

**Mining Heritage**

WMMI is celebrating the 150th anniversary of Colorado Springs with "The Mining Heritage of Colorado Springs" through August. The exhibit will highlight the operations of the coal industry, the gold ore processing mills that stood west of the city, the railroads that serviced the coal and mining industries, Winfield Scott Stratton and his legacy, the El Pomar story, Cripple Creek railroad millionaires and their Colorado Springs mansions. 225 North Gate Blvd., Colorado Springs 80921, 719-488-0880. For additional information, <https://wmmi.org/>.

**Senior Citizen Luncheons**

Connections Café sites will have "grab and go" (prepared meals) every Mon.-Fri., noon-12:30 p.m., Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. A \$2.25 donation is requested. Please call 719-884-2300 to reserve your meal. See the menu for the month in the Senior Beat newsletter. Meals on Wheels and Home Delivered Meals will deliver frozen meals for the week to Monument on Wednesdays. Food Pantry offers a "pick up only" model for clients."

**Volunteer today!**

Links to local organizations with an immediate need for

volunteers are listed on the county's website, [www.elpasocountyhealth.org/volunteering-and-donations](http://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/volunteering-and-donations), for groups like Care and Share, Crossfire Ministries, blood donations, Early Connections (volunteer from home opportunity), foster an animal, Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso County, Salvation Army, Silver Key, and United Way (ongoing opportunities).

**Senior Beat newsletter—subscribe for free**

Each monthly Senior Beat newsletter is full of information for local seniors, including the daily menu of the senior lunches offered Monday through Friday at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Highway 105, Palmer Lake. It also contains the schedule of the classes and events for the month at the Senior Citizens Center and senior-friendly library programs. To subscribe, send an email with your name and mailing address to [SeniorBeat@TriLakesSeniors.org](mailto:SeniorBeat@TriLakesSeniors.org). Senior Beat can also be viewed online at [www.TriLakesSeniors.org](http://www.TriLakesSeniors.org).

**TLC youth internship opportunities**

Do you know a youth who wants to improve their technical skills and contribute to our local community in a meaningful way? If so, Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC) wants to connect with them! Systems Development Internship &

Website Development Internship. See <https://tri-lakes-cares.org/about-tlc/employment/>.

**Plague in El Paso County**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) recently (May 2021) confirmed a squirrel tested positive for plague in El Paso County. Plague exists in Colorado year-round, but simple precautions can keep the risk of transmission very low to humans.

Plague is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected flea, but it can also be transmitted by infected animals. Plague symptoms include sudden fever, headache, chills, weakness and tender, painful lymph nodes. If caught early, both people and pets can be treated with antibiotics. Precautions for people and their pets include not handling wildlife, keeping pets away from wildlife, treating pets for fleas, not feeding wildlife and reporting sudden die-offs of rodents and rabbits in the community.

The disease was found in animals in areas of Adams and Broomfield counties in 2020, as well as two cases of human plague infection that year. Both people had exposure to sick animals and survived. ■

**Our Community Calendar**

*By the OCN calendar team  
We miss Judy Barnes' expert work on the calendar and notices.*

**If you are interested in helping OCN compile the monthly calendar and notices, please write to [calendar@ocn.me](mailto:calendar@ocn.me).**

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 info number for that event.

The unpredictability of the COVID-19 situation presents scheduling challenges to area governance entities and other organizations. Because OCN is a monthly publication, readers should assume that information published in this issue is subject to change and event information should be confirmed a day or two before the event by calling the information number or checking the organization's website.

Many entries show dates even though the event has been canceled or suspended. The date indicates when the event was planned to be held or when it would normally have been held.

Please contact [calendar@ocn.me](mailto:calendar@ocn.me) with changes and additions.

**GOVERNMENTAL BODIES**

- **El Paso County Planning Commission meeting**, Thu., July 1 & 15, 1 p.m., live-streamed at [elpasoco.com/public-meetings/](http://elpasoco.com/public-meetings/), Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets first & third Thu.(if required). Info: 719-520-6300, <https://planningdevelopment.elpasoco.com/>.
- **Monument Board of Trustees meeting, CANCELED**. Mon., July 5, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Normally meets first and third Mon. Info: 719-884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org/260/Board-of-Trustees](http://www.townofmonument.org/260/Board-of-Trustees) for remote attendance links.
- **El Paso Board of County Commissioners meeting**, Tue., July 6, 9 a.m. view agendas and meetings at [www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso](http://www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso). Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets every Tue. Info: 719-520-6430, [www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso](http://www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso).
- **Monument Academy School Board meeting**, Thu., July 8, 6 p.m., see website for YouTube meeting link. Meets second Thu. Info: 719-481-1950, [www.monumentacademy.net/school-board/board-meeting-minutes/](http://www.monumentacademy.net/school-board/board-meeting-minutes/).
- **Palmer Lake Town Council meeting**, Thu., July 8, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets second Thu. Info: 719-481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).
- **D38 District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC)**, usually meets five times per school year on the second Tuesday of the month (Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Apr.). <https://www.youtube.com/user/LPSDCommunity>. Info: 719.481.9546, [vwood@lewispalmer.org](mailto:vwood@lewispalmer.org).
- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District Board meeting**, Mon., July 12, 1 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meets second Mon. Info: 719-488-2525, [www.woodmoorwater.com](http://www.woodmoorwater.com).
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee meeting**, Tue., July 13, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets second Tue. Info: Bill Burks, 719-481-4053.
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District board meeting**, Wed., July 14, 9 a.m., call in only: 650-479-3208, Access Code 76439078, 120 Middle Glenway. Meets second Wed. Info: 719-481-2732, [www.plsd.org](http://www.plsd.org).
- **Monument Planning Commission meeting**, Wed., July 14, 6 p.m. Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets second Wed. To see the options for remote public participation in each meeting, visit [www.townofmonument.org/263/Planning-Commission-Board-of-Adjustment](http://www.townofmonument.org/263/Planning-Commission-Board-of-Adjustment). Info: 719-884-8028, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).
- **Donala Water & Sanitation District board meeting**, Thu., July 15, 9 a.m., 15850 Holbein Dr. Meets third Thu. Check the website for the access code for the electronic meeting, Thu. Info: 719-488-3603, [www.donalawater.org](http://www.donalawater.org).
- **Lewis-Palmer School District 38 board meeting**, Mon. July 19, 6-10 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets third Mon. Livestream on the dis-

trict's YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/user/LPSDCommunity](http://www.youtube.com/user/LPSDCommunity), agenda and supporting documents at <https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lewispalmer/Board.nsf/vpublic>. Info: (719) 488-4700, [vwood@lewispalmer.org](mailto:vwood@lewispalmer.org), [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org).

- **Monument Board of Trustees meeting** Mon., July 19, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Normally meets first and third Mon. Info: 719-884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org/260/Board-of-Trustees](http://www.townofmonument.org/260/Board-of-Trustees) for remote attendance links.
- **Wescott Fire Protection District Board meeting**, Tues., July 20, at 4 p.m. Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. For a virtual meeting, the phone number is 669-900-9128, and the meeting code is 980 378 2073. Meetings are usually on the third Tuesday. For information, call Executive Administrator Stacey Popovich at 719-488-8680 or see [www.wescottfire.org](http://www.wescottfire.org).
- **Monument Sanitation District board meeting**, Wed, July 21, 9 a.m., 130 Second St. Zoom meeting. Find joining instructions on the website. Meets third Wed. Info: 719-481-4886, [www.colorado.gov/msd](http://www.colorado.gov/msd).
- **Academy Water and Sanitation District board meeting**, Wed., July 21, 6 p.m. Public can join the Skype meeting: <https://join.skype.com/PACujKTn7Nrh>. Check the website for a link: <https://academywsd.colorado.gov/notices-and-alerts>, Wescott Fire Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meets third Wed. Info: 719-481-0711, <https://academywsd.colorado.gov>.
- **Palmer Lake Town Planning Commission meeting**, Wed., July 21, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets third Wed. Info: 719-481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).
- **Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District Board meeting**, Wed., July 21, 7 p.m., Station 1, 11445 Teachout Rd. Meets third Wed. Info: 719-495-4300, [www.bffire.org](http://www.bffire.org).
- **Triview Metropolitan District board meeting**, Thu., update: July 22, 5:30 p.m., 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 302, Monument. Usually meets third Thu. Info: 719-488-6868, [www.triviewmetro.com](http://www.triviewmetro.com).
- **Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Board meeting**, Wed., July 28, 6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting. Find joining instructions at [www.tlmfire.org](http://www.tlmfire.org) or contact Jennifer Martin, 719-484-0911. Location change: From May-Oct. 2021 the meetings will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, 166 Second St., downtown Monument. Meets fourth Wed. Info: [www.tlmfire.org](http://www.tlmfire.org).
- **Woodmoor Improvement Association Board meeting**, Wed., July 28, 7 p.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. Meets fourth Wed. Info: 719-488-2693, [www.woodmoor.org](http://www.woodmoor.org).

**WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS**

- **Monument Hill Farmer's Market**, every Sat. through Oct. 30, (except July 3) 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 66 Jefferson St. (D-38 Lewis-Palmer Admin parking lot). Many new vendors plus all your old favorites. SpringsFarmersMarkets.com/Monument. 719-592-9420. See ad on page 5.
- **Group of Artists (GOA), SUSPENDED**, first Sat. 10 a.m.-noon, Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Lively discussions about art topics, general studies on creativity. Info: 719-481-0475, [info@trilakesarts.org](mailto:info@trilakesarts.org). Additional information available on Facebook.
- **The Centering Prayer Group at Black Forest Community Church**. First Saturday of every month from 8:30-10 a.m. at the old log church. Centering prayer opens and closes the meetings with discussion and fellowship in between; open to all. Contact Rev. Roger Butts, 719-433-3135, for information.
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club meeting**, both in person and Zoom meeting. Every Sat., 8 a.m. [MHKiwanis.org](http://MHKiwanis.org), [MonumentHillKiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:MonumentHillKiwanis@gmail.com) for details; guests are welcome at weekly meetings featuring speakers on a variety of topics and a free continental breakfast at normal meetings. Memberships open to the public. Join the 150+ men & women of the Tri-Lakes area who work together to make a difference for youth and our

community. Info: RF Smith, 719-210-4987, [www.MH-Kiwanis.org](http://www.MH-Kiwanis.org). See ad on page 3.

- **Neighborhood Net**, every Sat., 10 a.m. Amateur radio operators practice for emergencies on weekly repeater nets so neighbors can help neighbors. Sign up at [www.mereowx.org/neighborhood-net](http://www.mereowx.org/neighborhood-net) or [contactus@mereowx.org](mailto:contactus@mereowx.org).
- **The Wine Seller Free Wine Tastings**, every Sat., 1-4 p.m., 2805 Roberts Dr., Monument. Info: 719-488-3019, [www.thewineseller.net](http://www.thewineseller.net).
- **Lions Clubs Bingo**, every Sat., 10 a.m., and Wed., 7 p.m.; Carefree Bingo, 3440 N. Carefree Circle, Colo. Springs. Tri-Lakes Lions Club's portion of the proceeds benefit those in need in the Tri-Lakes Community. Info: Jim Naylor, 719-481-8741 or [www.trilakeslionsclub.org](http://www.trilakeslionsclub.org)
- **Artful Outdoors**, every Sat.-Sun., 1-3 p.m. and by appointment. Join Janet Sellers for weekly art and nature talks and DIY art techniques at local nature and art spots. All ages, good social distancing, masks required, all outdoors for now. Limited to 5 at a time for now. Info: [janetsellers@ocn.me](mailto:janetsellers@ocn.me), [www.StartMyArt.com](http://www.StartMyArt.com).
- **Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church**, every Sun., 8 and 11 a.m. traditional, 9:30 a.m. contemporary. Both in-person and livestream at [tlumc.org/live](http://tlumc.org/live). Watch live or on replay: [facebook.com/tlumc](https://www.facebook.com/tlumc), [youtube.com/tlumc](https://www.youtube.com/tlumc). Info: 719-488-1365, [tlumc.org](http://tlumc.org). See ad on page 3.
- **Fuel Church** Sunday Service, every Sun., Connection 9:30-10 a.m. New Service times, 10:45 a.m. Live service streaming at [fuelchurch.org](http://fuelchurch.org) at 11:25 a.m., Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Nursery and kids' service. Non-denominational, spirit-filled. Need prayer? Email us [info@fuel.org](mailto:info@fuel.org).
- **Women's A.A. Step Study**, every Mon., 6:30 p.m., meeting remotely, check for details. Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 675 Baptist Rd. Park in west lot. Info: 866-641-9190.
- **Monument Life Recovery Group**, every Mon., 6:30-7:30 p.m., The Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd. This faith-based support group is for those seeking freedom from all hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Daycare provided for children under age 11. Info: 303-946-2659, [liferecoverygroups.com/meetings/life-recovery-group-3/](http://liferecoverygroups.com/meetings/life-recovery-group-3/).
- **Amateur Radio W0TLM** (Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association), Third Mon. All amateur radio operators or those interested in becoming one are welcome. Info: Joyce Witte, 719-661-9824, [Joycewitte@gmail.com](mailto:Joycewitte@gmail.com); [www.W0TLM.com](http://www.W0TLM.com).
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Bingo**, every Mon., 7:30 p.m., Carefree Bingo, 3440 N. Carefree Circle, Colo. Springs. All proceeds benefit those in need in the Tri-Lakes

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