

Nov. 6, 10 a.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Normally meets 1st Fri. each month. Info: monumentmomsinfo@gmail.com, <https://m.facebook.com/MonumentMomsClub>.

- **Lupus Support Group.** If you suffer with an autoimmune disease and want to connect with others, you are welcome to join this group. Info: dmbandle@hotmail.com.
- **Myasthenia Gravis Association of Colorado Support Group.** Location varies. For information, call Carolyn, 488-3620, [www.4-mga.org](http://www.4-mga.org), 303-360-7080, [4mga@4-mga.org](mailto:4mga@4-mga.org).

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- **Palmer Lake Art Group 42nd Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair, Fri.-Sun., Oct. 2-4,** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake. Featuring all original fine arts and hand-crafted items. Proceeds go to art scholarships for D-38 high school students. Info: [Plaginfo@palmerlakeartgroup.com](mailto:Plaginfo@palmerlakeartgroup.com), [www.palmerlakeartgroup.com](http://www.palmerlakeartgroup.com).
- **Haunted Mines at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI), Fri.-Sat., through Oct. 31,** 7 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd., (I-25 Exit 156A). Open Thursdays also, beginning Oct. 15. Don't miss this terrifying adventure. All proceeds go to WMMI and local charities. Info: 487-1666, [info@hauntedmines.org](mailto:info@hauntedmines.org), [www.hauntedmines.org](http://www.hauntedmines.org).
- **The Open Door Books and Gifts Class:** Learn to become a Psychic Medium. Taught by world renowned psychic medium Sarina Baptista. Info on this and other classes: 251 Front Street, Suite 8, Monument; 487-9076.
- **Community Meeting on the New Santa Fe Regional Trail, Mon., Oct. 5,** 6 p.m., Academy International Elementary School, 8550 Charity Dr., Colo. Springs. El Paso County Parks is hosting the meeting to discuss public use of the trail through the Air Force Academy. Info: 520-7529.
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Empty Bowls Dinner & Silent Auction, Wed., Oct. 7,** 5-7:30 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. This popular event is a major fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares. Ticket purchase includes dinner of soup, bread, beverage, & dessert; a handmade bowl donated by local artists; entry into drawing for 7" 8GB HD Kindle Fire. Cost: \$20, one child under 12 free with each adult ticket purchased. Info: RF Smith, [rff106k@gmail.com](mailto:rff106k@gmail.com), 719-210-4987.
- **D-38 Candidate Forum, Thu., Oct. 8,** 6:30 p.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Moderated by State Rep. Paul Lundeen. Q & A. Sponsored by Liberty Education Action Fund. Info: Leafonline.org.
- **Bella Art & Frame Miniature Fine Art Show Opening Reception, Fri., Oct. 9,** 6-9 p.m., 183 Washington St., Monument. Show will be judged; cash awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. Info: 487-7691, [www.bellaartandframe.com](http://www.bellaartandframe.com).
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage** headlined by Bill Hearne, Fri., Oct. 9, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., 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).
- **Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival, Sat.-Sun., Oct. 10-11,** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 Northgate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156A). Pumpkin patch, apple cider press, hayrides, face painting, farmers market, food vendors, children's activities and demos, "Spooky Histories," and entertainment. Cost: \$5 aged 13 and older. Info: 488-0880, [info@wmmi.org](mailto:info@wmmi.org), [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org).
- **2015 Annual Pheasants Forever Youth Outdoor Days, Sun., Oct. 11,** 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Bearpoint Kennel/Haystack Ranch, 8305 S. Perry Park Rd., Larkspur. Kids ages 10-15 will experience trap shooting, fishing, archery, & more. Register at [www.pikespeakpheasantsforever.org](http://www.pikespeakpheasantsforever.org).
- **Inaugural Palmer Lake .5K Run, Sun., Oct. 11,** 9:30 a.m.-noon, official shotgun start 10:30 a.m., Palmer Lake. Start line is the northern "Welcome to Palmer Lake" sign on the west side of the tracks. Finish line is at O'Malley's Pub. Prizes for best, most original Bronco outfit or anything else you can think of; be creative! Donut station at halfway point. Cost: \$25, includes unique shirt and refreshments. Registration & Info: [info@awakepalmerlake.org](mailto:info@awakepalmerlake.org).

- **D-38 School Board Candidate Forum, Wed, Oct. 14,** 6:30-9 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Sponsored by the D-38 District Accountability Advisory Committee. Info: 488-4700, [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org).
- **Joshua Davis of "The Voice" Live at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Thu., Oct. 15,** 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA Members \$20, Non-members \$25. Day of show: TLCA Members \$25, Non-members \$30. Tickets & Info: [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org), 481-0475.
- **Buffalo Grass Acoustic Society Open Stage** featuring Barry Ward, E Bar C, and Jory Lane, Fri., Oct. 16, 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: 495-0733, [info@buffalograssacoustic.org](mailto:info@buffalograssacoustic.org), [www.buffalograssacoustic.org](http://www.buffalograssacoustic.org).
- **Pumpkin Patch at Peak Ranch's Alpaca Boutique, Sat., Oct. 17,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 19850 Beacon Lite, Monument. While they last, pick your pumpkins in Paco Pastures. Cost: \$4. Free tours and treats. Optional food donations accepted for Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: [www.peakranchalpacas.com/events](http://www.peakranchalpacas.com/events).
- **Wine & Roses 2015, Fri., Oct. 23,** 6-9 p.m., ProRodeo Hall of Fame, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr., Colo. Springs. Tri-Lakes Women's Club presents an evening of fine wines, beers, and spirits with celebrity servers, local chefs, silent auction, raffle. Dressy western attire optional. Cost: \$50 in advance, \$55 door. Proceeds benefit local non-profits, first responders, and educational and service organizations in the Tri-Lakes area. Tickets & Info: [www.tlwc.net](http://www.tlwc.net).
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage** headlined by Steve Smith & Tim May, Fri., Oct. 23, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., 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).
- **Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Fire Station Tour, Wed., Oct. 28,** time to be determined. Info: Jennifer Martin, 484-0911, [www.tlfire.org](http://www.tlfire.org).
- **Kings Deer Handmade Art Show, Fri.-Sat., Oct. 30-31,** 12-5 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., King's Deer Golf Course, 19255 Royal Troon Dr, Monument. Original fine arts and handcrafted items from local artists. Info: 481-4812, [kingsdeer@comcast.net](mailto:kingsdeer@comcast.net).
- **Creepy Crawl 5 K & 1-mile Kids' Run, Sat., Oct. 31,** 5K begins 9:30 a.m., 1-mile free Kids Run begins 10:30 a.m., Santa Fe Trail in Palmer Lake. Put on your costumes and join this Halloween tradition. Registration & Info: [www.pymca.org/raceseries](http://www.pymca.org/raceseries).
- **Country Critters Uptown Grand Opening, Sat., Oct. 31,** noon-4 p.m., 615 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Drawings, door prizes, and hot dogs. Learn about all the great things for your pets. Info: 481-0220.
- **Downtown Monument Safe Trick or Treat, Sat., Oct. 31,** 4-6 p.m. Bring the kids downtown for a night of safe trick-or-treating as Monument merchants provide treats, activities and show-off their creative costumes. The Monument Police will patrol the streets for the children's safety. Info: [www.monumentmerchants.com/events.htm](http://www.monumentmerchants.com/events.htm).
- **Downtown Monument Holiday Open House, Fri.-Sat., Nov. 6-7.** Catch the holiday spirit with special promotions, refreshments, holiday decorations, and door prizes. Info: [www.monumentmerchants.com](http://www.monumentmerchants.com).
- **Pine Creek Bazaar & Silent Auction, Sat., Nov. 7,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 10750 Thunder Mountain Rd., Colo. Springs. The annual holiday craft bazaar benefits the Pine Creek High School Instrumental Music Program. Grandma's Kitchen opens 11 a.m. Info: [www.pcbandboosters.com/bazaar.html](http://www.pcbandboosters.com/bazaar.html).
- **St. Peter Holiday Boutique, Sat., Nov. 14,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 124 First St., Monument. Info: 481-1855, [www.petertherock.org](http://www.petertherock.org).
- **Stars Alive: An Evening with the Legends at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., Nov. 20,** 7 p.m., doors open 6:30 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Live performances with tribute artists performing the music of the legendary stars they impersonate: Patsy Cline, Roy Orbison, Marilyn Monroe, and Elvis. Advance tickets: TLCA Members \$16, Non-members \$20. Day of show: TLCA Members \$20, Non-members \$24. Tickets & Info: [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org), 481-0475.
- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance (RMMA) Con-**

cert: **Concerto Night, Sat., Nov. 21,** 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Grieg and Rachmaninov 2nd Piano Concertos. Reception follows concert. Cost: \$10 online, \$12 at door. Tickets & Info: [rmma-online.org](http://rmma-online.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 (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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