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Boo-rific Bash & Splash

Friday, October 25 from 6-8 p.m.
at Ridge Recreation Center

This fun and affordable indoor trick-or-treat-ing event allows children to dress in full costume, trick-or-treat among community business tables and enjoy fun activities. Fee: \$5 per child, entry is free for adults accompanying their children. There are two payment options:

- Pay at the Door.
- Purchase your Prepay Tickets in advance. Prepay option is non-refundable.

If you aren't sure if you can make it to the event, please pay at the door. Swimming in the Ridge Pools is included in the festivities, swimsuit required to go swimming. Children 5 and under MUST be accompanied in the water by an adult (age 18 or older) and be within arm's reach at all times.

Cannibal: The Musical

October 25, 2024 – November 3, 2024

If you hated Urinetown, you'll detest Trey Parker's Cannibal! The Musical. Before The Book of Mormon. Before South Park. And wayyy before the grand re-opening of Casa Bonita, Trey Parker and Matt Stone, two Colorado local boys who made real good, created this campy, whacky, biographical, bloodbath of a musical about another (in)famous Colorado boy – Alferd Packer, the only person in the history of America to be convicted of... yup... cannibalism. Set in the Rocky Mountains, Cannibal 'is the true(ish) story of the "Colorado Cannibal" and his band of meaty miners who got lost while searching for gold and girlfriends in the unforgiving terrain during the winter of 1874. Will Alferd be hanged for Cannibalism? Or will he become a guard at the Denver Post, convert to vegetarianism, and die in Jefferson County before being buried in Littleton, Colorado? This Halloween season, sink your teeth into this gleefully gory tale of exactly how wild the wild west was!

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Native Plants For Fall Color

Colorado's fall colors are often overlooked or underrated, especially by people who feel that only the splendid reds of the upper Midwest and East Coast "count." "Yeah", they say wistfully, "Colorado's fall colors are just, well... not the same. Okay, maybe they're not the same, but I would like to say that I, for one, LOVE our falls. Perhaps there aren't the vast maple forests, but when I see translucent aspen leaves lit by a slanting sun and contrasted with our blue blue sky, it makes my heart sing.

And, let's not overlook that some aspen have a genetic tendency towards reds, especially some years. But, aspen aside, there are many fantastic native shrubs and even perennials that can provide fall color.

Take smooth and three-lobed sumac (*Rhus glabra* and *Rhus trilobata*), for example. Both provide nice fall reds. Smooth

sumac is the more fire-engine red, but beware of its rhizomatous and aggressive nature, and only plant where you have lots of room.

There's red-twig dogwood (*Cornus sericea* AKA *Swida sericea*). It has lightly fragrant white flowers in spring, lovely red fall color, white berries for birds and –bonus!—red twigs for winter interest.

Golden Currant (*Ribes aureum* and *Ribes odoratum*) have fragrant yellow flowers (*R. odoratum* especially), edible black berries and a gorgeous red. I particularly like pairing it with Western sage (*Artemisia tridentata*) for the color contrast.

Waxflower (*Jamesia americana*) is a Plant Select® Selection, and in good years, turns beautiful reds and purples.

One of my favorite underused plants is native mountain-ash (*Sorbus scopulina*). While this may be most appropriate for mountain communities like mine, it is still a gorgeous plant. I love how the pinnately compound leaves become a mosaic of greens and orange and reds in the fall. The addition of orange berries can't be beat!

Our native chokecherry is also no slouch when it comes to fall color. Plus, it has glossy black edible berries to boot! It can sucker quite a lot if grown in moist conditions, so beware.

This is just the beginning! Get out there and look around, and enjoy the subtle and often not-so-subtle colors of a Colorado fall.

–Irene Shonle, CSU Extension in Gilpin County

Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.

–Jim Bishop



Glow at the Gardens

October 22-27, 6-9 p.m.

Denver Botanic Gardens,

1007 York Street, Denver, CO 80206, 720-865-3500

Glow at the Gardens™ weaves together the spooky, silly and spirited for an autumnal celebration like no other!

Wander an immersive, illuminated path to discover enchanted landscapes animated by live performers with hand-carved pumpkin displays around every bend. While most nighttime Halloween events feature foam “funkins,” every single one of our grimacing jack-o’-lanterns and larger-than-life sculptures is freshly carved from real, locally grown pumpkins.



Whether you come in an elaborate costume* or simply in a macabre mood – there’s something for everyone at this one-of-a-kind experience! This event sells out every year weeks in advance, so get your tickets early.

Important details:

- You must purchase a ticket online for a specific date and time to visit. Tickets will not be available onsite.
- Last entry is 9 p.m. The event ends at 9:45 p.m.
- Themed food and beverages are available for purchase.
- *Costume masks that obscure the entire face are not permitted for guests over age 17.

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Hunchback of Notre Dame

October 18-20, 2024 – Littleton United Methodist Church

Fri., October 18th at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., October 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Sun., October 20th at 3:00 p.m.

Join Town Hall Arts Center, the Littleton Symphony Orchestra, and Voices West for their very first cooperative effort. While each organization has been a Littleton staple for more than 40 years, never before have all three organizations collaborated to produce a full scale, multi-night production that features the talent of all three ensembles. Sponsored by Littleton Arts and Redstone Bank, the October 2024 production of Disney's Hunchback of Notre Dame will feature a full orchestra, full choir, and a costumed cast of six professional actors that will bring this spectacular musical to the combined audiences of all ages. Tickets: Adults \$35; Students and Seniors (65+) \$32. All seating is general admission, doors open 30 minutes before the show. [-https://townhallartscenter.org](https://townhallartscenter.org)

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Cute And Cozy Fall Date Ideas To Try This Autumn

Fall is easily overlooked when it comes to romance. Seriously, fall dates and romantic nights are unsung heroes! And whether you're in a new relationship or have been with your beau for more years than you can count, all couples can benefit from a fantastic list of fall date ideas to infuse a bit of new energy and memories to your union. What could be sweeter than cozying up with a cup of apple cider while watching the leaves turn from vibrant green to warm auburn hues?

Grab some coffee. This becomes a free fall date idea if you bring your java in a thermos from home! Link up in a nearby park and enjoy the fresh air while you sip.

Head to a small town. Adventure makes the heart grow fonder (that's how the saying goes, right?), and there's nothing more charming than strolling the streets of a new-to-you small town—especially a small town that's known for leaf peeping.

Peep some leaves. Check out a fall foliage map to figure out when the trees in your area will be looking their most vibrant, then plan a romantic drive or foliage train ride to peep those leaves.

Cheer your hearts out at a football game. From college games to professional ones, football games are always a thrill to watch, whether you do so from a bar, a stadium, or your living room. Make your game day date even more fun by making your best tailgate food recipes.

Ride bikes. Autumn may just be the best time of year to go bike riding.

Sip seasonal brews at a fall beer festival. Craft beer season really peaks in the fall. If you're feeling creative, you and your date can even create a craft beer crawl of your own to taste a variety of seasonal brews.

Play a round of Frisbee golf. Unlike regular golf, Frisbee golf requires little skill and far less walking around, and there's no better time of year to do it than the fall.

Have a scary movie marathon at home. To save money, have a scary movie viewing party from the comfort of home.

Take a hike. Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors, either with a leisurely stroll or an intense trek.

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