

- 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.cspguild.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 Monument Preserve (FOMP) Trail Repair Work Days**. Monthly, 2nd **Thu.** Apr. & Oct. 5:00 - 7:00 pm; May-Sept. 6:00-8:00 pm. Details: www.fomp.org. Water, gloves, work attire required.
- 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 volunteering at the park: forest safety, trails, trees, education, special events, more; stay tuned! Info: friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com.
- Fuel Church** Easter Sunday Service, **Apr. 20**, 11 am 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 mbsca@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: www.liferecoverygroups.com/meetings/life-recovery-group-3/
- Monument Impact**: open house for technology, engineering and entrepreneurship, professionally or for fun, also competitive robotics for adults and high school students, a monthly, first **Sat.**, 3-5 pm, 55 Adams St, Downtown Monument. Info: www.monumentimpact.org
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**: Free virtual support group NAMI Colorado Springs for parents and caregivers of adolescents with mental health issues; facilitated by trained facilitator peers. Participant info: www.namicoloradosprings.org, 719-473-8477.
- 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 contactus@mereowx.org.
- Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations (NEPCO)**, usually meets bi-monthly (Jan., Mar, May, July, Sep., Nov.) the 2nd **Sat.**, Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. Members of local HOAs are welcome. 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**, Usually meets the third **Thu.**, 7-8 pm (doors open at 6:30), Palmer Lake Townhall, 42 Valley Crescent. Guest speakers, free to the public. Info: Kokesdm@yahoo.com, or visit palmerdivide-history.org.
- Palmer Lake Farmers Market**, every **Sun.**, 10 am-2 pm. May 25-Oct. 5, now taking new vendors, info: calvertminimarket.com. See ad on page 2.
- Pikes Peak Genealogical Society**, **Wed.**, **Apr 9** 6:30 pm: Zoom Hangout, 7 pm, Meeting. Program: speaker Rebecca Whitman Koford CG,CGL: how she built her own brick wall. For zoom meeting details contact: PPGS.President@PPGS.org.
- Ridgeview Baptist Church**, 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**, Holy week Palm Sunday to Easter special services; 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. See ad on page 11.
- 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 Presbyte-

- rian 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.
- Tri-Lakes Women's Club Checkered Table Talks**, **Tue.**, **Apr. 8**, 5 pm, Speaker 5:30 - 6:30, Mike Thiessen, Assistant Coach at USAFA, What makes playing and coaching at the Air Force Academy so special and the purpose behind it all. Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. \$10 (Bring your own picnic lunch) Tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/checkered-table-talks>
- 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. AI-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 pm. 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, carlsonmk@gmail.com or Linda Lyons, 303-579-8114, lindalyons7829@gmail.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- VOLUNTEER TODAY! Our Community News: volunteer mailing days**, **Thu.**, **Apr. 3 & May 1**, 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.
- 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.
- Bethesda Gardens Annual Hop-Out-Hunger pancake breakfast**, benefits Tri Lakes Cares. **Sat.**, **Apr. 5**, 7:30-9 am. \$10/person unlimited pancakes with fun toppings. RSP Jackie Lusk, JL@ba.org or 719-400-9545; 55 Beacon Lite Rd.
- Puzzle swap and speed jigsaw puzzle competition**. **Mon.**, **Apr. 21**, 6:30-8:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church. For each puzzle you bring you can take one home. Complete puzzles only. Info: oreospeedpuzzler@gmail.com.
- Covered Treasures Bookstore**, **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.
- Easter egg hunt**, Trinity Lutheran Church, **Sun.**, **Apr. 20**, 9:30 am. Meet the Easter Bunny, Trinity Community Park, 17750 Knollwood Dr. See ad on page 10.
- McCord's Garden Center and Landscaping**: Garden Center now open, with special offers. See ad on page 5.
- Monument Hill Foundation** of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club, grant applications **Apr. 15 - May 31**. For instructions and to complete an online application, go to: monumenthillfoundation.org. See ad on page 11. and select "Apply for a Grant" from the top menu.
- Mountain View Electrical Co-Op giveaway** deadline. **Wed.**, **Apr 30**; see ad on page 10.
- 100+ Women Who Care Bi-Annual Meeting**, next meeting: **Wed.**, **Apr. 16**, 5 pm, We are 100+ Women committed to contributing \$100 two times a year to local Tri-Lakes charities, which will positively impact our communities by allowing us to give up to \$20,000 annually. Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Drive. Info to join: <http://www.100womenwhocaretrilakes.com/>
- Trinity Lutheran Church** Holy Week services and events, see ad on page 10.
- Vanguard Tri Lakes** Good Friday Seder Service, **Fri.**, **Apr. 18**, 6-7 pm. Kids' egg hunt **Sat.**, **Apr. 19**, 10 am-12 pm. Resurrection Service, **Sun.**, **Apr. 20**, 10 am. See ad on page 4.
- Affordable Flooring Connection**, special offers. See ad on page 2.
- Borders decks**, special offers. See ad on page 7.
- Christina Cotton**, Hair stylist, hair colorist. Special offers. See ad on page 6.
- Eagle Wine & Spirits**, special offers. See ad on page 3..
- Mesa Health and Aesthetics**, special offers. See ad on page 2.
- 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 24.
- Plumb Smart plumbing services**, special offers. See ad on page 3.
- 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**, spe-

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- Tri-Lakes Paint Company**, special offers. See ad on page 4.
- Windows well covered**, window wells special offers, see ad on page 10.
- YMCA summer youth sports registration**, see ad on page 6.
- Space Foundation National Space Day**, **Sat.**, **May 3**. See ad on page 12.
- 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. See ad on page 8.
- Silver Key Senior Summit**, **Thu.**, **May 15**, 8 am-2 pm. Free event, free parking, expo of senior services. Great Wolf Lodge 9494 Federal Dr., Colorado Springs 80921. Info: silverkey.org. See ad on page 2.
- Picnics and Planes**, USAFA graduation airshow event, **Thu.**, **May 29**, Western Museum of Mining and Industry, see ad on page 12.
- Front Range Maker's Market**, **Sat.-Sun.**, **June 7-8**, **Sat.**, 9 am-4 pm & **Sun.**, 10 am-3 pm, Indoors at Lewis-Palmer HS, Shop 125+ local makers & artisans! FRmakersmarket.com. 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 or Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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- 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.

If you have not received an acknowledgement two days after your email submission or one week after you mailed your letter, please contact John Heiser, Publisher, at (719) 488-3455 or editor@ocn.me. At OCN's sole discretion, we may ask you for clarification of your statements. Include references, such as website links, in your letter for any facts and figures you cite. OCN does not guarantee every letter will appear in print or on-line and does not guarantee a publication date. The number of letters printed on a particular topic or in a particular issue may be limited. Letters containing personal attacks or endorsements for or complaints about individually-named commercial products or services will not be published.

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