- park@gmail.com.
- Monumental Impact Monthly Open House, second Fri., 5-6 pm, Grace Best East Rooms, 55 Adams St. Monumental Impact's mission is to enable and support high school students in technology, engineering and entrepreneurship. Community members are welcome to connect with us, see our space and ask about programs. Info: www.monumentalimpact.org
- Gleneagle Women's Club, membership luncheon, third Fri., Sept-June, various venues, 12 activity groups, i.e., hiking, bridge, etc. Guests welcome. For information contact Amy Miller (310) 941-1590.
- Senior Book Club, second Fri., 11 am-noon, Silver Alliance Senior Center, all are welcome. Coffee & snacks served. RSVP & info: Sue, 719-330-0241.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day Fox Run Regional Park, Sat., Oct. 1, 9 am. Come to National Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day at Fox Run Regional Park. The event will include guided trail rides, trail etiquette handouts, riding clinics, giveaways and more. All ages are welcome: from tots on stride bikes to teens. Riders just need a working bike and helmet to participate. Register online at www.ElPasoCountyNatureCenters.com. For more information go to www.communityservices.elpasoco.com/take-kid-mountain-biking/ or call 719-520-6977.
- **VOLUNTEER TODAY! Our Community News** mailing day, Thu., Oct. 27; approx. 9 am-2 pm. We are all volunteers at OCN and need YOUR help, even for an hour two, getting the papers ready to mail. Contact AllenAlchian@ocn.me to sign up and get the address and exact times.
- Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts in Palmer Lake, oil painting class for all levels of experience, Thursdays, (Reserve for Nov.), 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor: Monument artist John DeFrancesco. Registration \$50 at: https://trilakesarts.org/event/ oil-painting-made-easy/
- Monument Hill Farmers Market, every Sat., 8-2 pm, 66 Jefferson St., Downtown Monument. See ad
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, After Hours Networking Event, Tue., Oct. 11, 5 pm-7:00 pm Free for chamber members, \$15 for non-members. Details: www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
- Pikes Peak Genealogical Society, Wed., Oct. 12, 6:30pm Zoom hangout, 7 pm start; meets 2nd Wednesdays, guests welcome. Usually meets at The Venue, Library 21c 1175 Chapel Hills Drive Colorado Springs (currently only Zoom). Info:ppgsPresident@ppgs.com
- Tri-Lakes Monument radio Association offers introductory amateur ham radio license class, Sat., Oct. 15 - 22. For people new to ham radio, no experience required, entry level FCC technician license. Details: HTTP://wcr0tlm.com Contact Bob Witte 719-659-3727.
- 100+ Women Who Care, Wed., Oct.19, 5 pm at Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. 100+ women contribute \$100 two times a year to local Tri-Lakes charities that positively impact our community. More info and how to join: www.100womenwhocaretrilakes.com
- Crafts Plus Fair, Sat. Oct.8. Peyton High School. Contact Maria: 719-216-3582. See ad on page 20.
- Western Museum of Mining and Industry, Miners' Pumpkin Patch, October Saturdays, 9 am - 4 pm,\$10 per person in advance, \$12 at the door. Locally sourced pumpkins, Games, Gold Panning and Historic Machine Demos, Pumpkin Catapult & Smashing, Farmers Market, more www.MinersPumpkinPatch.com 225 Northgate Blvd., www. WMMI.org. See ad on page 11.
- Grow your business workshop, Wed., Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Palmer Lake Economic Development Group partnering with El Paso County Small Business Development Center. Lunch provided. Palmer Lake Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent, advanced reg.: HTTP://tinyurl.com/PalmerLakebusiness.
- Heartsaver CPR/AED and First Aid Training. Tri Lakes United Methodist Church. Register before Oct. 5. \$30 includes corse, completion card, book. All ages, 8 hours. Info: https://tlumc.org/events/ event-registration/
- Water Lantern Festival Fox Run Regional Park, Sat., Oct. 8, 4:30-8:30pm. Come out to enjoy the magical spectacle of the Water Lantern Festival at Fox Run Regional Park. Bring out your friends and family to decorate a water lantern and gather with your fellow community members for a wonderful evening of beautiful lights, food trucks, and special moments. Registration is required. For more information go to https://communityservices.elpasoco.com/water-lantern-festival-2022/ or call 719-520-6977.
- Tri Lakes Women's Club monthly meeting. Wed., Oct. 12, 11 am, Guest speaker: Betty Roush, Heal-

- ing Strong Colorado Springs Support Group. The Eisenhower Golf Club, USAFA, 3170 Golf Course Rd. Open to TLWC members. To join: membership@tlwc.net
- Empty bowls dinner and silent auction, Wed., Oct. 12, 5-7:30 pm. presented by Monument Hill Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis youth service leadership clubs, and Tri-Lakes cares. tickets available.
- Masakazu Ito guitar concert, Palmer Lake Town Hall, Sat., Oct. 15, 6 pm. Tickets and info: plartscouncil.org.
- Front Range Makers Market, Sat.-Sun., Oct. 22, 9-4 pm, Oct. 23, 10-3 pm, crafts, decor, yard art, more, \$5 at the door, Lewis Palmer High School, Higby at Jackson Creek Pkwy. See ad on page 3.
- MVEA member appreciation days, celebrating over 80 years, lunch and pie, Wed.-Thu., Oct 12-13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., free.
- MVEA High Schoolers Win a Summer Trip contest. Deadline Nov. 10. Cash for college scholarships contact Erica Meyer, 719-494-2654. See ad on page 16.
- YMCA 5K race series 3 base has one great cause. Creepy crawl 5K, Sat., Oct. 29; Turkey Trot Thu., Nov. 24, Jungle jog Sat., Dec. 10. Stroller and dog friendly. See ad on page 6.
- MVEA outdoor power equipment giveaway entry deadline, Mon, Oct. 31. Details: www.mvea.coop/ greengiveaway.
- A Better Hearing Center, free hearing screenings through Nov. 30, 574 W. Hwy 105. Monument. See ad on page 14.
- Cornerstone Cleaners, special offers through Oct. 31. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad
- Eagle Wine & Spirits, special offers through Oct. 31. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on
- Monument Cleaners, special offers through Oct. 31. 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
- Monumental Med Spa, special offers through Oct. 31; at the loft, 4 Hwyr. 105 Palmer Lake.. See ad on page 7.
- Noel Relief Centers, new patient special. 950 Baptist Rd #130, Monument. See ad on page 8.
- Pure Romance by Amy Yocum-Vos, special offers through Oct. 31. www.pureromance.com/AmyYocum-vos. See ad on page 4.
- St Mathhias Episcopal Church, "Alpha" group conversations, Tuesdays starting Oct. 11, 7 pm. Rsvp stmatthias@comcast.net See ad on page 9.
- Trunk or Treat, Fri. Oct. 28, 6-7 pm, St Peter Catholic School, 123 First St. Monument. See ad on page
- The Living Room Plants, special offers through Oct. 31. 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.
- Tri Lakes Collision, special offer through Oct. 31. See ad on page 5.
- YMCA fall sports sign up now, www.ppymca.org/ sports. See ad on page 6.
- Tri-Lakes Women's Club, Joys of the Season holiday home tour Fri. and Sat. Nov. 18 -19 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. five locations in North El Paso County. Info:

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www.joysoftheseasonht.org. See ad on page 2.

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- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one. Only your name will be published.
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