

- campus. All are welcome. Coffee & snacks served. RSVP & info: Sue, 719-330-0241.
- **Monumental Impact Network Event**, second **Fri.**, 5 p.m. for high school students, businesses and community members interested in technology and engineering. Support high school students in technology, engineering, and entrepreneurship career pathways. 55 Adams St. Info: 719-387-7414, enable@monumentalimpact.org. Through Fall 2021
  - **Monumental Impact Open Builds**, every **Fri.** from 3-6 p.m. Bring your own technology, engineering, and/or entrepreneurial projects or just come for the comradery. Open to high school students and adults. 55 Adams St. Info: 719-387-7414, enable@monumentalimpact.org. Through Fall 2021

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **A Better Hearing Center.** Free hearing screening through **Oct. 31.** A Better Hearing Center, 574 W. Hwy 105. (719) 627-9271. ABetterHearingCenter.Com. See ad on page 11.
- **Cornerstone Cleaners**, alterations and tailoring special, through **Oct. 31**, 1030 W. Baptist Rd. near King Soopers. (719) 487-0268. See ad on page 4.
- **Monument Cleaners**, cleaning specials through **Oct. 31.** 15932 Jackson Creek Parkway In the Monument Marketplace. (719) 481-4485. See ad on page 5.
- **Monumental MedSpa**, specials through **Oct. 31.** At The Loft, 4 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. See ad on page 7.
- **The Living Room**, special through **Oct. 31**, 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100 Colorado Springs 80921. See ad on page 5.
- **Wreaths Across America**, Fri.-Sun., **Oct. 1-3.** McCord's Garden Center, 105 & McShane. Show your support! American Heritage Girls. Wreath-sacrossamerica.org.
- **WMMI Miners' Pumpkin Patch**, Sat. **Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 225 Northgate Blvd. \$10 online ticket, \$12 gate ticket, kids under 3 free. wmmi.org. See ad on 9
- **Arts Month: Monument Lake Mural Project** Every **Sat.** starting **Oct. 9** and go throughout the month until completion, 9-4 p.m. In celebration of Arts Month 2021, the community of Monument is invited to Monument Lake to help paint a mural of the Front Range designed by local artist Lawson Barney. For questions, please email events@tomgov.org
- **Palmer Lake Community Chip/Mulch days**, Sat., **Oct. 9**, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- **McCord Garden Center Last day of the season**, Sat., **Oct. 9**, www.mccords.com. See ad on page 5.
- **Awake the Lake .5K**, Sun., **Oct. 10**, 9 a.m. to noon Fundraiser for Awake Palmer Lake, the 6th annual event, 500 meters. Includes donut feed station, beverages afterward at O'Malley's. Fun, good costumes, and goodwill.
- **MVEA member appreciation days**, Wed., **Oct. 13**, 11-1 p.m. Limon office 1655 Fifth St., Limon; Thu. **Oct. 14**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Falcon Office, 11140 E. Woodmen Rd., Falcon. Join MVEA for lunch to celebrate 80 years of powering possibilities. See ad on 9
- **Dyslexia Awareness Month**, Open House, Thu. **Oct. 14**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 1864 Woodmoor Drive Suite 216, Crossroads Literacy LLC and New Hope Reading Center LLC. See ad on page 5.
- **Annual Pumpkin Giveaway**, Sat., **Oct. 16**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 15986 Jackson Creek Parkway at the clock tower. Free candy, live music; bring a non-perishable food item for the food drive. Monument professional firefighters.
- **100+ Women Who Care Bi-Annual Meeting.** Wed., **Oct. 20**, 5:30 p.m. Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr, Monument. We are 100+ women committed to contributing \$100 two times a year to local Tri-Lakes charities, which

- will positively impact our communities by allowing us to give up to \$20,000 annually. Together we can make a difference that we can see! Big impact, without a big commitment. For more information on how to join us visit: <http://www.100womenwhocaretrilakes.com/>.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society**, Thu., **Oct. 21**, 7 p.m., *The Long Expedition*, a presentation by John Stansfield, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce-Community Rm., 166 Second St., Monument. Meets the third Thu., Nov. 18, *Colorado's 10th Mountain Division*. PLHS is now restarting its monthly programs September thru November at a temporary location due to the continued restoration of the traditional PLHS meeting location. Info: 719-559-0837, [www.palmerdivide-history.org](http://www.palmerdivide-history.org).
  - **Community Business Expo & Job Fair** in partnership with Tri-Lakes YMCA. Thu., **Oct. 21**, 4-7 p.m. Tri-Lakes YMCA, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy. Vendor registration info available soon. See [www.trilakeschamber.com/community-business-expo.html](http://www.trilakeschamber.com/community-business-expo.html).
  - **Book Launch**, author signing *To Starve an Ember* by Lisa Hatfield, Sat., **Oct. 23**, noon-3 p.m. at Covered Treasures Bookstore, 105 Second St., Monument, 719-481-2665. See ad on page 4.
  - **Front Range Maker's Market.** Sat., **Oct. 23**, 9-4p.m. & Sun., **Oct. 24**, 10 - 3 p.m. Lewis-Palmer High School indoors. 125+ vendors (makers, artists, crafters, boutiques, food). 1300 Higby Rd., \$5 . 25th year. 719-510-1477. [www.FRMakers-market.com](http://www.FRMakers-market.com). See ad on page 32
  - **Trunk or Treat**, Fri., **Oct. 29**, 5-7 p.m. food trucks, 6-7 p.m. trunk or treating. St. Peter Catholic School, 124 First St., Monument. Free . See ad on 2
  - **Palmer Lake Historical Society meeting**, Thu., **Nov. 18**, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce-Community Rm., 166 Second St., Monument. Presenter Col. Tom Duhs, *Colorado's 10th Mountain Division*, followed with refreshments. All are welcome. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-559-0837, [www.palmerdividehistory.org](http://www.palmerdividehistory.org).
  - **Monumental Impact for Technology**, Engineering and Entrepreneurship (MITEE) Exhibition, Sat., **Nov. 20**. Areas for drones, combat bots, Jetbots, Donkeycars and more. Currently looking for sponsors and volunteers. To participate or get involved, contact us at enable@monumentimpact.org, 719-387-7414.
  - **Joysofthe Season Holiday Home Tour**, Fri.-Sat., **Nov. 19-20**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour five professionally decorated homes in north El Paso County to benefit community non profits. Presented by St. Aubyn Homes and Tri- Lakes Women's Club. For details and tickets, visit Joysoftheseasonht.org. See ad on page 32.

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 Our Community News, 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 one (1) letter per issue and six (6) letters within a twelve (12) month period. To submit a letter, please:

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- Limit your letter to no more than 300 words including your suggested headline and closing.
- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one. Only your name will be published.
- Submit your letter so we receive it no later than midnight, Friday, two weeks prior to the publication date.

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Unlike papers that try to figure out what the “story” is and then get quotes on each side to presumably lead the reader to conclude what the “truth” is, OCN's role is to report in detail on public meetings of local governmental entities. We report what was talked about and what was decided. By reading OCN, you can find out what you might have learned if you had attended those public meetings. In this context, “truth” is that the articles accurately represent what transpired at the meetings.

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