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- Al-anon Meeting: Monument, every Thu., 7-8 pm, Ascent Church (formerly the Tri-Lakes Chapel), 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. Info: MonumentSerenity@gmail.com.
- Palmer Divide Quiltmakers, first Thu., 6:30-8:30 pm at Monument Chamber of Commerce building, 166 2nd St, Monument, CO.
- Al-Anon meeting: Letting Go, every Thu., 9-10:15 am at Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. For additional information go to [www.al-anon-co.org](http://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 am free registration at [www.TriLakeschamber.com](http://www.TriLakeschamber.com).
- Fuel Church Griefshare, every Thu., 5:30-7:30 pm 643 State Highway 105, Palmer Lake. Email [info@fuel.org](mailto: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#.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society, Thu., Sep. 21., 7 pm; (doors open at 6:30 pm), Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent St. Usually meets third Thu. Contact: [Kokesdm@yahoo.com](mailto:Kokesdm@yahoo.com), <https://palmerdividehistory.org>.
- Friends of Fox Run Park, fourth Thu. Zoom meeting, 7 pm, email [friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com](mailto: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, special events, and more. Info: [friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com).
- Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) monthly meeting, Fri., Sep. 15, 11:30 a.m. Falcon Club, USAFA. Guest speaker Terri Hayes, President and CEO of Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Program explains the expansion and development in the Tri-Lakes area with insights from Ms Hayes on the upcoming changes in our area. Usually meets the third Fri. To become a member, or learn about the club, visit our website at [www.tlwc.net](http://www.tlwc.net) Contact Info: Tri-Lakes Women's Club membership@tlwc.net.
- Senior Book Club, second Fri., 11 am-noon, Silver Alliance Senior Center, all are welcome. Coffee & snacks. RSVP & info: Sue, 719-330-0241.
- Gleneagle Women's Club, membership luncheon, third Fri., Sep.-June, various venues, 12 activity groups, i.e., hiking, bridge, etc. Guests welcome. For information contact Susan Owen, 719-886-7110.
- Monument Dementia Caregiver Support Group, second Sat., 9:45-11:15 am. Meets in Person, First National Bank Monument ( 581 Highway 105, Monument, CO 80132). Meets monthly, 2nd Sat. Contact: Registration is required, call 800-272-3900 or email [khare@alz.org](mailto:khare@alz.org) to register.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- VOLUNTEER TODAY! Our Community News mailing days, Thu., Oct. 5, approx. 9 am-2 pm. We are all volunteers at OCN and need YOUR help, even for an hour or two, getting the papers ready to mail. Contact [AllenAlchian@ocn.me](mailto:AllenAlchian@ocn.me) or (719) 488-3455.
- Benet Hill Monastery: Celebrate the Season of Creation, Fri., Sep. 1 to Wed., Oct. 4. See ad on page 3.
- Labor Day Weekend Art Festival, Sat.-Mon., Sep. 2-4, 10-5 pm, Free, Manitou Springs Memorial Park. Live music. Food. Free admission. Kids' activities. Info: [www.commonwheel.com/festival.html](http://www.commonwheel.com/festival.html)
- The seventh annual Monu-Palooza music festival, Sun., Sep. 3, Limbach Park. Music 12:30 to 8:00 pm, six area bands, food trucks onsite. \$15 advance: [Monupalooza2023.eventbrite.com](http://Monupalooza2023.eventbrite.com) (\$25 at the gate). Call/text (719) 649-0058 for info.
- Freedom School Of Martial Arts: Back to School Karate Special. See ads on pages 4, 6 & 19.
- Monument Hill Farmers Market, every Sat., 8 am-2 pm. 66 Jefferson Street Monument. See ad on page 5.
- Wreaths Across America (WAA) invites all Americans to Wave the Flag on Tue., Sep. 12 to honor our US veterans and the fallen, the issues of 911 and those who protect our freedom, reminding all Americans of the responsibility and gratitude of our service people to our country. The non-profit WAA raises the US flag in their honor each and every Tuesday; its primary activity is distributing Veteran's wreaths for placement on graves in military cemeteries in December each year.
- Kiwanis Fundraiser for Heart of Monument Play Park (HoMPP), a park for all ages and abilities. Thu. Sep. 14, 5-9 pm. Indicate you want to support the HoMPP or Kiwanis and 20% of sales go to the park.
- 100+ Women Who Care: Social Gathering, membership drive. Wed., Sep. 20, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Free. Learn how you can make a big impact without a big commitment. Find out about the group and how we help the community - bring a friend! We want to see you socially so you'll understand the impacts to our communities allowing us to give \$20K annually to local charities. Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr., Woodmoor.
- YMCA 5K race series: Creepy crawl, Turkey trot, Jingle jog. Early bird pricing ends Sep. 15. See ad on page 6.
- Run4Hope 5K for Schools, Sat. Sep. 16. 9 a.m., Ascent Church 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. competitive 5K run and 2-mile color-fun run/walk to celebrate HOPE and HEALING in our community! The event raises money to support the social and emotional wellness of our youth through various programs in local area schools focusing on suicide prevention - along with mental health awareness and suicide prevention training in El Paso County. Chip-timed for competitors, 2-mile color fun run/walk (500 pounds of color!), pancake breakfast, games, music, vendors, and more. Register at <https://run4hope5kforschools.com/>.
- Art Hop, Thu., Sep. 21, 5-8 pm. Last Art Hop of 2023! Your chance to enjoy the eclectic downtown Monument experience, buy local art, visit galleries, artists, see live demonstrations, musicians, and more. Downtown Monument. Every third Thu. through Sep. Free. See ad on page 2.
- Art Hop - Immersive art and poetry event! Thu., Sep. 21, 5-8 pm Local poets and artists Mary Brown, Janet Sellers read from their upbeat short poems: micro poems haiku, ekphrasis with paintings, etc. On the hour at Bella Art and Frame Gallery, 251 Front St.
- Covered Treasures Bookstore, Thu., Sep. 21, 5-8, authors Hugh and Urling Kingery sign Birding Colorado: Where, How and When to Spot Birds Across the State; DeeDee Lake signs her Rules of Engagement series. Sat., Sept, 23, 1-3 pm, author Jessica Speer signs The

Phone Book: Stay Safe, Be Smart, and Make the World Better with the Powerful Device in Your Hand. 105 Second Street, Monument.

- Fox Run Regional Park Lights Fest, Fri., Sep. 22, 4:30-8:30pm; decorate and launch water lanterns, light parade, roast marshmallows, hot chocolate, doggy-light-costume contest, an evening of beautiful lights, music, food trucks, and special moments. <https://communityservices.elpasoco.com/september-fest/>
- Never Dead Riders Motorcycle Group Poker Run, Sat., Sep. 23. Non-profit to raise funds to help people with a family member with cancer. Info: [www.neverdeadriders.net](http://www.neverdeadriders.net)
- Little Log Church will hold a Service in the Park, Sun., Sep. 24, Palmer Lake Pavilion, east side of the lake. Worship, singing and Bible teaching beginning at 10:09 a.m. with a potluck picnic following. Please join us. Contact: [littlelogchurch.com](http://littlelogchurch.com) or call 719-481-2409.
- Eagle Wine and Spirits Charity Whiskey Live and Silent Auction, Thu., Sep. 28, 5:30-8 pm, Margarita at Pine Creek, 7350 Pine Creek Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80919. Proceeds will benefit WhollyKicks. \$75 per person includes buffet dinner and drink. For more information sales@eaglewineandspirits.com or visit [whollykicks.org](http://whollykicks.org)
- Make It Work Clinic for PCs, FREE. Donations appreciated. We are gauging interest in helping community members with their PCs, please email us if interested. [enable@monumentimpact.org](mailto:enable@monumentimpact.org). 55 Adams St in Downtown Monument. Monumental Impact info/register: <https://monumentalimpact.org>.
- St Peter Catholic School, now enrolling preschool to 8th grade, [www.PetertheRockschool.org](http://www.PetertheRockschool.org) See ad on page 2.
- A Time to Dance: Dance classes for everyone. See ad on page 4.
- Affordable Flooring Connection, special offers. See ad on page 2.
- Cornerstone Cleaners, special offers through Sep. 30. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
- Crystal's in-home personal training. Free consultation. See ad on page 3.
- Eagle Wine & Spirits, special offers through Sep. 30. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
- Gleneagle Candle Co., special offers through Sep. 30. 13796 Gleneagle Drive 80921. See ad on page 4.
- Monument Cleaners, special offers through Sep. 30, 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
- Monumental Med Spa, Announcing a new location, 88 Hwy 105. See ad on page 11.
- MVEA Member appreciation day, Wed., Oct. 11. Lunch, pie, more: 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. At the Falcon office 11140 East Woodman Road 80831. See ad on page 16.
- Noel Relief Centers, new patient specials. 950 Baptist Rd #130, Monument. See ad on page 7.
- The Living Room Plants, special offers through Sep. 30, 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.
- Tri-lakes Dynamic Rotary International Club presents first annual golf ball drop, Sat., Sep. 30, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Santa Fe baseball field, 99 Santa Fe Avenue Monument. See ad on page 3
- The Vanity Box, special offers, facial revivals, and more. See ad on page 3.
- Tri-Lakes Collision and Auto Service Center, special offers through Sep. 30. 2101 Wolf Court, Monument. [www.trilakescollision.com](http://www.trilakescollision.com). See ad on page 5.
- Miner's pumpkin patch, every Sat. in Oct. Western Museum of Mining and Industry. See ad on page 9.
- Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day, Sat., Oct. 7, 9 am; trail riding etiquette handouts, riding clinics, giveaways.. This is a terrific way to get kids outside and develop their mountain biking skills. All ages tots to teens, just need a working bike and helmet to participate. Info:[communityservices.elpasoco.com/take-kid-mountain-biking/](http://communityservices.elpasoco.com/take-kid-mountain-biking/)
- Empty bowls dinner and silent auction, fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares: Wed. Oct. 4, 5-7:30 p.m. See ad on page 7.
- PTSD: What You See, Feel, Do About it, Sun., Oct. 8, 1-3 p.m. Do you know someone with Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)? Does it impact family, friends, you? Speaker: Jim Cunningham, LPC, a 24-year Air Force veteran and professional counselor, will conduct this 2-hour session including a presentation and open discussion on PTSD which is open to our congregation and community. Family of Christ Lutheran Church Youth Center (West Entrance) 675 Baptist Rd. Hosted by FOC Stephen Ministry.
- Front Range Maker's Market: Sat.-Sun., Oct. 28 - 29. Lewis Palmer High School, Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$5 at the door. See ad on page 24.

- International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. Annual community and worldwide event Sat., Nov. 18. Speaker, kids panel, adults panel and discussion, refreshments, more. Woodman Valley Chapel. Details: [www.woodmenvalley.org](http://www.woodmenvalley.org) or contact Saucedo 719-488-8280
- Book signing by Lisa Hatfield, Sat., Nov. 25. Covered Treasures bookstore. See ad on page 5.

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 send the information to [calendar@ocn.me](mailto:calendar@ocn.me) or Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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- 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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