

Trunk or Treat, Oct. 28



Above and Left: On Oct. 28, the Ascent Church, Awana, and Cathedral Rock Church jointly hosted a Trunk or Treat on the Ascent Church parking lot. There were 24 cars decorated in a variety of Halloween and festive themes to entice the Trunk or Treaters to stop by and receive a treat. Kathy Collins, Children's Ministry director for the Ascent Church, said the

event offered an outlet for "people seeking community" and it is "wonderful to see so many families out to enjoy the evening while maintaining social distancing." Collins said they were expecting 75-100 families attending in the hour-and-a-half event. The church asked attendees to bring a canned good for Tri-Lakes Cares. Photo above by Janet Sellers. Inset photo by David Futey.

Poll Snacks

Right: On Nov. 3 at the Monument Town Hall polling place, 23-year old Marcus Smith wore a "VOTE" mask and handed out snacks and drinks to voters. He said he just wanted to put a smile on people's faces and make them feel comfortable during this time of tension. Cara Yanez and her daughter Laika appreciated the gesture. He said, "It's not about me. It's just about getting people excited about voting." Smith is a Palmer Ridge High School graduate now working to become an EMT. Photo by Lisa Hatfield after a tip from poll worker Sarah McMullen.



By Judy Barnes, Events Editor
Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

Silver Key senior citizen luncheons and more

Connection Cafe's "Grab and Go" meal clients will receive three frozen meals for the week; meals must be requested in advance for the following week. A \$2.25 donation is requested. Please call 719-884-2300 to reserve your meal. Meals on Wheels and Home Delivered Meals will deliver frozen meals for the week to Monument on Wednesdays. If you qualify but are not yet enrolled for meals, phone 719-884-2300 or visit www.silverkey.org. The Food Pantry is implementing a "pick up only" model for clients. Mon.-Fri., noon-12:30 p.m., Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Reserve & Ride is temporarily limited to essential transportation needs only: strictly medical and food-related trips. Reservations are requested, phone 719-884-2300. For more information about senior services, visit www.silverkey.org.

Silver Key Calls of Reassurance are available for seniors

Extended social isolation and loneliness significantly impact the quality of life and health of older adults. The current public health crisis has increased the need for seniors to receive these critical calls and connection with others. Seniors who self-enroll can be called weekly (one to three times) to talk with a Silver Key volunteer. It offers two types of helpful calls. Social Calls are for seniors who wish to have a weekly, bright, and supportive connection with a well-trained VIP volunteer. Safety Checks are similar to Social Calls, but if the senior does not answer after three calls, emergency contacts

(maintained on file) will be called, then the police if the emergency contacts cannot be reached. For more details, visit www.silverkey.org.

Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Silent Auction

Support the chamber's fundraising and find bargains going for 50-75% of market value. See the impressive list of offerings at www.trilakeschamber/silent-auction.html. See ad on page 8.

Bingo is back, Nov. 18

Join the fun at the Silver Alliance Senior Center on Wed., Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. for an hour of bingo and prizes! You must RSVP to play in order to adhere to Colorado State COVID-19 mandates. Space is limited to 16 participants in two rooms, and masks are required. Please call Sue, 719-330-0241 or email, sue@monumentalfitness.com if you'd like to play.

YMCA's Virtual Turkey Trot 5K

Run your own Turkey Trot 5k wherever and whenever you want and sleep in on Thanksgiving! All participants receive a T-shirt, and dogs (\$5) get a bandana and treat. Register online at ppymca.org/turkeytrot2020. See ad on page 6.

Roadwork ahead

A new interchange and a ¾-mile section of state highway will soon connect I-25 to Voyager Parkway. The I-25 and Colorado Highway 21 (Powers Boulevard) interchange project is the first part of a two-part plan to eventually connect I-25 directly to Powers Boulevard at Colorado Highway 83 (Interquest Parkway). Completion is expected in summer 2021. The northbound I-25 left lane will be closed intermittently the week of Nov. 9 during daytime off-peak hours for guardrail installation and asphalt patching. Weekly traffic impact updates are available on the project website, i25powers.com.

LEAP—Help for heating bills

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Pro-

OCN photo contest winner



Above: Cooper and Zoey got dressed up on Oct. 20 to get ready for trick or treating. Photo by Haley Haneline with assistance from Josh Haneline, who held treats.

Keep them coming! Send your best "Life in Tri-Lakes" photo to editor@ocn.me no later than **Nov. 20**. Please don't send more than two photos. Include names of any people in the photo, date taken, a description of the activity or location, and the name of the photographer. Call Lisa at 719-339-7831 with questions.

Our Community Notices

gram (LEAP) is a federally funded program that provides cash assistance to help families and individuals pay a portion of winter home heating costs. The eligibility period for LEAP runs **Nov. 1-April 30**. Application packets will automatically be mailed to residents who received LEAP assistance last year at the address where they were living at that time. To find out if you qualify for LEAP, call 1-866 HEAT-HELP (866-432-8435) or visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap.

Sisters' Thrift & Boutique

The Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery have a shop full of gently used treasures, including clothing and accessories, household items, and small furniture at 8674 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The phone number is 719-282-0316. The shop welcomes donations and volunteers. For more information about Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery visit www.benethillmonastery.org. See ad on page 11.

Small-business grants available

The Energize Colorado Gap Fund will provide more than \$25 million in small-business loans and grants to boost small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Sole proprietors, businesses, and nonprofits with less than 25 full-time employees can apply for up to a \$15,000 grant and a \$20,000 loan for a possible combined total of \$35,000 in financial assistance. For more information, visit <https://energizecolorado.com>.

Taste of Palmer Lake, through Feb. 28

This year, your ticket will get you free food or beverage offerings from all of our Palmer Lake restaurants. Purchase your ticket and receive a punch card for a one-time use for your free item anytime through **Feb. 28, 2021**. This is a limited time offer. Tickets are \$25, available at all Palmer Lake restaurants, and all the money goes to this year's downtown Christmas decorations.

Help light up Palmer Lake. For details, visit awakepalmerlake.org.

Co-op Connections by MVEA

Mountain View Electric Association offers a free app to find discounts from local merchants. Help keep small businesses thriving. Save also on travel and on-line shopping. For more information and to download the app, visit www.connections.coop.

MVEA youth leadership trip contest, enter by Nov. 12

High school sophomores and juniors can win a summer trip. Apply at www.mvea.coop/essay-contest. Leadership trip availability may change due to COVID-19. For more information, contact Erica Meyer, 719-494-2654, erica.m@mvea.coop.

Stage I Fire Restrictions

Continued dry conditions and the National Weather Service forecast for continued dry and warmer-than-normal conditions have resulted in very high to extreme fire danger ratings. Stage I Fire Restrictions are now in effect for all the unincorporated areas of El Paso County. The following are prohibited:

- Open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds; charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials.
- The sale or use of fireworks.
- Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Violations of Stage I Restrictions may result in a fine of up to \$600. For more information, visit www.epcsheriffsoffice.com.

Tri-Lakes Cares is there for you

Do you need help as a result of COVID-19? Connect with Tri-Lakes Cares for assistance with groceries, rent or mortgage, utilities,