

- Chorale will entertain with festive Holiday music. The Chorale transforms the lives of children and leaves an enduring impact on families, audiences and communities. Meetings are open to all members of Tri-Lakes Women's Club. To become a member, or learn about the club, visit our website at [www.tlwc.net](http://www.tlwc.net) or email [sleggie26@me.com](mailto:sleggie26@me.com).
- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)**, every **Fri.**, 8 a.m., Monument Chamber of Commerce, 166 Second St., Monument. Info: Terry, 719-684-4912, or visit [www.TOPS.org](http://www.TOPS.org).
  - **Silver Center Book Club**, second **Fri.**, 11 a.m.-noon, Senior Center across the street from Tri-Lakes YMCA, on Lewis-Palmer High School campus. All are welcome. Coffee & snacks served. RSVP & info: Sue, 719-330-0241.
  - **Monumental Impact Network Event**, second **Fri.**, 5 p.m. for high school students, businesses and community members interested in technology and engineering. Support high school students in technology, engineering, and entrepreneurship career pathways. 55 Adams St. Info: 719-387-7414, [enable@monumentaltalimpact.org](mailto:enable@monumentaltalimpact.org). Through Fall 2021
  - **Monumental Impact Open Builds**, every **Fri.**, 3-6 p.m. Bring your own technology, engineering, and/or entrepreneurial projects or just come for the camaradery. Open to high school students and adults. 55 Adams St. Info: 719-387-7414, [enable@monumentaltalimpact.org](mailto:enable@monumentaltalimpact.org). Through fall 2021

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **First annual Trails End Christmas Market**, **Fri.-Sun., Dec. 3-5**, Vendors and live music performance. <https://downtownmonument.org>.
- **Kiwanis Monument Hill Club - North Pole Craft Fair**, **Sat., Dec. 4**, North Pole craft fair at Tri-Lakes is back featuring live holiday music, choirs, bands and local talent. free admission with donation of non-perishable food item, cash, or a board game for Tri-Lakes cares, Grace Best Education Center, 66 N. Jefferson St.
- **Monument Small Town Christmas**, **Sat., Dec. 4**, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, pet the reindeer, ride on an old-fashioned hayride, crafts and other traditional Christmas activities, Downtown Monument. <https://downtownmonument.org>.
- **Annual Monument tree lighting at Limbach Park**, **Sat., Dec. 4**, 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. activities and performances beginning at 3 p.m. Santa will arrive at 5 p.m. to light the tree and visit with kids. Festive Music performed by local schools and churches. Please bring a canned food item for Tri-Lakes Cares or a new unwrapped toy for Santa on Patrol. <https://downtownmonument.org>.
- **Covered Treasures Bookstore, Small Town Christmas Book Signings**, **Sat., Dec. 4**, 11-3 p.m.. Ana Crespo signs her picture book about the Black Forest fire, *Hello Tree* (11-1); Deb Faulkner, author, and Christina Cookson, photographer, sign *Henry's Denver Palace* (1-3); Jean Alfieri signs two new titles in the Zuggy, The Rescue Pug series, *Ooky*, *Spooky Stories* and *Sweet Dreams* (1-3). Covered Treasures Bookstore, 105 Second Street, Monument. (719) 481-2665.
- **Kiwanis Monument Hill Club, Colorado Gives Day**, **Tue., Dec. 7**. Join us in making a difference for youth and community. Please go online at [coloradogives.org](http://coloradogives.org) and select Monument Hill Foundation. See ad on page 14.
- **Tip a Cop**, **Thu., Dec. 9**, 5-9 p.m., Texas Roadhouse locations in Monument, 8th St. and Powers Blvd. Please come and support the El Paso County Sheriff's Office annual event in support of Colorado Special Olympics.
- **O Holy Night Christmas concert**, **Fri., Dec. 10**, 7 p.m., free, for the whole community, accepting donations to benefit Tri-Lakes cares. Saint Peter Catholic Church, 55 N. Jefferson St., Monument. See ad on page 2.
- **Southwinds Fine Art Holiday Art Sale**, **Fri.-Sun. Dec. 10-12**, **Fri.**, 4-9 pm: reception and meet the artists; **Sat.**, 10-6 pm: features J. Clark Wider and local artists; **Sun.** 12-4 pm: artists holiday objet d'art. Refreshments, make-and-take-it ornaments courtesy of Friends of Fox Run Park. Southwinds Fine Art studios and gallery, 16575 Roller Coaster Rd., 80921. See ad on page 2.
- **Friends of Fox Run Park annual tree "wood cookie" ornament party**, **Sat., Dec. 11**, 1-3 p.m., meets at the warming hut by the Gazebo and ponds at Fox Run Park. More info: [friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com).
- **Covered Treasures Bookstore Book Signings**, **Sat., Dec. 11**, 1-3 p.m. Tanja Britton, *Places and People of the Pikes Peak Region* and Mike Pach, *Colorado Springs Then and Now* will sign from 1-3. Covered Treasures Bookstore, 105 Second Street, Monument.

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- (719) 481-2665.
- **Palmer Lake Annual Yule Log Hunt**, **Sun, Dec. 12**, 1 p.m., due to renovation of the Town Hall, it will be held outside on the Village Green, 42 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake. Traditional hot wassail served. Info: Yule Log Committee: 719-649-7066 Niall Byrne or 719-338-7076 Kurt Voelker. All are welcome. Committee meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-559-0837, [www.palmerdividehistory.org](http://www.palmerdividehistory.org).
  - **Monument Santa on Patrol**, Toys should be dropped off no later than **Mon., Dec. 13**, 5 p.m. They will be distributed **Sat., Dec. 18**. For more information or if you know a family who would benefit from this event please see <https://www.townofmonument.org/486/Santa-on-Patrol> or email Sgt. Andrew Romano at [aromano@tomgov.org](mailto:aromano@tomgov.org).
  - **Covered Treasures Bookstore Book Signings**, **Sat., Dec. 18**: Jana Eklund, *Open Bar* and Michele Sample, *Can I Hold Your Hand* will sign from 1-3. Covered Treasures Bookstore, 105 Second Street, Monument. (719) 481-2665.
  - **Woodmen Valley Chapel: Christmas Eve Services**, **Fri., Dec. 24**, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. family fun with carols, candlelight and engaging teaching from the Bible. A program for kids and adults with special needs at 3 p.m. Monument campus of Woodmen Valley Chapel, at Bear Creek Elementary, 1330 Creekside Drive, Monument. See ad on page 13.
  - **Christmas Eve at Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church**, **Fri., Dec.24**, 5 p.m. contemporary worship with Holy Communion: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. traditional worship with Holy Communion. 20256 hunting Downs Way, Monument. Check for website updates [tumc.org/Christmas](http://tumc.org/Christmas). See ad on page 8.
  - **Kiwanis Monument Hill Club, bell ringing for the Salvation Army** runs through **Dec. 24**.
  - **Pikes Peak Brewing Company**, free gift cards with merchandise or gift card purchase through **Dec. 24**. Pikes Peak Brewing.com. See ad on page 12.
  - **Free hearing consultation**, through **Dec. 31**. A Better Hearing Center, 574 Hwy. 105, Monument. See ad on page 16.
  - **Cornerstone Cleaners**, 10% off alterations through **Dec. 31**. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
  - **Eagle Wine & Spirits**, 10% off of a variety of spirits through **Dec. 31**. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
  - **Monumental Med Spa**, free gifts with purchase of gift certificates, through **Dec. 31**. at the Loft, 4 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. See ad on page 7.
  - **Monument Cleaners**, specials through **Dec. 31**, 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
  - **Noel Relief Centers**, complimentary first visit through **Dec. 31**. 719-359-9947, 1840 Woodmoor Drive, Suite 109, Monument. See ad on page 2.
  - **Pure Romance** by Amy Yocum-vos, special offer when you book a Stop & Shop appointment through **Dec. 31**. 719-963-0764, [pureromance.com/AmyYocum-vos](http://pureromance.com/AmyYocum-vos). See ad on page 4.
  - **Speed-Trap Bistro**, open 8-2 p.m. **Wed.- Sun.**, later on **Fri.-Sat.**, freshly made breakfast and lunch, full barista & bar service, evening light fare. Local art, merchandise, special orders. 84 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. See ad on page 5.
  - **Free fire mitigation assessment**, The Community Tree Service, 719-299-7717, [theCommunityTreeService.Com](http://theCommunityTreeService.Com). See ad on page 9.

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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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- **YMCA** special offers through **Dec. 31**. Join online at [ppymca.Org](http://ppymca.Org). See ad on page 6.

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](mailto:calendar@ocn.me) or Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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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 one (1) letter per issue and six (6) letters within a twelve (12)month period. To submit a letter, please:

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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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