

Business Expo, Oct. 17



Above: The Tri-Lakes YMCA and Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce joined efforts to host the second annual Tri-Lakes Business and Community Expo on Oct. 17. More than 100 local businesses filled the YMCA's main gym, auxiliary gym, and adjacent corridor to showcase their products and services for interested visitors. A passport-style information booklet encouraged visitors to acquire signatures from at least 50 vendors to be eligible for prize drawings. Many businesses offered free samples and at least one offered free massages. The Black Forest Chew Crew food truck sold culturally diverse meals and snacks. *Photo by Jennifer Kaylor.*

Pumpkin give-away, Oct. 19



Above: Locals flock to the Monument Marketplace Clock Tower to receive free pumpkins on Oct. 19. The third annual event was organized by Monument Professional Firefighters Local 4319 and sponsored by Trusted Home Loans-Mutual Security Mortgage, Ryan Graham Homes at Platinum Group Realtors, and Skyline Moving Co. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

Petra at TLCA, Oct. 25



Left: Christian rock band Classic Petra Revival (CPR) rocked a sold-out Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts on Oct. 25. CPR is the reunion band of Petra, which formed in 1972 to become the first nationally recognized Christian rock band. Petra acquired many accolades before disbanding in 1993, including four Grammy Awards and being the first rock band inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. On this evening, lead singer Greg X. Volz stated, "Jesus loves a jam." CPR jammed mixing music with ministry, inspiring those in attendance while highlighting the

instrumental talent of Kirk Henderson (guitar), Greg Bailey (bass), Louie Weaver (drums), and John Lawry (keyboards) coupled with Volz's dynamic vocals and stage presence. Among the songs performed, with energetic similarity to Journey, Styx, and Foreigner, were Petra hits God Pleaser, Judas Kiss, and Clean along with a spiritual rendition of Aerosmith's Dream On. *Photo by David Futey.*

Trunk or Treat, Oct. 25

Right: YMCA Teen Program Coordinator Annie Vaganay and Madi Vasconcellos hand out treats with a trunk decked out in a Superhero theme at the annual YMCA Trunk n' Treat on Oct. 25. Many local businesses, members of Cathedral Rock Church, and the Monument Police Department and Tri-Lakes Fire Protection District took part in the annual event. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*



Left: On a chilly Oct. 25, the St. Peter church parking lot was host to hundreds of children dressed up for a fun "Trunk or treat" night. Volunteers' car trunks and truck beds were transformed into miniature display stages for Halloween and Day of the Dead/All Souls Day (shown here) where children got candy treats in a safe place. Promptly at 7 p.m., the church held the voting for favorite displays and a raffle of a free new truck. Proceeds from the raffle benefited St. Peter Catholic School. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

LEAP—Help for heating bills

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a federally funded program that provides cash assistance to help families and individuals pay a portion of winter home heating costs. The eligibility period for LEAP runs **Nov. 1-April 30**. Application packets will automatically be mailed to residents who received LEAP assistance last year at the address where they were living at that time. To find out if you qualify for LEAP, call 1-866 HEAT-HELP (866-432-8435) or visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap.

MVEA Christmas Light Roundup

Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA) wants to help you make the energy efficiency switch this holiday season! Drop off your incandescent C7 and C9 light strands at an MVEA office and receive a \$5 per strand bill credit. The Monument MVEA office is at 15706 Jackson Creek Parkway, Ste. 100. For more information, phone 800-388-9881. See ad on page 32.

MVEA essay contest, enter by Nov. 14

High school juniors can enter to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, or win a stay at the Colorado Electric Education Institute's Youth Leadership Camp in Clark, Colo. Essays must be received by **Nov. 14**. Apply online at www.mvea.coop/essay-contest. Info: Erica, 719-494-2654, erica.m@mvea.coop. See ad on page 32.

Bell Ringing volunteers needed

Look for Kiwanis members and volunteers ringing the holiday bell for Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign starting **Nov. 29**. All proceeds go to Salvation Army in El Paso Coun-

ty. To volunteer or for more information about Kiwanis, visit www.MHKiwanis.org. See ad on page 11.

Pikes Peak Y Black Friday Sale

Get 50% off the joining fee and/or 50% off your third month of personal training. Runs Nov. 28-Dec. 2. The Tri-Lakes Y is located at 17250 Jackson Creek Parkway, Monument. For more information, call 719-481-8728. See ad on page 6.

Christmas crafts at the Monastery

Shop holiday gifts through **Dec. 15** at the Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery, 3190 Benet Lane, Colorado Springs. The hours are Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sundays after 10:15 mass. For more information, call 719-633-0655. See ad on page 10.

MVEA Scholarships, apply by Jan. 15

Each year, MVEA awards \$1,000 scholarships to 14 graduating high school seniors. Applications are due by **Jan. 15, 2020**. Apply online at www.mvea.coop/scholarships. See ad on page 32.

Call for artists, enter by Jan. 17

Palmer Lake Art Group's winter show exhibition dates are **Jan. 29-Feb. 22**, at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts. See eligibility criteria and terms of submission at www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.

Become a CASA volunteer

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) offers a volunteer opportunity like no other. As appointed representatives of the court, CASA volunteers are empowered to make a lifelong difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. To learn more, contact Uriko Stout, 447-9898 ext. 1060, urikos@casappr.org; or visit www.casappr.org.

Officiate high school basketball

Make the right call and become a high school basketball official. Email the Colorado Springs Basketball Officials Association, csboa.aredirector@gmail.com, for information on

training and certification.

Home-delivered meals by Silver Key

If you're a homebound senior age 60 or older, you may qualify to receive meals delivered to your home through Silver Key. To register or volunteer, call 884-2370.

Children's Literacy Center needs volunteers

Children's Literacy Center (CLC) provides free one-on-one tutoring to children reading below grade level in our community. If you are 14 years or older and are able to commit to a 12-week tutoring session, contact Children's Literacy Center today to change a child's life! Work with one child, two hours a week. All volunteers are trained to use CLC's Peak Reader® curriculum; no background in education or prior experience in tutoring is required. CLC's fall session runs through Dec. 5. For more information on how to get involved or on how to sign your child up, visit childrensliteracycenter.org or call 719-471-8672.

Citizen input sought on County master plan

El Paso County continues to seek citizen input in an online survey as it creates the new county master plan. To complete the survey, go online to planningdevelopment.elpasoco.com. For more information, phone 719-520-6300.

Sisters' Thrift & Boutique

The Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery have a shop full of gently used treasures at 8674 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The phone number is 719-282-0316.

Volunteer drivers needed

Mountain Community Senior Services is a nonprofit, grant-funded organization that provides free transportation to Tri-Lakes seniors 60 and older. The program needs volunteer drivers. For more information, visit the website, coloradoseniorhelp.com, email info@coloradoseniorhelp.com, or call the hotline, 488-0076. ■

Our Community Calendar

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GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon., **Nov. 4**, **CANCELED**, Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Normally meets 1st and 3rd Mon.

each month at 6:30 p.m. Info: 884-8017, www.townof-monument.org.

- **El Paso Board of County Commissioners Meeting**, Tue., **Nov. 5**, 9 a.m. Centennial Hall, 200 South Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets every Tue. and Thu. Info: 520-6430, www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso.
- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting: Forest Lakes, Phase II**, Tue., **Nov. 5**, 9 a.m., 2880 International Circle (off Union Blvd & Printers Pkwy).

Meets 1st & 3rd Tue. (if required) each month. The commission will revisit Forest Lakes Phase II at this meeting. Find agendas: <https://planningdevelopment.elpasoco.com/el-paso-county-planning-commission/2019-meetings/>. Info: 520-6300.

- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Mon., **Nov. 11**, 1 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meets 2nd Mon. each month. Info: 488-2525, www.woodmoorwater.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee**