- O'Malley's Pub. This race is less than a third of a mile. You can do it! Prizes for best, most original Bronco outfit or anything else you can think of, be creative! Donut station at halfway point. Register online in advance, \$15-\$20-\$25 (dogs, kids under age 12, adults) includes unique shirt and refreshments. Registration & Info: www.awakepalmerlake.org.
- St. Peter Catholic School Blessing of the Pets, Tue., Oct. 4, 2:55pm. The pet blessing will be in the courtyard between the church and school, 124 First St., Monument. All well-behaved pets and owners are welcome. Info: 481-1855
- Monument Hill Kiwanis Empty Bowls Dinner & Silent Auction, Wed., Oct. 5, 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 a door prize. Cost: \$20, one child under 12 free with each adult ticket purchased. Buy tickets at the door, online, or at participating local businesses. Info: Dave Wittman, 925-683-8291, EmptyBowlsMHK@gmail.com, www.monumenthillkiwanis.org.
- Joshua Davis Trio Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Thu., Oct. 6, 7 p.m., member entry 6 p.m., general admission 6:15 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, 481-0475.
- Conjure One Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., Oct. 7, 8-10 p.m., doors open at 7; 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Electronic ambient trip-hop from Vancouver. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$22, non-members \$25. Day of show: TLCA members \$25, non-members \$28. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): 5th Annual Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival, Sat.,-Sun., Oct. 8-9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). A pumpkin patch, hay rides, antique tractors, face painting and farmers market, children's games, "Spooky Histories," gold and gem panning, and more in the museum's exhibit building and 27-acre grounds. Cost: \$5, ages 4 and up. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- Bella Art & Frame Miniature Fine Art Show Opening Reception, Sat., Oct. 8, 6-9 p.m., 183 Washington St., Monument. The show runs Oct. 7-Nov. 4. The art will be judged and cash awards given. Info: 487-7691, www.bellaartandframe.com
- Black Rose Acoustic Society Special Concert: John Mc-Cutcheon, Sat., Oct. 8, 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$20 general, \$15 BRAS members. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- Free Outdoor Movie Night: Inside Out, Sat., Oct. 8, 7 p.m., Monument Marketplace Clock Tower (between WalMart & Home Depot), Jackson Creek. Bring chairs & blankets, no pets please. Colorado Springs Health Partners is the presenting sponsor, Integrity Bank & Trust is the Night Sponsor. Info: 884-8013, www.MonumentColorado. org.
- Lewis-Palmer School Board Community Coffee, Mon., Oct. 10, 6-7:30 p.m., Learning Center in the D-38 Administration Building, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Tri-Lakes residents are invited to join the Lewis-Palmer School Board members for refreshments and informal conversation. No official school district business will be conducted. Info: 481-9546.
- Mountain View Electric Association, Inc. Member Appreciation Days, Tue., Oct. 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 1655 5th St., Limon; or Thu., Oct. 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 11140 E. Woodmen Rd., Falcon. Enjoy a free lunch hot off the grill, and a gift as well. Info: Tel: 800-388-9881.
- Haunted Mines & Colorado Fear Fest at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI), every Fri.-Sat. through Oct. 8, Thu.-Sat. Oct. 13-29, plus Sun.-Mon., Oct. 30-31, 7 p.m.; 225 North Gate Blvd., (I-25 Exit 156A). Find your way through the maze of tunnels and expect the unexpected. All proceeds go to WMMI and local charities. Discount coupons at the website. Tickets & Info: 487-1666, info@hauntedmines.org, www.hauntedmines.org.
- Pikes Peak Council Boy Scouts 100th Anniversary Celebration & Centennial Family Campout, Fri.,-Sun., Oct. 14-16, El Paso County Fairgrounds, 366 10th St., Calhan. The community is invited for the day, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., to see ATV demonstrations, shoot "Sporting Arrows," BB guns, archery, welding, games, crafts, live music, and more. You are also invited for camping Fri. and/or Sat. night with a pancake breakfast Sat. morning for all Fri. night campers. Camping is \$10 per person or \$20 for a family. A day pass for Sat. only is \$5 per person. Registration & Info: 719-634-1584, pikespeakbsa.org/famcamp.
- Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage: Chad Elliot, Fri., Oct. 14, 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, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- Active Adults Club: Elephant Rock Open Space Hike, Sat., Oct. 15, 9-11 a.m. Parks staff will lead participants on a two-hour hike from the Palmer Lake Trailhead into the

- candidate open space property known as Elephant Rock Open Space that the County is working to acquire. Adults only. Cost: \$3 members, \$4 nonmembers. Reservations required: 520-6387.
- Colorado's Best Coffee, Tea & Sandwich E-Cafe Grand Opening Week, Sat.-Thu., Oct. 15-20, noon-10 p.m., 2730 North Gate Blvd. The first 25 patrons each day will get a free coffee. See the ad or website for details on the opening week charity promotions. Info: 844-460-3791, info@ cbcecafe.com, www.cbcecafe.com.
- Outpouring: TLUMC Supporting our Community, Tue., Oct 18, 7 p.m., back Barrel Room at Pikes Peak Brewing Company, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Air Force veteran and Palmer Ridge High School AP History teacher Mark Ewig presents the inside story of our nation's Founding Fathers, the ups and downs of developing the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Everyone is welcome! Info: Mr. Lynn Weber 488-2832, LWeber1971@aol.com.
- Free Flu Shots at Tri-Lakes Cares, Thu., Oct. 20, noon-3 p.m., 235 N. Jefferson St., Monument. For adults and children over 4 years of age who are uninsured/underinsured, or without vaccine coverage. Vaccine is limited and will be available for as long as supply lasts. Sponsored by Penrose-St. Francis Health Services, Walgreens, and Tri-Lakes Cares. Call United Way 211 for schedule updates and locations. Info: www.tri-lakescares.org.
- Steve & Ruth Smith Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., Oct. 21, 7 p.m., 6 p.m., members entrance; 6:15, general admission; 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Acoustic Americana music with Celtic & Appalachian roots. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$16, nonmembers \$18. Day of show: TLCA members \$18, nonmembers \$20. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475
- Kings Deer Annual Handmade Art Show, Fri.-Sat., Oct. 28-29, 12-5 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., King's Deer Golf Course, 19255 Royal Troon Dr., Monument. Shop original fine arts and handcrafted items from local artists in a relaxed environment. Info: 481-4812, kingsdeer@comcast. net.
- Trunk or Treat at St. Peter Catholic School, Fri., Oct. 28, 5-7 p.m., 124 Main St., Monument. All are welcome. Food trucks, 5-6 p.m.; trunk or treating, 6-7 p.m. Info: 481-1855
- Trunk or Treat at the Tri-Lakes Y parking lot, Fri., Oct. 28, 6-8 p.m., 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. Free & open to the community. For all ages! Dress in costume for "trunk or treating" 6-7 p.m., Halloween games & activities 6-8 p.m. Info: 481-8728.
- Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage: Grietzer, Hodgson, Manning, Fri., Oct. 28, 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, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- Creepy Crawl 5 K & 1-mile Kids' Run, Sat., Oct. 29, 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 with the YMCA. Cost: through Oct. 15, \$30; Oct. 16-28, \$35; Oct. 29, \$40. Registration & Info: www.ppymca.org/raceseries.
- Historic Downtown Monument Safe Trick or Treat, Mon., Oct. 31, 4-6 p.m. Celebrate with your young children and downtown merchants. Local police will watch for the kids' safety.
- Lewis-Palmer School Board Parent Coffee, Wed., Nov. 2, 9-10:30 a.m., Learning Center in the D-38 Administration Building, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Parents of D-38 students are invited to join the Lewis-Palmer School Board members for refreshments and informal conversation. No official school district business will be conducted. Info: 481-9546.
- Black Forest Arts and Craft Guild Fall Show and Sale, Thu.-Sun., Nov. 3-6, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Sun., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Shop unique, hand-crafted items. More than 90 artisan and culinary members will sell their work. Info: dellaclark.bfacg@gmail.com, www.bfacg.org.
- Downtown Monument Holiday Open House, Fri.-Sat., Nov. 4-5. Begin your holiday shopping in Historic Downtown Monument! HMMA members will welcome you

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- with decorations, refreshments, and special savings. Some businesses will also be open Sunday; check with individual stores for hours.
- Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts Member & Resident Artist Exhibition Opening Reception, Fri., Nov. 4, 6-8 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Exhibit runs Nov. 1-Dec. 31. Deadline for entries, Oct. 14. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- Country Critters Uptown Anniversary Open House Celebration, Sat., Nov. 5, 2-4 p.m., 615 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Food and prizes, dogs welcome! Info: 481-0220.
- St. Peter Catholic School Holiday Boutique & Craft Fair, Sat., Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 124 First St. Monument. Free parking, free admission, St. Nick Bake Shop, more than 70 local crafters & vendors. Info: 481-1855.

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 or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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