

## Wynn named Sertoman of the Year



**Above:** Dr. Victoria Wynn has been named Sertoman of the Year by the Gleneagle Sertoma Club. Club President Harvey LeCato says Wynn “volunteers for almost every service project.” The club also gave Harold Moffat a \$2,000 check to help pay for the annual HEARS 5K race. HEARS is a charity that provides hearing aids to low-income residents. Roger Patrizio, a founding board member of the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado, was presented with a \$1,000 check to help the group raise awareness and assist victims of human trafficking in our community. Finally, the Service to Mankind award was given to Jackie Bowen for her volunteer work with American Legion Post 209 of Colorado Springs. From left are LeCato, Wynn, and John Coyle, the 2020-21 recipient of the award. *Photo courtesy of Gleneagle Sertoma Club.*

## Art Hop at Jefferson Studios



**Above:** Artists of the month show off their work at the July 21 Art Hop. From left are Gail Wise, Abby Hutcheon, and Sarah Patterson. The event, which is on the third Thursday each month through September, is a highlight for art lovers, families, and music lovers. Jefferson Studios offers the Art Hop night for guest artists, but other local venues have an artist of the month. Art Hop includes musicians on the street and at galleries with a variety of artist booths, as downtown stores and galleries celebrate the arts and visitors. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

## Open space deeded to WIA



**Above:** The Walters Open Space Committee LLC (WOSC LLC) deeded 65 acres of the South Woodmoor Preserve open space and trails to the Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) on June 9. WOSC LLC is a group of 118 homeowners that has saved 94 acres of open space behind their homes. This goal has taken almost four years to accomplish. From left are WOSC LLC Vice Director Ray Sullivan, WOSC LLC Director Tish Norman, WIA President Brian Bush and WIA Vice President Peter Bille. *Photo by Anja Kelley.*

## An important message for our readers OCN needs your help!

*Our Community News* is an all-volunteer organization. For the past 20 years, our volunteers have provided unbiased reporting on important local issues, including real estate development, fire departments, school districts, and water availability. We have provided a very favorable platform for advertising local businesses. We have published letters to the editor to allow you to express your opinions on events affecting the Tri-Lakes area.

Now we find that we have more tasks than we have volunteers. Some vital jobs where we could use your help:

- Reporters. Reporting on local meetings, what they talked about and what they decided.
- Mailing assistants. Counting and lifting tubs of papers to take the monthly mailing to the post offices and stacks of papers to local businesses, loading and unloading mailing tubs from a truck at two locations, preparing postoffice paperwork, tub labels, subscrip-

tion labels, etc.

- Drivers. Driving a rental truck to various post offices once a month.
- Ad sales assistants. We need volunteers who love *OCN* to contact local businesses and encourage them to advertise in *OCN*.

The time and skills involved vary greatly from job to job. *OCN* will provide whatever equipment and training you need.

Please join us today! Meet a group of interesting and committed people. Learn new skills—use your enthusiasm and creativity to benefit our community and celebrate unfiltered information.

Please call Publisher John Heiser at (719) 488-3455, or email [johnheiser@ocn.me](mailto:johnheiser@ocn.me) to see how you can contribute. Contact John today! He is waiting to hear from you. Together we can ensure that *OCN* continues to provide a vital service to our wonderful Tri-Lakes community.

## Our Community Notices

By Janet Sellers

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event. Please notify us if your event listing needs to be updated.

### D38 free and reduced price school meals policy

Applications for free and reduced price school meals, instructions and an information letter to households are available at each school or online at [www.lewis-palmer.org/nutritional\\_services](http://www.lewis-palmer.org/nutritional_services). See ad on page 18.

### Drop the Distracted Driving

Colorado has a law that bans texting while driving for drivers of all ages. CDOT found that most people have a “Do Not Disturb While Driving” feature on their phone in a recent survey, but many don’t know how to use it. The unexpected can happen in an instant. Be proactive, learn how to enable this feature see [DropTheDistraction.at.distracted.codot.gov](http://DropTheDistraction.at.distracted.codot.gov).

**The safety stop is now state law**  
Bicyclists in Colorado now have safe and legal options for navigating through intersections after governor Jared Polis signed Colorado house bill 22-1028 into law on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The new law, which allows bicyclists and users of low-speed conveyances to treat stop signs as yield signs and stop lights as stop signs when they already have the right of way, goes into effect immediately statewide. Info: [bikecoloradosprings.org](http://bikecoloradosprings.org).

### Neighborhood safety

What qualifies as suspicious activity? “If you see something, say something.” It’s vital to report to local law enforcement. Suspicious activity can refer to any incident, event, individual or activity that seems unusual or out of place. Some common examples of suspicious activities include: A stranger loitering in your neighborhood or a vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly. Someone peering into cars or windows. Here’s what local authorities and Colorado Department of Public Safety says is needed information: Who did you see; what did you see; when did you see it; where did you see it; why it is suspicious. Call 911 or your local law

enforcement agency.

**Rotary Club coming to Tri-Lakes**  
Rotary International has 1.4 million worldwide with clubs in every country on this planet. Rotary focuses on local and international communities on improving education, saving mothers and children, clean water, sanitation, growing local economies, and protecting the environment via its member business professionals, teachers, real estate persons, developers, medical doctors, nurses, housewives, and retired people serving to change lives locally and globally. Local info: Dr. Qureshi at 719 229 1648 or [kqureshico@yahoo.com](mailto:kqureshico@yahoo.com) and [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org).

### Seniors Driver’s License Electronic Renewal

With the implementation of the Driver’s License Electronic Renewal By Seniors Act (HB21-1139), Colorado seniors now have the permanent ability to renew their driver license or identification card online, but there are new laws to understand. Information is online via [mycolorado.state.us](http://mycolorado.state.us). Some restrictions apply to drivers aged 21-80, and drivers over 80 need a special doctor’s statement. Coloradans who are concerned about an elder family member’s ability to drive should email [dor\\_mvhelpdesk@state.co.us](mailto:dor_mvhelpdesk@state.co.us).

### DMV online and kiosks

Clerk & Recorder’s Office provides motor vehicle and driver’s license services. 30+ services at [mydmv.colorado.gov](http://mydmv.colorado.gov). Renew registration online or at a kiosk. Make appointments. check in for appointments and wait where it’s convenient for you. The DMV encourages Coloradans to skip the trip and use its online services whenever possible. So before your next trip to the DMV, remember to save time, go online. Visit [DMV.Colorado.gov/Save-time](http://DMV.Colorado.gov/Save-time) for more information. See [epcdrives.com](http://epcdrives.com).

### CO 21 (Powers Blvd.) &

### Research Pkwy. construction

Work will be completed in fall 2022 and will consist of replacing the current at-grade intersection with an innovative Diverging Diamond Interchange by constructing an overpass for Powers Boulevard/Colorado Highway 21 traffic to move continuously through the intersection over Research Parkway. For many more details and rendering of final con-