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- **Outpouring: TLUMC Supporting our Community, check the website**, Tue., **Oct. 20**, 7 p.m., Pikes Peak Brewing Company, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Everyone is welcome. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: LWeber1971@aol.com; for speaker info go to tlumc.org/outreach/outpouring.
 - **Gleneagle Sertoma Luncheon Meeting, SUSPENDED**, Wed., **Oct. 21**, 11:30 a.m., Liberty Heights, 12105 Ambassador Dr., Colo. Springs. Interesting speakers and programs; all are welcome. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Garrett Barton, 719-433-5396; Duane Gritzmaker, 719-481-2424; www.gleneagle-sertoma.org.
 - **Senior Bingo, SUSPENDED**, Wed., **Oct. 21**, 1-2 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center, Lewis-Palmer High School campus. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Sue Walker, 464-6873.
 - **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829, via Zoom.com; POC Delbert Zehrung, 559-362-3223**. Wed., **Oct. 21**, 7 p.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. New members welcome. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Post Commander Joe Carlson, 405-326-2588, jcarlson@vfw7829.org, www.vfw7829.org.
 - **VFW Auxiliary to Post 7829, meeting by videoconference**, Wed., **Oct. 21**, 7 p.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. Guests are welcome to join; contact carlsonmkc@aol.com for instructions on how to connect. If you are a male or female relative of a veteran who served on foreign soil during war or other military action, you may be eligible. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Kathy Carlson, 719-488-1902, carlsonmkc@aol.com.
 - **Friends of Fox Run Park**, Thu., **Oct. 22**, 5:30 p.m., Southwinds Fine Art Gallery upstairs, 16575 Rollercoaster Rd. (corner of Baptist and Rollercoaster Roads). Join the growing group to learn about volunteering and supporting the park for safety, trails, trees, education, more. Guest speaker each month. Meets 4th Thu. each month. Info: 719-492-0355, janetsellers@ocn.me.
 - **Covered Treasures Bookstore Booksigning**, Sat., **Oct. 24**, noon-3 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. David Bugno will sign *The Reich Child: A Lebensborn Life*. Free, open to all. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
 - **Faithful Friends**, Sat., **Oct. 24**, 3-4:30 p.m., 3254 Forest Lakes Dr., Monument. This friendly group engages in open conversation with different thought-provoking topics. This month's topic: "Have we been Introduced?" What person, living or dead, would you like to interview? RSVP & Info: Ellen, 303-526-5000.
 - **Grief Share Support Group**, Tue., **Oct. 27**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Tri-Lakes Senior Center, across the street from the YMCA. The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance has partnered with Colorado Palliative & Hospice Care to host a 13-session grief support group in Monument. Meets last Tue. each month. RSVP & Info: Sue Walker, 719-330-0241.
 - **Chess Nuts**, Tue., **Oct. 27**, 5-9 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center, across the street from the YMCA. Any age, any skill. Learners welcome. Drop in and leave when you want. Bring your own board and pieces if you have them. Meets 2nd & 4th Tue. each month. Info: www.TriLakesSeniors.org/chess.
 - **Senior Social, all AARP indoor activities SUSPENDED through Dec. 31**, Wed., **Oct. 28**, 1-4 p.m., 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month except Nov. & Dec. Info: aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com.
 - **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., **Oct. 30**, Silver Alliance Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. A registered nurse examines feet and provides foot care advice, toenail trimming. Cost: \$35 for a 30-min. visit. Meets 2nd Wed., 3rd and last Fri. each month, by appointment only. Info & appointments: call the Visiting Nurse Association, 719-577-4448.
 - **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers, SUSPENDED**, Thu., **Nov. 6**, 6:45 p.m., Monument Hill Church, 18725 Monument Hill Rd., Unit 18, Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: PDQ504@gmail.com.
 - **Tri-Lakes Lions Club Meeting**, Thu., **Nov. 6**, 6:30-8 p.m., The Country Club At Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble

- Beach Way, Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: 303-883-8329, jim1947n@comcast.net, www.trilakeslionsclub.org.
- **Group of Artists (GOA) Meetings at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), SUSPENDED**, Sat., **Nov. 7**, 10 a.m.-noon, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Lively discussions about art topics, general studies on creativity. Meets 1st Sat. each month. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
 - **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. Info: Carolyn, 488-3620, www.4-mga.org, 303-360-7080, 4mga@4-mga.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Kiwanis 2020 Empty Bowls Dinner & Silent Auction: Bowl Pickup**, Sat., **Oct. 3**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School South Parking Lot, 1300 Higby Rd, Monument. This popular event is a major fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares. This year there won't be a meal, but you can still make a \$20 donation and receive a hand-crafted bowl, or just make a donation to Tri-Lakes Cares and skip the bowl if you don't need it. Register for your bowl at www.monumenthillkiwanis.org. Visit Tri-LakesCares.org for the online auction Oct. 3-10. Info: Dave Wittman at MHKEmpyBowls2020@gmail.com, www.monumenthillkiwanis.org.
- **Harvest Festival and Miners' Pumpkin Patch at Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI)**, Sat.-Sun., **Oct. 3-4**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., noon-4 p.m. Sun., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Celebrate fall with a pumpkin patch, hay maze, gold panning, hay rides, games, live entertainment, outdoor machinery demos, food trucks, and more. Pumpkin patch is open every weekend in October. Volunteers needed, see Notices section. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org, www.minerspumpkinpatch.com.
- **Palmer Lake 2020 Drive By .5K "Run,"** Sun., **Oct. 4**, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 104 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Decorate your vehicle and join the fun! Register right away to get a t-shirt and other swag, and a donut and beer (coupon). A fundraiser for Awake Palmer Lake. Registration & Info: https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PalmerLake/PalmerLakePoint5k.
- **Miners' Pumpkin Patch at Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI)**, Sat., **Oct. 10**, 17, and 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Hay maze, giant slide, tether ball, games, and more. Cost: \$10/person, kids age 3 and under free, one pumpkin with each admission. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.minerspumpkinpatch.com, www.wmmi.org.
- **Historic Downtown Monument Safe Trick or Treat**, Sat., **Oct. 31**, 4-6 p.m. Celebrate with your young children and downtown merchants. Local police will watch for the kids' safety. Please wear face masks that cover nose and mouth. Info: www.downtownmonument.org/downtown-events.
- **Downtown Monument Holiday Open House**, Fri.-Sat., **Nov. 6-7**. Begin your holiday shopping in Historic Downtown Monument! HMMA members will welcome you with decorations and special savings. Some businesses will also be open Sunday; check with individual stores for hours. Merchants will follow Governor Polis's state mandates at the time of the

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event. Info: www.downtownmonument.org/downtown-events.

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- 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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