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- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829**, third Wed., 7 pm, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce community room, 166 2nd St., Monument. New members welcome. Info: Post Commander and POC Bruce Beyerly, Bruce.Beyerly@gmail.com.
- **VFW Auxiliary to Post 7829**, third Wed., 7 pm, The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. Guests are welcome to join; contact carlsonmkc@aol.com for instructions on how to connect. If you are a relative of a veteran who served on foreign soil during war or other military action, you may be eligible. Info: Kathy Carlson, 719-488-1902, carlsonmkc@aol.com.
- **Pikes Peak Genealogical Society**, Wed., Dec. 14, 6:30pm Zoom hangout, 7 pm start; 2nd Wednesdays, guests welcome. Usually meets at The Venue, Library 21c 1175 Chapel Hills Drive Colorado Springs (currently only Zoom). Info: ppgsPresident@ppgs.com
- **Al-anon Meeting**: Monument Serenity AFG, every Thu., 7-8 pm, Ascent Church (formerly the Tri-Lakes Chapel), 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. Info: MonumentSerenity@gmail.com.
- **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers**, first Thu., 6:30-8:30 pm at Monument Chamber of Commerce building, 166 2nd St, Monument, CO.
- **Al-Anon meeting**: Letting Go, every Thu., 9-10:15 am at Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. For additional information go to www.al-anon-co.org.
- **Networking breakfast**, first and third Thu., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce in person or via Zoom 166 2nd Street Monument 7:30-9 am free registration at www.TriLakeschamber.com.
- **Fuel Church Griefshare**, every Thu., 5:30-7:30 pm 643 State Highway 105, Palmer Lake. Email info@fuel.org. 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake.
- **A.A. Big Book Study**, every Thu., 7 pm, Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 675 W. Baptist Rd. Call 425-436-6200, access code 575176#.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society**, no meeting in Dec. Jan. meeting is a potluck dinner, Jan. 19, 2023, 6:00- 8:00 pm. Usually meets third Thu., doors open 6:30pm, meeting 7:30pm. Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent St.
- **Friends of Fox Run Park**, fourth Thu. Zoom meeting, 7 pm, email friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com, they will email you the link the day of the meeting. Join the growing group to learn about volunteering and supporting the park for forest safety, trails, trees, education, more. Info: friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com.
- **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.
- **Tri-Lakes Monument radio Association**, Details: Contact Bob Witte, 719-659-3727.
- **Monument Dementia Caregiver Support Group** - Every second Sat. 9:45 - 11:15 am. Meets in Person, First National Bank Monument (581 Highway 105, Monument, CO 80132). Meets monthly, 2nd Sat. Contact: Registration is required, call 800.272.3900 or email khare@alz.org to register.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **VOLUNTEER TODAY! Our Community News mailing days**, Thu., Dec 1, 2022, Jan. 5, 2023; 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.
- **Small Town Christmas**, Sat., Dec. 3, 10 am-6 pm. Special events and treats at shops and streets in Downtown Monument. Tree lighting at 3pm in Limbach Park, Front St. at 2nd St. See ad on page 2
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club 16th Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair**. Sat, Dec, 3, 9-4pm, Grace Best Education Center, 66 Jefferson Street.
- **Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Dec. 3, 1-3. Small Town Christmas. Heidi Koland signs *If I Could Ride a Train*. Sat. Dec.10, 1-3, Stewart Green and Susan Joy Paul sign *Best Lake Hikes Colorado*; Jamie Siebrase signs *Mythbusting the Great Outdoors*. Sat, Dec. 17, 12-3, Susan Mathis signs *Peyton's Promise*, *Rachel's Reunion*; Jodi Bowersox signs her *Rocky Mountain, Anonymous, Lightning Rider series* and her children's picture books. 105 Second Street, Monument.
- **Free, fun, holiday ornament making with Friends of Fox Run Park** Sat. Dec. 10, all are welcome. Wooden "tree cookie" ornaments, refreshments. Warming hut at Twin Ponds, Fox Run Park. Info: friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com, https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofFoxRunPark
- **A Christmas Carol play**, Fri.-Sat., Dec. 9-10, 7 pm,

(plus 2 pm on Dec. 10). Palmer Lake Town Hall, tickets: funkylittletheater.org. See ad on page 9.

- **YMCA 5K race series**, one great cause. Jingle Jog Sat., Dec. 10. Stroller and dog friendly. Now enrolling for basketball. See ad on page 6.
- **New Fangled Nutcracker** Sat., Dec. 10, 5 pm, Ent Center for the Arts. See ad page 5.
- **89th Annual Yule Log Hunt**, Sun., Dec. 11, 1-3 pm, meet at Palmer Lake Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent St., Palmer Lake 80133.
- **Christmas concert by Soli Deo Gloria Choir**, entire Vivaldi *Gloria* concert, chamber orchestra, Doug Bistrow guest bassist. Free - bring a friend! Sat. Dec. 17, 3 pm. First Lutheran Church, 1515 N.Cascade, Colorado Springs. Donations appreciated.
- **20th annual Tri-Lakes Music Association Christmas Cantata!** Fri.-Sat., Dec. 16-17, 7 pm; Sun. Dec. 18, 2pm. Free of charge for all. Free will offering collected during concert, with proceeds going to Tri-Lakes Cares, scholarships for two local high school seniors. Palmer Ridge High School auditorium, 19255 Frontage Rd. Matt or Renee Manning, trilakesmusic@gmail.com. 719-325-9507, 719-271-3643. See ad on page 11.
- **Hometown Christmas concert**, Sat., Dec. 17, 5:30 pm, music from Ashton. home-prepared foods including soups, salads and desserts, crafts for kids; St. Nick himself visits! Capacity limited, RSVP asap, Admission: \$18 adults, \$9 12 and under. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Info: HometownChristmas2022.eventbrite.com. Call/text (719) 649-0058.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Networking**, Tue., Dec. 20, 5 pm-7:00 pm, members free, \$15 for non-members. Details: www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
- **FriendsGive!** Wed., Dec. 21, Tri-Lakes Cares, Trails & Open Space Coalition, Paws N Hooves, and Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates. Door prizes, make donations, tastings (alcohol and non-alcohol), hors d'oeuvres, music by Black Rose Acoustic Society. Black Forest Community Club, 12530 Black Forest Road, Black Forest, CO 80908
- **Benet Hill Monastery - Christmas and New Year services**: Sat., Dec. 24, Christmas Eve vigil 5 p.m., Sun., Dec. 25, Christmas Day worship 10:15 a.m., Jan. 1, New Year's Eve Taize worship 6 p.m. New Year's Day worship 10:15 a.m. 3190 Benet Lane Colorado Springs 80921 www.bennethillmonastery.org. See ad on page 3.
- **Affordable Flooring Connection** special offers through Dec. 31, see ad on page 2.
- **Cornerstone Cleaners**, special offers through Dec. 31., 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
- **Eagle Wine & Spirits**, special offers through Dec. 31., Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
- **Monument Cleaners**, special offers through Dec.31., 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
- **Monumental Med Spa**, special offers through Dec. 31.; at the loft, 4 Hwy. 105 Palmer Lake. See ad on page 7.
- **Noel Relief Centers**, new patient special. 950 Baptist Rd #130, Monument. See ad on page 7.
- **Tri-lakes Collision**, special offers through Dec. 31. See ad on page 5.
- **The Living Room Plants**, special offers through Dec.

- **Palmer Lake Outdoor Classic youth hockey day**, Fri., Jan. 6, 6 pm face-off, Jan. 7, 9 am, start. On Palmer Lake. Proceeds support Outdoor Classic and Lewis Palmer hockey team.

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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- Email your letter, preferably as an attached Microsoft Word document, to editor@ocn.me or mail a copy to **Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.**
- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor and confirm that it has not been submitted to any other publication.
- Include a suggested headline or title that summarizes the topic you are addressing.
- 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.

If you have not received an acknowledgement two days after your email submission or one week after you mailed your letter, please contact John Heiser, Publisher, at (719) 488-3455 or editor@ocn.me. At OCN's sole discretion, we may ask you for clarification of your statements. Include references, such as website links, in your letter for any facts and figures you cite. OCN does not guarantee every letter will appear in print or on-line and does not guarantee a publication date. The number of letters printed on a particular topic or in a particular issue may be limited. Letters containing personal attacks or endorsements for or complaints about individually-named commercial products or services will not be published.

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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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