

- A pop-up Palmer Lake event presented by Palmer Lakes Arts Council, Journey's End restaurant, 11 Primrose Street, Palmer Lake.
- **Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts in Palmer Lake, oil painting class for all levels of experience, Thursdays**, (September is sold out, reserve for Nov.), 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Monument artist John DeFrancesco. Registration \$50 at: <https://trilake-sarts.org/event/oil-painting-made-easy/>
 - **Monument Hill Farmers Market**, every **Sat.**, 8-2 pm, 66 Jefferson St., Downtown Monument. See ad on page 5.
 - **Fox Run Regional Park Free Concerts** running every **Thu.** through **Sep. 8** at the Gazebo at the ponds 6 - 8 pm.
 - **Jackson Creek Senior Living Hawaiian Luau & Polynesian Dancers**, Fri., **Sep. 9**, 4-6:15pm, Hawaiian luau party. Guests are invited to don colorful attire for a traditional pig roast, sides and dessert along with live music and entertainment. Jackson Creek's backyard oasis, 16601 Jackson Creek Parkway, Monument. This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Call Laura Hale at 719-725-6060 or visit jacksoncreekseniorliving.com/events to RSVP.
 - **9/11 Memorial ceremony**, Sun., **Sep. 11**, 6:40 am sharp. Please join the Monument Police Department's Honor Guard and Monument Fire Department's Honor Guard as we remember the events on Sep. 11, 2001. 645 Beacon Lite Road Monument.
 - **Fuel Church** at Mountain Community Mennonite Church, guest Pastor PJ Stevens Paul from India, Sun., **Sep. 11**, 11 a.m., 643 Hwy 105 Palmer Lake. See ad on page 9.
 - **Black Forest slash/mulch site ends Sep. 11**, at Herring Rd. and Shoup Rd. The last day to pick up mulch is **Sep. 17**. There is still time to do some of that tree trimming and slash cleanup.
 - **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, After Hours Networking Event**, Tue., **Sep. 13**, 5 pm-7:00 pm Free for chamber members, \$15 for non-members. Details: www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
 - **Pikes Peak Genealogical Society**, Wed., **Sep. 14**, 6:30pm Zoom hangout, 7 pm start; meets 2nd Wednesdays, guests welcome. Usually meets at The Venue, Library 21c 1175 Chapel Hills Drive Colorado Springs (currently only Zoom). Info: ppgsPresident@ppgs.com
 - **Monument Art Hop**, Thu., **Sep. 15**, 5-8 pm, in Historic Downtown Monument, live music, local artists, outdoor activities, food trucks, more! Info: www.downtownmonument.org. See ad on page 2.
 - **Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Thu., **Sep. 15**, 5-8 pm., Fleur Bradley, author of the award-winning title, *Midnight at the Barclay Hotel*, will sign, *Daybreak on Raven Island* and Lewis Palmer graduate, Rachel Hetrick will sign her titles in her Infiniti and Fallen Heir series during Art Hop. 105 Second Street, Monument.
 - **Community, Coffee and Conversation at St. Peter Catholic Church**, Wed., **Sep. 21**, 11 am-12:30 pm, 155 Jefferson St., Monument. Join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Ministry Center (155 Jefferson St. in Monument). All are welcome. Bring a friend! There is no cost and no agenda. We provide the coffee, you provide the conversation.
 - **(NASTap) Native American Sacred Trees and Places Annual Meeting and Conference at LaForet Conference Center in Black Forest**. Fri.-Sun., **Sep. 23-25**. Open to the public. Learn about the Native American Culture and Culturally Modified Trees in the area via the various talks, vendors and booths. For ticket information <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-nastap-conference-annual-meeting-tickets-387782075627> or contact marlene.four-gates@gmail.com
 - **Pikes Peak Brewing Company Oktoberfest**, Sat., **Sep. 24**, 11 a.m. -11 p.m. 1756 Lake Woodmoor Drive Monument. See ad on page 2.
 - **Creek Week Clean-Up**, Sun., **Sep. 25**, 9 am, Santa Fe Trailhead/3rd St., Monument.
 - **VOLUNTEER TODAY! Our Community News mailing day**, Thu., **Sep. 29**; approx. 9 am-2 pm. We are all volunteers at OCN and need YOUR help, even for an hour two, getting the papers ready to mail. Contact AllenAlchian@ocn.me to sign up and get the address and exact times.
 - **Western Museum of Mining and Industry, Miners' Pumpkin Patch**, October **Saturdays**, 9am - 4pm, \$10 per person in advance, \$12 at the door. Locally sourced pumpkins, (purchased separately). Games, Gold Panning and Historic Machine Demos, Pumpkin Catapult & Smashing, Farmers Market, morewww.MinersPumpkinPatch.com 225 Northgate Blvd., www.WMMI.org.
 - **Speed Trap Bistro**, 84 Hwy. 105. Open 7 days for breakfast, lunch, coffee, , merchandise, fine art, more. 8 am-2pm. See ad on page 5.
 - **A Better Hearing Center**, free hearing screenings through **Sep. 30**, 574 W. Hwy 105. Monument. See ad on page 14.
 - **Baptist Road Dental, Dr. Hill open house**, Fri. **Sep. 16**, 4 pm-7 pm. 1036 W. Baptist Rd., Colorado Springs 80921, 719-445-0490. See ad on page 11.

- **Cornerstone Cleaners**, special offers through **Sep. 30**. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
- **Eagle Wine & Spirits**, special offers through **Sep. 30**. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
- **Facinelli Motors**, special offer coupon good through **Sep. 30**. See ad on page 17.
- **Monument Cleaners**, special offers through **Sep. 30**. 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
- **Monumental Med Spa**, special offers through **Sep. 30**; at the loft, 4 Hwy 105 Palmer Lake.. See ad on page 7.
- **Noel Relief Centers**, new patient special. 950 Baptist Rd #130, Monument. See ad on page 8.
- **Pure Romance by Amy Yocum-Vos**, special offers through **Sep. 30**. www.pureromance.com/AmyYocum-vos. See ad on page 4.
- **The Living Room Plants**, special offers through **Sep. 30**. 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.
- **YMCA fall sports sign up now**, www.ppymca.org/sports. See ad on page 6.
- **Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day Fox Run Regional Park**, Sat., **Oct. 1**, 9 am. Come to National Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day at Fox Run Regional Park. The event will include guided trail rides, trail etiquette handouts, riding clinics, giveaways and more. All ages are welcome: from tots on stride bikes to teens. Riders just need a working bike and helmet to participate. Register online at ElPasoCountyNatureCenters.com. For more information go to communityservices.elpasoco.com/take-kid-mountain-biking/ or call 719-520-6977.
- **Grow your business workshop**, Wed., **Oct. 5**, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Palmer Lake Economic Development Group partnering with El Paso County Small Business Development Center. Lunch provided. Palmer Lake Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent, advanced reg.: [HTTP:// tinyurl.com/PalmerLakebusiness](http://HTTP://tinyurl.com/PalmerLakebusiness). See ad on page 5.
- **Water Lantern Festival Fox Run Regional Park**, Sat., **Oct. 8**, 4:30-8:30pm. Come out to enjoy the magical spectacle of the Water Lantern Festival at Fox Run Regional Park. Bring out your friends and family to decorate a water lantern and gather with your fellow community members for a wonderful evening of beautiful lights, food trucks, and special moments. Registration is required. For more information go to communityservices.elpasoco.com/water-lantern-festival-2022/ or call 719-520-6977.
- **Empty bowls dinner and silent auction**, Wed., **Oct. 12**, 5-7:30 pm. presented by Monument Hill Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis youth service leadership clubs, and Tri-Lakes cares. tickets available starting September 10. See ad on page 14.
- **Front Range Makers Market**, Sat.-Sun., **Oct. 22**, 9-4 pm, **Oct. 23**, 10-3 pm, crafts, decor, yard art, more, \$5 at the door, Lewis Palmer High School, Higby at Jackson Creek Pkwy.
- **MVEA member appreciation days**, celebrating over 80 years, lunch and pie, Wed.-Thu., **Oct 12-13**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., free. See ad on page 12.
- **YMCA 5K race series** 3 base has one great cause. Creepy crawl 5K, Sat., **Oct. 29**; Turkey Trot Thu., **Nov.**

- 24**, Jungle jog Sat., **Dec. 10**. Stroller and dog friendly. See ad on page 6.
- **MVEA outdoor power equipment giveaway entry deadline**, Mon, **Oct. 31**. Details: www.mvea.coop/greengiveaway. See ad on page 12.

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 Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor and confirm that it has not been submitted to any other publication.
- Include a suggested headline or title that summarizes the topic you are addressing.
- Limit your letter to no more than 300 words including your suggested headline and closing.
- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one. Only your name will be published.
- Submit your letter so we receive it no later than midnight, Friday, two weeks prior to the publication date.

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