

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.

- **Concerts in the Park**, Limbach Park, weekly on **Wed.**, June 8 - August 17. See ad on page 14.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Monument Hill Farmers Market**, every **Sat.**, 8-2 pm, 66 Jefferson St., Downtown Monument. See ad on page 5.
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis 4th of July celebrations** Mon., **July 4**, honoring our heroes "our educators" with: fun run, pancake breakfast, street fair, kids parade and 4th of July parade and more. See ad on page 16.
- **Festival on the Fourth at Palmer Lake**, Mon., **July 4**, 2-10 p.m. West Side of the railroad tracks on the west side of Palmer Lake. Vendors, to join volunteers or sponsorships, contact ctgraff75@gmail.com.
- **D-38 Big Red 4th of July Celebration**, Mon., **July 4**, 10-3pm, live music, food trucks, D38 swag, more, 146 Jefferson St. See ad on page 9.
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Palisade Peaches fundraiser**, last day to place order: Tue., **July 26**. see ad on page 16.
- **"Crepes and Cruisers"** Jackson Creek Senior Living welcomes the Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Club on Sat., **July 9**, 10 a.m. - noon for a classic car show. All ages invited for crepes and Chef Michael Longo's signature almond punch; live music with Gus Meza. Free, RSVP is requested. Call 719-725-6060 or visit our website events page to secure your spot. Attendees please park on the north side of the community. Jackson Creek Senior Living, 16601 Jackson Creek Parkway
- **Ashes to Beauty**, Colorado Springs Garden Club garden tour, Sat.-Sun., **July 9-10**, 9-5pm. Showcasing the Waldo Canyon fire recovery, fundraising tickets (proceeds benefit Colorado State University extension) at local garden centers, details: www.coloradospringsgardentour.org.
- **Western Museum of Mining and Industry**, summertime family days, Sat., **July 9**, **Aug. 20**, 225 Northgate Blvd., www.WMMI.org. See ad on page 20.
- **Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., **July 9**, 1-3 pm, two Colorado photographers book signings. Todd Caudle of Skyline Press will sign his revised *Colorado Wildflowers* book along with his various other titles and Matt Payne of Matt Payne Photography will sign his book, *Climbing Colorado's San Juans: A Comprehensive Guide to Hikes, Scrambles and Technical Climbs*. July Art Hop at Covered Treasures Bookstore, **July 21**, 5-8 pm, Roger Greene signs his recent historical novel, *4284 Miles* and others., 105 Second Street, Monument.
- **Vacation Bible School**, St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 5:30-8pm, Mon.-Thu., **July 11-14**, 18320 Furrow Rd. See ad on page 5.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce**, After Hours Networking Event, Tue., **July 12**, 5 pm-7:00 pm Free for chamber members, \$15 for non-members. Details: www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
- **Party for the Parks**, Sat., **July 16**, 2-9 pm, 17360 Jackson Creek Pkwy. See ad on page 14.
- **Pikes Peak Brewing Company, Hops and Hot Rods**, Sun., **July 17**, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., see ad on page 13.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society**, Thu., **July 21**, 1-4 p.m. special event meeting at Palmer Lake Town Green and Gazebo. Guided Walking Tours of Palmer Lake, Local history experts, informative walking tour of the town. Starts at the Village Green for Palmer Lake Town Hall, stops at Estemere, other historical buildings, ends at the Rock House Ice Cream Shop. Tours about 45 minutes, groups limited to 12. Additional details: www.palmerdividehistory.org. Palmer Lake Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent St., Palmer Lake, CO 80133. PLHS meets third Thu., Info: 719-550-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.
- **Monument Art Hop**, Thu., **July 21**, 5-8 pm, in Historic Downtown Monument, live music, local artists, outdoor activities, food trucks, more! Info: www.downtownmonument.org. See ad on page 2.
- **Tri-lakes/ Monument fire station 1 reopening ceremony**, Sat., **July 30**, 18650 Hwy 105, RSVP, spopovich@tlmfire.org
- **June/July 2022 WIA Chipping Days**, Sat.-Sun., **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.

- **Speed Trap Bistro**, Live Music, 84 Hwy. 105. Open 7 days for breakfast, lunch, weekends until 11 pm. See ad on page 5.
- **Monumental Med Spa**, special botox offer Thu., **July 21**, 10 am-6 pm, at the loft, 4 Hwy 105 Palmer Lake.. See ad on page 7.
- **A Better Hearing Center**, special offers. 574 Hwy. 105, Monument. See ad on page 11.
- **Cornerstone Cleaners**, special offers through **July 31**. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
- **Eagle Wine & Spirits**, special offers through **July 31**. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
- **Monument Cleaners**, special offers through **July 31**. 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Market-place. See ad on page 5.
- **Noel Relief Centers**, new patient special. 1840 Woodmoor Drive, Suite 109, Monument. See ad on page 8.
- **Pure Romance** by Amy Yocum-Vos, special offers through **July 31**. www.pureromance.com/AmyYocum-vos. See ad on page 4.
- **The Living Room Plants**, special offers through **July 31**. 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.
- **Tri Lakes Collision and Auto Service Center**, special offers through **July 31**. 2101 Wolf Court, Monument. See ad on page 5.
- **YMCA fall sports sign up now**, ppymca.org/sports. See ad on page 6.
- **Make It Work: 3D Printers**, Mon., **Aug 1**, 4pm-6pm: Bring in your broken 3D printer and we'll see if we can help you get it working again. Offered at 55 Adams Street. Hosted by Monumental Impact to raise funds for programs. Donations appreciated. Contact enable@monumentalimpact.org for more information.
- **Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua**, Sat., **Aug. 6**, 1- 4 pm. Historic Chautauqua: museum tours, entertainments, working artists music, and film presentations, walking tours of Glen Park, Old Town Historical home tours Friends of the Tri-Lakes Library annual ice cream social, early afternoon. Palmer Lake Town Hall village green.
- **Technology & Engineering Camps**, **Aug 1-12**, 9 am-3 pm. Various 1-day, 2-day and 5-day sessions. A diversity of topics in programming, robotics techniques, 3D Printing, circuitry and more. Entering grades 5th thru 12th. Offered by coaches, team members, mentors and interns with Monumental Impact and Bearbotics at 55 Adams St (Grace Best) in Monument. Net proceeds benefit programs. Register at https://monumentalimpact.org/summer-programs/ or email, enable@monumentalimpact.org, for questions.
- **Hummingbird Festival**, Fri.-Sat., **Aug. 5-6**, 10-3 pm, Happy Landing Ranch, 17435 Roller Coaster Rd., Hummingbird art, hourly hummingbird talks, farmers market booths. Vendor space available: marlene.fourgates@gmail.com or (719)492-0355 or (719)213-8658.
- **Western Museum of Mining and Industry, Western Saloon night fundraiser**, Sat., **Aug. 6**, 6 pm, see ad on page 20.
- **Elementary / Middle School Robotics Information Session**, Sat., **Aug 13**, 10-11:30am. We invite teachers, parents and community members to visit with us in the Bear Cave of Bearbotics to discuss oppor-

tunities to collaborate and offer FIRST LEGO League (FLL) to our area students. 55 Adams St (Grace Best) in Monument. Info: coachbreton@bearbotics4068.org.

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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- 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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