

- **Benet Hill Monastery:** Chamber Music in the Pines, Sun., Sep. 14, 2:30 p.m., pre-concert lecture at 1:45 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Visit the website for spiritual programs offered in Sept. Info: 633-0655, Ext. 132; www.benethillmonastery.org.
- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance Concert:** Americana, Sun., Sep. 14, 3 p.m., Sunrise Church, 2655 Briargate Blvd., Colo. Springs. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and more. Cost: \$10. Info: www.rmmaonline.org.
- **Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive,** Tue., Sep. 16, 3-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5714.
- **Art Hop (last of the season!),** Thu., Sep. 18, 5-8 p.m., historic downtown Monument. The 3rd Thu. each month, May-Sept, the galleries, restaurants, and boutiques of downtown Monument stay open until 8 p.m. for a celebration featuring art openings, book signings, great food, live music, and more. Info: www.monumentarthop.org/news, 481-3282.
- **Bella Art & Frame Artist Reception:** Mary Lou Pape, Best of Show and Grand Prize winner at the 2014 Steamboat Fine Art Competition, Thu., Sep. 18, 5-8 p.m., 183 Washington St., Monument. Refreshments. Info: 487-7691, www.bellaartandframe.com.
- **Art Hop Book Signing** at Covered Treasures Bookstore, Thu., Sep. 18, 5-8 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Bestselling author Tarashea Nesbit signs her work of historical fiction, *The Wives of Los Alamos*. Monument resident Dorothy Yoder launches her debut mystery, *Redemption Ridge*. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Catriona Cellars Artist Reception:** John De-Francesco, Thu., Sep. 18, 5-8 p.m., 243 Washington St., Monument. Info: 481-3477, www.catrionacellars.com.
- **Art Hop at Wisdom Tea House:** Rosie Eylens, Sheila Campbell, and Sharon Oliver; Thu., Sep. 18, 5-8 p.m., 65 Second St., Monument. Serving dinner & dessert out on the patio under the lights. Info: 481-8822, www.wisdomteahouse.com.
- **Discovery Canyon High School Theatre Department** presents *Bye Bye Birdie*, Thu.-Sat., Sep. 18-20, 7 p.m., 1810 North Gate Blvd., Colo. Springs. Cost: \$10 general admission; \$7 students, seniors, and children. Info: 234-1800.
- **Buffalo Grass Acoustic Society** Open Stage featuring Liz Masterson, *Songbird of the West*, Fri., Sep. 19, 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.
- **Haunted Mines at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI),** Fri.-Sat., Sep. 19-Nov. 1, opens at dusk, 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 exit 156A). Additional days added in October and November. Don't miss this terrifying adventure. All proceeds go to WMMI and local charities. Volunteers needed. Visit www.hauntedmines.org for details and calendar. WMMI info: 488-0880, or visit www.wmmi.org.
- **Bines & Brews Hopfest,** Sat., Sep. 20, 1-5 p.m., Limbach Park, Front Street & Second Street, Monument. Sample beers and homemade sodas from 10 different breweries. Benefits Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP) and Tri-Lakes Chamber. Cost: \$30. Tickets available at www.trilakeschamber.com. Info: 481-3282, www.trilakeschamber.com.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society** Open Stage headlined by Tia McGraff, Fri., Sep. 26, 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 nonmem-

- ber students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **"Be Prepared—Don't Be A Zombie,"** 2014 Zombie Run, a 3K and 5K fun run/walk, Sat., Sep. 27, 10 a.m., multiple heats every 15 min., Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Dr. Arrive one hour early to allow time to park and register. Parking is limited. El Paso County and partners will host this event designed to create awareness for emergency preparedness. Cost: \$25. Registration & Info: www.pikespeakzombierun.com.
- **Peak Ranch's Music Festival,** Sat., Sep. 27, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., doors open at 10 a.m., 19850 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy live music. Free. No dogs, please. Info: 232-8509, www.peakranchalpacas.com.
- **The Open Door Books and Gifts** presents Sarina Baptista, World Renowned Psychic Medium, Connecting to the Other Side, Sat., Sep. 27, 6-8:30 p.m., Yoga Pathways Studio, 755 Hwy. 105, Suite A, Palmer Lake. Cost: \$20. Tickets on sale at The Open Door Books and Gifts, 251 Front St., Suite 8, Monument. Info: 487-9076.
- **National Alpaca Farm Days at Lone Pine Alpacas,** Sat.-Sun., Sep. 27-28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 19605 Oslo Grove, Black Forest. See alpacas, watch weaving and spinning demonstrations, and visit the farm store. Info: 488-8045, www.lonepinealpacas.com.
- **Otis Taylor Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., Oct. 3, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m. 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Advance Tickets: \$20 members/\$25 non-members. Door Tickets: \$25 members/\$30 non-members. Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group's 41st Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair,** Fri.-Sun., Oct. 3-5; Fri., 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Palmer Lake Town Hall, 66 Lower Glenway. Free juried show and sale of all kinds of hand-crafted arts and fine crafts. Proceeds fund art scholarships for District 38 high school students. Info: www.palmerlakeartgroup.com, Margarete Seagraves, 487-1329.
- **Empty Bowls Dinner & Silent Auction,** Wed., Oct. 8, Lewis-Palmer High School, 5-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$20, includes dinner, handmade bowl, and entry into a drawing for a 7 inch HD Kindle Fire. One child under 12 admitted free with each paid adult. Proceeds benefit Tri-Lakes cares. Tickets at the door, online at www.monumenthillkiwanis.org, or see the ad for other locations. Info: R.F. Smith, 210-4987 or rff106k@gmail.com.
- **Wine and Roses 2014,** Sat., Oct. 25, 6-9 p.m., ProRodeo 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. Proceeds from this event benefit local non-profits, first responders, and educational and service organizations in the Tri-Lakes area. Info: www.tlwc.net.

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