

Beach Way, Monument. New members welcome. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: Post Commander Joe Carlson, jcarlson@vfw7829.org, 488-1902, www.vfw7829.org.

- Gleneagle Sertoma Luncheon Meeting, Wed., Jul. 19, 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.
- Senior Bingo, Wed., Jul. 19, 1-2 p.m., Tri-Lakes Senior Center, Lewis-Palmer High School campus. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Sue Walker, 464-6873.
- VFW Auxiliary to Post 7829, Wed., Jul. 19, 7 p.m., Monument Hill Country Club, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. New members welcome. If you are a male or female relative of a veteran who served on foreign soil during war or other military action, you may be eligible. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Kathy Carlson, 488-1902, carlsonmkc@aol.com.
- Art Hop, Thu., Jul. 20, 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.
- Art Hop Book Signing at Covered Treasures Bookstore, Thu., Jul. 20, 5-8 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Nancy Green will sign *Stalking the Dragonfly: Stories of Experiences in Nature*. Bert Entwistle will sign *New Mexico*. Free, open to all. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society: Pete Seeger: A Musical Portrait, Thu., Jul. 20, 7 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Sing along with Dan Begen. Light refreshments after the presentation. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 559-0837, www.palmerdivide-history.org.
- Foot Care Clinic, Fri., Jul. 21, Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. A registered nurse examines your feet and provides foot care advice, toenail trimming. Cost: \$35 for a 30-min. visit. Meets 2nd Wed., 3rd and last Fri. each month, by appointment only. Info & appointments: call the Visiting Nurse Association, 577-4448.
- * Chess Nuts, Mon., Jul. 24, 5-9 p.m., Tri-Lakes Senior Center, across the street from the YMCA. Any age, any skill. Learners welcome. Drop in and leave when you want. Bring your own board and pieces if you have them. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. each month. Info: www.TriLakesSeniors.org/chess.
- * Senior Social, Wed., Jul. 26, 1-4 p.m., Fellowship Hall of the Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com.
- * Foot Care Clinic, Fri., Jul. 28, Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. A registered nurse examines feet and provides foot care advice, toenail trimming. Cost: \$35 for a 30-min. visit. Meets 2nd Wed., 3rd and last Fri. each month, by appointment only. Info & appointments: call the Visiting Nurse Association, 577-4448.
- * 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. Info: Carolyn, 488-3620, www.4-mga.org, 303-360-7080, 4mga@4-mga.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

For July 4th events, see page 1.

- Concerts in the Park, every Wed., through Aug. 2, 7-9 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. Music, food, and fun for the family. Bring chairs, blankets. Info: www.trilakeschamber.com and click on 'Events.'
- 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.trilakesarts.org.
- Monument Community Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School, Mon.-Fri., Jul. 10-14, 238 Third St., Monument. Free. RSVP & Info: 481-3902, www.mcp-cusa.org.
- Friends of Monument Preserve (FOMP) Trail Work Night, Wed., Jul. 12, 6-8:30 p.m. Volunteers should bring leather gloves, water, and bug repellent. Meets Aug. 9 also. For location & info: Chris Tirpak, 719-439-8865, info@fomp.org, www.fomp.org.
- Lakeside Free Summer Concert at Waterfront Park: Collective Groove, Fri., Jul. 14, 6-8 p.m., Forest Lakes Drive, Monument. R&B Classics, Soul, Pop. Free concerts 2nd and 4th Fri., June-July. Info: www.forest-lakescolorado.com/events.html.
- Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Michael Hearne & Shake Russell, Fri., Jul. 14, 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 non-member students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtnc@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.

- Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Anniversary Weekend, Sat.-Sun., Jul. 15-16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Celebrate the museum's 35th anniversary with a wild west show by the Gold Canyon Gunfighters. Experience the museum's steam engines, blacksmith shop, ten-stamp ore mill, vendors, food trucks, and fun for all ages. See ad on page 13. Info: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org.
- Tri-Lakes Community/Centura Blood Drive, Tue., Jul. 18, 3-7 p.m., Bloodmobile at Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St # B, Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5822.
- MVEA Member Appreciation Day, Fri., July 21, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., El Paso County Fairgrounds, 366 10th St., Calhan. Bring the ad on page 20 of the June issue and get \$2 off adult admission price (ages 13-54), and \$1 off seniors and youth prices. Info: 800-388-9881.
- Bruce Carroll & Friends at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., Jul. 21, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- Monument's Free Movie Night: Finding Dory, Fri., Jul. 21, 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. See ad on page 8. Info: 884-8013, www.TownofMonument.org.
- Community Service: Wood Chipping, Sat., Jul. 22, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. or as long as you can stay. Ages 14 and up, help with cleanup and recovery from the 2014 Black Forest fire. Safety equipment and training provided. Also meets Aug. 26. See TLUMC EPG on Facebook to see past projects. Registration & Info: Lisa, 719-339-7831; ep@tlumc.org.
- Free Lunch and Learn: Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Wed., Jul. 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m., INNOVA Recovery Services, 1824 Woodmoor Dr., Ste. 101, Monument. Please RSVP so they know how much food to order, 719-445-9330. Info: www.innovarecovery.com.
- Voices of Grief Workshop, Fri., Jul. 28, 10 a.m.-noon, Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance Senior Center. Pikes Peak Hospice presents this free movie and discussion on dealing with grief. RSVP & Info: Sue, 464-6873.
- Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Roy Book Binder, Fri., Jul. 28, 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, jrmtnc@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- 34th Annual National Night Out, Tue., Aug. 1. Turn on your porch light and go outside to join your neighbors to make a show of solidarity and strength. Better yet, plan a block party, barbecue, neighborhood walk or other activity and let the Sheriff's Office know about it. Find tips and the registration form at www.natw.org. Registration forms must be returned by July 7. Info: Merody Broom, 520-7151; www.natw.org.
- 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.
- Lorrie Morgan Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Sat., Aug. 5, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- Pickin' on the Divide, Sat., Aug. 19, Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. Colorado bluegrass bands perform 1-7 p.m. Also, the Lions Club Chili Cook-off, beer garden, food trucks, and more! See ad on page 8. Info: www.pickinonthedivide.com.
- Mountain View Electric Association, Inc. (MVEA) Brews, Brats, & Kilowatts, Wed., Aug. 23, 4-7 p.m., Pikes Peak Brewing Co., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. First 150 MVEA members get a complimentary beer & brat. Ages 21+ only. See the ad on page 20. Register online by Aug. 11. Registration & Info: www.mvea.coop/bbkregistration.

Our community calendar carries listings on a space-available basis for Tri-Lakes events that are sponsored

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Articles in Our Community News focus on the deliberations of Tri-Lakes area governmental bodies such as the Monument Board of Trustees, Palmer Lake Town Council, and many of the local water, sanitation, fire, and school district boards.

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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Our Community News welcomes letters to the editor on topics of general interest to readers in the Tri-Lakes area. We do not knowingly print letters that are substantially the same as letters that have been submitted to other publications. To ensure that OCN contains a variety of viewpoints, each letter writer is limited to a maximum of six letters within any twelve month period. To submit a letter, please:

- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor and confirm that it has not been submitted to any other publication.
- Include a suggested headline or title.
- Limit letters to no more than 300 words.
- Include your full name, home address, day and evening phone numbers, and email address, if you have one.
- 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 published.
- If you are not at least 18 years old or an emancipated minor, provide a written statement from a parent or legal guardian that you have permission to submit the letter.

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