

- 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; jimdjs22@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** Sunday Service, every **Sun.**, 10:45 am, Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Nursery and kids' service. Streaming service at www.fuelchurch.org at 11 am 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.
 - **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/
 - **Monumental 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.monumentalimpact.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 Art Group**: for "First Wednesday Open Studio" tradition, the Board had to change the time to be that of Noon - 3 pm. Currently a test period to assess the location for light, access, etc., so it is currently for members, and is at Monument Library.
 - **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.
 - **Pikes Peak Genealogical Society**, **Wed.**, **May 14**, 6:30 pm: Zoom Hangout, 7 pm, Meeting. Program: Dr. Gary Ball-Kilbourne, digging down to original sources. 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
 - **Speed puzzle event**, third **Mon.** Trinity Lutheran Church location, \$30 per pair Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Two hours complete a 500-piece puzzle with a partner. Register at Eventbright.com: https://tinyurl.com/Jigsaw-Madness. See ad on page 4.
 - **Technology, Techniques and Trends**, Monthly discussion groups: Free. Open to the public. 3D Printers, CNCs, Lasers (1st **Tue.** 5 pm); AI, Cybersecurity, Technology (1st **Thu.** 5 pm); Competitions in Robotics and Technology (1st **Sat.**, 3 pm). Hosted by Monumental Impact. See ad on page 9.
 - **Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church** 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.
 - **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.
- **Tri-Lakes Women's Club Checkered Table Talks**, **Thur. May 8**, 5 pm, Speaker 5:30 – 6:30, Nathan Newbrough, President and CEO of Colorado Springs Philharmonic, 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. Al-Anon Zoom Meeting, Just for Today Online, every **Mon.**, 9:00 – 10:00 am Zoom Meeting ID: 889 4142 7446, Password 349309.
- **Vanguard Tri Lakes worship services**, every **Sun.**, 10 am, Woodmoor Barn, see ad on page 4.
- **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., June 5 & July 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.
- **Monument Hill Farmers market**, every **Sat.** starting **May 24**, 8-2 pm. D38 Lewis Palmer admin building, 66 Jefferson Street, Monument. See ad on page 5.
- **Palmer Lake Farmers Market**, every **Sun.** starting **May 25**, 10 am-2 pm. , now taking new vendors, info: calvertsmminmarket.com. See ad on page 2.
- **Covered Treasures Bookstore**, **Sat., May 3**, noon-2, author Sandra Dallas will sign *Tough Luck*. **Sat., May 10**, 1-3, three authors will sign their books for National Children's Book Week: Bridgette Melton, *The Symphony Sea* series, Joshua Merrick, *Crow and the Rainbow*, Tiffany Perez, *Hummers on Hackamore Drive*. Art Hop, **Fri., May 23**, 5-8, John Howe and Michael Weinfeld will sign *Shootouts, Killings and War Heroes*, *The History Hidden in Monument's Cemetery* and Karen Koepcke Morgan will sign *Can You Hide Like a Chameleon?* 105 Second Street, Monument.
- **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. 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.
- **Braver Angels and Reclaiming Civility** hosting summer community workshops to promote respectful dialog. **Thu., May 15**; **Mon., June 2**; **Sat., July 26**. See ad on page 9.
- **Art Hop** spring into summer: May through Sept., fourth **Fri.** starts **May 23**, 5-8p.m. downtown Monument, see ad on page 2.
- **Town of Monument Memorial Day ceremony**, **Mon., May 26**, 10 am, Monument Cemetery, see ad on page 4.
- **Picnics and Planes**, USAFA graduation airshow event, **Thu., May 29**, Western Museum of Mining and Industry, see ad on page 12.
- **Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby**, **Sun., June 1**, Higby Road in Monument. Final race car inspection and practice day is **May 31**. Information regarding the race: ppsbd.org.
- **Monument Hill Foundation of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club**, grant applications through **May 31**. For instructions and to complete an online application, go to: monumenthillfoundation.org and select "Apply for a Grant" from the top menu.
- **MVEA annual meeting and appreciation event**. **Thu., June 5**, Palmer Ridge High School. See ad on page 8.
- **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 24.
- **Tri Lakes Church of Christ Vacation Bible School**, **Mon.-Thu., June 23-26**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. See ad on page 8.
- **Restyle your furs event**, **Mon.-Tue. June 30-July 1**, 10 am-5 pm. See ad on page 11.
- **Affordable Flooring Connection**, special offers. See ad on page 2.

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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- **Windows Well Covered** special offers, see ad on page 10.
- **YMCA summer youth sports registration**, see ad on page 6.

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.
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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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