

Dr., Colo. Springs (around the ponds). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the summer nights. Info: 520-6983, [www.elpasocountyparks.com](http://www.elpasocountyparks.com).

- **Monument Concerts in the Park return!**, Wed, **Jun. 25**, 7-9 p.m., Limbach Park bandshell, corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Front Streets, Monument. Celtic music by Skean Dubh with Pikes Peak Highlanders. Bring your blankets and chairs, enjoy great music, food, and Mount Herman sunsets. Artist CDs, food, treats, and refreshments available for purchase. Every Wed. Info: [www.monumentmerchants.com](http://www.monumentmerchants.com).
- **Poor Old Shine Concert**, Thu., **Jun. 26**, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Info: [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org), 481-0475.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage: headlined by Mango Fan Django**, Fri., **Jun. 27**, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$7 general, \$4 BRAS members, \$5 non-member students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, [jrmtn@comcast.net](mailto:jrmtn@comcast.net), [www.blackroseacoustic.org](http://www.blackroseacoustic.org).
- **Village Center Estates Community Yard Sale**, Fri-Sat, **Jun. 27-28**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., White Marble Way, Water Flume, Quarry Way in Monument. Info: [jlthiessen@gmail.com](mailto:jlthiessen@gmail.com).
- **Woodmoor Community Garage Sale**, Fri.-Sat., **Jun. 27-28**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Maps available starting Jun. 24 at [www.WoodmoorGarageSale.com](http://www.WoodmoorGarageSale.com) and from these sponsors: Peoples Bank, all Monument and Gleanagle locations; Wesley Owens Coffee, 1773 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument; and the Platinum Group Realtors, 6760 Corporate Dr. #300, Colo. Springs. Info: San Reay, 488-3495.
- **Handbell "Open Ring" Opportunity**, Sat., **Jun. 28**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 3rd St., Monument. Learn how to ring handbells or just come and ring with others. High school & adults preferred. No charge, just register. RSVP & Info: Betty Jenik, 488-3853, [ljenik@comcast.net](mailto:ljenik@comcast.net).
- **Yoga Pathways Classes with Raleigh Dove**, Sat., **Jun. 28**, Yoga for Happy Feet; Sun., **Jun. 29**, Yoga for Stress & Anxiety; 755 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Info: 481-4137, [www.YogaPathwaysStudio.com](http://www.YogaPathwaysStudio.com).
- **Haunted Windchimes Concert**, Sat., **Jun. 28**, doors open at 7, concert starts at 7:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Road at Shoup Road, Black Forest. \$20 general public, \$15 Black Rose Acoustic Society members, tickets online: [www.blackroseacoustic.org](http://www.blackroseacoustic.org) or At Black Rose Open Stage Events. Info: [feedback@blackroseacoustic.org](mailto:feedback@blackroseacoustic.org).
- **Purely Ponds Parade of Ponds Charity Pond Tour**, Sat.-Sun., **Jun. 28-29**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. This self-guided pond tour includes tour stops throughout Colorado Springs, Monument, and surrounding area. Proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Club with a matching donation from Purely Ponds. Cost: \$5 ticket with tour map; available online at [www.purelyponds.com](http://www.purelyponds.com) and at all three Pioneer Sand locations in Colorado Springs, Monument, and the Black Forest. Info: 719-896-0026, [chris@purelyponds.com](mailto:chris@purelyponds.com), [www.purelyponds.com](http://www.purelyponds.com).
- **Monument Police Cops For Kids Fundraiser Flea Market**, Sat.-Sun., **Jun. 28-29**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 231 Front St., Monument. Enjoy fun shopping and support a local program. Info: Mary, 213-6349.
- **Pickin' on the Divide Music Festival and Classic Car Show**, Sat.-Sun., **Jun. 28-29**; Sat., 10 a.m., music starts, kids' activities throughout the day; 7 p.m., barn dance. Sun., 9 a.m., pancake breakfast, hymn sing, disc golf, and more music. Free admission. No alcohol, no pets, please. Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd., Monument. Info: 488-3200.
- **Concerts in the Park**, Wed, **Jul. 2**, 7-9 p.m., Limbach Park bandshell, corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Front Streets, Monument. Bud Gordon Sextet, Latin jazz instrumental. Bring your blankets and chairs, enjoy great music, food, and Mount Herman sunsets. Artist CDs, food, treats, and refreshments available for purchase. Every Wed. Info: [www.monumentmerchants.com](http://www.monumentmerchants.com).
- **Barn Dance**, Thu., **Jul. 3**, 7 p.m.-midnight, 231 Front Street, Monument. Hosted by Si and Dorothy Sibell, sponsored by American Legion Tri-Lakes Post 9-11. Reckless will perform, drinks available for purchase, ID required for alcohol. Cost: \$15 per person, \$20 per couple. Info: Si or Dorothy, 481-3382.
- **July 4 Celebration Events**: Come early, park at Palmer Ridge or Lewis-Palmer High School, and ride the bus to and from downtown Monument. Inbound to Monument: 7-9:30 a.m. Outbound from Monument: 11a.m.-3:30 p.m.

- **7 a.m.** Fun Run begins. The Palmer Lake July 4 Fun Run is a 4-mile run/walk that begins at the Palmer Lake Sante Fe trailhead and ends at Third Street in Monument in time for the parade. Kid fun run too! Transportation back to Palmer Lake provided after the race. Please join in and support PLES PTO. Register at [www.july4funrun.com](http://www.july4funrun.com).
- **7-10 a.m.** Pancake breakfast, St Peter Church, 55 Jefferson St., Monument
- **8:30 a.m.** Parade entry judging begins, Monument
- **9:30 a.m.** Children's parade begins, Lincoln & Jefferson Streets, Monument
- **10 a.m. - noon** Main parade, Monument
- **8 a.m.- 3 p.m.** Street fair, Second Street & Washington Street
- **2 p.m.** Bull riding and concessions, south end of Adams Street behind Grace Best
- **3-9 p.m.** Band concert and street dance, Limbach Park
- **Tee Up For Life Colorado Springs**, Fri., **Jul. 18**, 8 a.m., US Air Force Academy Silver Course. This four-person scramble charity golf tournament benefits the American Cancer Society. Register at [www.TeeUpforLifeColoradoSprings.org](http://www.TeeUpforLifeColoradoSprings.org). Info: [teeup4life@gmail.com](mailto:teeup4life@gmail.com), 357-6557.
- **Pain Care Yoga for Healthcare Professionals with Raleigh Dove**, Mon.-Wed., **Jul. 28-30**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Register by **Jun. 23**. RSVP & Info: 481-4137, [www.YogaPathwaysStudio.com](http://www.YogaPathwaysStudio.com).

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## Parting Shots



### OCN bids farewell to its president, co-founder

The board and volunteers of *Our Community News* are sorry to report that John Heiser, our president and co-founder, will be leaving the Tri-Lakes area in the near future.

John and 11 others founded the paper in 2001 when it consisted of four pages delivered by hand. It has since grown to an average of 33 pages delivered by mail to 15,900 homes and businesses and incorporates the contributions of more than 30 volunteers.

The paper was originally founded to provide information regarding the proposed recall of six members of the Monument Board of Trustees and to give details about developments in the area, including the proposed construction of a Walmart supercenter on the south side of Baptist Road across from the King Soopers store.

*Our Community News* strives to offer unbiased reporting on planning, water, education, and fire protection services in the Tri-Lakes Area. We report almost exclusively on what was discussed and what was decided at local governmental meetings.

John has dedicated the majority of his waking hours to the paper over these many years as a reporter, ad designer, placer of phone calls, accountant, software developer, invoice generator, layout master, and trainer of volunteers. In addition, he drove the truck to and from the printing plant each month and supervised the mailing.

John has assured us that he will continue to be available by phone and email should crises arise.

We wish him well in his future endeavors and sincerely thank him for being an inspiration to all of us through his dedication to *OCN*. □

*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](mailto:calendar@ocn.me) or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.*

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### Letters to Our Community

Our Community News welcomes Letters to the Editor on topics of general interest. We do not knowingly print letters that have already appeared in substantially the same form elsewhere, and our editorial board limits each letter writer to a maximum of six letters per calendar year to ensure that *OCN* contains a variety of viewpoints. To submit a letter, please:

- Identify your submission as a Letter to the Editor
- Give it a unique headline or title to use when it is printed
- Limit letters to 300 words or less
- Include your full name, home address, day and evening phone numbers
- Email your letter to [editor@ocn.me](mailto:editor@ocn.me) or mail it to P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742
- Send your letter at least 10 days before the "first Saturday of the month" when the paper is printed.

If you have not received an acknowledgement of your letter, call Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831. Letters may be edited for length, grammar, and accuracy.

### Look for our next issue Saturday, July 2

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**Finished ads in electronic format  
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**Letter Due Date: Tues. June 17**

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