

- 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.**, meeting 7 p.m., 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.
 - **Palmer Lake Historical Society**, third **Thu.**, **Feb. 17**, 7 p.m. Monthly meetings are normally held every third Thu. at Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Bldg.-Community Rm., 166 Second Street, Monument. Program: “Adventures on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway” by Mel McFarland. Info: 719-550-0837, www.palmerdivide-history.org.
 - **Al-Anon meeting: Letting Go**, every **Thu.**, 9-10:15 a.m. 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 a.m. free registration at www.TriLakeschamber.com.
 - **Fuel Church** Griefshare, every **Thu.**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. 643 State Highway 105, Palmer Lake. See ad on page 3.
 - **A.A. Big Book Study**, every **Thu.**, 7 p.m., Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 675 W. Baptist Rd. Call 425-436-6200, access code 575176#.
 - **Friends of Fox Run Park**, fourth **Thu.** Zoom meeting, 6-7 p.m., 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 safety, trails, trees, education, more. Info: friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com.
 - **Bridge, SUSPENDED**, meets second **Thu.** Silver Alliance Senior Center, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument, Sept.-June Info: www.blgc.org.html.
 - **Ben Lomond Gun Club, SUSPENDED**, second **Thu.**, Tri-Lakes Chapter. Info: https://blgc.org.
 - **Gleneagle Women’s Club**, membership luncheon, third **Fri.**, June-Sept various venues, 12 activity groups, i.e., hiking, bridge, etc. Guests welcome. For information contact Sarah George 719-487-2985.
 - **Tri-Lakes Women’s Club** Monthly Luncheon, Second, **Fri.**, **Feb. 11**, 11 am-2 pm. Wedgewood Black Forest, 12375 Black Forest Rd. 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 or email 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.
 - **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 Open Builds**, every **Fri.**, 3-6 p.m. Bring your own technology, engineering, and/or entrepreneurial projects or just come for the camaraderie. Open to high school students and adults. 55 Adams St. Info for upcoming events: 719-387-7414, enable@monumentalimpact.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Palmer Lake Art Group Winter art show, Feb. 4-24**, opening reception **Fri.**, **Feb. 4**, 6-8 p.m., Tri Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Education Series: Active Shooter Class**, **Wed.**, **Feb. 9**, , 6:00-7:30 PM, Questions 7:30-8 PM. Free in-person workshop. www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
- **John Schneider country music in concert at TLCA**, **Sat.**, **Feb. 12**, 7 p.m. doors open 6 p.m., Tri Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. www.trilakesarts.org. See ad on page 9.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, After Hours Networking Event**, **Tue.**, **Feb. 15**, 5 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Scheels, 1226 Interquest Parkway, 80921. Free for chamber members, \$15 for non-members. www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
- **LifePoint acupuncture and oriental medicine health series**, **Tue. Feb. 15** & **Tue.**, **Mar. 15**, RSVP 719-314-9121, Dr. Lisa Holt, 755 Hwy. 105, Ste A, Palmer Lake. See add on page 32
- **Tri-Lakes Women’s Club Monthly Business and Luncheon Meeting**, **Wed.**, **Feb. 16**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wedgewood Black Forest 12375 Black Forest Rd., Black Forest, CO. Program features local author Ran-

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- dy Rush speaking about his book, *Loving Tammy*, and offering tips and suggestions for caregivers seeking services for their loved ones. Meetings are open to all members of Tri-Lakes Women’s Club. To become a member, or learn about the club, visit www.tlwc.net.
- **Tri Lakes Women’s Club** new interest group Wine Sip and Share. Group focuses on the art of wine tasting with wine aficionado Kelly Trop, coordinating with Dirk stamp of the Wine Cellar at 2805 Roberts Dr., 80132. Meetings are open to all members of Tri-Lakes Women’s Club. To become a member, or learn about the club, visit www.tlwc.net.
 - **Tri-Lakes Women’s Club Community Grants Program** grant application for 2022 is available **Jan.15 - Mar.15** on the club’s website: www.tlwc.net.
 - **Heart saver CPR first aid AED class**, **Sat.**, **Feb. 19**, 8.m. - 4 p.m. at Tri Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 hunting Downs Way. See ad on page 17.
 - **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Education Series: Hiring Training, and Retaining Your Workforce with Incentive Programs**, **Tue.**, **Feb.**, **22**, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM free in-person workshop. www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
 - **Wildfire neighborhood ambassadors free class**, **Sat.**, **Feb. 26**, morning Zoom kickoff, then meets Tue. eves **Mar. 1- May 3**. Improve health of forests in home survivability, wildfire reduction tips, evacuation planning advice and more. For Zoom link, contact: ep@tlumc.org; for questions, call Lisa 719-339-7831.
 - **Cornerstone Cleaners**, 10% off alterations through **Feb. 28**. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
 - **Eagle Wine & Spirits**, special offers through **Feb. 28**. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3
 - **Monumental Med-Spa**, special offers through **Feb. 28**. At the Loft, 4 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. See ad on page 7.
 - **Facinelli Motors**, special offers through **Mar. 31**. Call for appt. 719-488-6729. 706 Westward Ln. Palmer Lake. See ad on page 17.
 - **Monument Cleaners**, special offers through **Feb. 28**. 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
 - **Noel Relief Centers**, complimentary first visit through **Feb. 28**. 1840 Woodmoor Drive, Suite 109, Monument. See ad on page 2.
 - **Pure Romance** by Amy Yocum-Vos, special offers through **Feb. 28**. www.pureromance.com/AmyYocum-vos. See ad on page 4.
 - **The Living Room plants**, special offers through **Feb. 28**. 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.
 - **McCord Landscaping**, book your projects before **Mar. 1**, get a \$200.00 gift card; garden center opens Mar. 1. See ad on page 5.
 - **Xcel Energy** Colorado power pathway public open houses, join us to provide input on transmission line routes and substation locations. Details: Colorado-PowerPathway.com. See ad on page 12.
 - **100+ Women Who Care - Membership Social**, **Wed.**, **Mar 16**, 5 pm, The Woodmoor Barn. Wine and Nibbles provided. We are 100+ Women committed to contributing \$100 two times a year to local Tri-Lakes charities, which will positively impact our communities by allowing us to give up to \$20,000 annually. We want to see you socially, and bring new members to join us! Please bring a friend! Together we can make a difference that we can see! Big impact, without a big commitment. For more information on how to join us visit: http://www.100womenwhocaretrilakes.com/

Content

Articles in Our Community News focus on the deliberations of Tri-Lakes area governmental bodies such as the Monument Board of Trustees, Palmer Lake Town Council, and many of the local water, sanitation, fire, and school district boards.

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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- **Jackson Creek Senior Living**, special offers through **Mar. 31**. 719-259-0448, 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. See ad on page 14.

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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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:

- 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.

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