- 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#.
- 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.
- Monumental Impact Monthly Open House, second Fri., 5-6 pm, Grace Best East Rooms, 55 Adams St. Monumental Impact's mission is to enable and support high school students in technology, engineering and entrepreneurship. Community members are welcome to connect with us, see our space and ask about programs. Info: monumental-impact.org
- 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.
- Silver Center Book Club, second Fri., 11 am-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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Kings Deer Community Garage sale, Fri.-Sun. Aug. 5-7, Hwy 105 and Rollercoaster Rd. See ad on page 4.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society, Sat., Aug. 6, 1-4 p.m. special event: informative walk of the town. Starts at the Village Green for Palmer Lake Town Hall, stops at Estemere, other historical buildings, to Rock House Ice Cream Shop. Tours about 45 minutes, limit 12. Details: www.palmerdividehistory.org, meets third Thu.Palmer Lake Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent St., Palmer Lake, CO 80133. PLHS, Info: 719-550-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org
- **Hummingbird Festival**, Fri.-Sat., **Aug. 5-6**, 10-3 pm, Happy Landing Ranch, 17435 Roller Coaster Rd.Hummingbird art and hourly talks, farmers market,vendor booths, baby alpacas, more.
- Western Museum of Mining and Industry, Western Saloon night fundraiser, Sat., Aug. 6, 6 pm.
- **Monument Hill Farmers Market**, every **Sat.**, 8-2 pm, 66 Jefferson St., Downtown Monument. See ad on page 5.
- Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua, Sat., Aug. 6, 1–4 pm. Historic museum tours, entertainments, 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.
- Shear Kindness, hair cutting event. Sun. Aug.
 7, 10-2pm, 2230 North Wahsatch Ave., Colorado Springs. See ad on page 5.
- 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.
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, After Hours Networking Event, Tue., Aug. 9, 5 pm-7:00 pm Free for chamber members, \$15 for non-members. Details: www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
- **23rd annual community pig roast and client appreciation event**, Fri., **Aug. 12**, 5:30-7:30 pm,rain or shine. Free. Lang Investment Services, 236 N. Washington St., Monument. See ad on page 11.
- Community, Coffee and Conversation at St. Peter Catholic Church, Wed., Aug. 17, 11 am-12:30 pm, 155 Jefferson St., Monument. Join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Ministry Center (155 Jefferson St. in Monument). All are welcome. Bring a friend! There is no cost and no agenda. We provide the coffee, you provide the conversation.
- Covered Treasures Bookstore, Thu., Aug. 18, 5-8 pm. During Art Hop Stewart Green and Susan Joy Paul sign their outdoor hiking guides, Hiking Colorado's Hidden Gems: 40 Undiscovered Trails and Hiking Waterfalls, Colorado: A Guide to the State's Best Waterfall Hikes.105 Second Street, Monument.
- 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 opportunities to collaborate and offer FIRST LEGO League (FLL) to our area students. 55 Adams St (Grace Best) in Monument. Info: www.coachbreton@bearbotics4068.org.
- Monument Art Hop, Thu., Aug. 18, 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.
- Western Museum of Mining and Industry, summertime family days, Sat., Aug. 20, 225 Northgate Blvd., www.WMMI.org.
- **John Denver tribute concert**, Sun., **Aug. 28**, 6 pm. Pikes Peak Brewing Company, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. See ad on page 2.
- **Speed Trap Bistro**, Live Music, 84 Hwy. 105. Open 7 days for breakfast, lunch, weekends until 11 pm. See ad on page 5.
- Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Club of Monument, 19th Annual Benefit Car Show, Sun., Aug. 28. Fundraiser for local charities, area businesses sponsor 54 trophies, some of the finest cars in the region. 2nd St., Historic Downtown Monument.
- Cornerstone Cleaners, special offers through Aug. 31. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
- Eagle Wine & Spirits, special offers through Aug.
 31. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
- **Facinelli Motors** special offer coupon good through **Aug. 31**. See ad on page 17.
- **Gutter Helmet**, summer sale special offer good through **Aug. 31**. See ad on page 19.
- Monument Cleaners, special offers through Aug. 31. 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
- Monumental Med Spa, special offers through Aug.
 31; at the loft, 4 Hwy 105 Palmer Lake.. See ad on page 7.
- **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 **Aug. 31**. www.pureromance.com/AmyYocum-vos. See ad on page 4.
- The Living Room Plants, special offers through Aug. 31. 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on
- Tri Lakes Collision and Auto Service Center, special offers through Aug. 31. 2101 Wolf Court, Monument. See ad on page 5.
- YMCA fall sports sign up now, www.ppymca.org/ sports. See ad on page 6.
- **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers: Workshop by Candy Grisham**, Fri., **Sep. 2**, 9:30-4:30. Cost is \$60 members, \$65 non-members. Held at Sew In Tune, 281 Front Str., Monument. Contact Palmerdividequiltmakers@gmail.com.
- Ann Shimek ceramic art retrospective, reception Fri. Sep 2, 5-8 pm; Exhibit open Sat., Sep. 3, 12-8pm. A pop-up Palmer Lake event presented by Palmer Lakes Arts Council, Journey's End restaurant, 11 Primrose Street, Palmer Lake. See ad on page 14.

MVEA outdoor power equipment giveaway entry deadline Oct. 31. Details: www.mvea.coop/greengiveaway. See ad on page 12.

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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