

Tue., **May 3**, 2-4 p.m., Lifting Spirits Adult Day Center, 755 Hwy. 105 Unit C, Palmer Lake. Meets 1st and 3rd Tue. each month. Info: Linda, (303) 579-8114.

- **American Legion Tri-Lakes Post 9-11**, Tue., **May 3**, 6:30 p.m., Depot Restaurant, Hwy 105 & Primrose St., Palmer Lake. New members welcome. Meets 1st Tue. each month. Info: 481-8668, www.americanlegiontrilakespost911.com.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma Luncheon Meeting**, Wed., **May 4**, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Liberty Heights, 12105 Ambassador Dr., (off Voyager Blvd in Colorado Springs). Interesting speakers and programs; all are welcome. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Garrett Barton, 433-5396; Duane Gritzmaker, 481-2424; www.gleneaglesertoma.org.
- **Monument Homemakers Club Monthly Potluck Lunch & Meeting**, Thu., **May 5**, 11:30 a.m., Tri-Lakes Fire Department Admin. Bldg., 166 Second St., Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month except Jan. and unless D-38 is delayed or closed due to bad weather. Newcomers welcome. For a ride to the meeting, call Faye Brenneman, 488-0076. RSVP & info: Irene Walters, 481-1188, or Bev Wells, 488-3327.
- **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers**, Thu., **May 5**, 7 p.m., Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: pdq504@gmail.com.
- **Tri-Lakes MOMS Club Monthly Meeting**, Fri., **May 6**, 10 a.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 1st Fri. each month. Info: monumentmomsinfo@gmail.com, https://m.facebook.com/MonumentMomsClub.
- **Lupus Support Group**. If you suffer with an autoimmune disease and want to connect with others, you are welcome to join this group. Info: dmbandle@hotmail.com.
- **Myasthenia Gravis Association** of Colorado Support Group. Location varies. For information, call Carolyn, 488-3620, www.4-mga.org, 303-360-7080, 4mga@4-mga.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Pat McGee Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Sat., **Apr. 2**, 6 p.m., members only priority seating; 6:15 p.m., general admission; 7 p.m., Showtime, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$18; non-members \$22. Door tickets: TLCA members \$21; non-members \$25. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Southern Colorado Regional Rubik's Cube Tournament**, Tue., **Apr. 5**, 5-8 p.m., Lewis-Palmer Elementary School, 1315 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Info: Maria Johnson, 757-1505, mjohnson@lewispalmer.org.
- **Community Wildfire Protection Plan Community Input Meeting**, Tue., **Apr. 5**, 7-9 p.m., Training Room at Black Forest Fire Station #1, 11445 Teachout Rd. (just east of Black Forest Road off Burgess). Come to express your ideas, concerns, and recommendations and to meet the CWPP Core Team and new community representative. RSVP & Info: nancy.trosper@blackforesttogether.org.
- **Sell your Jewelry, Watches, & Sterling Silver**, Thu.-Fri., **Apr. 7-8**, by appointment only, 13710 Struthers Rd., Suite 120, Colo. Springs. Free evaluation and immediate payment. Info: Susan Helmich, 488-0448, info@thefamilyjewels-redefined.com, www.susanhelmich.com.
- **Palmer Ridge High School Spring Play: Play On**, Thu.-Sat., **Apr. 7-9**, 7 p.m., 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 children. Tickets available at www.showtix4u.com.
- **Jeffrey Broussard & the Creole Cowboys Concert & Dance** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., **Apr. 8**, 7 p.m., doors at 6 p.m. 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$15; non-members \$20. Door tickets: TLCA members \$20; non-members \$25. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage** headlined by Wirewood Station, Fri., **Apr. 8**, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmt@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **HAP Thrift Store Storage and Store Moving Sale**, Sat.-Sun., **Apr. 9-10**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 790 Suite D, Hwy 105 (between Palmer Lake and Monument). The thrift store is moving to a new location, 755 Hwy 105, Suite N, in the West End Center (next to the Vanity Box). Store closed Apr. 24-May 1 during move. Info: www.TriLakesSeniors.org.
- **Active Shooter Class** presented by Monument Police Chief Jacob Shirk, Wed., **Apr. 13**, 10-11 a.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, 166 Second St., Monument. Learn about what law enforcement does when they respond to an active shooter call and what you should or should not do when they arrive. RSVP & Info: Julie Matalus, 481-3282, www.trilakeschamber.com/events-calendar.htm.
- **CASA 4-1-1 Hour**, Thu., **Apr. 14**, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 701 S. Cascade Ave., Colo. Springs. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the perfect time to find out how you can make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. Find out how you can become a CASA volunteer and lift up a child's life. RSVP to Kelly, 447-9898, ext. 1033 or visit www.casappr.org.

- **Bethany Yarrow & Rufus Cappadocia Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., **Apr. 15**, 6 p.m., members only priority seating; 6:15 p.m., general admission; 7 p.m., Showtime, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. A cello and voice duo. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$24; non-members \$28. Door tickets: TLCA members \$26; non-members \$30. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Buffalo Grass Acoustic Society Open Stage** featuring WMD Bluegrass Band; Russell Speicher, folk & country vocals, Fri., **Apr. 15**, show starts at 7 p.m., free jam session starts at 5:30 p.m., Cowboy Church of Peyton, 15504 Bradshaw Rd., Peyton. Cost: Adults, \$5; Members, \$3; Kids under 16 free. Info: (719) 660-8037, www.buffalograssacoustic.org.
- **Santa Fe Trail Jewelry's 10 Year Anniversary: Best of Zuni**, Fri.-Sun., **Apr. 15-17**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., VIP preview Thu., Apr. 14, 5-7 p.m., 215 Chapala Plaza, Monument. Harold Finkelstein will bring his fabulous collection of Zuni fetishes and Navajo and Zuni jewelry for sale. Info: 481-0250.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage** headlined by The Maples Brothers & Kids Open Stage, Fri., **Apr. 22**, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmt@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Great American Cleanup**, Sat., **Apr. 23**, 9 a.m.-noon, Site 8, New Santa Fe Regional Trail Third Street Trailhead, Monument; and Site 9, New Santa Fe Baptist Road Trailhead on Old Denver Road, Monument. Help keep our land beautiful! Register to volunteer online: www.gacppp.com. Info: 520-7879, kathyandrew@elpasoco.com.
- **Pine Forest Show: Antiques, Home Décor, and Garden Sale**, Sat.-Sun., **Apr. 23-24**, Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. This annual fundraiser presented by the Tri-Lakes Women's Club features antiques, home decor, and garden exhibits, gourmet food trucks, "The Bakery," Dutch Heritage garden plants, bistro dining, a hand-pieced Spring Celebration quilt raffle prize, and glass repair. Cost: \$6. Bring in ad for \$1 off admission. All proceeds benefit non-profit service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes community. Info: publicity@tlwc.net, www.tlwc.net.
- **Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild 52nd Annual Spring Show & Sale**, Thu.-Sun., **Apr. 28-May 1**, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Free admission. A portion of sale proceeds will benefit the Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild Scholarship Fund and the Black Forest community. The facility is wheelchair accessible, but no strollers allowed because of fire regulations. Info: www.facebook.com/BFACG, www.bfacg.org, 495-3217.
- **Palmer Ridge High School Play: Almost, Maine**, Thu.-Sat., **Apr. 28-30**, 7-9 p.m., 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 children. Tickets available at ShowTix4u.com.
- **HEALTHY KIDS DAY®** at the Tri-Lakes YMCA, Sat., **Apr. 30**, 9 a.m.-noon, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. A day of creative, challenging, smart, and healthy fun. Info: 481-8728, www.pymca.org.
- **D-38 Community Coffee**, Mon., **May 2**, 5:30-7 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. All area citizens are invited to join the school board members for refreshments and informal conversation. Please use the north entrance. Info: 488-4700.
- **Alzheimer's Community Information Program**, Thu., **May 5**, 6-8 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School Auditorium, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Tri-Lakes Women's Club presents "Alzheimer's: The Facts and the Future" by Barb Caudle, Director for the Colorado Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Info: Pam Cutcliff, pvcutcliff@gmail.com.
- **Palmer Lake Wildfire Community Preparedness Day**, Sat., **May 7**. "Our Beauty and Pleasure: Let's protect it!" Fire fuel mitigation, slash dropoff containers with help from USAFA cadets, noxious weed eradication, technical tree climbing/cutting demo, bring-your-own kayaking, women's flyfishing and disc golf demos. 1 p.m., guided hikes, see details at www.townofpalmerlake.com. Volunteers with trucks needed to haul slash from dropoff sites. Complete the Community FireWise Survey online and see the schedule details at www.townofpalmerlake.com, or email judithreginaharrington@gmail.com.
- **Community FireWise Event**, "How to be ready for that wildfire!" Sat., **May 7**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Speakers: 10 a.m., Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Marshal; noon, Colorado State Forest Service. Displays of defensible space, fuel mitigation, ember protection, free lot evaluation sign ups, El Paso County Office of Emergency Management, family evacuation planning, insurance information, FireWise landscaping and building materials, tree contractors, Sparky the Fire Dog 11 a.m.-noon. See ad on page 15. Info: Woodmoor Improvement Association, 488-2693 x2 or TLUMC Emergency Preparedness Group, epg@tlumc.org, www.tlumc.org.
- **Spirits of Spring: A Wine and Food Tasting** with Live

and Silent Auctions, Sat., **May 21**, 6-9 p.m., Antlers Hotel Summit Ballroom. Gleneagle Sertoma's annual spring fundraiser features wines from Downtown Fine Spirits and Wines and delectable delights from local chefs. Cost: \$65 per person. Proceeds benefit Home Front Cares and other local charities. For silent auction donations, contact 488-9879 or spiritsofpring1@gmail.com. Tickets: www.spiritsofpring.org or 488-9879.

- **Woodmoor Waves Swim Clinics**, Mon., Wed., & Thu., **Jun. 6-Jul. 28**, 10-10:45 a.m., 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. Two 3-week sessions will be held at the Country Club at Woodmoor. Registration forms are available at the pool or online at www.woodmoorwaves.org. See the ad for \$5 off. Info: Chris Bains, 303-506-0089, cbains@aol.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.

Support Our Community. Shop Tri-Lakes!

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 previously 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.
 - Include a suggested headline or title.
 - Limit letters to 300 words or less.
 - Include your full name, home address, and day and evening phone numbers.
 - Email your letter to 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, May 7

Ad space reservations due: **Fri., Apr. 15**
 Finished ad artwork due: **Fri., Apr. 22**
 Calendar items due: **Fri., Apr. 29**
 Letters to the editor due: **Fri., Apr. 29**

Visit our website to read, download, and search all the back issues at **WWW.OCN.ME**

Our Community News

Volunteers reporting on community issues in Monument, Palmer Lake, and the surrounding Tri-Lakes area

OCN is published on the first Saturday of each month by Colorado Cooperative Association
Our Community News, Inc.
 John Heiser, President
 (719) 488-3455 (ofc & FAX)

Advertising: ads@ocn.me
 Back issues: www.ocn.me
 Editorial content: editor@ocn.me
 Event information: calendar@ocn.me

© Copyright 2001-2016
Our Community News, Inc.
 P.O. Box 1742
 Monument, Colorado 80132-1742
 All rights reserved.