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- **Gleneagle Women’s Club**, membership luncheon third Fri., June-Sept various venues, 12 activity groups, i.e., hiking, bridge, etc. Guests welcome. For information contact Sarah George 719-487-2985.
 - **Tri-Lakes Women’s Club Monthly Luncheon**, Fri., Nov. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wedgewood Black Forest, 12375 Black Forest Rd. Presentation by Lee Ann Wolfe of the Flying W Ranch, an icon of the Pikes Peak region and living symbol of western heritage. Meetings are open to all members of Tri-Lakes Women’s Club. To become a member, or learn about the club, visit our website at www.tlwc.net or email sleggie26@me.com.
 - **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)**, every Fri., 8 a.m., Monument Chamber of Commerce, 166 Second St., Monument. Info: Terry, 719-684-4912, or visit www.TOPS.org.
 - **Silver Center Book Club**, Second Fri., 11 a.m.-noon, Senior Center across the street from Tri-Lakes YMCA, on Lewis-Palmer High School campus. All are welcome. Coffee & snacks served. RSVP & info: Sue, 719-330-0241.
 - **Monumental Impact Network Event**, second Fri., 5 p.m. for high school students, businesses and community members interested in technology and engineering. Support high school students in technology, engineering, and entrepreneurship career pathways. 55 Adams St. Info: 719-387-7414, enable@monumentalimpact.org. Through Fall 2021
 - **Monumental Impact Open Builds**, every Fri., 3-6 p.m. Bring your own technology, engineering, and/or entrepreneurial projects or just come for the camaradery. Open to high school students and adults. 55 Adams St. Info: 719-387-7414, enable@monumentalimpact.org. Through fall 2021

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Kiwanis Monument Hill Club Harvest of love**, donations of non-perishables bring to D38 schools. See ad on page 3.
- **Orthopedic and neurological exams**, through Nov. 30, Noel Relief Centers, 1840 Woodmoor Dr. Suite 100-9, www.noelreliefcenters.com. See ad on page 2
- **Monument Cleaners**, special pricing through Nov. 30, 15932 Jackson Creek Parkway in the Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
- **Eagle Wine and Spirits**, 10% off a variety of spirits through Nov. 30, Jackson Creek Pkwy and Baptist Rd. next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
- **Cornerstone Cleaners**, alterations and tailoring special, through Nov. 30, 1030 W. Baptist Rd. near King Soopers. (719) 487-0268. See ad on page 4.
- **Monumental MedSpa**, specials through Nov. 30, at The Loft, 4 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. See ad on page 7.
- **The Living Room**, special through Nov. 30, 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100 Colorado Springs 80921. See ad on page 5
- **Pure Romance** by Amy Yocum-Vos, Black Friday through Nov. 30. [www.pureromance.com/Amy Yocum-Vos](http://www.pureromance.com/Amy-Yocum-Vos). See ad on page 4.
- **Phoenix promotional products special**. Recognize your employees, partners and customers. through Dec. 7. www.wPhoenix820.com. See ad on page 6.
- **Pikes Peak Brewing Company**, Nov. 6-28, free gift cards, spend \$100 on merchandise or gift cards and get \$10, spend \$150 and get \$20. www.PikesPeak-Brewing.Com See ad on page 12.
- **Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Holiday Open House, Sat., Nov. 6, noon-2 p.m. Author Amy Rivers signs her first title in the Legacy of Silence series, *Complicit* ; Amy Dawid will sign her title *Put Off My Sackcloth: Essays*, 1-3 p.m. RL Ashley, Leanne Betts and Davalynn Spencer sign *Always a Wedding Planner*, and Susan Mathis signs *Colleen’s Confession*, Sat., Nov. 13, 1-3 p.m. John Anderson signs his newest title, *A to Z Colorado’s Forgotten History: 1776-1876*, Sat., Nov. 27, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Barb Tyner will sign her mystery, *Compass Point*, 1-3 p.m. Ana Crespo will sign her picture book about the Black Forest fire, *Hello Tree*, Sat., Dec. 4, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Deb Faulkner, author, and Christina Cookson, photographer, will sign *Henry’s Denver Palace*; Jean Alfieri will sign her to new titles, *Zuggy the Rescue Pug: Spooky, Ooky Stories and Sweet Dreams*, 1-3 p.m. Covered Treasures Bookstore, 105 2nd St., Monument.
- **Crossroads literacy, literacy skills for preschoolers**. Wed., Nov. 10, 6:30-8:30p.m. 1864 Woodmoor Drive, Suite 216, RSVP www.Crossroadsliteracy.Com See ad on page 5.
- **Bear Creek and Fountain Creek Nature centers 7th annual Bear Run**, Thu., Nov. 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. A 3K

- and 5K Trail Fun Run and walk, Bear yoga warmup 9 a.m. and run starts 10 a.m., 2002 Creek Crossing, Colorado Springs, 80906. <https://communityservices.elpasoco.com/nature-centers/bearrun/>
- **St. Peter Catholic School**, holiday boutique and bake sale, Sat., Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. raffle, free admission, free parking. 124 1st St., Monument. See ad on page 2
- **Xcel Energy**, hosting public open houses for information and input on Colorado’s power pathway. See ad on page 13.
- **YMCA Turkey Trot 5K**, wobble before you gobble! Thu., Nov. 25, tiny tot 8:15 a.m., 5K 9 a.m. Briargate Family Center YMCA 4025 Family Place, 80920. Info: www.pyymca.org/turkeytrot See ad on page 6
- **Alpaca Holiday Extravaganza**, Sat., Nov. 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Southeastern Colorado alpaca breeders celebrate the 16th annual alpaca Extravaganza. Meet alpacas, experience alpaca luxury in garments, fashion and accessories. Crafters will find fleeces, roving, batts, and yarn in a wide variety of colors. Free event open to all, 12350 Black Forest Road, Colorado Springs, north of Shoup Rd. See ad on page 2
- **Friends of Fox Run Park, forest lore guided hike**, Sat., Nov. 13, 1 p.m., meets at Rollercoaster Trailhead near Baptist Rd.
- **Friends of Fox Run Park annual tree “wood cookie” ornament party**, Sat., Dec. 11, 1-3 p.m. meets at the warming hut by the ponds at Fox Run Park. More info: friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com.
- **Monumental Impact for Technology, Engineering and Entrepreneurship (MITEE) Exhibition**, Sat., Nov. 20. Areas for drones, combat bots, Jetbots, Donkeycars and more. Currently looking for sponsors and volunteers. To participate or get involved, contact us at enable@monumentimpact.org, 719-387-7414.
- **Joys of the Season Holiday Home Tour**, Fri.-Sat., Nov. 19-20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour five professionally decorated homes in north El Paso County to benefit community non profits. Presented by St. Aubyn Homes and Tri- Lakes Women’s Club. For details and tickets, visit www.Joysoftheseasonht.org. See ad on page 32.
- **Kiwanis Monument Hill Club**, bell ringing for the Salvation Army starts Nov. 26. See ad on page 3.
- **Palmer Lake Fire Department Star Lighting and Chili Supper**, Sat., Nov. 27, 4:30-7 p.m. Finalized details will be posted on townofpalmerlake.com website (LATEST NEWS) and Palmer Lake Fire Department Facebook page, and flyer postings in the area.
- **Kiwanis Monument Hill Club - North Pole Craft Fair**, Sat., Dec. 4, North Pole craft fair at Tri-Lakes is back featuring live holiday music, choirs, bands and local talent. free admission with donation of non-perishable food item, cash, or a board game for Tri-Lakes cares, Grace Best Education Center, 66 N. Jefferson St. See ad on page 11.
- **Monument Tree Lighting**, Sat., Dec. 4, 3-5 p.m. Free, requested donation of canned goods or unwrapped toy for Santa on Patrol. Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument.
- **Monument Santa on Patrol**, Sat., Dec. 18. Toys should be dropped off no later than Friday, December 13th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. If you know a family who would benefit from this event
- **Palmer Lake Annual Yule Log Hunt**, Sun., Dec. 19, 1 p.m., location TBD due to construction of Palmer

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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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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- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one. Only your name will be published.
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