

gmail.com, <https://m.facebook.com/MonumentMoms-Club>.

- **The Roost Patio Flea Market**, Sat., Jun. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 135 Second St., Monument. Meets 1st Sat. each month, May-Sept. Info: 481-5688.
- **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

- **Community FireWise Event, "How to be ready for that wildfire!"** Sat., May 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church (TLUMC), 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Marshal, 10 a.m.; Colorado State Forest Service, noon; Sparky the Fire Dog 11 a.m.-noon; various displays and demonstrations. Info: Woodmoor Improvement Association, 488-2693 x2 or TLUMC Emergency Preparedness Group, epg@tlumc.org, www.tlumc.org.
- **Fox Run Regional Park Friends Meeting**, Wed., May 11, 6 p.m., warming hut near the lower pond in Fox Run Park. Get involved in the maintenance and development of the park, trails, dog parks, and amenities. Info: marigaff@earthlink.net, susan@trailsandopenspaces.org.
- **Adult Mental Health First Aid Training** presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Fri., May 13, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Beacon Health Options, 9925 Federal Dr., Unit 100, Colo. Springs. This free course will help you identify, understand, and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses. Registration required, www.mhfac.org. Info: 473-8477, info@namicos.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Noctambule**, Fri., May 13, 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, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Water Well and Septic Owners Maintenance Workshop**, Sat., May 14, 9:30-11 a.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. This free workshop will answer your questions about the quality of your well water. Info: Aaron Doussett, 578-3131 or aarondoussett@elpasoco.com.
- **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Training**, Sat., May 14, 2-4:30 p.m. for adults, 6:30-9 p.m. for youth, Fuel Church, 5805 Mark Dabbling Blvd., Colo. Springs. Several Tri-Lakes churches coordinated this free event. Info: 481-0950, www.yellowribbon.org.
- **Sew Motion Free Monthly Sew-In**, Sat., May 14, 5-8 p.m., 862 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Get step-by-step help for your project problem. Info: 481-1565, www.sew-motion.com.
- **Spotlight Community Theatre Annual Summer Musical Theatre Workshop: In the Good Ol' Summertime Broadway Revue**, Mon.-Fri., Jun. 13-24, 1-5 p.m. Register by May 15: 488-0775, spotlightcp@cs.com. Info: www.spotlightcommunitytheatre.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive**, Tue., May 17, 3-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5714.
- **Art Hop is back!** Thu., May 19, 5-8 p.m., Downtown Monument west of I-25. The 3rd Thu. each month, May-Sept., the galleries, restaurants, and boutiques of historic downtown Monument stay open until 8 p.m. for a celebration featuring art openings, book signings, great food, live music, and more. Info: 481-3282, www.monumentarthop.org.
- **Artist Reception at Bella Art & Frame**, Thu., May 19, 5-8 p.m., 183 Washington St., Historic Downtown Monument. Abstract acrylics by Pam Aloisa. Info: 487-7691, www.bellaartandframe.com.
- **Book Signings at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Thu., May 19, 5-8 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Casey Converse, former Olympian and swim coach at the Air Force Academy, will sign his book, Munich to Montreal: Women's Olympic Swimmers in a Tarnished Golden Era, and Ken Cutsforth will sign his book, Buffalo Bill, Boozers, Brothels, and Bare-Knuckle Brawlers. Stop by to meet these engaging authors and enjoy some homemade refreshments. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Pikes Peak Birding & Nature Festival**, Fri.-Sun., May 20-22. The festival offers 35 unique opportunities including field trips, lectures, hikes, and demonstrations. Register online at www.pikespeakbirdingandnaturefestival.org.
- **Buffalo Grass Acoustic Society Open Stage featuring Sugarfoot**, classic Western; Bill Groh, resonator guitar and vocals, Fri., May 20, show at 7 p.m., free jam session 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.
- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**, Sat., May 21, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 2135 Southgate Rd., Colo. Springs. This free course will help you identify, understand, and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses. Registration re-

quired, www.mhfac.org. Info: 473-8477, info@namicos.org.

- **Spirits of Spring: A Wine and Food Tasting with Live and Silent Auctions**, Sat., May 21, 6-9 p.m., Enjoy an evening of wine and food tasting in the Summit Ballroom at the Antlers Hotel in downtown Colorado Springs. Proceeds to benefit The Home Front Cares and other local charities. Tickets available at www.spiritsofspring.org and at the door for \$65. Tickets purchased online receive a \$5 discount.
- **Adult Mental Health First Aid Training presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**, Fri., May 27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Citizens Service Center, 3rd Floor Nautilus Room, 1675 Garden of the Gods Rd., Colo. Springs. This free course will help you identify, understand, and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses. Registration required, www.mhfac.org/find-a-class. Info: 473-8477, info@namicos.org.
- **MeadowGrass Music Festival**, Fri., 1 p.m.-Sun., 10 p.m., May 27-29 (rain or shine), La Foret Conference & Retreat Center, 6145 Shoup Rd., Colo. Springs. Tickets & Info: www.meadowgrass.org.
- **Monument Memorial Day Ceremony**, Mon., May 30, 10 a.m., Monument Cemetery, 800 Eighth St. The special ceremony honors all military veterans. Info: 884-8013, www.monumentcolorado.org and click on Community Events.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI), Picnic-N-Planes-N-Burros**, Thu., Jun. 2, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., flyover between 12:30 & 1:30 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). The Mining Museum is the perfect place to watch the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds flyover for the Air force Academy's graduation. Come early, set up your picnic, and watch the planes soar over you. Admission to the grounds only for this event is \$5 per vehicle. Regular museum admission applies for those interested in seeing the museum afterwards. Info: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org.
- **Mountain View Electric Association Annual Meeting**, Thu. Jun. 2, 5 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.; Falcon High School, 10255 Lambert Rd., Falcon. All members of the electric cooperative are invited to the free BBQ dinner and entertainment with tethered hot air balloon rides, bounce house, balloon artist, bucket truck rides, face painting, and live music. A playroom will be available for children during the business meeting and election of the board of directors. Info: (800) 388-9881, www.mvea.coop.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group 51st Annual Fine Art Exhibit Opening Reception**, Fri., Jun. 3, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Celebrate with live music, hors' d'oeuvres, and art scholarship awards. The exhibit runs May 31-June 25, Tue.-Sat., noon-4 p.m. Proceeds from the show will fund art scholarships for D-38 high school seniors. Info: www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- **Monument Vision Clinic Trunk Show**, Fri.-Sat., Jun. 3-4, 2-7 p.m. Fri., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat., 1860 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Drop in for snacks and beverages, give-a-ways, special discounts, and new styles from top designers. Info: 488-2042, www.monumentvision.com.
- **Kids Fishing Derby**, Sat., Jun. 4, 8 a.m.-noon, Palmer Lake. For elementary and middle school-age kids; must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own fishing gear if you have it. Colorado Parks & Wildlife hands out a limited number of rods and reels at no charge on a first come, first served basis. Salmon eggs and worms are recommended bait, corn is provided. Bring a non-perishable food item for Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: www.trilakeschamber.com/kids-fishing-derby.htm.
- **Horse Education: a Clinic for Equestrian Competitive Trail Riding**, Sat., Jun. 4, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Greenland Open Space Equestrian Park (located just off I-25 north of County Line Road). Bring your horse or come as an auditor. Learn tips for handling trail challenges found on competitive trail rides, then practice on a trail ride with a mentor. Cost: \$40 for riders and \$35 for auditors, includes light breakfast, lunch, and a presentation by a North American Trail Ride Conference horsemanship judge. Space is limited; registration required. RSVP & Info: Pam, 481-6561 or pamegal@juno.com.
- **Community Picnic**, Sun., Jun. 5, 1-3 p.m., Limbach Park, Second and Front streets, Monument. Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church invites all for free food (hamburgers, hotdogs, & a Methodist "Mega" Dessert table) and kids' games. Bring lawn chairs/blankets. Info: 488-1365, tlumc@tlumc.org.
- **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.
- **Larkspur Settler Days**, Sat., Jun. 4, 1-9 p.m., Larkspur Community Park, 8850 S. Spruce Mountain Rd., Larkspur. Native American Pow Wow, blue grass band, games, petting zoo, mercantile, saloon, bonfire, axe throwing, & more. Volunteers needed. Info: info@larkspurchamberof-commerce.com.
- **Camp Bow Wow Yappy Hour Series**, Tue., Jun. 7, 4:30-6:30, Pikes Peak Brewing Co., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Bring a dog, get \$1 off happy hour prices. Free hot dogs, drink specials, contests, and dog tips. Info: 632-

9247, cbwmonument@gmail.com, www.campbowwow.com/us/co/monument.

- **Griffith Center's Annual Golf Tournament**, Thu., Jun. 9, The Ridge at Castle Pines, 1414 Castle Pines Pkwy, Castle Pines. Shotgun start, 8 a.m. 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 & Info: www.griffithcenters.org, 719-327-2026, caitlyn.beans@griffithcenters.org.
- **Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby Race**, Sun., Jun. 12, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Costilla Street between El Paso and Wahsatch. The public is invited to "the greatest amateur racing event in the world" where kids will race their hand-made cars, competing for trophies and the privilege of representing Colorado Springs at the International Soap Box Derby. Among the major benefactors are local Sertoma and Kiwanis Clubs. Info: Jody Shanklin, 571-606-8885, pikespeak@soapboxderby.org.
- **Purely Ponds Parade of Ponds**, Sat.-Sun., Jun 25-26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. This self-guided charity pond and waterfall tour benefits the Boys and Girls Club with a matching donation from Purely Ponds Fine Landscapes. Parade of Ponds ticket books with tour maps are just five dollars per ticket and are available online at www.purelyponds.com or at Pioneer Sand Company, 15490 Woodcarver Rd., Monument, and 8335 Vollmer Rd., Black Forest. Info: 896-0038, jessica@purelyponds.com, or www.purelyponds.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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