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- **7th Annual Castle Rock Bull Riding Challenge**, Sat., **Feb. 16**, 7-9 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds indoor arena, 500 Fairgrounds Dr., Castle Rock. Two shows: a 2 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. show. Visitors will learn about bucking bulls, how they are cared for, training, and much more! Vendors, food concessions, a mechanical bull and pony rides, and free parking. Cost: \$20 Adult, \$15 Youth (ages 6-12), youngsters under the age of 5 are free. Riders and stock contractors interested in entering should contact Ty Rinaldo at TZ Bucking Bulls. Info: tntevents@msn.com or 719-641-3233.
- **High Altitude Gardening**, Tue., **Feb. 19**, 10-11 a.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 166 2nd St., Monument. A free class on best practices and plant selection to handle wildlife and wild weather. Repeats Feb. 19, 10 a.m. Sign up at www.townofmonument.org/Calendar.aspx. Info: Cassie Olgren, 481-2954, colgren@tomgov.org.
- **Monument Police Department: Active Threats and Personal Safety class**, Wed., **Feb. 20**, 6-8 p.m., 166 2nd St., Monument. Open to anyone age 16 and older. Learn how to survive an active shooter/active threat situation and basic personal safety habits and strategies. RSVP & Info: 481-3253.
- **Parent Education Night at Monument Academy**, Wed., **Feb. 20**, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 1150 Village Ridge Pt., Monument. Info: 481-1950, www.monumentacademy.net.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Exhibit Opening & Lecture: Our Report Card in Mining**, Mon., **Feb. 21**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:30; 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). To kick off the opening of WMMI's newest exhibit on "Mine Lighting," Joe Samek will speak on the importance of safety in the mining industry. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society: Braithwaite, Uveges, & Sokol**, Fri., **Feb. 22**, 7-10 p.m. 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.
- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance Concert: Beethoven Extravaganza**, Sat., **Feb. 23**, 7 p.m., Lewis Palmer H.S., 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Chamber music, chorus, & orchestra. Info: www.rmmaconcerts.org. See ad on page 2 and photo on page 27.
- **Fuel Church 5th Anniversary Celebration**, Sun., **Feb. 24**, 9:30 a.m. free donuts and coffee, 10 a.m. Celebration Service begins, noon free buffet lunch and children's activities; D-38 Administration Building, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Info: www.fuelchurch.org. See ad on page 11.
- **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Chamber Concert Series: Forte Handbell Quartet**, Sun., **Feb. 24**, 2:30 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. People of all faiths and cultures are welcome!. Cost: \$20. RSVP & Info: 633-0655 Ext 132, registrations@benethillmonastery.org, www.benethillmonastery.org. See ad on page 10.
- **Screenagers**, Sun., **Feb. 24**, 5 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. A free screening about growing up in the digital age; one-hour film followed by dinner and discussion. Childcare available. RSVP & Info: www.TLUMC.org/screenagers. See ad on page 21.
- **Water-wise Gardening**, Tue., **Feb. 26**, 10 a.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 166 2nd St., Monument. A free class for smart design and plant selection. Repeats Mar. 5, Mar. 15. Sign up at www.townofmonument.org/Calendar.aspx. Info: Cassie Olgren, 481-2954, colgren@tomgov.org.
- **2nd Annual Purse Party**, Wed., **Feb. 27**, noon-2 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center, Lewis-Palmer High School campus. Free. All attendees receive a purse loaded with goodies & surprises. Lunch served. RSVP & Info: Sue, 330-0241.
- **Judge's Seminar: Exploring Colorado's Fall Landscapes**, Thu., **Feb. 28**, 7-9 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 CO-105, Palmer Lake. Visions of Light judge Wendy Gedak hosts a seminar on photographing Colorado's fall colors. Cost: \$30. RSVP & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org. The Vision of Light pho-

- tography exhibit's free opening reception is March 1, 6-8 p.m. The show runs through April 26.
- **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Rocky Mountain Women's Film Institute Free Film: Buck**, Fri., **Mar. 1**, 6:30 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. RSVP & Info: 633-0655 Ext 132, registrations@benethillmonastery.org. See ad on page 10.
 - **Visions of Light Photography Exhibition Opening Reception**, Fri., **Mar. 1**, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celebrate the opening of the annual juried photography show; runs through Apr. 26. Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
 - **Chamber Member Orientation** at the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Tue., **Mar. 5**, noon-1:30 p.m., 166 Second St., Monument. Come learn about your local chamber. Open to the public. Lunch provided. RSVP & Info: 481-3282, www.trilakeschamber.com/chamber-orientation.html.

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.

Content

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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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 one (1) letter per issue and six (6) letters within a twelve (12) month period. To submit a letter, please:

- Email your letter, preferably as an attached Microsoft Word document, to editor@ocn.me or mail a copy to **Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742**.
- 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 that summarizes the topic you are addressing.
- Limit letters to no more than 300 words.
- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one. Only your name will be published.
- Send your letter at least 14 days before the "first Saturday of the month" when the paper is published. Later submissions may be deferred to our next monthly issue.

If you have not received an acknowledgement two days after your email submission or one week after you mailed your letter, please contact Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831 or editor@ocn.me. At *OCN's* sole discretion, letters may be edited for grammar and we may ask you for clarification of your statements. Include references, such as website links, in your letter for any facts and figures you cite. Letters containing personal attacks will not be published.

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The Rabbi's Corner Right or Wrong, Part III

By Rabbi Oswald Garagorry

In Part I of this series, we asked the question, "If Messiah was right or wrong in affirming he was God when speaking to his contemporaries?" In Part 2 (last month) we covered what we believe to be the accurate Jewish response to this question. Today it is our wish to cover what we understand to be the Christian response, which is always accompanied with an explanation. Their response to this question would be: "He was right by affirming that he was God." If the Christian response were to stop there, we would totally agree with them, 100%; because this is stated in the scriptures itself. In *John 14:8-9*, it says: "Philip said to him, Lord show us the Father, and it will be enough for us." Yeshua replied to him, "Have I been with you so long without your knowing me Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Unfortunately the Christian response doesn't stop there; they have gone a step further. In this extra step, they will make two affirmations: the first affirmation is not found anywhere in the entire scriptures, which is: "God is manifest in three persons," this makes the second affirmation that is in complete opposition or contradiction to Messiah's own instruction to his disciples that God is ONE. In *Mark 12:29-30*, Yeshua clearly states, "Sh'ma Yisra'el, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad." ("Hear O Isra'el, the LORD our God, the LORD is ONE"), and you are to love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your understanding and with all your strength."

We don't believe that Yeshua's vocabulary was limited in any way; we do not accept the traditions of men, or historical beliefs, or practices, or resolutions to the faith made by any human council (and much less the vocabulary assistance of 318 bishops assembled together at the Nicean Council, where the concept of "three in one" was codified into religious doctrine).

It is our opinion that if we have chosen to be servants of the Most High HaShem (in English, this means "The Name", said in lieu of the four Hebrew letters that spell the name of God) and we accept the writings of the Old and New Testament, then in our view, it is important for us to believe, practice and state only what is found in the word of God. Nothing more and nothing less.

Shalom to you.

Dr. Garagorry is the Rabbi of Aliyah Congregation that meets on Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church,

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