

Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 166 2nd St., Monument. A free class on how to create a smart, classy landscape using less water; coffee and snacks. Repeats Mar. 27, 10-11:30 a.m. RSVP & Info: Cassie Olgren, 481-2954, colgren@tomgov.org.

- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance Piano Trio**, Fri., Mar. 16, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. This Friday evening concert features works by Haydn, Schubert, and Brahms. Tickets: adults \$10 online or \$12 at the door. Students with ID, and children 12 and under are free. Tickets & Info: www.rmmaonline.org. See ad on page 2.
- **12th Annual Break-A-Thon: Benefit for Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation**, Sat., Mar. 17, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 221 E Kiowa St., Colo. Springs. U.S. Taekwondo Center hosts this fundraiser for a Children's Hospital in Colorado Springs. Info: 488-4321, www.ustcbreakathon.com.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Family Day: Science**, Sat., Mar. 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Come see Pikes Peak Soaring Club, Chris Thompson with his model engines and machines, Colorado Springs Utilities Electricity Demonstrations, UCCS Amateur Radio Club, Tim Giem with his traveling lab, and more! The museum is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$10 adults, \$9 military/AAA, \$8 seniors & students, \$6 children 3-12, free to children under 3 & museum members. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Gallery 132: Celtic Violin Music by Michelle Edwards**, Sat., Mar. 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 251 Front St., Suite 8, Monument. Shop locally made items at this local artisan cooperative. Check about low-cost two-hour classes in the Art after Hours series. Info: 375-8187, info@gallery132.com, www.gallery132.com. See ad on page 10.
- **Covered Treasures Bookstore Booksignings**, Sat., Mar. 17, 1-3 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Carmen Crowley, Annie Dawid, Jim Flynn, Dr. Lynn Schriener, and Andria Williams will sign their books. Refreshments will be served. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com. See ad on page 24.
- **Tri-Lakes Community/Centura Blood Drive**, Tue., Mar. 20, 3-7 p.m., Bloodmobile at Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5822.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society: The Side Hustlers**, Fri., Mar. 23, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 non-member students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Bill Nance Memorial Blood Drive**, Thu., Mar. 29, 1-6 p.m., Antelope Trails School, 13280 Jessie Dr. Walk-ins welcome, driver's license required. Sponsored by Gleneagle Sertoma Club and Penrose-St. Francis Hospital. RSVP & Info: 481-5702.
- **Seniors Craft Group Planning Meeting**, Fri., Mar. 30, 11:30 a.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center, across the street from the YMCA. Bring your thoughts and ideas! Light lunch will be served. RSVP & Info: Sue, 464-6873.
- **Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast**, Sun., Apr. 1, 7-11 a.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Come on down and enjoy breakfast prepared by the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Cost: \$5 adults, \$3 children. Info: 481-2953.
- **Palmer Lake Easter Egg Hunt**, Sat., Apr. 1, 10 a.m., Village Green. Photos with the Easter Bunny, games, bring your own baskets. Info: 481-2953.
- **Fuel Church Children's Easter Egg Hunt**, Sun., Apr.

1, right after the 10 a.m. service, 14960 Woodcarver Rd. (just west of I-25 off Baptist Road). Free donuts and coffee before the service. Info: www.fuelchurch.org. See ad on page 10.

- **42nd Annual Pine Forest Spring Show & Sale**, Sat.-Sun., Apr. 7-8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Tri-Lakes Women's Club's popular fundraiser features Artfest, antiques, home decor, garden exhibits, gourmet food trucks, "The Bakery," raffle, and MOPS Kid's Corner. Bring in ad or a can of food for Tri-Lakes Cares for \$1 off admission. All proceeds benefit nonprofit service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes community. Info: www.tlwc.net.
- **Forte Handbell Quartet Concert: Rethink Possible**, Fri., Apr. 13, 7:30-9 p.m., Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. This amazing group performs a wide variety of styles of music in new and different ways. No admission charge, just a freewill offering. Info: Betty Jenik, 488-3853.
- **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Spring Retreat**, Sat., Apr. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane. "You are loved, forgiven and pursued by a jealous God." Cost: \$45. Online registration is requested: www.benethillmonastery.org. Info: 633-0655. 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 P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

Our Community News is a member of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Visit the chamber at www.trilakeschamber.com



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:

- 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.
- 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 published.
- 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 contact Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831 or editor@ocn.me. Letters may be edited for length and grammar; however, please note that OCN does not research the accuracy of the author's statements.

Look for our next issue Saturday, April 7

- Ad space reservations due: **Fri., Mar. 16**
- Finished ad artwork due: **Fri., Mar. 23**
- Calendar items due: **Fri., Mar. 30**
- Letters to the editor due: **Fri., Mar. 30**

Visit our website to read, download, and search all the back issues at **WWW.OCN.ME**

Paid Advertisement

The Rabbi's Corner The Shabbat

By Oswald Garagorry

We are instructed in *Numbers 20:8* by God Himself "to keep the Shabbat holy." Beside that we have throughout the entire scriptures similar instructions being given to us by several different writers of the Bible. At the same time, we have dear brothers and sisters in the Lord who are His followers and completely reject such instructions or directions for their personal lives and others. And they justify their rejection of God's instructions, by rationalizing and arriving at pre-determined conclusions to support their pre-established positions.

This writer understands where they are, because at one time that was exactly his position too. So my dear reader, if you are a believer in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, let me say something that may be helpful in your walk. First of all, we are all in a certain location on the road of God and from each place the view of the scenery is different...so whatever your position is...it is real for you from where you are at this time in God's road. Yet, what God has said is very comforting no matter where you are on the road or what your view in the road is at this time. He stated, "the thief came only to steal, kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure." *John 10:10.*

With a humble mind get to a place by yourself and open your heart to God. Tell him everything that comes to your mind. After you have said it all, conclude by thanking God for being with you and listening to you. Then, give him some time to speak with you. Tell him "Speak that your servant listens." And be quiet...soon after, some time he will begin to speak to you. Then your heart will be full of joy and your mouth full of laughter. May the Lord greatly bless you.

Shalom to you.

Dr. Garagorry is the Rabbi of Aliyah Congregation that meets on Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church,



643 Highway 105, Palmer Lake, CO 80133
www.aliyahcongregation.com • (719) 330-2382
Visitors are welcome!

Support Our Community Advertise in OCN!

Our Community News (OCN), with a circulation over **18,300**, is a unique all-volunteer monthly newspaper mailed FREE to every resident and business in the Tri-Lakes area. OCN is a primary source for Tri-Lakes area news that gives advertising preference to Tri-Lakes area businesses. OCN's contract-free low ad rates and monthly publication schedule help stretch your ad budget while supporting an important Tri-Lakes-focused effort to present factual, comprehensive news to all Tri-Lakes area residents and business owners.

For advertising information, contact John Heiser, (719) 488-3455, ads@ocn.me, or visit www.ocn.me.

Content

Articles in *Our Community News* focus on the deliberations of Tri-Lakes area governmental bodies such as the Monument Board of Trustees, Palmer Lake Town Council, and many of the local water, sanitation, fire, and school district boards.

Unlike papers that try to figure out what the "story" is and then get quotes on each side to presumably lead the reader to conclude what the "truth" is, OCN's role is to report in detail on public meetings of local governmental entities. We report what was talked about and what was decided. By reading OCN, you can find out what you might have learned if you had attended those public meetings. In this context, "truth" is that the articles accurately represent what transpired at the meetings.

The content of ads and inserts in OCN is solely the responsibility of the advertisers who place those ads and inserts. The appearance of an ad or insert in OCN does not imply endorsement of the ad or insert's content or purpose. While OCN does not knowingly run false ads or inserts, we do not research the accuracy of that content. Readers are encouraged to do their own research prior to committing to use the products or services offered.

Contact Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at editor@ocn.me or (719) 339-7831 with any questions.



OCN is published on the first Saturday of each month by Colorado Cooperative Association
Our Community News, Inc.
John Heiser, President
(719) 488-3455 (ofc & FAX)
Advertising: ads@ocn.me
Back issues: www.ocn.me
Editorial content: editor@ocn.me
Event information: calendar@ocn.me

© Copyright 2001-2018
Our Community News, Inc.
P.O. Box 1742
Monument, Colorado 80132-1742
All rights reserved.