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Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-noon, 105 Second St., Monument. John will sign his parenting book, *Know When to Hold 'Em*. Info: 481-2665.

- **Help for the Holidays in the Midst of Loss**, Sat., Nov. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m., The West End Center, 755 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. This free seminar is for those who have experienced a loss—whether a loved one, a relationship, a job, or your health. Learn how to cope and bring hope back into this season. Register with Annie Campanaro, Licensed Professional Counselor, 358-1010.
- **Kathy Brandt and Max Maddox at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Nov. 16, 1-3 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. This mother and son team will sign their personal memoir, *Walks on the Margins: A Story of Bipolar Illness*. Info: 481-2665.
- **Kids Night in**, Sat., Nov. 16, 6-9 p.m., Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 13990 Gleneagle Dr. Bring your kids (newborns through 5th grade) for crafts, fun, and games while you enjoy an evening out. RSVP by Nov. 12: 505-8021, ckarmondy@comcast.net. Info: www.HolyTrinityAnglicanChurch.org.
- **Intro to Meditation Workshop at Yoga Pathways**, Sun., Nov. 17, 2-4:30 p.m., 755 Hwy 105 (3/4 mile w. of Monument Safeway). A fun, easy introduction to meditation with a variety of different practices to sample. Led by Raleigh Dove. Info: www.YogaPathwaysStudio.com, 481-4137.
- **Tri-Lakes Cares Blood Drive**, Tue., Nov. 19, 3-7 p.m., 235 Jefferson St., Monument. License ID required. No appointment necessary. Sponsored by Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP). Info: Nurse Jackie Sward, 481-4864 x 103.
- **Fifth Annual Breakaway Hockey Event Fundraiser, Silent and Live Auction, and Dessert Auction**, Fri., Nov. 22, 6-11 p.m., Sundance Mountain Lodge, 1865 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. A fundraiser for Lewis-Palmer D-38 High School Varsity Ice Hockey Team, which is not fully funded by the school district. Cost: \$25 per person. Info: Ann Pavlik 304-4350.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Jeff Scroggins & Colorado**, Fri., Nov. 22, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. High energy, high mountain bluegrass. Cost: \$7 general, \$4 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Authors at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Nov. 23, noon-2 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Leslee Breene will sign *Journey to Sandcastle*, her fictional book set in the San Juan Mountains, and Jonna Turner her title, *Angel Encounters*. Info: 481-2665.
- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance (RMMA) Free Concert: Going for Baroque**, Sun., Nov. 24, 3 p.m., Sunrise United Methodist Church, 2655 Briargate Blvd., Colo. Springs. Nancy Andrew, flute; Peter Biro, harpsichord. Tickets are free but you must reserve in advance at www.rmmaonline.org or by contacting Pam Brunson, 646-2791 or TheRMMA@gmail.com.
- **Community Coming Together Free Thanksgiving Dinner**, Thu., Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m., Rosie's Diner, 411 Hwy 105, Monument. Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP) has partnered with A.B. Tellez, owner of Rosie's Diner, to offer a free dinner for Tri-Lakes and Black Forest community members who are unable to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, and to local first responders who are on duty that day and their families. To make reservations, call Madeline at the Town of Monument, 884-8013. Reservations will be taken until Nov. 15. Seating is limited, so reserve early. Local businesses can help by donating money to this event. Also, volunteers are needed to help serve the meals on Thanksgiving Day. For more information, visit www.trilakeshap.org/cct or email admin@TriLakesHAP.org or call HAP at 464-6873 and leave a voice mail. RSVP & Info: 884-8013.
- **Monument's Small Town Christmas**, Sat., Nov. 30, Dec. 7, & Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Historic Downtown Monument. Three Saturdays of holiday activities include visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus, crafts and activities for children, open houses, and more. Info: www.monumentmerchants.com/events.htm.
- **Mystery Authors at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Beth Groundwater will sign her latest in her cozy series, *A Basket of Trouble*, and Michael

Madigan will sign *Double Dare* set in the San Juan Mountains. Info: 481-2665.

- **Palmer Lake's Traditional Chili Supper & Annual Star-lighting Festival**, Sat., Nov. 30, 5-8:30 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Join the tradition and enjoy chili, potato soup, fresh-baked cinnamon rolls, and more. Cost: \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Proceeds go to the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department. There will be hayrides, roasting marshmallows over an open fire, Christmas carols, Santa, bucket drawings and silent auctions, with one lucky winner chosen to light the star! Info or to donate prizes: Jeannine at the Rock House Ice Cream shop, 488-6917; or Lori, 651-3511.
- **DanceArt Academy presents the Nutcracker**, Sat., Dec. 7, three performances: noon, 4 p.m., & 7 p.m., 13866 Gleneagle Dr., Colo. Springs. Buy tickets online at www.DanceArtAcad.com. Info: 487-9721, danceartacad@gmail.com.
- **Homemade Cookie Sale**, Sat., Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Room, Fire Administration Building (the old town hall), 166 Second St., Monument. Beautiful cookies and candy sold by the pound, and homemade crafts too. All proceeds go to Colorado Disaster victims via United Methodist Committee on Relief. Info: women@tlumc.org.
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- **Kiwanis' 8th Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair**, Sat.-Sun, Dec. 7-8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Grace Best School, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Browse hundreds of handcrafted items perfect for holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. Santa will visit at 1 p.m. both days. Admission is free, but nonperishable food items, toys, or cash donations would be appreciated and will be given to Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: www.monumenthillkiwanis.org, or contact Bob Nissen, 351-6481, Bob@mifigroup.com, or Monument Hill Kiwanis, PO Box 102, Monument, CO 80132.
- **Palmer Lake Yule Log Pot Luck Dinner**, Tue., Dec. 10, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Circle. Please bring a potluck dish to share and place settings for your family. Info: 481-2953.
- **12th Annual Tri-Lakes Community Christmas Handbell Concert**, Sat., Dec. 14, 7 p.m., Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Everyone is welcome to this free holiday concert that features handbell choirs, chimes, organ/piano, and various local musicians. Info: Betty Jenik, 488-3853 or ljjenik@comcast.net.
- **Annual Palmer Lake Yule Log Hunt**, Sun., Dec. 15, 1 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Trek up the mountain in search of the Yule Log. Hunt participants should arrive 11 a.m.-noon. The winner will ride the Yule Log back to town and get the first cup of wassail. Non-hunters can stay warm indoors with carols and stories. Info: 481-2953.
- **Chuck Pyle: An Acoustic & Western CD Release Party at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Fri., Dec. 20, 6-8 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Pyle's 11th CD, *The Spaces in Between*, is twelve all-new songs, each with finger-style guitar out front of a crackerjack rhythm section. Advance Tickets: \$12 Members, \$15 Non-members. Door Tickets: \$15 Members, \$18 Non-members. Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org, info@trilakesarts.org.
- **The Villa in Palmer Lake Fall Specials**, 5-8 p.m. Sun., Tue., Wed., Thu.; 5-9 p.m. Sat. & Sun.; 75 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tue. nights, half off bottles of wine; Wed. nights, pasta buffet with salad and dessert, \$10, \$5 kids; Thu. night, Date Night special. Info: 481-2222.

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 488-3455, or send the information to calendar@ocn.me or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.