

- (Highway 105) trailhead on the Santa Fe Trail.
- **Heart saver CPR first aid AED class**, Sat., **Apr. 9**, 8.m. - 4 pm at Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 hunting Downs Way. Contact epg@tlumc.org.
 - **Covered Treasures Bookstore April events**: Sat., **Apr. 9**, 1-3 p.m.: Poets Joe Murphy and Lon Wartman will be at the store to celebrate National Poetry Month. We will have an open session for guests to recite their original or a favorite poem. Joe and Lon will discuss poetry, answer questions and recite from their collections. Thu., **April 21**, 5-8 (snow date of April 28) is the *No Boys Allowed*. Ticketed (\$10) event. We are participating and will host Denver mystery author, Stephanie Kane. Thu., **April 28**: *Poem-In-Your-Pocket Day*: Stop in to recite a favorite poem for us. We love hearing your poems, Sat, **Apr. 30**, 11-1 we will host Sandra Dallas as she signs her latest title, *Little Souls*. Covered Treasures Bookstore, 105 Second Street, Monument, 719-481-2665.
 - **Speed Trap Bistro, Weekend Evenings Live Music**, starting Sun., **Apr. 10**, 84 Hwy. 105. Open 7 days for breakfast, lunch. See ad on page 5.
 - **Palmer Lake Fire Dept. fundraiser pancake breakfast**, Sun., **Apr. 17**, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; egg hunt 11:30 am. Meet the Easter Bunny. See ad on page 7.
 - **Woodmen Valley Chapel Monument Campus**, Good Friday Services: Fri., **Apr. 15**, 7 pm, Sat., **Apr. 16**, 6 pm, Easter Sun., **Apr. 17**, 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm. Bear Creek Elementary School, 1330 Creekside Dr. www.woodmenvalley.org/easter. See ad on page 16.
 - **Fuel Church, Easter Service**, Sun., **Apr. 17**, 11 am, meet at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 CO-105, Palmer Lake, CO 80133 (719) 481-3155, see ad on page 3.
 - **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, After Hours Networking Event**, Tue., **Apr. 19**, 5 pm-7:00 pm Free for chamber members, \$15 for non-members. Details: www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
 - **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Education Series: Stress and Burnout**, Tue., **Apr. 19**, 11:30 am-1 pm free in-person workshop. www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
 - **100+ Women Who Care Bi-Annual Meeting**, Wed., **Apr. 20**, 5:30 pm, Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Drive. 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. 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: www.100womenwhocaretrilakes.com.
 - **Friends of Fox Run Park, Earth Day Event** Fri., **Apr. 22**, 10 am, Roller Coaster Rd Trailhead. For more information and to be put on the crew list email friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com.
 - **The Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild**, 58th annual Spring show, **Apr. 27-May 1**: Wed., 4 pm-7 pm Thu. - Sat. 9 am - 7 pm, Sun. 10 am -2 pm, Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Road, at Shoup Rd.. Free Admission. Fine Arts, Handcrafted and decorative gifts, boutique setting. Info: Bfacg.org, non-perishable donations at the show to support local food banks. No strollers.
 - **Arbor Day Celebration**, Fri., **Apr. 29**, 10 am Dirty Woman Creek Park 17575 Mitchell Ave, Monument, CO 80132; tree planting demonstration and a discussion on bird-friendly tree varieties and practices, take home a free bird-friendly plant or bush.
 - **The Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup**, Sat., **Apr. 30**, 9 am-noon. The nation's largest annual spring community improvement program, in over 15,000 communities nationwide. The Fountain Creek Watershed District is now heading up this 1-day cleanup in collaboration with local governments, nonprofits, Friends groups, and neighborhoods. We encourage everyone to join a cleanup near you and give our home watershed a spring cleaning! Various site locations - registration and details Event Sites | Fountain Creek Watershed District (fountaincrk.org).
 - **A Better Hearing Center**, special offers, through Sat., **Apr. 30**. 574 Hwy. 105, Monument. See ad on page 12.
 - **Cornerstone Cleaners**, 10% off alterations through Sat., **Apr. 30**. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near

- King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
- **Eagle Wine & Spirits**, special offers through Sat., **Apr. 30**. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
 - **Monument Cleaners**, special offers through Sat., **Apr. 30**. 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
 - **Noel Relief Centers**, complimentary first visit through Sat., **Apr. 30**. 1840 Woodmoor Drive, Suite 109, Monument. See ad on page 2.
 - **Pure Romance by Amy Yocum-Vos**, special offers through Sat., **Apr. 30**. www.pureromance.com/AmyYocum-vos. See ad on page 4.
 - **The Living Room Plants**, special offers through Sat., **Apr. 30**, 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.
 - **Kiwanis Monument Hill Club**, Grant window now open: apply for a grant by **May 15**, monumenthillfoundation.org. 4th of July parade registration opens in April. Check www.MHKiwanis.org. See ad on page 3.
 - **MVEA outdoor power equipment giveaway entry deadline**, Thu., **May 26**, Info: www.mvea-coop/greengiveaway. See ad on page 18.
 - **MVEA 81st Annual Meeting**, Thu., **June 2**, Limon Public Schools, 912 Badger Way, Limon, Colorado 80828. Info: <https://www.mvea.coop/community/community-events/annual-meeting/>. See ad on page 18.
 - **Pie and Ice Cream Social**, Sat., **Jun. 11**, 6-8 pm, St. Peter Church, 155 Jefferson Street to raise awareness and funds for Mater Filius (Mother and Child) the new maternity home to open in 2023 for vulnerable pregnant women in the Pikes Peak Area. No admission fee. All are welcome! For more information / to make a donation go to: petertherock.org.
 - **June/July 2022 WIA Chipping Days**, **June 25-26** and **July 30-31**, south parking lot of Lewis-Palmer High school. NOTE: shifting to a resident slash drop - much like the Black Forest Slash Pile. Residents queue up in their vehicle and are released progressively to self-drop slash in a central location. WIA and its contractors will no longer unload your vehicle for you. This change will allow up to 5 vehicles to unload at once rather than the 2-3 vehicles being unloaded as in previous years. The same type of materials will be accepted. Slash/logs up to 8 inches in diameter, pine needles, etc. As in previous years: NO construction materials, rock/rubble, stumps, or garbage will be accepted. Only clean slash/logs will be accepted. Please contact the WIA Office with questions at 719-488-2693 x 4.
 - **Tri-Lakes Women's Club's 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

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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- 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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