

- **Gleneagle Women's Club, SUSPENDED**, Fri., **Jul. 17**. Come for lunch, book discussions, bridge, and more. Location for lunch varies. Meets every third Fri., Sept.-June. Info: Syble Krafft, 719-488-2669.
- **Foot Care Clinic, SUSPENDED**, Fri., **Jul. 17**, 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.
- **The Breakfast Club, SUSPENDED**, Sat., **Jul. 18**, 8:30 a.m., The Ridge at Castle Pines North (Ridge Grill and Bar), 1414 Castle Pines Pkwy. Single people 50+ meet new friends and have fun. Meets 3rd Sat. each month. Info: 303-815-8428, www.TBC50plus.org.
- **Tri-Lakes Parkinson's Disease Support Group, SUSPENDED; if you need any help, please call Syble or Barry**. Sat., **Jul. 18**, 10 a.m.-noon, Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St, Monument. Come for socializing, discussions on Parkinson's-related issues including available support, and occasional speakers. Meets 3rd Sat. each month. Info: Syble Krafft, 719-488-2669; Barry (group president), 719-351-9485.
- **Outpouring: TLUMC Supporting our Community, check the website**, Tue., **Jul. 21**, 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 <http://tlumc.org/outreach/outpouring>.
- **Senior Social, all indoor activities SUSPENDED through Dec. 31**, Wed., **Jul. 22**, 1-4 p.m., 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month except Nov. & Dec. Info: aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com.
- **Friends of Fox Run Park**, Thu., **Jul. 23**, 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.
- **Chess Nuts, SUSPENDED**, Tue., **Jul. 28**, 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.
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- **Group of Artists (GOA) Meetings at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), SUSPENDED**, Sat., **Aug. 1**, 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.
- **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers, SUSPENDED**, Thu., **Aug. 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., **Aug. 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.
- **Faithful Friends**, Thu., **Aug. 6**, 7 p.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. A Ladies' Dessert with an inspirational speaker each month. Normally meets 1st Thu. each month. Cost: \$7. RSVP & Info: Sandi King, 719-237-3359.
- **Lupus Support Group**. If you suffer with an autoimmune disease and want to connect with others, you are welcome to join this group. Info: dmbundle@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

- **Palmer Lake July 4 Fun Run/Walk Virtual Race**, Sat., **Jul. 4**. Registration ends Jul. 4, 11:59 p.m. Choose your own course and the time. Proceeds benefit Palmer Lake Elementary School. Sign up online: runsignup.com/Race/CO/PalmerLake/PalmerLake-July4FunRun.
- **Woodmoor Chipping Days**, Sat., **Jul. 11** (repeats **Aug. 1**), 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School south parking lot by the baseball field, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Large diameter logs, MPB wood, pine needles, and firewood okay. Organic materials only. No metal, nails, concrete, lumber, stumps, construction debris, or trash. Please stay in your vehicle except to unstrap a load or to unload pine needles. Non-Woodmoor residents welcome also. Donations welcome. Info: 488-2693 x 2, www.woodmoor.org.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI):**

Outdoor Machine Demonstration Day, Sat., **Jul. 18**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Free. See the Osgood Steam Shovel, the one featured in the children's book, Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel. Experience the awesome power of the Yellow Jacket II Stamp Mill as it crushes rocks in search of gold. Watch a real blacksmith in action and take a hayride to see the historic Reynolds Ranch House. Bring a picnic and spend the day. Inside tours are available at regular rates. Info: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org.

- **Griffith Centers for Children Peaks Challenge**, Sat., **Jul. 18**-Sun., **Aug. 2**, sponsorship deadline **Jul. 10**. Ascend one of Colorado's famous 14er mountains while helping hundreds of children and families across Colorado. Inspire friends to climb with you, or join a team and meet new folks who share your passion for adventure. Registration & Info: www.griffithcenters.org/peaks-challenge.
- **Summer STEM Camp at WMMI**, Mon.-Fri., **Jul. 20-24**, full or half day, Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Ages 8-12 will have hands-on activities in geology, electricity, physics, mining and industry, along with special guests. Info: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org. See ad on page 32.
- **Soul Sacrifice Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Fri., **Jul. 24**, 7 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Grief Share Support Group**, Tue., **Jul. 28**, 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. To allow for social distancing, participants are limited to 10 per session. Meets last Tue. each month. RSVP & Info: Sue Walker, 719-330-0241.
- **Free Class: Reduce Your Home Ignition Potential**, Thu., **Jul. 30**, 7 p.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Lisa Hatfield will present research-based guidelines to protect your home from wildfire. Wildfire mitigation specialists will answer your questions and site evaluations can be scheduled to address specific recommendations tailored to your property. Refreshments provided. RSVP & Info: 719-488-2693 x 4, matthew@woodmoor.org.
- **Outdoor Safety Series: Family Hiking Safety**, Sat., **Aug. 1**, 9-10:30 a.m., Fox Run Regional Park. Families are invited to learn about hiking basics, preparedness, and outdoor awareness. Geared for children ages 6-12 years old. \$5 per child or \$4 for members of El Paso County Nature Centers: parents are welcome to attend but do not need to pay. Due to COVID-19, all participants must wear face masks. Register at 719-520-6977 or www.elpasocountynaturecenters.com.
- **Western Saloon Night at WMMI**, Sat., **Aug. 1**, 6-9 p.m., Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Wear your best Western attire for this evening of dinner, live music and whiskey tasting from five local distilleries including Monument's own 300 Days of Shine. Entertainment includes live re-enactors, authentic games, and silent auctions and raffles to benefit the museum. Cost: \$50 (\$35 for museum members), online or at the museum. RSVP & Info: 488-0880, rsvp@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org. See ad on page 13.
- **Color Splash, Annual Fine Art Exhibit Opening Reception**, Fri., **Aug. 7**, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celebrate the Palmer Lake Art Group's show opening. The show runs Aug. 4-28. Proceeds benefit art scholarships for District

38 high school seniors. Info: bsands56@gmail.com, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com. 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 Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor and confirm that it has not been submitted to any other publication.
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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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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.

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