

ment Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Drive, Monument. July is National Ice Cream Month. Come celebrate with a pre-packaged ice cream treat, while supplies last. Meredith 719-531-6333 x7005, mmoore@ppld.org, ppld.librarymarket.com/ice-cream-social-9

- **Monument Academy Tours of Grade PreK- 5 and Grade 6-10 campuses**, Tue., **July 28**. www.MonumentAcademy.net. RSVP: Events@MonumentAcademy.net. See ad on page 13.
- **El Paso County Concerts in the Park series**, Thu., **July 29**, 6-8 p.m. Dotsero. Gazebo between the ponds, Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Drive. Free. Bring your picnic, lawn chairs or blanket and the family to enjoy the summer nights with some great outdoor entertainment. Info: Theresa Odello, recreation coordinator, 719-520-6977, theresadello@elpasoco.com.
- **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., **July 29**, 6:30-8 p.m. Springs Contemporary Big Band/Sam Milazzo. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. and Shoup Rd. next to the Black Forest Community Club. Free, but tip jar available. If inclement weather, concert will move inside. Brats, hotdogs, coleslaw, drinks, dessert for sale. Bring chair or blanket.
- **El Paso County Concerts in the Park series**, Thu., **Aug. 5**, 6-8 p.m. Hammerstadt Band. Gazebo between the ponds, Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Drive. Free. Bring your picnic, lawn chairs or blanket and the family to enjoy the summer nights with some great outdoor entertainment. Info: Theresa Odello, recreation coordinator, 719-520-6977, theresadello@elpasoco.com.
- **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., **Aug. 5**, 6:30-8 p.m. The Peak Big Band/Fred Martinez. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. and Shoup Rd. next to the Black Forest Community Club. Free, but tip jar available. If inclement weather, concert will move inside. Brats, hotdogs, coleslaw, drinks, dessert for sale. Bring chair or blanket.
- **Woodmoor Chipping Day**, Sat., **Aug. 7**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Lewis-Palmer High School South Parking Lot, 1300 Higby Road. Open to all Tri-Lakes residents. Woody limbs and branches only, up to 8" diameter. Pine needles. (no trash, weeds, junipers, building materials, metal, root balls, or bags of leaves.) Please remain in your vehicle except to unstrap your load or if you have only pine needles. \$5 donation suggested. Matthew 488-2693 x4 www.woodmoor.org.
- **Backpack Bash**, Sat., **Aug. 7**, 9 a.m., Tri-Lakes YMCA, 17250 Jackson Creek Parkway. Backpacks stuffed with school supplies will be handed out at each location via drive-thru or walk-up. Your child must be present to receive free backpack. Presented by Pikes Peak United Way & COSILoveYou. Backpackbash.com
- **Black Forest Festival**, Sat., **Aug. 7**, 6:30 - 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast at Black Forest Community Club. 10:30 a.m. parade and outhouse race. Extensive activities include artisan and business booths, biergarten, hoop house gardening demonstration, Keeper of the Keys. See WeAreBlackForest.com.
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Palisade Peach Pickup Day**, Sat., **Aug. 7**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., NEW LOCATION: Bear Creek Elementary School parking lot, 1330 Creekside Dr. Hand-picked freestone peaches specially delivered two days from picking. Support the Tri-Lakes community; all net proceeds given back to community through Monument Hill Kiwanis projects. Order before July 27. Chris Wilson, 615-516-3880. https://mhkiwanis.org. See ad on page 14.
- **Silver Key 50th Anniversary Gala**, Sat., **Aug. 7**, 6-10 p.m. Boot Barn Hall, remote option also available. Strolling Soiree. www.silverkey.org/gala/.
- **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., **Aug. 12**, 6:30-8 p.m. Academy Jazz Ensemble/Justin Carpenter. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. and Shoup Rd. next to the Black Forest Community Club. Free, but tip jar available. If inclement weather, concert will move inside. Brats, hotdogs, coleslaw, drinks, dessert for sale. Bring chair or blanket.
- **Annual Heartland Connect Golf Tournament to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares**, Fri., **Aug. 13**, 8 a.m., Pine Creek Golf Course. Looking for sponsors. Fundraising goal \$10,000 for 2021. www.heartlandconnect.biz/heartland-connect-golf-tournament/.
- **El Paso County Concerts in the Park series**, Thu., **Aug. 19**, 6-8 p.m. Surprise Artist! Gazebo between the ponds, Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Drive. Free. Bring your picnic, lawn chairs or blanket and the family to enjoy the summer nights with some great outdoor entertainment. Info: Theresa Odello, recreation coordinator, 719-520-6977, theresadello@elpasoco.com.
- **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., **Aug. 19**, 6:30-8 p.m. Swing Factory/Craig Harms. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. and Shoup Rd. next to the Black Forest Community Club. Free, but tip jar available. If inclement weather, concert will move inside. Brats, hotdogs, coleslaw, drinks, dessert for sale. Bring chair or blanket.
- **Western Saloon Night to benefit Western Museum of Mining & Industry**, Sat., **Aug. 21**, 6-9 p.m. 225 Northgate Road, Colorado Springs. Discount for museum members. Sample local whiskey, beer, wine. Dinner and drinks included. Old West Games and Re-enactors. Live band: Wirewood Station. Age 21 and over only. Tickets at WMML.org or 719-488-0880. See ad on page 18.
- **El Paso County Concerts in the Park series**, Thu., **Aug. 26**, 6-8 p.m. Wirewood Station. Gazebo between the ponds, Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Drive. Free. Bring your picnic, lawn chairs or blanket and the family to enjoy the summer nights with some great outdoor

entertainment. Info: Theresa Odello, Recreation Coordinator, 719-520-6977, theresadello@elpasoco.com.

- **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., **Aug. 26**, 6:30-8 p.m. Triple Play/Tom Fowler. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. and Shoup Rd. next to the Black Forest Community Club. Free, but tip jar available. If inclement weather, concert will move inside. Brats, hotdogs, coleslaw, drinks, dessert for sale. Bring chair or blanket.
- **Tri-Lakes Cruisers Annual Car Show**, Sun., **Aug. 29**. Twenty trophies to be awarded. Club membership applications are now being accepted and are available on the website: tl-cruisers.weebly.com on the "ABOUT" page.
- **El Paso County Concerts in the Park series**, Thu., **Sep. 2**, 6-8 p.m. Inman Brothers Band. Gazebo between the ponds, Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Drive. Free. Bring your picnic, lawn chairs or blanket and the family to enjoy the summer nights with some great outdoor entertainment. Info: Theresa Odello, recreation coordinator, 719-520-6977, theresadello@elpasoco.com.
- **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., **Sep. 2**, 6:30-8 p.m. Academy Jazz Ensemble/Justin Carpenter. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. and Shoup Rd. next to the Black Forest Community Club. Free, but tip jar available. If inclement weather, concert will move inside. Brats, hotdogs, coleslaw, drinks, dessert for sale. Bring chair or blanket.
- **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., **Sep. 9**, 6:30-8 p.m. One More Shot/Gary Kraud. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. and Shoup Rd. next to the Black Forest Community Club. Free, but tip jar available. If inclement weather, concert will move inside. Brats, hotdogs, coleslaw, drinks, dessert for sale. Bring chair or blanket.
- **Palmer Lake Wine Festival**, Sat., **Sep. 11**, 1-5 p.m. VIP noon. Palmer Lake Recreation Area. A portion of proceeds to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Buy tickets at PLWF2021.com.
- **Bines and Brews Beer Fest**, Sat., **Sep. 18**. Taste beer, moonshine, gin and mead from Colorado breweries, distilleries, and a meadery. Enjoy upbeat contemporary jazz all afternoon. No one under 21 is allowed (not even cute babies or designated drivers; no exceptions). No dogs of any age are allowed. This event will happen rain, shine, or snow—this is Colorado! General admission \$25, designated driver \$10, Limbach Park, Monument. www.trilakeschamber.com/bines--brews-beer-fest.html
- **Fountain Creek Watershed Cleanup Week**, Sat., **Sep. 25**-Sat., **Oct. 3**. Sites in Monument and Palmer Lake. Be part of the largest watershed-wide cleanup in Colorado! Volunteers clean up litter along a creek, trail, park, or open space throughout the watershed. We're inviting individuals and groups (families, clubs, schools, neighborhoods, etc.) to form a Creek Crew for the 8th Annual Creek Week Clean-Up. Get outdoors, get active, and create some good for your community and those living downstream. www.fountaincreekweek.com
- **Front Range Maker's Market**. Sat.-Sun., **Oct. 9-10**. Lewis-Palmer HS. 80+ vendors (makers, artists, crafters, boutiques, food). Free entry. This is the 25th year of our annual fall market in Monument. 719-510-1477. www.FRmakersmarket.com.
- **Community Business Expo and Job Fair**. Coming in October. www.trilakeschamber.com/community-business-expo.html.

## 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 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](mailto: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 your letter to no more than 300 words including your suggested headline and closing.
- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one. Only your name will be published.
- Submit your letter so we receive it no later than midnight, Friday, two weeks prior to the publication date.

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## Look for our next issue Saturday, Aug. 7

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