

wildlife displays, and bluegrass music. Info: 559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.

- **Historic Monument Merchants Sidewalk Sale**, Sat.-Sun., **Aug. 6-7**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Downtown Monument.
- **SunDance Studio Olympic Day Celebration**, Sat., **Aug. 6**, 2-6 p.m., 1450 Cipriani Loop, Monument. Drop by for games, food, and fun. Info: 481-8208 www.thesundancesstudio.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Cruisers 15th Annual Benefit Car Show**, Sun., **Aug. 7**, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Historic Downtown Monument, 2nd and Front Streets. Fifteen plus classes to win a trophy. Public invited free of charge to look around. Food vendors, door prizes, music by a DJ, USAFA Falcons, and much more. Car show open to any and all model cars; cost to register a car is \$25 day of show. Proceeds benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: Dick Cissell, 481-4533; www.tl-cruisers.weebly.com.
- **Bethany & Rufus Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Sat., **Aug. 7**, 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$24, non-members \$28. Day of show: TLCA members \$26, non-members \$30. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **Free Concert at Fox Run Regional Park: George Whitesell**, Wed., **Aug. 10**, 6-8 p.m., meet at the lower pond and Gazebo. Info: dananordstrom@elpasoco.com, 520-6983.
- **Free Movie Night: The Princess Bride**, Thu., **Aug. 11**, 7 p.m. activities begin, movie begins at dark, Monument Marketplace Clock Tower (between WalMart & Home Depot), Jackson Creek. Bring chairs & blankets, no pets please. Info: 884-8013, www.MonumentColorado.org.
- **Lang 19th Annual Pig Roast & Client Appreciation Event**, Fri., **Aug. 12**, 5:30-8 p.m., 236 Washington St., Monument. Free, all ages are welcome; bounce house for the kids. Info: 481-0887.
- **King's Deer Community Garage Sale**, Fri.-Sun., **Aug. 12-14**, Highway 105 and Roller Coaster Road. For details and map visit www.KingsDeer.org and click Garage Sale.
- **Friends of Fox Run Volunteer Day**, Sat., **Aug. 13**, 9 a.m.-noon, Fox Run Dog Park. Help install a loop trail in the new extension of the dog park. Info: dananordstrom@elpasoco.com, 520-6983.
- **Church Yard Sale Hop**, Sat., **Aug. 13**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This multi-yard sale event will benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Participating churches are Church of Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd.; St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 18320 Furrow Rd.; The Northland Community Church, 245 2nd St.; and St. Peter Catholic Church, 124 1st St. If you attend one of those churches, contact your church office to participate. If your church is interested in joining this event, contact Tri-Lakes Cares, 481-4864. Info: www.tri-lakescares.org.
- **USAF Academy Band Blue Steel Free Concert**, Sat., **Aug. 13**, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Part of the Black Forest Festival. Info: Randall Doersch, 556-9917.
- **Grouchy Like Riley, the Chip Dolan Trio Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Sat., **Aug. 13**, 7 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$15, non-members \$17. Day of show: TLCA members \$18, non-members \$20. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **Tri-Lakes Y Back to School BBQ**, Fri., **Aug. 19**, 6-8 p.m., 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. The community is invited for free food, fun, and games. RSVP: 481-8728 or visit the front desk.
- **Black Forest Community Service Opportunity**, Sat., **Aug. 20**, half-day or full-day, age 14+. Come work in Black Forest hauling burned slash to the chipper to help a family recover from the Black Forest Fire. Bring your lunch and water bottle, and wear long sleeves and pants. And bring a friend to help! To sign up for this day and to find out other work dates, contact Lisa, 719-339-7831 or epg@tlumc.org.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family**, Wed., **Aug. 25**, 6-8:30 p.m., downtown Colo. Springs location. This free 12-week course is for family members and friends of individuals with mental illness. RSVP & Info: 473-8477, www.namicoloradosprings.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage: Gathering Time with Mara Levine**, Fri., **Aug. 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 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtm@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Chuck Girard Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Fri., **Aug. 26**, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$16, non-members \$20. Day of show: TLCA members \$20, non-members \$24. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **Tri-MOOR Triathlon**, Sun., **Aug. 28**, registration begins 6:30 a.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way. Do you swim, run and golf? The Country Club of Woomoor will host their inaugural triathlon benefiting Tri-Lakes Cares and Craig Hospital. Info: 884-7241, www.tri-lakescares.org.
- **Sunday Summer Concert in the Backyard at Pikes Peak Brewing Company**, Sun., **Aug. 28**, 4-7 p.m., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Cowboy Brad, John Denver Tribute Band. Bring a chair, but not your dog. Info: Judi, 360-5779.

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family**, Wed., **Sept. 1**, 6-8:30 p.m., northern Colo. Springs location. This free 12-week course is for family members and friends of individuals with mental illness. RSVP & Info: 473-8477, www.namicoloradosprings.org.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Peer-to-Peer**, Thu., **Sept. 1**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Colo. Springs location. A free, 10-week recovery education course for adults with mental illness. RSVP & Info: 473-8477, www.namicoloradosprings.org.
- **Free Opening Reception at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Thu., **Sept. 2**, 6-8 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celebrate the opening of *Perceptions of Nature and Monochrome*. Exhibitions run Aug. 30-Oct. 28. Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Basics** (meets weekly), Thu., **Sept. 8**, 6-8:30 p.m., Colo. Springs location. A free six-week course for parents and other caregivers of school-age children living with mental illness. RSVP & Info: 473-8477, www.namicoloradosprings.org.
- **Acoustic Eidolon Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Fri., **Sept. 9**, 7 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: \$12 TLCA members, \$15 non-members. Day of show: \$15 TLCA members, \$18 non-members. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Reynolds Ranch Restoration Day**, Sat., **Sept. 10**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (1-25 Exit 156 A). This all-day event is a unique and educational fundraiser for the Reynolds Ranch House to restore it to its original architectural grandeur, and help preserve Colorado history. See antique clubs displays, blacksmith shop, a stamp mill, outdoor engines demonstrations, indoor museum tours, movies, and equipment demonstrations, silent auction of donated antiques in the library, costumed interpreters, and food trucks. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 ages 3-15. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Front Range Open Studios Tour**, Sat.-Sun., **Sept. 10-11**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. See how art is made in this self-guided tour of the working studios and workshops of 16 full-time professional artists and craftsmen in the Tri-Lakes region. Info & map of participating artists: www.frontrangeopenstudios.com or 488-0629.
- **Judy Collins Live in Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Thu., **Sept. 15**, 7 p.m., members only entry 6 p.m., general entry 6:15 p.m.; 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$65, non-members \$70. Day of show: TLCA members \$70, non-members \$75. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma 15th Annual Patriot Golf Tournament**, Fri., **Sept. 16**, 7 a.m. check-in, 8:30 a.m. start, Kissing Camels Golf Course. This 4-person scramble honors local patriots representing the military, police, and firefighters. Cost: \$125, \$450 for a foursome; includes breakfast and lunch, green and cart fees, range balls, prizes. Proceeds benefit Home Front Cares and other local charities. Register at www.gleneaglepatriotgolf.com. Info: John Coyle, 494-4284; Joe Gray, 599-4265.
- **Benefits without Boundaries**, Fri., **Sept. 16**, 10:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Tri-Lakes Senior Center, modular building at Lewis-Palmer High School. This free workshop is open to all and includes medicare benefits and programs, Tri-Lakes Cares programs and services, and more. Free box lunch. Register by Sep. 2. RSVP & Info: www.TriLakes-Seniors.org/workshop or see the registration form in the ad in this issue.
- **Tri-Lakes Lions Golf Tournament 4-Player Scramble**, Mon. **Sept. 19**, The Golf Club at Flying Horse, 1880 Weiskopf Pt., Colo. Springs, registration 7:30 a.m., shotgun start 9 a.m. Cost: \$150 per player. Proceeds help support Lions Club charities, Tri-Lakes Cares, and The Home Front Cares. Info: Register online at www.golfsquid.com/event.cfm?id=2477 or call Jim Naylor, 303-883-8329; Dave Prejean, 719-434-7031; or Stan Krol, 720-339-3391.
- **Tri-Lakes Women's Club presents Harvesting Hope, a Premier Food & Wine Tasting Event**, Thu., **Sept. 22**, 5:30-9 p.m., Spruce Mountain Ranch, 14771 Spruce Mountain Rd., Larkspur. Music & dancing, marketplace vendors, silent auction, celebrity guests, raffle/door prizes, chef competition. Dress: jeans to jewels. Cost: \$65, or \$60 each with reserved table for 10. All proceeds benefit qualified non-profit service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes area. Info: www.TLWC.net.

- **Poverty Simulator**, Tue., **Sept. 27**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., D-38 Administration Building, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. The Poverty Simulator is an interactive experience designed to create an understanding of the day-to-day reality of the hardships faced by those living in poverty. Tri-Lakes Cares is partnering with Pikes Peak United Way to bring the Poverty Simulator to Monument. Refreshments will be served and space is limited. To reserve your spot, email RSVP@Tri-LakesCares.org or call 481-4864 x109 by Sep. 23.

- **Palmer Lake Art Group's 43rd Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair**, Fri.-Sat., **Sept. 30-Oct. 1**; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Free admission. Shop all kinds of hand-crafted arts and fine crafts. Proceeds fund art scholarships for D-38 high school seniors. Info: www.palmerlakeartgroup.com, pluginfo@palmerlakeartgroup.com.

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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- Include a suggested headline or title.
- Limit letters to no more than 300 words.
- Include your full name, home address, day and evening phone numbers, and email address, if you have one.
- Email your letter to editor@ocn.me or mail it to P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
- Send your letter at least 10 days before the "first Saturday of the month" when the paper is printed.
- If you are not at least 18 years old or an emancipated minor, provide a written statement from a parent or legal guardian that you have permission to submit the letter.

If, after two business days from the date of your submission, you have not received an acknowledgement of your letter, please call Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831. Letters may be edited for length, grammar, and accuracy.

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