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- **Chess Nuts, *SUSPENDED***, Tue., **Aug. 25**, 5-9 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center, across the street from the YMCA. Any age, any skill. Learners welcome. Drop in and leave when you want. Bring your own board and pieces if you have them. Meets 2nd & 4th Tue. each month. Info: www.TriLakesSeniors.org/chess.
- **Foot Care Clinic, *SUSPENDED***, Fri., **Aug. 28**, Silver Alliance Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. A registered nurse examines feet and provides foot care advice, toenail trimming. Cost: \$35 for a 30-min. visit. Meets 2nd Wed., 3rd and last Fri. each month, by appointment only. Info & appointments: call the Visiting Nurse Association, 719-577-4448.
- **Group of Artists (GOA) Meetings at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), *SUSPENDED***, Sat., **Sep. 5**, 10 a.m.-noon, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Lively discussions about art topics, general studies on creativity. Meets 1st Sat. each month. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers, *SUSPENDED***, Thu., **Aug. 6**, 6:45 p.m., Monument Hill Church, 18725 Monument Hill Rd., Unit 18, Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: PDQ504@gmail.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Lions Club Meeting**, Thu., **Aug. 6**, 6:30-8 p.m., The Country Club At Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: 303-883-8329, jim1947n@comcast.net, www.trilakeslionsclub.org.
- **Lupus Support Group**. If you suffer with an autoimmune disease and want to connect with others, you are welcome to join this group. Info: dmbandle@hotmail.com.
- **Myasthenia Gravis Association of Colorado Support Group**. Location varies. Info: Carolyn, 488-3620, www.4-mga.org, 303-360-7080, 4mga@4-mga.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Outdoor Safety Series: *Family Hiking Safety***, Sat., **Aug. 1**, 9-10:30 a.m., Fox Run Regional Park. Families are invited to learn about hiking basics. Geared for children ages 6-12 years old. \$5 per child or \$4 for members of El Paso County Nature Centers: parents may attend for free. All participants must wear face masks. Register at 719-520-6977, or www.elpasocountynaturecenters.com.
- **Woodmoor Chipping Days**, Sat., **Aug. 1**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School south parking lot by the baseball field, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Large diameter logs, MPB wood, pine needles, and firewood okay. Organic materials only. No metal, nails, concrete, lumber, stumps, construction debris, or trash. Please stay in your vehicle except to unstrap a load or to unload pine needles. Non-Woodmoor residents welcome also. Donations welcome. Info: 488-2693 x2, www.woodmoor.org.
- **Colorado Day at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., **Aug. 1**, 1-3 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber Building, 166 Second St., Monument. Local photographer Todd Caudle will sign his books including his newest, “Natural Wonders of Colorado.” He will have his matted prints, boxed note cards, and 2021 calendars as well. Please wear a mask to protect the author and customers. Free, open to all. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Western Saloon Night at WMMI**, Sat., **Aug. 1**, 6-9 p.m., Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Wear your best Western attire for this evening of dinner, live music, whiskey tasting from five local distilleries including Monument’s own 300 Days of Shine, live re-enactors, authentic games, and silent auctions and raffles to benefit the museum. Cost: \$50 (\$35 for museum members), on-line or at the museum. RSVP & Info: 488-0880, rsvp@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Griffith Centers for Children Peaks Challenge**, Sat.-Sun., **Aug. 1-2**. Ascend one of Colorado’s famous 14er mountains while helping hundreds of children and families across Colorado. Registration & Info: www.griffithcenters.org/peaks-challenge.
- **Color Splash, Annual Fine Art Exhibit Opening Reception, *SUSPENDED until Spring, 2021***, Fri., **Aug. 7**, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Proceeds benefit art scholarships for District 38 high school seniors. Kennedy Shuh, this year’s high school scholarship winner, will have an art show through mid-August at Bella Art and Frame, 183 Washington St, Monument. Info: bsands56@gmail.com, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com. See ad on page 12.
- **King’s Deer Community Garage Sale**, Fri.-Sun., **Aug. 7-9**, Highway 105 and Roller Coaster Road. For details and map visit www.kingsdeer.org. See ad on page 5.
- **Art Hop Returns**, Thu., **Aug. 20**, 5-8 p.m., Downtown Monument west of I-25. Select galleries, restaurants, and boutiques of historic downtown Monument will stay open until 8 p.m. for a celebration featuring art openings, book signings, great food, live music, and more. Controlled numbers of people in stores will allow for social distancing. Outdoor activities, such as a band on Front Street as well as restaurants and food trucks, will add to the festive atmosphere. Info: 481-3282, www.monumentarthop.org. See ad on page 12.

- **Art Hop at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Thu., **Aug. 20**, 5-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber Building, 166 Second St., Monument. Jean Alfieri will sign both her *Zuggy the Rescue Pug* series and her new guided journal, *Blessed to be Me*, and Susan Mathis will sign the second installment of the *Thousand Islands Gilded Age* series, *Devyn’s Dilemma* along with her other titles. Please wear a mask to protect the authors and customers. Free, open to all. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Hummingbird Festival**, Fri., **Aug. 21**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Southwinds Fine Art, 16575 Roller Coaster Rd. Join the festivities as the rufous hummingbirds make their return flight through the area. Family friendly, food, face painting, music, bubbles, hummingbird art, and more art. Colorado covid compliance requires social distancing and masks. Info: 719-481-6157.
- **Farmers Market at Southwinds**, Fri., **Aug. 21**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 16575 Roller Coaster Rd. Local and Colorado grown fruits and vegetables, honey, soap, crafts and more. Meets every Fri. through Sep. 11. Colorado covid compliance requires social distancing and masks. Info: 719-481-6157.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Outdoor Machine Demonstration Day**, Sat., **Aug. 22**, 1-3 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Free. See the Osgood Steam Shovel, featured in the children’s book, Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel. Experience the awesome power of the Yellow Jacket II Stamp Mill as it crushes rocks in search of gold. Watch a real blacksmith in action and take a hayride to see the historic Reynolds Ranch House. Bring a picnic and spend the day. Outside events are free; inside tours are available at regular rates. Repeats Sep. 19. Info: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org.
- **Bryson’s Chase Golf Tournament**, Mon., **Aug. 24**, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Country Club of Colorado, 125 Clubhouse Dr., Colo. Springs. A fundraiser for Bryson’s Chase, which benefits families whose children need mental health treatments. Lots of on course games, prizes, 50/50 raffle, and amazing silent auction. Win a Porsche Cayman in the Hole in One contest! Info: www.brysonschase.golf.
- **Grief Share Support Group**, Tue., **Aug. 25**, 10:30 a.m.-noon Tri-Lakes Senior Center, across the street from the YMCA. The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance has partnered with Colorado Palliative & Hospice Care to host a 13-session grief support group in Monument. To allow for social distancing, participants are limited to 10 per session. Meets last Tue. each month. RSVP & Info: Sue Walker, 719-330-0241.
- **Downtown Monument Labor Day Weekend Street Fair**, Sat., **Sep. 5**, 6 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine, Washington and 2nd Streets. Parade, beer garden, street fair, and more. Info: 719-481-3282.
- **Rocky Mountain Pig Jig**, Sat., **Sep. 12**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). A fundraiser with live music, amateur BBQ competition, local craft beer, and fun for all ages that benefits NephCure Kidney International. RSVP & Info: <https://give.nephcure.org/rocky-mountain-pig-jig/Donate/Tickets>.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma 19th Annual Patriot Golf Benefit**, Mon., **Sep. 21**, 8:30 a.m. start, entry deadline Sep. 14. Flying Horse, 1880 Weiskopf Point. This tournament honors our military and first responders. Proceeds go to El Paso County Sheriff’s Office Foundation and other local charities. Register at www.gleneaglepatriotgolf.com. Info: John Coyle, 719-494-4284; Joe Gray, 719-203-4526, www.gleneaglepatriot

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- Limit your letter to no more than 300 words including your suggested headline and closing.
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