia McGraff, Fri., Jul. 24, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Civil War Reenactment, Sat., Jul. 25. Join Captain Theodore Dodd's Independent Company of Foot Volunteers, Second Colorado Infantry, as they muster and begin training to defend the Republic. Their day will include enlistment, roll call, drill, and discussion about the prospect of a fall campaign into the New Mexico territory. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- Village Center Estates Community Yard Sale, Sat,. Aug. 1, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., White Marble Way - Water Flume - Quarry Way in Monument. Info: Julie, 359-7299.
- Monument Hill Kiwanis Annual Peach Sale Pickup Day, Sat., Aug. 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Pick up your orders of Palisades peaches. Orders & Info: 418-6623, www.monumenthillkiwanis.org. See ad on page 20.
- Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua, Sat., Aug. 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Relive Palmer Lake as it was over 100 years ago through portrayals, re-enactments, demonstrations, and exhibits. Bus tours of the Glen, an ice cream social, and old time music are also featured. Info: Pat McCarthy, 659-1363; www.palmerdi videhistory.org
- American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Tri-Lakes, Sat., Aug. 1, 7 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Join a team and fight back! Info: Lee Henry, 719-237-5554, Generalleel@q.com, www.relayforlife.org/ trilakesco.
- Southwinds Fine Art Gallery Summer Art Show, Sat.-Sun., Aug. 1-2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 16575 Roller Coaster Rd. (at Baptist Road). Paintings, sculpture, glass art, ceramics, jewelry, and more. Info: 481-6157.
- Tri-Lakes Church of Christ Vacation Bible School, Sat., Aug. 1, 1-8 p.m., 20450 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Free classes for all ages, nursery to adults plus dinner, singing, bonfire, games, and more. Register online, trilakesvbs2015.eventbrite.c om. Info: 488-9613, gregsmith@trilakeschurch.org, www.trilakeschurch.org.
- **Peter Yarrow in Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Sat., **Aug. 15**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:30 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets \$30-45, Meet & Greet available. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- Heartsaver CPR/First Aid Class, Sat., Aug. 22, 8 a.m. 4 p.m. Organized by the Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church Emergency Preparedness Group. Open to everyone. Includes CPR/AED for infant, child, and adult; conscious choking; and all areas of First Aid. There is room for 20 students; to reserve a spot, call Carley at 719-502-3242 and pay \$20 (required in advance) for the cost of the certification card and a CPR face mask. See http://tlumc.org for directions to the venue, SW of Hwy 83 & County Line Road. Info: epg@tlumc.org.
- Monument Parks Plan Open House, Thu., Aug. 27, 4-7 p.m., Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Rd. No presentation, arrive any time 4-7 p.m. to provide input into Monument's park plan. View the conceptual drawings at www.townofmonument.org/departments/parks-and-recreation-plans/conceptual-parks-plan. Info: 884-8013.
- National Mill Dog Rescue's Dog Jog, Sat., Aug. 29, 7:30 a.m.-noon, Cottonwood Creek Park, 7040 Rangewood Dr., Colo. Springs. Family friendly event with 5k walk/run, music, contests, vendors, and dogs. All proceeds support the mission of National Mill Dog Rescue (www.milldogrescue.org). Register on line and receive an event t-shirt, at www.tinyurl.com/NMDRDOGJOG.

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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