

- cept service animals. Info: www.pickinonthedivide.com.
- **Western Saloon Night to benefit Western Museum of Mining & Industry**, Sat., Aug. 21, 6-9 p.m. 225 Northgate Road, Colorado Springs. Discount for museum members. Sample local whiskey, beer, wine. Dinner and drinks included. Old West Games and Re-enactors. Live band: Wirewood Station. Age 21 and over only. Tickets at WMMI.org or 719-488-0880. See ad on page 14.
 - **Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Sat., Aug. 21, 7 p.m. Featuring *Acoustic Eidolon*. For advance tickets and many other special ticket options, see <https://trilake-sarts.org/>.
 - **El Paso County Concerts in the Park series**, Thu., Aug. 26, 6-8 p.m. Featuring *Wirewood Station*. Gazebo between the ponds, Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Drive. Free. Bring your picnic, lawn chairs or blanket & the family to enjoy the summer nights with some great outdoor entertainment. Info: Theresa Odello, recreation coordinator, 719-520-6977, theresaodello@elpasoco.com.
 - **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., Aug. 26, 6:30-8 p.m. Featuring *Triple Play/Tom Fowler*. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. & Shoup Rd. next to the Black Forest Community Club. Free, but tip jar available. If inclement weather, concert will move inside. Brats, hotdogs, coleslaw, drinks, dessert for sale. Bring chair or blanket.
 - **18th Annual Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Club Benefit Car Show for Tri-Lakes Cares**, Sun., Aug. 29, on Second Street in Historic Downtown Monument. About 175 beautiful and interesting collector cars will be competing for 50 (fifty!) class & other trophies thanks to local business sponsors. The online registration fee is \$25, same-day registration is \$30. See <https://tl-cruisers.weebly.com>, tl-cruisers.weebly.com.
 - **Tribute 2021 Free Concert**, Sun., Aug. 29, 6-9 p.m. Pikes Peak Brewing Co., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Drive, Monument. Featuring Cowboy Brad and The Tropi-Cowboy Band (John Denver Tribute Band!). See PikesPeakBrwing.com for info and overflow parking plan. See ad on page 12.
 - **El Paso County Concerts in the Park series**, Thu., Sep. 2, 6-8 p.m. Featuring Inman Brothers Band. Gazebo between the ponds, Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Drive. Free. Bring your picnic, lawn chairs or blanket & the family to enjoy the summer nights with some great outdoor entertainment. Info: Theresa Odello, recreation coordinator, 719-520-6977, theresaodello@elpasoco.com.
 - **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., Sep. 2, 6:30-8 p.m. Featuring Academy Jazz Ensemble/Justin Carpenter. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. & Shoup Rd. next to the Black Forest Community Club. Free, but tip jar available. If inclement weather, concert will move inside. Brats, hotdogs, coleslaw, drinks, dessert for sale. Bring chair or blanket.
 - **Stone Crossing Pond Amphitheater Free Neighborhood Block Party Concert**, Fri., Sep. 3, 5-8 p.m. Featuring *Martini Shot*. Corner of Woodmont Dr. & Bridle Oaks Ln., Colo. Spgs. Presented by Marquesa Hobbs, ERA Real Estate. Live music, food trucks, raffles and fun for the entire family. Families from all neighborhoods are welcome! Call Marquesa Hobbs (719) 238-0330 for details.
 - **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., Sep. 9, 6:30-8 p.m. Featuring *One More Shot/Gary Kraud*. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. & Shoup Rd. next to the Black Forest Community Club. Free, but tip jar available. If inclement weather, concert will move inside. Brats, hotdogs, coleslaw, drinks, dessert for sale. Bring chair or blanket.
 - **22nd Lang Community Pig Roast & Client Appreciation**, Fri., Sep. 10, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. rain or shine. 100% free. Fun, friends, finance. Bounce house. 236 N. Washington St., Monument. See LangInvestment-Services.com or 719-481-0887.
 - **Gleneagle Free Neighborhood Block Party Concert**, Fri., Sep. 10, 6-8 p.m. Featuring the *Just Dance Band*. Field at Antelope Trails Elementary School. Presented by Mark Rudolph, ERA Real Estate. Live music, food trucks, raffles & fun for the entire family. Families from all neighborhoods are welcome! Call Mark Rudolph (719) 492-3974 for details.
 - **Front Range Open Studios**, Sat.-Sun., Sep. 11-12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. See how fine art and crafts are made and perhaps make some yourself in this self-guided tour of the working studios and workshops of 13 full-time professional artists and craftsmen in the Tri-Lakes region. Info & map of participating artists: www.fronrangeopenstudios.com or 488-0629.

- **Palmer Lake Wine Festival**, Sat., Sep. 11, 1-5 p.m. VIP noon. Palmer Lake Recreation Area. A portion of proceeds to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Buy tickets at PLWF2021.com.
- **North Fork Free Neighborhood Block Party Concert**, Fri., Sep. 17, 5:30-8 p.m. Featuring *Kopesetic*. The Green at North Fork, Corner of Golden Meadow Rd. & Deer Feather Dr., Colo. Spgs. near Pine Creek HS. Presented by Andrea Rowley, ERA Real Estate. Live music, food trucks, raffles & fun for the entire family. Families from all neighborhoods are welcome! Call Rowley (719) 640-5521 for details.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society Meeting**, Thu., Sep. 16, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce-Community Rm., 166 Second Street, Monument. *Pikes Peak Trolleys*, presenter: John Haney, followed with refreshments. All are welcome. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.
- **Bines and Brews Beer Fest**, Sat., Sep. 18. Taste beer, moonshine, gin, and mead from Colorado breweries, distilleries, and a meadery. Enjoy upbeat contemporary jazz all afternoon. No one under 21 is allowed (not even cute babies or designated drivers; no exceptions). No dogs of any age are allowed. This event will happen rain, shine, or snow—this is Colorado! General admission \$25, designated driver \$10, Limbach Park, Monument. www.trilakeschamber.com/bines-brews-beer-fest.html
- **Fountain Creek Watershed Cleanup Week**, Sun. Sep. 25-Sun., Oct. 3. Sites in Monument and Palmer Lake. Be part of the largest watershed-wide cleanup in Colorado! Volunteers clean up litter along a creek, trail, park, or open space throughout the watershed. We're inviting individuals and groups (families, clubs, schools, neighborhoods, etc.) to form a Creek Crew for the 8th Annual Creek Week Clean-Up. Get outdoors, get active, & create some good for your community and those living downstream. www.fountaincreekweek.com
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Empty Bowls Dinner & Silent Auction**, Wed., Sep. 29. Details coming soon. See MHKiwanis.org. See ad on page 3.
- **Front Range Maker's Market**. Sat.-Sun., Oct. 9-10. Lewis-Palmer HS. 80+ vendors (makers, artists, crafters, boutiques, food). Free entry. This is the 25th year of our annual fall market in Monument. 719-510-1477. www.FRmakersmarket.com.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society Meeting**, Thu., Oct. 21, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce-Community Rm., 166 Second Street, Monument. Presenter John Stansfield, "The Long Expedition," followed with refreshments. All are welcome. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.
- **Community Business Expo & Job Fair**. Coming in October. www.trilakeschamber.com/community-business-expo.html.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society Meeting**, Thu, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce-Community Rm., 166 Second Street, Monument. Presenter Col. Tom Duhs, *Colorado's 10th Mountain Division*, followed with refreshments. All are welcome. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.

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 Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor and confirm that it has not been submitted to any other publication.
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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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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. 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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