

- your pets at home. See ad on page 6. Info: 884-8013.
- Academy Martial Arts Back to School Open House, Sat., Aug. 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 1435 Cipriani Loop, Monument. See ad on page 7. Info: 719-800-2551, [www.monumentjiujitsu.com](http://www.monumentjiujitsu.com).
  - Pickin' on the Divide, Sat., Aug. 19, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. The Church of Woodmoor, the Town of Monument, and the Tri-Lakes Lions Club present this annual family music festival. The Lion's Club Chili Cook-off starts at 11 a.m., winner announced at 2 p.m. The beer garden is open all day. Colorado bluegrass bands perform 1-7 p.m., emceed by KOAA's News 5 main anchor, Elizabeth Watts. No smoking or pets except service animals. Admission: \$15 per person. Free for 12 and under. See ad on page 18. Info: [www.pickinonthedivide.com](http://www.pickinonthedivide.com).
  - WØTLM FCC Exams, Sat., Aug. 19, 1-3:30 p.m. VE session. Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: Stu Turner, 719-337-1720.
  - 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. Register online by Aug. 11. Registration & Info: [www.mvea.coop/bbkregistration](http://www.mvea.coop/bbkregistration).
  - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family, Wed., Aug. 23, 6-8:30 p.m., northern Colo. Springs location. This free 12-week course is for family caregivers of individuals with mental illness. Led by NAMI-trained family members since 1999. Meets once weekly. See ad on page 6. Registration required. RSVP & Info: 473-8477, [info@namicos.org](mailto:info@namicos.org), [www.namicolordosprings.org](http://www.namicolordosprings.org).
  - Richie Furay & Paul Cotton at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Fri., Aug. 25, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org).
  - Community Service: Wood Chipping, Sat. Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Assist and train neighbors in Red Rock Ranch to remove scrub oak and other fuels encroaching on homes and roads. Work at this example property will include using loppers and chainsaws (for trained volunteers), and dragging slash to the chipper. Safety briefing and personal protective gear provided. Age 16+ invited. Registration required. RSVP & Info: contact TLUMC Emergency Preparedness Group (EPG) leader Andre' at [epg@tlumc.org](mailto:epg@tlumc.org) or call Lisa, 719-339-7831.
  - Taste of Palmer Lake, Sat., Aug. 26, 1-4 p.m. Sample what Palmer Lake has to offer at this festive fundraiser for lakeside improvements. Arlene's Beans, Bella Pannini, The Depot, La Rosa, O'Malley's Pub, Pikes Peak Catering, Rock House Ice Cream, Sundance, Speedtrap Bistro, The Stube, & The Wine Seller--11 venues; fun all over town. Presale tickets \$18, \$25 day of the event. Tickets are limited and are on sale at Palmer Lake restaurants, or online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Info: [www.awakepalmerlake.org](http://www.awakepalmerlake.org).
  - Free Lunch and Learn: Support for Spouses In Relationships with Individuals Suffering from Substance Abuse/Addiction, Wed., Aug. 30, 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](http://www.innovarecovery.com).
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- Monument's Free Movie Night: Finding Dory, Fri., Sep. 1, 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](http://www.TownofMonument.org).
  - Sawyer Fredericks Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Fri., Sep. 1, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org).
  - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family, Thu., Sep. 7, 6-8:30 p.m., downtown Colo. Springs location. This free 12-week course is for family caregivers of individuals with mental illness. Led by NAMI-trained family members since 1999. Meets once weekly. See ad on page 6. Registration required. RSVP & Info: 473-8477, [info@namicos.org](mailto:info@namicos.org), [www.namicolordosprings.org](http://www.namicolordosprings.org).
  - Gleneagle Sertoma 16th Annual Patriot Golf Benefit, Mon., Sep. 11, 7 a.m. check-in, 8 a.m. start, USAFA Eisenhower Golf Course, Blue Course. This 4-person scramble honors local patriots representing the military, police, and firefighters. Cost: \$140, \$500 for a foursome; includes breakfast and lunch, green and cart fees, range balls, prizes. Proceeds benefit Home Front Cares and other local charities. Register at [www.gleneaglepatriotgolf.com](http://www.gleneaglepatriotgolf.com). Info: John Coyle, 494-4284; Joe Gray, 599-4265.
  - Tri-Lakes Lions Charity Golf Tournament, Mon. Sep. 18, The Golf Club at Flying Horse, 1880 Weiskopf Pt., Colo. Springs, registration 7:30 a.m., shotgun start 9 a.m. Cost: \$150 per player includes breakfast, lunch, and prizes. Proceeds help support Lions Club charities, Tri-Lakes Cares, and The Home Front Cares. Info: Jim Naylor, 481-8741, (303) 883-8329, [jim1947n@comcast.net](mailto:jim1947n@comcast.net).
  - Tri-Lakes Women's Club presents Harvesting Hope, Thu., Sep. 21, 5:30-9 p.m., Spruce Mountain Ranch, 14771 Spruce Mountain Rd., Larkspur. This premier food and wine tasting event features music & dancing, silent auction, raffle/door prizes, local on-site chefs, affordable jewelry sale, and more. Purchase tickets before Sep. 1 for a chance to win in the Early Buy Drawing. All proceeds benefit qualified non-profit service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes area. Info: [www.TLWC.net](http://www.TLWC.net).

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](mailto:calendar@ocn.me) or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

### Letters to Our Community

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](mailto: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.

If, after two business days from the date of your submission, you have not received an acknowledgement of your letter, please contact Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831 or [editor@ocn.me](mailto:editor@ocn.me). Letters may be edited for length, grammar, and accuracy.

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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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## The Rabbi's Corner The Truth (John 8:42-47)

By Oswald Garagorry

In this text, the Messiah made His stand very clear on truth and its importance. In another text, He identified so closely to the Truth that He even affirmed to be it by stating, "I am the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6).

Yet, in most circumstances we can't honestly affirm truth has the same level of importance for ourselves. In most situations, we choose to interpret truth in a way that will be favorable to us. This attitude is totally inappropriate, because God's standard is the absolute truth and we have no right to lower truth so that it will be in harmony with our opinions, views, standards, or current condition. We must not tamper with the truth; to the contrary, we must accept it even when the truth by itself reveals our weaknesses or deficiencies.

This writer has seen difficulties that have come up amongst God's people because they are willing to sacrifice or abandon the truth to save face or personal interests. Yet, allow me to ask: "Who are we to dare set God's truth to the side because it makes our practices or behaviors uncomfortable for us?"

May God give us the grace and courage to regard His Torah and the rest of His Holy Writings as the most important thing in our lives. Too often we make choices for our lives based on issues of importance in our own interests and not because we are absolutely committed to find and follow God's truth.

Truth is an attribute of God Himself; remember His statements to us: "I am the truth" and "When you seek me, you will find me, provided you seek for me wholeheartedly."

My Final Note Dear Reader: I appreciate you taking the time to read the first article of this new season of my writings. Some time ago, I used to write under the same heading (The Rabbi's Corner), now I am back with you for another season! You can read past articles of The Rabbi's Corner on our website.

Shalom to you and God Bless.

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