

us with your questions. Info: bflc@bflchurch.org.

- **Al-Anon Zoom Meeting.** Just for Today Online, every **Mon.**, 9-10 am Zoom Meeting ID: 889 4142 7446, Password 349309.
- **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.
- **Al-anon Meeting:** Monument, every **Thu.**, 7-8 pm, Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. Info: MonumentSerenity@gmail.com.
- **Amateur Ham Radio WÖTLM** (Tri-Lakes Monument ham radio Association), third **Mon.** (except December). All amateur ham radio operators or those interested in becoming one are welcome. Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Building, 166 2nd Street, Monument. For details, contact Bob Witte, bob@k0nr.com or www.WÖTLM.com.
- **American Legion Tri-Lakes Post 9-11,** second **Wed.**, 6:30pm, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Community Meeting House, 300 CO Hwy 105, Monument. New members welcome. Info: Visit website at www.trilakespost9-11.org.
- **Art: Open Studio painting,** first **Wed.**, 9:30-noon. Donations welcome, Tri Lakes Senior Center, 66 Jefferson St., Monument.
- **Benet Hill Monastery:** Let us pray with you, walk in the forest, walk the labyrinth, come and visit prayer sites, Group retreats. Every **Sun.** 10:15 am worship service, 3190 Benet Lane, 80921. See ad on page 3.
- **Bingo night,** American Legion post 9-11 Tri-Lakes, 2nd and 4th **Sat.**, 6-9 pm, Kings Deer Golf Club, 19255 Royal Troon Dr, Monument.
- **Children’s Literacy Center,** every **Mon. & Wed.**, 5:30-6:30 pm. Provides free one-on-one literacy tutoring to Tri-Lakes children in grades 1-6 who are reading below grade level. Tutoring is at Grace Best Education Center, 66 Jefferson St. Monument. For more information, to become a volunteer tutor, or to enroll your child, visit www.childrens-literacy-center.org or contact Rachel Morin, Tri-Lakes Senior Center Coordinator, CLC 610-246-1047 (cell).
- **Colorado Springs Philharmonic Guild Listening Club,** third **Wed.** Free virtual event. Maestro Wilson will conduct monthly hour-long programs. RSVP at www.csp-guild.org.
- **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 to register.
- **Essential Tremor Support Group.** Meets quarterly at Colorado Springs Public Library 21c, 1175 Chapel Hills Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80920. For details, contact: Jim Sanchez, 719-660-7275; jimds22@gmail.com.
- **Fellowship of Christ Church,** every **Sun.**, 9 am. Monument Academy East Campus, 4303 Pinehurst Circle 80908.
- **Friends of Fox Run Park,** Zoom meeting, fourth **Thu.**, 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, special events, and more. Special events and more, stay tuned! Info: friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com.
- **Fuel Church** Sunday Service, every Sun. Service times, 11am live service, streaming service at www.fuelchurch.org at 11 am. Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Nursery and kids’ service. Non-denominational, spirit-filled. Need prayer? Email us at info@fuel.org. See ad on page 5.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma,** first and third **Wed.**, 11:45 am to 1 pm. Gleneagle Sertoma is the longest continuously active civic service organization in northern El Paso County. Our regular program presenters address local topics of interest to include local developments, community planning and projects, as well as opportunities to serve your community. Contact Harvey LeCato for meeting location and club information at mbca@comcast.net or 719-331-1212.
- **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 Bev Selby, 719-600-1451.
- **La Leche League breastfeeding support group,** second **Thu.**, 12:30 pm. Partners and helpers welcome (and babies and kids, too) so we can meet our breastfeeding goals together. Homestead Direct Primary Care Clinic, 15455 Gleneagle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921. For more information, contact RachelKLangley@gmail.com.
- **Lions Club Bingo,** every **Sat.** (except the first Sat.), 8:30 am-1 pm and first **Mon.**, 5:30-10 pm Tri-Lakes Lions Club’s portion of the proceeds benefit those in need in the Tri-Lakes community. Updated info and location: Jim Naylor, 719-481-8741 or www.trilakeslionsclub.org.
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club meeting,** every **Sat.**, 8 am. www.MHKiwanis.org, MonumentHillKiwanis@gmail.com for details, guests are welcome. Service leadership clubs, Key clubs, Builders Club, and K-kids at D38 schools. Memberships are open to the public. Info: RF Smith, 719-210-4987, www.MHKiwanis.org.
- **Monument Homemakers,** bring a dish to share and your own table service, meet at Chamber of Commerce building, noon. 166 2nd St. Monument. Info and more about the club: Linda Case, 719-354-6575 for reservations.
- **Monument Life Recovery Group,** every **Mon.**, 6:30-7:30 pm, The Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd. This faith-based support group is for those seeking freedom from all hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Daycare for children under age 11. Info: 303-946-2659, www.liferecovery-groups.com/meetings/life-recovery-group-3/.
- **Neighborhood Net Ham Radio,** every **Sat.**, 10 am. Amateur ham radio operators practice for emergencies on weekly repeater nets so neighbors can help neighbors. Sign up at www.mereowx.org/neighborhood-net or contact us at mereowx.org.
- **Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations (NEPCO),** Sat., **Mar. 8**, 10 am-12 pm., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. Members of local HOAs are welcome. Usually meets bi-monthly (Jan., Mar., June, July, Sep., Nov.) on the second Sat. of the month. www.nepco.org.
- **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers,** first **Thu.**, 6:30-8:30 pm at Monument Chamber of Commerce building, 166 2nd St, Monument, CO.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group,** Guests welcome; second **Sat.** for art programs, social gathering and business meeting. 300 Hwy 105, NE corner of I-25 and 105. 9:30 am. Info: 719-460-4179, www.palmerlakeartgroup.co.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society,** Thu., **Mar. 20**, 7-8 pm (doors open at 6:30), Palmer Lake Townhall, 42 Valley Crescent. Guest speakers. Meets third Thu. of the month. Info: Kokesdm@yahoo.com. or visit palmerdividehistory.org.
- **Pikes Peak Genealogical Society meeting,** Wed., **Mar. 12**, Hangout 6:30pm, Meeting begins at 7:00pm. Program: Thomas McEntee, an author & educator, will talk about AI “Exploring ChatGPTs created for Genealogy.” ZOOM Meeting details: President@PPGS.org.
- **Ridgeview Baptist Church,** meets every **Sun.**, 10:30 am, temporarily meeting at 9130 Explorer Dr., Colorado Springs, 80920. Info: 719-357-6515 or www.ridgeview-colorado.org. See ad on page 6.
- **Senior Bingo,** third **Wed.** Silver Key Senior Services, Space is limited to 16. participants. RSVP & info: info@silverkey.org
- **Senior Book Club,** second **Fri.**, 11 am-noon, Silver Key Senior Services, all are welcome. Coffee & snacks. RSVP & info: info@silverkey.org
- **Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church,** every **Sun.**, Contemporary 9 am; Traditional 10:30 am. A live stream is available at www.tlumc.org/live. Watch live or replay: www.facebook.com/tlumc, www.youtube.com/tlumc.org. Info: 719-488-1365, www.tlumc.org. 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument.
- **Tri-Lakes Church of Christ** Wednesday night fellowship classes, every **Wed.**, 6-7:30 pm, 20450 Beacon Lite Road, Monument (corner of Beacon Lite & County Line Roads). Info: 719-488-9613, gregsmith@trilakeschurch.org, www.trilakeschurch.org.
- **Tri-Lakes Cruisers,** first **Wed.**, 7 pm. A nonprofit car club. Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce community room, with numerous activities and events each month. Club membership applications are now being accepted and are available on the website: tl-cruisers.weebly.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Networking breakfast,** first and third **Thu.**, in person or via Zoom 166 2nd Street Monument 7:30-9 am free registration at www.TriLakeschamber.com .
- **Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club meeting,** first and third **Thu.** 6 pm-8 pm. First Thursday via zoom and third Thursday in person at the Chamber of Commerce, 166 2nd St., Monument. Details: www.tlrotary.com, Trilakesdynamicrotary@gmail.com. Guests welcome. We are a service club serving Tri-Lakes. Memberships open to the public. Info: www.tlrotary.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Parkinson’s Disease Support Group,** third **Sat.**, 10 am-noon, Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Info: Syble Krafft, 719-488-2669; Barry (group president), 719-351-9485. If you need any help, please call Syble or Barry.
- **Tri-Lakes Women’s Club (TLWC) monthly meeting,** third **Fri.**, 11:30 am. Eisenhower Golf Club, USAFA. To become a member, or learn about the club, visit our website at www.tlwc.net Contact Info: Tri-Lakes Women’s Club membership@tlwc.net.
- **Women’s A. A. Step Study,** every **Mon.**, 6:30 pm, meeting remotely, check for details. Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 675 Baptist Rd. Park in the west lot. Info: 866-641-9190. Al-Anon Zoom Meeting, Just for Today Online, every **Mon.**, 9:00 – 10:00 am Zoom Meeting ID: 889 4142 7446, Password 349309.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7829,** third **Wed.**, 7 pm, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce community room, 166 2nd St., Monument. New members welcome. Info: Post Commander and POC Bruce Beyerly, Bruce.Beyerly@gmail.com.
- **VFW Auxiliary to Post 7829,** third **Wed.**, 7 p.m. Meets at Victory Baptist Church, 325 2nd Street, Suite X, Monument. Guests are welcome to join; if you are a relative of a veteran who served on foreign soil during war or other military actions, you would be eligible. For more information please contact Kathy Carlson, 719-488-1902, carlsonmkc@gmail.com or Linda Lyons, 303-579-8114, lindalyons7829@gmail.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **VOLUNTEER TODAY!** Our Community News: volunteer mailing days, **Thu., Feb. 27 & Apr. 3**, approx. 7-8:30 am. 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 or (719) 488-3455.
- **School district 38 Chess Tournament,** Sat., **Mar. 8**, Bear Creek elementary School. Pre-register each student at: https://tinyurl.com/mtsjcsfd. Chess sets provided. Children should bring their own snacks, some refreshments will be for sale. Details: Steve Waldmann, Tournament Director/ Bear Creek Elementary Chess Club Coach, at huskerco@gmail.com; interested adults who would like to be one of our Tournament Referees contact Mr. Waldmann.
- **Roundabout Public Open House for Woodmoor Dr. / Lake Woodmoor Dr.,** Wed., **Mar. 5**, 5:30-7 p.m. Presentation at 6 p.m. Q&A at 6:30 p.m. Palmer Ridge High School Auditorium 19255 Frontage Rd. Monument, CO 80132.
- **MVEA board nominations, questionnaire due,** Thu., **Mar. 13**. To be nominated please contact the MVEA board nomination information line at 719-494-2528.
- **McCords garden center opens,** Sat., **Mar. 15**, special offers. See ad on page 5.
- **Kiwanis: Stars of Tomorrow talent show,** Sun. **Mar. 16**. 2-6 pm. Palmer ridge high School. See ad on page 9. Also see the audition photos on page 17.
- **UPDATED Monument Cemetery History talk.** Fri., **Mar. 21**, 11-12:30pm, presentation of the revamped talk and recently published book about the Monument cemetery by Michael Weinfeld and John Howe. All are welcome, hosted by Silver Key Senior Center, Grace Best Education Center, 66 Jefferson St.
- **Covered Treasures Bookstore,** Sat. **Mar. 22**, 1-3, author John Rabins signing his book, *Spiritual Musings from the Headlines of a Newspaper.* Sat., **Apr 5**, 1-3, kick-off to *National Poetry Month* with poets Michael Johnson and Kathryn Winograd signing their poetry collections. Poetry activities as well. 105 Second St., Monument.
- **Spring STEAM Camp at the Western museum of Mining and Industry,** Tue.-Thu., **Mar. 25-27**. See ad on page 10.
- **Affordable Flooring Connection,** special offers. See ad on page 2.
- **Borders decks,** special offers, see ad on page 7.
- **Drip coffee house March madness,** special offer. See ad on page 20.
- **Eagle Wine & Spirits,** special offers. See ad on page 3.
- **Mesa Health and Aesthetics,** special offers. See ad on page 2.
- **Mill High canine massage,** special offers. See ad on page 4.
- **Monument Cleaners,** special offers. see ad on page 5.
- **Monumental Med Spa,** special offers. See ad on page 7.
- **Noel Relief Centers,** special offers. See ad on page 7.
- **PeakView Windows,** special offers. See ad on page 20.

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 supplemented with board packet information. 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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- **Routes Outfitter: ski and bike service,** special offers. See ad on page 5.
- **Sootbusters chimney sweeps.** special offer. See ad on page 6.
- **Stubby’s dog wash and grooming salon,** special offers, see ad on page 2.
- **Tri-Lakes Collision and Auto Service Center,** special offers. See ad on page 5.
- **Tri-Lakes Paint Company,** special offers. See ad on page 4.
- **D38 Art Show,** Elementary School Students: **Apr. 1-4**, 4-7 pm, **Apr. 5-6**, 11 am-3 pm. Opening celebration Apr. 4, 5-7 pm. Middle and High School Students: **Apr. 8-11**, 4-7 pm, **Apr. 12-13**, 11 am-3 pm. Opening celebration Apr. 11, 5-7 pm. Lolly’s Event Center, 174 Washington St. Downtown Monument. Info: amatisek@lewispalmer.org.
- **Space Foundation National Space Day,** save the date **May 3**. See ad on page 10.
- **Taste of Tri-Lakes Cares,** Wed., **May 14**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Spruce Mountain Events, 14771 S. Spruce Mountain Rd. Larkspur, CO 80118. Ticket prices range from \$50-\$60, with early bird pricing through April 1. Info and tickets: https://tri-lakescares.org/events/taste-of-tri-lakes-cares/. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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 or Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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- Email your letter, preferably as an attached Microsoft Word document, to editor@ocn.me or mail a copy to Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
- 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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