

Jarrito Loco relocating



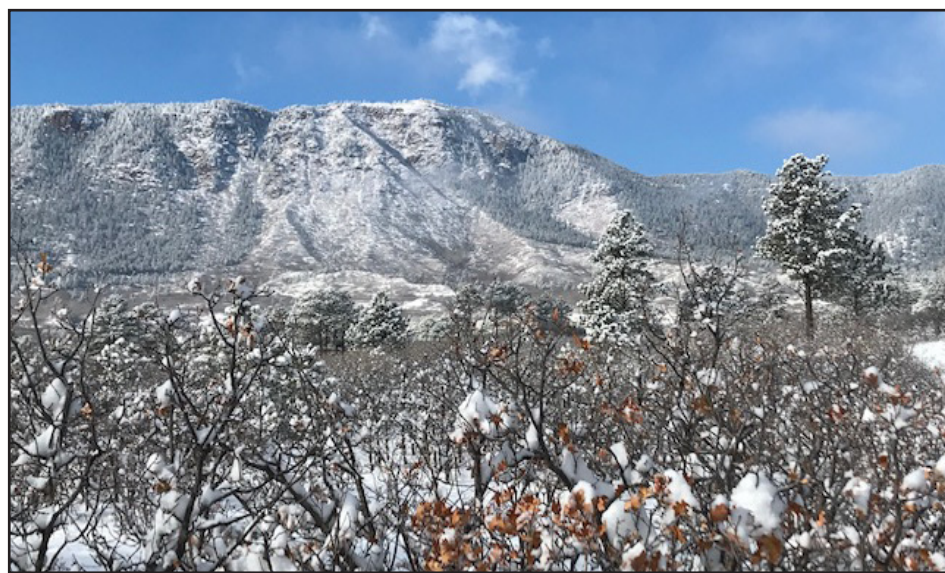
Above: Jarrito Loco will move from its current location at 582 W. Highway 105 to the site of the former Village Inn at 315 N. Highway 105. The Village Inn closed a year ago. Jarrito Loco's sign went up Jan. 7. Owner Angel Jimenez says the new site will be about three times bigger than their current place, where they've been since April 2018. He says they hope to open at the new spot before Valentine's Day. In the meantime, they're looking for someone to sublease their current location. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

Pet shot clinic, Jan. 23



Left: Harley (dog pictured) is being good as the staff is getting ready to give another shot Jan. 23 at the Animal Vaccine Clinic, offered by Dr. Jessa Kocher, veterinarian and owner of Fox Run Veterinary Hospital and cohosted by Wag N' Wash, at the Wag N' Wash location in Jackson Creek Crossing. They offered low-cost vaccines to area residents for their pets and donated a portion of the money made at the clinic to the Monument Academy Parent Teacher Organization. "We look forward to supporting other organizations in the area several times a year with our vaccine clinics," said Dr. Kocher. Todd of Red Truck Cakery baked and donated dog biscuits as a parting gift for the patients. For more information, contact Dr. Kocher at foxrunvethospital.com or Wagnwash.com/monument. Watch for more events this year. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

OCN photo contest winners



Above: A heavy blanket of snow makes hiking and biking more challenging in Monument on Jan. 10. When heading outdoors and especially in winter conditions, remember to let family and friends know where you are going and how long you plan to be gone. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

Right: I often walk our labradoodle, Fenway, along the shore at Monument Lake. She loves the smells; I love to see the day-to-day changes in the lake and Mt. Herman. On the morning of Dec. 30 last year, I was treated to a full moon over the mountain and one red ice fishing hut on the lake. It's a good thing I snapped the photo when I did. The moon set behind the mountain seconds later. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*



Keep them coming! Send your best "Life in Tri-Lakes" photo to editor@ocn.me no later than **Feb. 19**. Please don't send more than two photos. Include names of

any people in the photo, date taken, a description of the activity or location, and the name of the photographer. Call Lisa at 719-339-7831 with questions.

Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

Feeling hopeless, anxious, or depressed?

Everybody needs a little help sometimes. Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention Connection has a support group for young people, Teen Talk Group, that meets **Sundays** at 6 p.m. The Adult Peers Support Group meets **Mondays**, 7-8 p.m. The Colorado Crisis Services Line is available 24/7. Call **1-844-493-TALK (8255)**. For more information visit pikespeaksuicideprevention.org, or call 719-573-7447, or text 719-232-4875, or email info@pikespeaksuicideprevention.org. If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, please call 911.

Are you experiencing hardship due to COVID-19?

Connect with Tri-Lakes Cares for assistance with groceries, rent or mortgage, utilities, car repair, and medical assistance at www.tri-lakescares.org/coronavirus. For more information, call 719-481-4864.

COVID vaccine information

In El Paso County, vaccination phase 1B.2 begins **Feb. 8** and vaccination phases 1A and 1B are now underway. Phase 1B.2 includes seniors ages 65-69, preK-12 educators, and licensed childcare providers. Phase 1A includes highest-risk health care workers; Phase 1B includes seniors 70-plus, first responders, mid-level risk healthcare workers, and other specific groups. Until the vaccine is more widely available, it's critical that everyone, including those who have already received the vaccine, continues to fol-

low prevention measures to slow the spread of the virus: wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash hands frequently, and stay home when sick. Colorado residents may call 303-389-1687 or 877-462-2911 for more information on the vaccine, **Mon.-Fri.** 9 a.m.-10 p.m., and **weekends** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. To learn more about local efforts and providers, visit El Paso County Public Health's website, www.elpasocountyhealth.org.

The Y's new virtual wellness platform

Join your favorite YMCA instructors for online health, wellness, and fitness classes; stream thousands of classes with BurnAlong. Find out more at ppymca.org/so-muchmore. See ad on page 6.

Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) Virtual Contest, Jan. 14-Feb. 14

TLWC is holding a virtual fundraiser, a pet photo contest with cash prizes. The contest is from **Jan. 14**, 6 a.m., to **Feb. 14**, 9 p.m. Enter your cat or dog (\$10 per entry, \$1 per vote) at <http://gogophotocontest.com/whodoyoulovecatordog>. See ad on page 11.

Tri-Lakes Women's Club 2021 Grant Process

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club's (TLWC) grant application for 2021 will be available **Feb. 15 -Mar. 31**, 2021 on the club's website, www.tlwc.net. Organizations eligible to apply include nonprofits, public service organizations, and public schools that serve the Tri-Lakes area. The application package includes instructions as well as other important qualifying information. Since 1973, TLWC has provided over \$1 million in grant funds to local organizations. Tri-Lakes Women's Club serves to strengthen the foundation of the Tri-Lakes community through its volunteer service and annual grantmaking. For more information, email

Shelley Pruet, Granting@tlwc.net, or visit www.tlwc.net.

McCord's Garden Center reopens Feb. 16

Spring is on its way. The garden center, located at 2720 McShane Dr., Monument, will reopen **Feb. 16**. For more information, call 719-375-3573 or visit www.mccordgardens.com. See ad on page 5 for a landscaping project gift certificate.

Help snowplows clear our roads

When there is the threat of 2 or more inches or enough sleet, snow, or ice to cause a solid coating of ice on any street, help the plow drivers by parking your vehicles in your driveway or parking lot. Please refrain from parking on town streets. This is especially important on residential streets and cul-de-sacs. Due to the size of the plow trucks, sometimes it is nearly impossible to maneuver them around parked vehicles on the road. If you are parked and blocking a safe pass for our plow drivers, police officers must knock on doors to have owners move their vehicle(s). This action could be time consuming and take officers away from their primary function, to keep you and your property safe. Please help out and keep your vehicles off the road before, during, and after snowstorms.

Sign up for Town of Monument notifications

The Notify Me feature on the town's website allows you to subscribe for topics such as emergency alerts, road closures, weather, etc. Visit Notify Me on the website, www.townofmonument.org/list.aspx, and sign up for the topics that interest you.

Volunteer for Monumental Impact Monumental Impact is a nonprofit in the Tri-Lakes area focused on enabling and supporting high school students in tech-

nology, engineering, and entrepreneurship with experiences and community. Monumental Impact provides opportunities for students to explore these careers and supports Bearbotics in their current competitive build season. The group was founded in 2020 and is now looking for volunteers to serve on the board of directors and/or to serve as mentors in our community. To find out more, call 719-387-7414, email volunteer@monumentalimpact.org, or visit <https://monumentalimpact.org/community/>.

WMMI seeks volunteers

WMMI has positions for docents/tour guides, front desk, landscaping, and building and maintenance. For more details, contact Loretta, 719-488-0880, or email Volunteer@wmmi.org.

The Sisters of Benet Hill offer spiritual direction

People of all faiths are welcome to grow in their spiritual life through spiritual direction. Sister Therese O'Grady will help you find a spiritual director; phone her at 719-473-8764 or email stherese@benethillmonastery.org. See ad on page 11.

Sisters' Thrift & Boutique is open

The Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery have a shop full of gently used treasures, including clothing and accessories, household items, and small furniture at 8674 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The phone number is 719-282-0316. The shop welcomes donations and volunteers. For more information about Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery visit www.benethillmonastery.org.

Driver and vehicle services available online and at kiosks

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