

- p.m., Black Forest Regional Park equestrian parking lot on Milam Road, just north of the intersection with Shoup Road. Registration & Info: www.cleansweepjune2017.eventbrite.com.
- **Fight Fraud--Shred Instead!** Free AARP ElderWatch community shredding event, Sat., **Jun. 10**, 9 a.m.-noon, Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Each car may bring three boxes or paper bags of documents for shredding; no plastic or 3-ring binders please. Bring a nonperishable food or money donation for the Black Forest Cares food pantry. Info: Ray, 495-6767; or Stan, 596-6787.
 - **Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby Race**, Sun., **Jun. 11**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Costilla Street between El Paso and Wahsatch. The public is invited to “World’s greatest amateur racing event” where kids race their hand-made gravity-powered cars, competing for trophies and a chance to represent Colorado Springs at the International Soap Box Derby in July. Food service and parking available. Info: Glenn Scott, 488-8808, www.ppsbd.com.
 - **Tri-Lakes Cares Client Appreciation Day**, Mon., **Jun. 12**, noon-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., 235 N. Jefferson St., Monument. Clients, bring the family for hamburgers and hot dogs, cotton candy, Kona Ice snow cones, a raffle, and a free toy for each kid. Info: 481-4864.
 - **Friends of Monument Preserve (FOMP) Trail Work Night**, Wed., **Jun. 14**, 6-8:30 p.m. Volunteers should bring leather gloves, water, and bug repellent. Meets **Jul. 12** and **Aug. 9** also. For location & info: Chris Tirpak, 719-439-8865, info@fomp.org, www.fomp.org.
 - **Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid Certification Course**, Sat., **Jun. 17**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Reservations required: send \$25 and your e-mail or phone number (for registration confirmation and inclement weather notice) by Jun. 13 to Carley Lehman, 17630 Woodhaven Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80908. Wear comfortable clothes, bring a sack lunch. Info: Carley Lehman, 502-3242.
 - **Run to the Ascent 5k for Schools**, Sat., **Jun. 17**, 9 a.m. start; arrive by 8:30 for parking (streets will close prior to the race), Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. Live music, food trucks, fun vendors, and more at the end. Kids fun run and kids obstacle course. All proceeds go to local schools for suicide prevention. Volunteers needed. Registration & Info: www.theascentchurch.com/5k1.
 - **Monument Outdoor Quilt Show**, Sat., **Jun. 17**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. Info: info.frmag@gmail.com, <http://frontrangemodernquiltguild.webs.com/>.
 - **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): First Annual All Colorado Festival**, Sat., **Jun. 17**, 1-7 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. Sample the finest of Colorado spirits, beer, and wine (must be 21 or older with valid I.D.). Have a taste, enjoy a snack from a food vendor or two, and listen to live local country music 3-7 p.m. Cost: \$25 age 21 and older, free for those under 21. All proceeds will benefit the museum. Purchase tickets at www.eventbrite.com/e/all-colorado-festival-tickets-34043958396. Info: Danica Cox, 488-0880.
 - **Father’s Day Ice Cream Social**, Sun., **Jun. 18**, 1:15-4 p.m., Palmer Lake Village Green. Last month’s Goodnight in Colorado program was cancelled because of weather and has now been added to the annual Father’s Day Ice Cream Social. The Goodnight presentation is at 1:15 p.m., followed by free Village Inn pie, Rock House ice cream, bluegrass music, and a sing-along 2-4 p.m. The public is invited to both free events. Info: Pat McCarthy, 659-1363; www.palmerdividehistory.org.
 - **Long Term Planning Seminar**, Thu., **Jun. 22**, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance Senior Center. A New York Life regional long term care planner and a local certified Medicaid consultant will present the facts and answer questions about Long Term Care needs. Refreshments served. RSVP by Jun. 15: Sue, 464-6873.
 - **Free Workshop: Be a Senior Smarty**, Fri., **Jun. 23**, 9 a.m.-noon, Silver Alliance Senior Center. Rescheduled from May. Learn about senior nutrition, combining SNAP resources for better buying power, Silver Key SOS programs and services, fire preparedness. Snacks will be provided. Register by Jun. 19. Space is limited so register early. See page 5 of this month’s *Senior Beat* or contact Paula Blair, 481-4864 x 112, or Sue Walker, 464-6873.
 - **Climb for Courage Stair Climb Race: Steppin’ up for Children’s Health**, Sat., **Jun. 24**, 8:30 a.m., free family festival 9 a.m.-noon, Falcon Stadium, 2169 Field House Dr., U.S. Air Force Academy. This event benefits Children’s Hospital Colorado, opening the region’s only comprehensive children’s hospital in 2018 in northeast Colorado Springs. Info: www.childrenscoloradofoundation.org.
 - **Water: Rain Barrels, Your Watershed, and More**, Sat., **Jun. 24**, 10-11:30 a.m. Learn about our unique local watershed, how it impacts our quality of life, and how you can help protect it -- including the use of rain barrels. Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. RSVP & Info: 488-2370, www.ppld.org.
 - **Purely Ponds Parade of Ponds**, Sat.-Sun., **Jun 24-25**, 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 in May, 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.
- **Secret Life of Animals Nature Camp at Fox Run Park**, Mon.-Fri., **Jun. 26-30**, 9 a.m.-noon, Fox Run Regional Park, 2010 Stella Dr., Colo. Springs. Children entering grades 1-5, learn to find secret signs of animal life, amazing animal societies, and creatures hiding in your own backyard. Cost: \$90 member, \$100 non-member. Register online at www.elpasocountynaturecenters.com. Info: 520-6745, ianwilson@elpasoco.com.
 - **Poverty Simulator presented by Pikes Peak United Way & Tri-Lakes Cares**, Tue., **Jun. 27**, 4-6 p.m., D-38 Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Get a glimpse into the life of a family living in poverty. RSVP & Info: volunteer@ppunitedway.org.
 - **Free Lunch and Learn: Questions and Answers about Substance Abuse**, Wed., **Jun. 28**, 1:30-2:30 p.m., INNOVA Recovery Services, 1824 Woodmoor Dr., Ste. 101, Monument. Find out about the warning signs, treatment options, and enabling behaviors, Please RSVP so they know how much food to order, 719-445-9330. Info: www.innovarecovery.com.
 - **Griffith Centers for Children Chins Up 10th Annual Golf Tournament**, Thu., **Jun. 29**, Golf Club at Bear Dance, 6630 Bear Dance Dr, Larkspur. Shotgun start, 8 a.m. Play a challenging course, enjoy great food, and have a chance to win prizes while you help the Griffith Centers change the lives of children and families. Registration & Info: jamie.sachtjen@griffithcenters.org, www.griffithcenters.org.
 - **Monument’s Free Movie Night: Pete’s Dragon**, Fri., **Jun. 30**, 7 p.m. activities begin, movie begins at dark, Monument Marketplace Clock Tower (between WalMart & Home Depot), Jackson Creek. Bring chairs & blankets, no pets please. Info: 884-8013, www.TownofMonument.org.

July 4 events

- 7 a.m., Palmer Lake 4 Mile Fun Run**, Palmer Lake Santa Fe Trailhead. Register at www.july4funrun.com.
- 7-10 a.m., Pancake breakfast**, tickets at the door, St Peter Catholic Church, 55 Jefferson St.
- 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Street Fair**, 2nd Street and Washington Street
- 9:30 a.m., Monument Hill Kiwanis Children’s Parade**, Starts at Grace Best School
- 10 a.m.-noon, Monument Hill Kiwanis 4th of July Parade**, Downtown Monument. Register to participate: www.monumenthillkiwanis.org.
- 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber Beer Garden**, family-friendly, Limbach Park, 2nd and Front streets, Monument
- Noon, Monument Community Presbyterian Church Open House**, 3rd & Jefferson: cool air, treats, and rest rooms available.
- Noon-7 p.m. Live music in Limbach Park**, 2nd and Front streets, Monument
- Noon-7:45 p.m., Live Music at Bliss Studios**, 143 Washington St, Monument
- 7 p.m., Music and fun at Palmer Lake, fireworks at dark.**
- Parade spectators are encouraged to come early, park at Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., or Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., and ride the free bus to and from downtown Monument.
- **Moe Bandy Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Thu., **Jul. 6**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakearts.org.
 - **Monument Community Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School**, Mon.-Fri., **Jul. 10-14**, 238 Third St., Monument. RSVP & Info: 481-3902, www.mcpcusa.org.
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 - **MVEA Member Appreciation Day**, Wed., **July 21**, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., El Paso County Fairgrounds, 366 10th St., Calhan. Bring the ad and get \$2 off adult admission price (ages 13-54), and \$1 off seniors and youth prices. Info: 800-388-9881.
 - **Branford Marsalis Quartet at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Thu., **Aug. 3**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.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 P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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