

your dog to this free event, with hot dogs, sodas, popcorn, and dog activities. Info: www.bestdogltd.com, 648-9122.

- **Gleneagle Sertoma's Spirits of Spring Wine and Food Tasting**, Sat., **May 16**, 6-9 p.m., Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr., Colo. Springs. The evening features a selection of wines, delectable delights from local chefs, a live and silent auction. Proceeds benefit The Home Front Cares, Silver Key Senior Services, and Tri-Lakes Cares. Cost: \$60 each, \$100 for two. Info or to donate silent auction items: 488-9879, www.spiritsofpring.org.
- **Off the Beaten Trail Wine Release Party**, Sun., **May 17**, 2-5 p.m., Catriona Cellars, 243 Washington St., Monument. The Trails and Open Space Coalition will host this party with light fare and wine-tasting, a fundraiser for the purchase of Elephant Rock Open Space, Palmer Lake. Free. Info: Susan Davies, 633-6884.
- **Happy Feet Workshop at Yoga Pathways**, Sun., **May 17**, 4-6 p.m., 755 Hwy. 105 (3/4 mile west of Monument Safeway). This workshop is a treat for the tootsies, especially if you have feet issues. No yoga experience is necessary. Registration & Info: 481-4137, www.YogaPathwaysStudio.com.
- **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery**: Free Film, "No Evidence of Disease," Mon., **May 18**, 6:30 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Info: 633-0655, www.benethillmonastery.org.
- **Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive**, Tue., **May 19**, 3-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5714.
- **Meadow Grass Music Festival**, Fri.-Sun., **May 22-24**, La Foret Conference & Retreat Center, 6145 Shoup Rd., Colo. Springs. The best regional and national roots & Americana music in Colorado's great outdoors. Tickets, camping passes, and info: www.meadowgrassmusicfestival.org. Info: meadowgrassmusicfestival@gmail.com.
- **First Annual Lewis-Palmer Football Old School Golf Tournament**, Sat., **May 23**, 8 a.m. This fundraiser for Lewis-Palmer High School's football program costs \$120 per player \$480 per foursome, includes cart and range balls, and free t-shirt. Lunch will be served at Lewis-Palmer High School (LPHS) after the tournament. Scramble tournament, so all skill levels are welcome to play, prizes for the longest ball, closest to the pin, best dressed, high score, and low score. Still needed: hole sponsors, \$100 per hole; prize donations. Info: Coach Tupper, 867-8029, or email dtupper@lewispalmer.org.
- **Town of Monument Memorial Day Ceremony**, Mon., **May 25**, 10 a.m., Monument Cemetery, 800 Beacon Lite Rd. (at 8th Street), Monument. The community is invited to a special program honoring all military veterans. Refreshments served after the ceremony. Info: 481-2954, www.monumentcolorado.org/community-events.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI)**: Picnic-N-Planes-N-Burros, Thu., **May 28**, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., yover is at approximately 12:30-1 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). WMMI has the best place to enjoy a picnic and the museum's burro mascots and watch the Thunderbirds fly over the Air Force Academy for graduation. \$5 per car grounds admission fee. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Cafe Velo Tri-Lakes GranFondo**, Sun., **May 31**, 8 a.m.-noon. Start and finish in Monument at the Pikes Peak Brewery, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Choose from 1 to 5 22 mile loops. Aid stations every 10-12 miles are stocked with food and hydration as well as mechanical support. Cost: \$40-60. Cost increases \$5 after May 15. A portion of the proceeds will help fund the Club Cafe Velo Youth Cycling & Triathlon Fund. Info: 772-6101, www.coloradospringscycling.com.
- **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery**: "Italien Springtime" Chamber Concert, Sun., **May 31**, 2:30 p.m., Pre-concert lecture, 1:45 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Cost: \$20. Info: 633-0655, www.benethillmonastery.org.
- **Curly hair cleansing and styling demonstration at Johan Hair Studio**, Mon., **Jun. 1**, 6 p.m., 634 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Discover your curl potential and get 10 % off Devacurl products. Cost: \$10. RSVP & Info: 488-2662, www.JohanHairStudio.com.
- **Griffith Annual Golf Tournament**, Thu., **Jun. 4**, 8 a.m., The Ridge at Castle Pines, 1414 Castle Pines Pkwy, Castle Pines. Play a challenging course, enjoy great food, and have a chance to win prizes while you help the Griffith Center change the lives of children and families. Registration and info: Jamie Sachtjen, jamie.sachtjen@griffithcenters.org or 719-327-2031, or visit www.griffithcenters.org.
- **MVEA Annual Meeting**, Thu., **Jun. 4**, Registration, 5:30 p.m., meeting, 7 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Frontage Rd, Monument. Dinner, entertainment, election of board of directors, and door prizes. Info: 719-775-2861, 495-2283, www.mvea.coop.

- **Palmer Lake Art Group's 50th Annual Fine Art Show** Opening Reception, Fri., **Jun. 5**, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Come celebrate the opening of "Color Splash," on exhibit Jun. 2-27, Tue.-Sat., noon-4 p.m. Info: plaginfo@palmerlakeartgroup.com, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI)**, Pikes Peak Gem & Mineral Show, Fri.-Sun., **Jun. 5-7**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.-Sat, 9a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. This event-filled weekend features topaz from around the world. Activities include keep what you find gold panning; crystal, gem and jewelry exhibits & vendors; powerful working engines; a blacksmith shop, burro mascots Nugget and Chism, and the operation of the thundering 1890s Stamp Mill Gold & Silver Refinery. Special kids' area, silent auction, food vendors, and club exhibits, too. Cost: \$5 for 13 and older; under 13 free. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A) in Colorado Springs. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Kids' Fishing Derby**, Sat., **Jun. 6**, 8 a.m.-noon, Monument Lake. Colorado Parks & Wildlife will have education stations (how to cast, etc.) and will give out fishing poles on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you have gear of your own, please bring it. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult, no exceptions. Tickets are \$3 in advance and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, 166 Second St., Monument or \$4 at the lake. No child will be denied admission for lack of ability to pay. Info: 481-3282, www.trilakeschamber.com.
- **Larkspur Settler Days**, Sat., **Jun. 6**, 1-10 p.m., Larkspur Community Park, 8850 Spruce Mountain Rd. Petting zoo, games, a blacksmith at work, a bluegrass band, bonfire after dark, and much more. Riggs General Store and BBQ chuckwagon 1-6 p.m. Info: info@larkspurcommunity.com.
- **Vacation Bible School at Black Forest Community Church**, Mon.-Fri., **Jun. 8-12**, 9 a.m.-noon, 6845 Shoup Rd. Registration & Info: 495-2207, www.blackforestcommunitychurch.org.
- **Vacation Bible School at Forestgate Presbyterian Church**, Mon.-Fri., **Jun. 8-12**, 8:45-noon, 970 North Gate Blvd. Info: 495-5672, www.forestgate.org.
- **Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Show**, Sun., **Jun. 14**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine, downtown Monument. The annual car show, a benefit for Tri-Lakes Cares, is fun for all ages, with classic/collectible cars, DJ music, food, vendors, USAFA Falcons, police and fire department displays, and more. The club has donated \$26,600 to Tri-Lakes Cares over the past 13 years. Info: Dale, 488-2852, www.TL-Cruisers.com (for entrants' pre-registration form).
- **Tri-Lakes Lions Club Golf Outing**, Lunch, & Silent Auction, Fri., **Jun. 19**, Registration, 7 a.m., shotgun start 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monument Hill Country Club, 18945 Pebble Beach Way. Net proceeds will go to Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank, Home Front Cares, Tri-Lakes Cares, other small recreational infrastructure projects, and scholarships for two local high school students. Sponsorships available. Info: GordonReichal@aol.com, <http://www.golfsquid.com> and search 'Lions Club.'
- **Vacation Bible School at Holy Trinity Anglican Church**, Mon.-Fri., **Jun. 22-26**, 9 a.m.-noon, 13990 Gleneagle Dr. For kids entering grades 1-6. Info: 331-3084, churchassistant@holyltrinityac.org, www.HolyTrinityAnglicanChurch.org.
- **Woodmoor Garage Sale**, Fri.-Sat., **Jun. 26-27**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Up to 120 homes selling furniture, decor, sports, kids stuff, and more. Maps will be available Jun. 24 at Wesley Owens Coffee and Cafe and Peoples Bank. Sellers register online, www.woodmoorgaragesale.com, or at Wesley Owens Coffee & Cafe, 1744 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 271-8598, www.woodmoorgaragesale.com.
- **Pickin' on the Divide Divide Music Festival and Classic Car & Motorcycle Show**, Sat., **Jun. 27**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd, Monument. Bluegrass bands 11 a.m.-7 p.m., including Grass It Up, Flying W Wranglers, Wirewood Station; kids' activities; food and craft vendors. Cost: \$15 per person, children 12 and under free. Free pony rides 11 a.m.-1 p.m., HawkQuest Hawks 1-3 p.m. Info: www.pikinonthedivide.com.

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 call (719) 339-7831 or send the information to calendar@ocn.me or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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This May 9th, Aliyah will celebrate its 10th Anniversary and is honored to welcome back Reverend Russell as our guest speaker during the 10 a.m. service at 19925 Monument Hill Road.



Through the years, the Aliyah Congregation has faithfully followed through on its basic principles which are to embrace wholeheartedly the Law and the Word and to love God and People. Aliyah Congregation teaches Tanakhee

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