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- **Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival**, Fri.-Sat., **Oct. 10-11**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 Northgate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Pumpkin patch, hayrides, entertainment, children's games, animals, "Spooky Histories," and more. Info: 488-0880, [info@wmmi.org](mailto:info@wmmi.org), [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org).
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Hard Road**, Fri., **Oct. 10**, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, [jrmtn@comcast.net](mailto:jrmtn@comcast.net), [www.blackroseacoustic.org](http://www.blackroseacoustic.org).
- **Ice Cave Creek Trail Building**, Sat., **Oct. 11**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., meet at Palmer Reservoir Trailhead, Old Carriage Road, Palmer Lake. Work with trained crew leaders to build a new sustainable hiking and biking trail along scenic Ice Cave Creek above Palmer Lake. Wear work clothes and boots; prepare for a full day working outdoors. Ages 16 and up. Pre-register online for this or other trail work dates: [www.cmc.org/rrwp](http://www.cmc.org/rrwp). Info: Tom Mowle, 719-216-3932, [tommowle@yahoo.com](mailto:tommowle@yahoo.com).
- **Slash Disposal Drop-off Day**, Sat. **Oct. 11**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Anderson Slash Disposal Site, Washington Street north of Hwy 105, Monument; follow the signs. Self-service quick drop-off site for slash. No lines! \$7 a load. Large diameter logs, MPB wood, and pine needles are all accepted. (No metal, nails, concrete, lumber, firewood, stumps, or trash, please.) Run by Woodmoor Improvement Association and Anderson Tree Service. Info: WIA, 488-2693.
- **Pumpkin Patch at Peak Ranch's Alpaca Boutique**, Sat., **Oct. 11**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 19850 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. While quantities last, pick your pumpkin (only \$4, and they're big!) from the alpaca pastures. Food donations accepted for Tri-Lakes Cares. See ad for 15 % off coupon. Info: 232-8509, [peakranchalpacas.com](http://peakranchalpacas.com).
- **Danny Byram Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Sat., **Oct. 11**, 7 p.m., 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com), search Danny Byram. \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Info: 481-0475, [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org).
- **Miguel Dakota Welcome Home Concert with Spiral Lions**, Sun., **Oct. 12**, 3 p.m., Limbach Park, Second and Front Streets. Monument. Proceeds to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation and Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: 881-8013, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).
- **Covered Treasures presents Lunch with Sandra Dallas**, Wed., **Oct. 15**, noon, Catriona Cellars, 243 Washington St, Monument. Sandra Dallas will introduce her new book, *A Quilt for Christmas*. Cost: \$35, includes a signed copy with your luncheon ticket. RSVP & Info: Covered Treasures Bookstore, 105 Second St., Monument; 481-2665.
- **Buffalo Grass Acoustic Society Open Stage featuring Jim Young, cowboy singer/songwriter**, Fri., **Oct. 17**, Show starts at 7 p.m., free jam session starts at 5:30 p.m., Cowboy Church of Peyton, 15504 Bradshaw Rd., Peyton. Cost: Adults, \$5; Members, \$3; Kids under 16 free. Info: (719) 660 8037, [www.buffalograssacoustic.org](http://www.buffalograssacoustic.org).
- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance Concert: The Beethoven Project I**, Sun., **Oct. 19**, 3 p.m., Sunrise Church, 2655 Briargate Blvd., Colo. Springs. Beethoven Sonatas for Violin and Piano. Cost: \$10. Info: [www.rmmaonline.org](http://www.rmmaonline.org).
- **Free Travel Presentation**, Tue., **Oct. 21**, 6 p.m., TravelMore, LLC; 481 W. Hwy 105, Suite J, Monument. A representative from Collette Vacations will help you find the right tour or cruise. Refreshments and drawing for gift. Info: 204-1840, [Travelmorellc@yahoo.com](mailto:Travelmorellc@yahoo.com), [www.Travelmorellc.net](http://www.Travelmorellc.net).
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Jim Hurst**, Fri., **Oct. 24**, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, [jrmtn@comcast.net](mailto:jrmtn@comcast.net), [www.blackroseacoustic.org](http://www.blackroseacoustic.org).
- **Creepy Crawl 5K and 1-mile Kids Run**, Sat., **Oct. 25**, 9:30 a.m. (5K), 10:30 a.m. (Kids Run), Palmer Lake Trailhead. Put on your costumes and join the community for this Halloween tradition. All funds raised stay in our community and will help the Tri-Lakes YMCA provide a hand up to families

in need. Cost: \$25 for 5K, Kids Run is free. Info & Registration: [pymca.org/raceseries](http://pymca.org/raceseries) or write to [lleiker@ppymca.org](mailto:lleiker@ppymca.org).

- **Black Forest Community Club: Annual Oktoberfest Party**, Sat., **Oct. 25**, 6 p.m., 12530 Black Forest Rd. (just N. of Shoup). Brats, potato salad and all the fixings, and an apple and pumpkin dessert competition. Music by the Shriners Oompah Band. Cost: \$5 per family. Info: 495-3217, [www.bfcommunityclub.org](http://www.bfcommunityclub.org).
- **Wine and Roses 2014**, Sat., **Oct. 25**, 6-9 p.m., Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr, I-25 & Exit 148. The Tri-Lakes Women's Club presents their 12th annual wine tasting event with gourmet food, silent & live auctions, and entertainment. Museum is open to attendees. Dressy western attire optional. Tickets: \$50 per guest until Oct. 16, then \$55 online and at the door, and may be purchased at [www.tlwc.net](http://www.tlwc.net). Proceeds from this event benefit local non-profits, first responders, and educational and service organizations in the Tri-Lakes area. Info: [www.tlwc.net](http://www.tlwc.net).
- **Caravan of Thieves Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Sat., **Oct. 25**, 7 p.m., 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Advance Tickets: TLCA Members \$17; Non-Members \$22. Door Tickets: TLCA Members \$22; Non-Members \$27. Info: 481-0475, [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org).
- **Learn to Skate Holiday Special**, session starts Mon., **Oct. 27**, 4:30 & 5 p.m., 16240 Old Denver Hwy, Monument. Ages 3-Adult. \$80 for 8 classes, plus skate rental. Info: [www.RockyMountainSkatingAcademy.com](http://www.RockyMountainSkatingAcademy.com); or contact Deb, [Sk8CoachDeb@gmail.com](mailto:Sk8CoachDeb@gmail.com).
- **Safe Trick-or-Treat sponsored by the Historic Monument Merchants Association**, Fri., **Oct. 31**, 4-6 p.m. Bring the kids downtown for safe trick-or-treating as Monument merchants provide treats and activities. The Monument Police Department patrols the streets for the children's safety. Info: [www.monumentmerchants.com](http://www.monumentmerchants.com).
- **Tri-Lakes Church of Christ Trunk or Treat**, Fri., **Oct. 31**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 20450 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument (corner of Beacon Lite & County Line Road). Safe, free fun for the family includes treats, balloon artist, chili, fall desserts, and devo around the bonfire. Bring lawn chairs. No scary costumes or masks, please. Info: 488-9613, [gregsmith@trilakeschurch.org](mailto:gregsmith@trilakeschurch.org), [www.trilakeschurch.org](http://www.trilakeschurch.org).
- **How and Why To Do Fire Fuel Mitigation?** Sat., **Nov. 1**, 9 a.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Free and open to all. Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Marshall John Vincent will explain how to make your home and property more defensible and prepare for the wildfire season. Info: [epg@tlumc.org](mailto:epg@tlumc.org).
- **Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild 50th Anniversary Fall Show & Sale**, Thu.-Sun., **Nov. 6-9**, Thu.-Sat., 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. (just N. of Shoup). The free show offers crafts, baked goods, and more from more than 90 artisans and culinary guild members. A portion of all sale proceeds will benefit the guild's scholarship fund and the Black Forest community. Wheelchair accessible, but no strollers please due to fire regulations. Info: 495-3035 or [www.BFACG.org](http://www.BFACG.org). Info: 495-3035, [www.bfacg.org](http://www.bfacg.org).
- **Monument Academy Veterans' Day Assembly: "Honoring the Honorable,"** Tue., **Nov. 11**, 10 a.m., 1500 Village Ridge Point, Monument. Veterans of all service branches are invited to share a special assembly in their honor. Lunch provided for veterans following the assembly. RSVP to Mrs. Amy Madruga, 481-1950 ext. 1240.
- **Free Rape Prevention & Self Defense Seminar**, three Wednesdays, **Nov. 12, 19, & 26**, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Bluewave Taekwondo Academy, 630 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Empower yourself; for women only. RSVP & Info: 776-9169.
- **St. Peter Catholic School's Annual Holiday Boutique**, Sat., **Nov. 15**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., school gymnasium at 124 First St., Monument. Shop a great selection of jewelry, home, and gift items. Breakfast, lunch, and bake sale items will be available. Info: Michelle Wagner, 303-681-2619.
- **Sixth Annual Breakaway Hockey Event Fundraiser, Silent and Live Auction, and Dessert Auction**, Fri., **Nov. 21**, 6-11 p.m., Historic Pinecrest Event Center, 106 Pinecrest Way, Palmer Lake. A fundraiser for Lewis-Palmer D-38 High School Varsity Ice Hockey Team, which is not fully funded by the school dis-

trict. Cost: \$25 per person. Tickets & Info: Susan Fraser, 310-5416.

*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](mailto:calendar@ocn.me) or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.*

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