

- **Faithful Friends**, Sat., **Sep. 26**, 3-4:30 p.m. Location TBD. This friendly group engages in open conversation with different thought-provoking topics. This month's topic: "Where do you find your joy?" RSVP & Info: Ellen, 303-526-5000.
- **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers, *SUSPENDED***, Thu., **Oct. 1**, 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., **Oct. 1**, 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.
- **Group of Artists (GOA) Meetings at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), *SUSPENDED***, Sat., **Oct. 3**, 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.
- **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

- **Monu-Palooza Music Festival**, Sun., **Sep. 6**, 1-8:30 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. The free show features six live bands. Cost: \$10. Attendance is limited to 175 per local guidelines; buy tickets online at eventbrite.com, search for Monu-palooza. Info: 719-481-2954.
- **Free Open Sew at Sew-In-Tune**, Mon., **Sep. 7**, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 252 Front St., Monument. Bring your sewing machine, supplies, and projects. Get inspiration or help, or just good companionship. Repeats Oct. 5. RSVP & Info: 719-203-5642, pam@sewintuneservicing.com. Visit the website for more classes or register online at www.sewintuneservicing.com. See ad on page 6.
- **Birds of a Feather Gathering at Sew-In-Tune**, Wed., **Sep. 9**, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 252 Front St., Monument. If you have a Featherweight or other Vintage machine you won't want to miss this gathering. Even if you don't, you still don't want to miss it. Sew-n-tell, put-n-take table, demos, & sewing. Free and fun! RSVP & Info: 719-203-5642, pam@sewintuneservicing.com. Visit the website for more classes or register online at www.sewintuneservicing.com. See ad on page 6.
- **Farmers Market at Southwinds**, Fri., **Sep. 11**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 16575 Roller Coaster Rd. Local and Colorado grown fruits and vegetables, honey, soap, crafts and more. Colorado covid compliance requires social distancing and masks. Info: 719-481-6157.
- **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: give.nephcure.org.
- **Art Hop is back!**, Thu., **Sep. 17**, 5-8 p.m., Downtown Monument west of I-25. The 3rd Thu. each month, May-Sept., the galleries, restaurants, and boutiques of historic downtown Monument stay open until 8 p.m. for a celebration featuring art openings, book signings, great food, live music, and more. Info: 481-3282, www.monumentarthop.org. See ad on page 12.
- **Art Hop at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Thu., **Sep. 17**, 5-8 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Mindy Sink will sign her hiking book, "60 Hikes within 60 Miles of Denver." Free, open to all. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Griffith's Kitchen**, Fri., **Sep. 18**, Enjoy a fun-filled night sampling delicious food, prepared by four top chefs in partnership with students from the Griffith Center's Culinary Program. Cast your vote for the dish of the night and celebrate the culinary accomplishments of the exceptional young men who created the recipes and prepared the meal. RSVP & Info: www.griffithcenters.org.
- **National Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day**, Sat., **Sep. 19**, 9-11 a.m., Fox Run Regional Park, Pavilion #4, 2110 Stella Dr. This free event features a skills clinic, guided trail rides, trail etiquette, and more. All ages are welcome, from tots on stride bikes to teens. Riders just need a working bike, helmet, and face mask to participate. Pre-registration required: www.elpasocountynaturecenters.com. Info: 719-520-6977, theresadello@elpasoco.com.
- **Run4Hope 5K for Schools**, Sat., **Sep. 19**, 9 a.m., Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. Chip-timed 5K, kids' fun run/walk, family color fun run/

- walk, and a virtual run/walk option. Live music, food trucks, fun vendors, and more. In the last three years, the event raised more than \$50,000 that went to four area high schools for the suicide prevention program, Sources of Strength. Sponsors and supporters needed. To donate, register, or sponsor the run, visit run-4hope5kforschools.com.
- **Gigantic Garage Sale at Fuel Church**, Sat., **Sep. 19**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 14960 Woodcarver Rd. Shop kitchen items, toys, clothing, tools, furniture, and more. Info: info@fuel.org, www.fuelchurch.org. See ad on page 11.
  - **Larkspur Autumn Arts & Craft Fest**, Sat.-Sun., **Sep. 19-20**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Larkspur Community Park, 8850 Spruce Mountain Rd. Original artwork and crafts, food, drink, music, hayrides, bounce houses, & more. See local medical helicopters come in around mid-day. Info: 720-331-4673, info@Larkspur-ChamberOfCommerce.com, www.larkspurchamberofcommerce.com.
  - **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,
  - **Purse Party**, Tue., **Sep. 22**, noon-1:30 p.m., Tri-Lakes Senior Center, across the street from the YMCA. Win a cool purse and some fun prizes. Limited to 16 people. All are welcome. RSVP & Info: Sue, 719-330-0241.
  - **St. Peter Fundraiser Golf Tournament**, Fri., **Sep. 25**, 6:30 a.m. check in, 8 a.m. shotgun start, King's Deer Golf Club, 19255 Royal Troon Dr., Monument. Info: petertherockschool.org. See ad on page 2.
  - **Fine Art & Crafts Market at Lewis-Palmer High School**, Sat., **Sep. 26**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Free admission. Shop outdoors for locally produced hand-crafted items, culinary delights, and more. Masks required, social distancing practiced, hand sanitizer available at each booth. Info: creativecrafters.org.
  - **Grief Share Support Group**, Tue., **Sep. 29**, 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. Meets last Tue. each month. RSVP & Info: Sue Walker, 719-330-0241.
  - **Kiwanis 2020 Empty Bowls Dinner & Silent Auction: Bowl Pickup**, Sat., **Oct. 3**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School South Parking Lot, 1300 Higby Rd, Monument. This popular event is a major fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares. This year there won't be a meal, but you can still make a \$20 donation and receive a hand-crafted bowl, or just make a donation to Tri-Lakes Cares and skip the bowl if you don't need it. Register for your bowl at www.monumenthillkiwanis.org. Visit Tri-LakesCares.org for the online auction Oct. 3-10. Info: Dave Wittman at MHKEmpyBowls2020@gmail.com, www.monumenthillkiwanis.org.
  - **Harvest Festival and Miners' Pumpkin Patch at Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI)**, Sat.-Sun., **Oct. 3-4**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., noon-4 p.m. Sun., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Celebrate fall with a pumpkin patch, hay maze, gold panning, hay rides, games, live entertainment, outdoor machinery demos, food trucks, and more. Pumpkin

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