

music influences. Advance tickets: members, \$12; non-members, \$15. At the door: members, \$15, non-members, \$18. Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.

- **Awake Palmer Lake with Music, Sun., Jul. 14,** noon-6 p.m., 75 Hwy 105 (behind The Villa), Palmer Lake. Musical guests include The Villa People, Mama's Stolen Horses, Mark's Midnight Carnival, The Pharaohs, with sound by Axxis Music. Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Advance tickets available at Palmer Lake restaurants. Proceeds will benefit the Palmer Lake Restoration Project. Info: info@AwakePalmerLake.com, facebook.com/awakepalmerlake, awakepalmerlake.com.
- **Musicians' Jam Sessions at Pikes Peak Brewing Co., Sun., Jul. 14,** 6:30 p.m., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Play with other area musicians. Meets 2nd Sun. Jun.-Aug. Info: 208-4098, www.pikespeakbrewing.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Cares Blood Drive, Tue., Jul. 16,** 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.
- **Concerts in the Park: Inman Brothers, rock/blues,** Wed, Jul. 17, 7-9 p.m., Limbach Park bandshell, corner of 2nd & Front Streets, Monument. Bring your blankets and chairs, enjoy great music, food, and Mount Herman sunsets. Artist CDs, food, treats, and refreshments available for purchase. Every Wed. Info: www.monumentmerchants.com.
- **Art Hop, Thu., Jul. 18,** 5-8 p.m., historic downtown Monument. The 3rd Thu. each month through Sep. 19, the galleries, restaurants, and boutiques of downtown Monument stay open until 8 p.m. for a celebration featuring art openings, great food, live music, and more. Info: 481-3282 or visit www.monumentmerchants.com.
- **Covered Treasures Bookstore Birthday Bash Art Hop Event, Thu., Jul. 18,** 5-8 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Celebrate the bookstore's 20th anniversary with cake and balloons. Peter Heller will be there to sign his novel set in Colorado, *The Dog Stars*, a San Francisco Chronicle and Atlantic Monthly Best Book of the Year. Info: 481-2665.
- **Fabulous and Fun Friday Art Night in Tri Lakes,** Fri., Jul. 19, 5-8 p.m., Southwinds Fine Arts Gallery, 16575 Roller Coaster Rd., Colo. Springs. Weekly art show openings every Friday night. Locations rotate throughout the month. Info: 487-7691, MAGGIE@bellaartandframe.com, www.bellaartandframe.com.
- **Peak Ranch's Alpaca Boutique Wine Tasting,** Sat., Jul. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 19850 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Visit the alpacas, sample South American wines, browse the boutique sale. Info: 232-8509, www.peakranchalpacas.com.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): 31st Anniversary Celebration & Membership Appreciation, Sat., Jul. 20,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. "The Museum That Works!" invites you to celebrate this anniversary by coming to the museum to see the entire operation! See the 19th and 20th century steam engines rumble to life, hear the shrill whistle of an Osgood steam shovel, and watch a trammer speed down the rail. For this special event, tours of the museum's one-of-a-kind Yellow Jacket Stamp Mill Gold and Silver Refinery will be provided. The museum will show its appreciation to members with cake and apple cider. All visitors will receive a special discount admission rate of \$3.10 in honor of the museum's 31st anniversary. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A) in Colorado Springs. Info: www.wmmi.org, 488-0880.
- **Native American Intertribal Festival and Traditional Powwow, Sat., Jul. 20,** 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Grand Entry at noon, Freedom Financial Services Expo Center, 3650 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs. The Palmer Lake Historical Society and One Nation Walking Together will sponsor a celebration of Native history and culture that includes Native drums and dancers, art and artisans, a live wolf exhibit, and Native vendors and food. Cost: \$2 for adults, children under 12 are free. Donations of non-perishable food will be accepted. Seating is limited so bring your own chairs. Info: www.onenationwt.org, 329-0251; or www.palmerdividehistory.org, 559-0525.
- **Firewise Landscaping, Sat., Jul. 20,** 1-3 p.m., Monument Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Colorado State University Extension will present landscaping techniques designed to reduce risk of loss due to external fire. Cost: \$10. Info: Diana, 520-7688.

- **Pikes Peak Brewing Company Summer Music Series: KMG Artists Showcase, Sun., Jul. 21,** 6-9 p.m., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Info: 208-4098, www.pikespeakbrewing.com.
- **Concerts in the Park: Skean Dubh, Celtic/acoustic,** Wed, Jul. 24, 7-9 p.m., Limbach Park bandshell, corner of 2nd & Front Streets, Monument. Bring your blankets and chairs, enjoy great music, food, and Mount Herman sunsets. Artist CDs, food, treats, and refreshments available for purchase. Info: www.monumentmerchants.com.
- **Fabulous and Fun Friday Art Night in Tri Lakes,** Fri., Jul. 26, 5-8 p.m., Southwinds Fine Arts Gallery, 16575 Roller Coaster Rd., Colo. Springs. Weekly art show openings every Friday night. Locations rotate throughout the month. Info: 487-7691, MAGGIE@bellaartandframe.com, www.bellaartandframe.com.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Colin O'Brien, Fri., Jul. 26,** opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$7 general, \$4 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtm@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Lewis-Palmer School District Homeschool enrichment Academy Open House, Wed., Jul. 31,** 5-7 p.m., 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Find out about enrichment activities for grades K-7. No cost to homeschool families. Next open house Aug. 13, 2-4 p.m. Info: 488-4700, www.lewispalmer.org, info@lewispalmer.org.
- **Free Concert: Grant Sabin at Fox Run Regional Park, Wed., Jul. 31,** 6-8 p.m. Sabin's stirring blues style has earned him the 2013 Gazette Gold winner of Local Star on the Rise. Bring your lawn chairs and/or a blanket. Pets on leashes, coolers, and food are allowed. Alcohol is not permitted. One of the free summer concerts in the El Paso County Parks series. Info: 520-6983, www.elpasocountyparks.com.
- **Concerts in the Park: Jody Adams and the String Dudes, bluegrass/folk, Wed, Jul. 31,** 7-9 p.m., Limbach Park bandshell, corner of 2nd & Front Streets, Monument. Bring your blankets and chairs, enjoy great music, food, and Mount Herman sunsets. Artist CDs, food, treats, and refreshments available for purchase. This is the last concert of the season. Info: www.monumentmerchants.com.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Stratton Legacy: The Myron Stratton Home Exhibit.** The exhibit runs through July. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A) in Colorado Springs. Info: www.wmmi.org, 488-0880.
- **6th Annual Chautauqua Returns in Palmer Lake,** Fri.-Sun., Aug. 2-4. Aug. 2, 7 p.m., free movie and best period costume contest, Palmer Lake Town Hall. Aug. 3, 1 p.m., free ice cream social on the Village Green, followed at 3 p.m. by a free walking tour Old Town Palmer Lake. Aug. 4, 8 a.m., free walking tour of Glen Park & Chautauqua Grounds & historic cottages; 10 a.m., Chautauqua Service at Little Log Church. Period costumes are encouraged all events. Info: 481-3963.
- **Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, Sat., Aug. 3,** 1:30-3 p.m., Palmer Lake Village Green. Everyone is invited to enjoy bluegrass music with "The County Line Ramblers" and free Rock House ice cream. In honor of our seniors, families are encouraged to bring their elders. Info: Jean Harris, 488-2370; www.ppld.org.

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.


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