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- **Palmer Lake Elementary Annual Community Garage Sale**, Sat., **Sep. 10**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 115 Upper Glenway. All items are priced to sell! All proceeds go towards the 5th grade Outdoor Education Program. Donations to the sale may be dropped off at Palmer Lake Elementary any weekday before the sale during school hours. Info: lmalone@lewispalmer.org.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Reynolds Ranch Restoration Day**, Sat., **Sep. 10**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). This all-day event is a unique and educational fundraiser for the Reynolds Ranch House. Go inside the historic 1892 Queen Anne style farm house, watch a parade of antique vehicles, see antique clubs displays, blacksmith shop, a stamp mill, outdoor engines demonstrations, costumed interpreters, food trucks, and more. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 ages 3-15. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Pikes Peak Brewing Co. Oktoberfest**, Sat., **Sep. 10**, opens 11 a.m., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Food, fun, entertainment. Info: www.pikespeakbrewing.com.
- **Front Range Open Studios**, Sat.-Sun., **Sep. 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.
- **Tribute Ceremony & Free Concert for Colorado Remembers 9/11** featuring John Fogerty and Big Head Todd & The Monsters, Sun., **Sep. 11**, 1 p.m., Civic Center Park, 101 W. 14th Ave., Denver. The ceremony will include a procession led by the Colorado National Guard and representatives from the Colorado public safety community, remarks by the Governor and Mayor, and the presentation of military honors including a 21-gun salute, flyover, Taps, and bell ceremony. Info: www.COremembers911.org.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Free Provider Education (5-week course, meets weekly)**, Wed., **Sep. 14**, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Colo. Springs location. Offered for professionals and para-professionals who work with those with mental illness. RSVP & Info: 473-8477, Namicoloradosprings.org.
- **Judy Collins Live in Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Thu., **Sep. 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., **Sep. 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., **Sep. 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.TriLakesSeniors.org/workshop or see the registration form in the ad in this issue.
- **Haunted Mines & Colorado Fear Fest at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI)**, Fri.-Sat., **Sep. 16-30**; 7:30 p.m., Oct. 1-31, 7 p.m.; 225 North Gate Blvd., (I-25 Exit 156A). Additional days added in October. Don't miss this terrifying adventure. All proceeds go to WMMI and local charities. Tickets & Info: 487-1666, info@hauntedmines.org, www.hauntedmines.org.
- **Clean Sweep, a county household hazardous waste disposal event**, Sat., **Sep. 17**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the parking lot behind the El Paso County Citizens Service Center on Garden of the Gods Road. The event is free and open to residents of El Paso and Teller counties, but you must make an appointment. Register at www.fallcleansweep2016.eventbrite.com. Info: 520-7871.
- **Bines & Brews Hopfest**, Sat., **Sep. 17**, 1-5 p.m., Limbach Park, Front and Second Street, Monument. Sample beer from 17 breweries, enjoy food vendors and music in the park. No one under age 21 and no dogs allowed. Cost: \$30 regular, or \$10 designated driver admission. Info: 481-3282, www.trilakeschamber.com/events-calendar.htm.
- **Lewis-Palmer School District Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**, Sat., **Sep. 17**, 2 p.m., 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. A reception with refreshments follows the ceremony. Info: 488-4728.
- **Larkspur Autumn Harvest & Craft Fest**, Sat.-Sun., **Sep. 17-18**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Larkspur Community Park, 8850 Spruce Mountain Rd. More than 70 booths including arts & crafts, food & drinks. Entertainment for kids, live music, hay rides, a firetruck, Air Life helicopter, & more. Info: www.LarkspurAutumnHarvestCraftFest.com, info@LarkspurChamberOfCommerce.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Lions Golf Tournament 4-Player Scramble**, Mon. **Sep. 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 Community Blood Drive**, Tue., **Sep. 20**, 3-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5714.
- **Tri-Lakes Women's Club presents Harvesting Hope**, a Premier Food & Wine Tasting Event, Thu., **Sep. 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.
- **Tom Paxton Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Fri., **Sep. 23**, 7 p.m., 6 p.m., members entrance; 6:15, general admission; 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$20, non-members \$23. Day of show: TLCA members \$22, non-members \$25. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **Rocky Mountain Storytelling's 28th Annual Storytelling Festival**, Sat., **Sep. 24**, 9:15 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S Wilcox St., Castle Rock. Featured storytellers are Mark Lee Gardner, Priscilla Queen, and Jim Weglarz. RSVP & Info: info@rmstory.org, www.rm-story.org.
- **TLUMC Women's Fall Program: Potluck Lunch and Guest Speaker**, Sat., **Sep. 24**, 11:30 a.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Dr. Kristen Kells, highly acclaimed health and wellness expert, will speak on "Healthy Aging." Info: Michelle, women@tlumc.org.
- **Poverty Simulator**, Tue., **Sep. 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.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Free Mental Health First Aid Training**, Fri., **Sep. 30**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Citizens Service Center, Third Floor Nautilus Room, 1675 Garden of the Gods Rd., Colo. Springs. This eight-hour course teaches participants to give first aid in a mental health crisis and/or early stages of a mental health problem, identify early stages of mental health problems, observe signs and symptoms of the most common mental health problems, know where and when to get help, and understand what types of help are effective. Registration required. RSVP & Info: 473-8477, www.mhfac.org/find-a-class.
- **Phil Keaggy Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Fri., **Sep. 30**, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$20, non-members \$22. Day of show: TLCA members \$22, non-members \$24. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group's 43rd Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair**, Fri.-Sat., **Sep. 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.
- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance 10th Anniversary Season Concert**, Sat., **Oct. 1**, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Geoff Herd, violin; Zahari Metchkov, piano. Mozart Violin Sonata; Ravel-Tzigane; Prokofiev Sonata No. 1 in f minor. Cost: \$10 online, \$12 at the door, students with ID free. Info: Coleen Abeyta, 630-8165, coleen.abeyta@gmail.com, www.rmmaonline.org.
- **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 hand-made 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.

- **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.
- **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. Info: dellacark.bfacg@gmail.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.

Letters to Our Community

Our Community News welcomes letters to the editor on topics of general interest to readers in the Tri-Lakes area. We do not knowingly print letters that are substantially the same as letters that have been submitted to other publications. To ensure that OCN contains a variety of viewpoints, each letter writer is limited to a maximum of six letters within any twelve month period. To submit a letter, please:

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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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