

- **Monumental Impact Open Builds**, every **Friday** (starting Sep. 3) from 3-6 p.m. Bring your own technology, engineering, and/or entrepreneurial projects or just come for the comradery. Open to high school students and adults. 55 Adams St. Info: 719-387-7414, enable@monumentalimpact.org.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group**. Second **Sat.** A variety of art programs is offered after the social gathering and business meeting. Guests welcome. Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Info: 719-460-4179, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Parkinson's Disease Support Group, SUSPENDED** third Sat. ; if you need any help, please call Syble or Barry. 10 a.m.-noon, Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Come for socializing, discussions on Parkinson's-related issues including available support, and occasional speakers. Info: Syble Krafft, 719-488-2669; Barry (group president), 719-351-9485.
- **Faithful Friends discussion group**, third **Sat.**, 3-4:30 p.m. Wesley Owens Coffee. Sep. 18: Our women's discussion topic: "What is your forwarding address after that last heartbeat?" Info: Ellen, 303-526-5000 or Sandi, 719-237-3359. All ladies are welcome to our open discussion group.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Monu-Palooza 5.0 Music Festival**, Sun. **Sep. 5**. Limbach Park, Monument. Live music and food trucks. Monupalooza2021.eventbrite.com.
- **Jazz in the Black Forest Park Pavilion**, Thu., **Sep. 9**, 6:30-8 p.m. Featuring One More Shot/Gary Kraud. The Log School Park at the corner of Black Forest Rd. & 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.
- **22nd Lang Community Pig Roast & Client Appreciation**, Fri. **Sep. 10**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. rain or shine. 100% free. Fun, friends, finance. Bounce house. 236 N. Washington St., Monument. See LangInvestment-Services.com or 719-481-0887. See ad on page 11.
- **Front Range Open Studios**, Sat.-Sun., **Sep. 11-12**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. See how fine art and crafts are made and perhaps make some yourself in this self-guided tour of the working studios and workshops of 13 full-time professional artists and craftsmen in the Tri-Lakes region. Info & map of participating artists: www.frontrangeopenstudios.com or 488-0629. See ad on page 9.
- **Palmer Lake Wine Festival**, Sat., **Sep. 11**, 1-5 p.m. Palmer Lake Recreation Area. A portion of proceeds to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. The event is anticipated to draw more than 1,500 attendees. The sponsor will adhere to COVID-19 distancing requirements. Buy tickets at PLWF2021.com.
- **Final Art Hop for 2021**. Thu., **Sep. 16**, 5-7 p.m. Visit Historic Downtown Monument to enjoy a wonderful evening of live music, local artists, outdoor activities, food trucks, and more. Downtownmonument.org. See ad on page 7.
- **Book signing at Art Hop. Covered Treasures**. Meet Margaret Mizushima as she signs her books, including her latest title in the Timbercreek K-9 mystery series, *Striking Range* and Quinn Kayser-Cochran as he signs his title, *Widowmaker*.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society meeting**, Thu, **Sep. 16**, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce-Community Rm., 166 Second St., Monument. "Pikes Peak Trolleys", presenter: John Haney, followed with refreshments. All are welcome. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org. See ad on page 32.
- **Bines and Brews Beer Fest**, Sat., **Sep. 18**, 1-5 pm. Limbach Park. 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
- **XCEL Power Pathway Routing Virtual Town Hall**, Thu., **Sep. 23**, 12-1 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. See ad on page 22.
- **Palmer Lake - Service in the Park Day & Creek Week**, Sat., **Sep. 25**, 9 a.m. Meet on west side of bridge. Please consider volunteering some of your time to make our town look amazing. Wear long sleeves, gloves, etc. A waiver form will be required. See de-

- tails at www.townofpalmerlake.com/ Forms tab and email form to lindseyleiker@gmail.com or call Parks Commission at 719-481-2953.
- **Fountain Creek Watershed Cleanup Week**, Sat., **Sep. 25**-Sun., **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, & create some good for your community and those living downstream. www.fountaincreekweek.com
 - **Monument Hill Kiwanis Empty Bowls Dinner & Silent Auction**, Wed., **Sep. 29**. 5-7:30 p.m. Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd. Soup, bread, dessert and bowl handmade by local artist. Advance tickets available \$25 at these businesses: Clay & Colors, Serranos Coffee, Coffee Cup, Taste of Life, Covered Treasures Bookstore, The Wine Seller, Hamula Orthodontics, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Rock House Ice Cream & More, Tri-Lakes Printing, or MHKiwanis.org. Or \$30 at the door. EmptyBowlsMHK@gmail.com, Pete Peterson 714-271-5947. See ad on page 12.
 - **Wreaths Across America**, Fri. – Sun., **Oct. 1 – 3**. McCord's Garden Center, 105 & McShane. Come show your support! American Heritage Girls. Wreath-sacrossamerica.org. See ad on page 6.
 - **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.
 - **100+ Women Who Care Bi-Annual Meeting**. Wed., **Oct. 20**, 5:30 p.m. Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr, Monument. We are 100+ Women committed to contributing \$100 two times a year to local Tri-Lakes charities, which will positively impact our communities by allowing us to give up to \$20,000 annually. Together we can make a difference that we can see! Big impact, without a big commitment. For more information on how to join us visit: http://www.100womenwhocaretrilakes.com/.
 - **Palmer Lake Historical Society Meeting**, Thu., **Oct. 21**, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce-Community Rm., 166 Second St., Monument. Presenter John Stansfield, *The Long Expedition*, followed with refreshments. All are welcome. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.
 - **Community Business Expo & Job Fair in partnership with Tri-Lakes YMCA**. Thu., **Oct. 21**, 4-7 p.m. Tri-Lakes YMCA, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy. Vendor registration info available soon. See www.trilakeschamber.com/community--business-expo.html.
 - **Palmer Lake Historical Society Meeting**, Thu., **Nov. 18**, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce-Community Rm., 166 Second St., Monument. Presenter Col. Tom Duhs, *Colorado's 10th Mountain Division*, followed with refreshments. All are welcome. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.
 - **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.

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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- 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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