

- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce community room, 166 2nd St., Monument. New members welcome. Info: Post Commander and POC Bruce Beyerly, Bruce.Beyerly@gmail.com.
- **VFW Auxiliary to Post 7829**, third **Wed.**, 7 pm, The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. Guests are welcome to join; contact carlsonmkc@aol.com for instructions on how to connect. If you are a relative of a veteran who served on foreign soil during war or other military action, you may be eligible. Info: Kathy Carlson, 719-488-1902, carlsonmkc@aol.com.
 - **Al-anon Meeting**: Monument Serenity AFG, every **Thu.**, 7-8 pm, Ascent Church (formerly the Tri-Lakes Chapel), 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. Info: MonumentSerenity@gmail.com.
 - **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers**, first **Thu.**, 6:30-8:30 pm at Monument Chamber of Commerce building, 166 2nd St, Monument, CO.
 - **Al-Anon meeting**: Letting Go, every **Thu.**, 9-10:15 am at Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. For additional information go to www.al-anon-co.org.
 - **Networking breakfast**, first and third **Thu.**, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce in person or via Zoom 166 2nd Street Monument 7:30-9 am free registration at www.TriLakeschamber.com.
 - **Fuel Church Griefshare**, every **Thu.**, 5:30-7:30 pm 643 State Highway 105, Palmer Lake. Email info@fuel.org. 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake.
 - **A.A. Big Book Study**, every **Thu.**, 7 pm, Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 675 W. Baptist Rd. Call 425-436-6200, access code 575176#.
 - **Friends of Fox Run Park**, fourth **Thu.** Zoom meeting, 7 pm, email friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com, they will email you the link the day of the meeting. Join the growing group to learn about volunteering and supporting the park for forest safety, trails, trees, education, more. Info: friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com.
 - **Gleneagle Women's Club**, membership luncheon, third **Fri.**, Sept-June, various venues, 12 activity groups, i.e., hiking, bridge, etc. Guests welcome. For information contact Amy Miller (310) 941-1590.
 - **Senior Book Club**, second **Fri.**, 11 am-noon, Silver Alliance Senior Center, all are welcome. Coffee & snacks served. RSVP & info: Sue, 719-330-0241.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **VOLUNTEER TODAY! Our Community News mailing day**, **Thu., Dec 1**; approx. 9 am–2 pm. We are all volunteers at OCN and need YOUR help, even for an hour two, getting the papers ready to mail. Contact AllenAlchian@ocn.me to sign up and get the address and exact times.
- **Food Drive**, **Nov. 1-15**, with Jackson Creek Senior Living, Tri Lakes Cares, non-perishable food items to Jackson Creek Senior Living, 16601 Jackson Creek Parkway. Donations daily 8 a.m. -7 p.m., front lobby, main entrance. Currently needed items: <https://trilakescares.org/donate/current-needs/>.
- **Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild 58th annual Fall arts and crafts show**, **Wed.-Sun., Nov. 2-6**, Free. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd., Black Forest.
- **Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, oil painting class, all levels, Thursdays**, (Reserve for Nov.), 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructor John DeFrancesco. Reg.\$50: <https://trilakesarts.org/event/oil-painting-made-easy/>
- **Forest Mindful Walk**, **Sat., Nov. 5**, 10 am, enjoy the forest, local Native American culturally modified trees (CMT) with Friends of Fox Run Park, Rollercoaster Trailhead, (just south of Baptist Rd).
- **Voter service and polling center collection services** in your neighborhood, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Nov. 4,5**; 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Nov. 7, 8**, the Barn, Woodmoor community center; dropbox 24/7 monument park and ride. see ad on page 11,
- **Pikes Peak brewing company beer release** **Wed., Nov. 9**, beer dinner **Nov. 13**; reservations required www.pikespeakbrewing.com. See Ad page 13,
- **Pikes Peak Genealogical Society**, **Wed., Nov. 9**, 6:30pm Zoom hangout, 7 pm start; 2nd Wednesdays, guests welcome. Usually meets at The Venue, Library 21c 1175 Chapel Hills Drive Colorado Springs (currently only Zoom). Info: ppgsPresident@ppgs.com
- **Tri-Lakes Monument radio Association**, Details: Contact Bob Witte, 719-659-3727.
- **Covered Treasures Bookstore**, **Sat., Nov. 5**, 11-3, artists, Linda Parobek and Beth Ove (11-1), authors, GaGa Gabardi and Judilee Butler(1-3) sign *Phoebe Korneal Cozy Mystery* series. **Sat., Nov. 26**, 1-3. Small Business Saturday: Barbara Bowen signs *Ballistics at the Ballet* and Valerie Niemergl signs *Elly Uncomposed*. **Sat., Dec. 3**, 1-3. Small Town Christmas. Heidi Koland, *If I Could Ride a Train*. 105 Second Street, Monument.
- **Tri Lakes Women's Club monthly meeting**. **Wed., Nov. 9**, 11:30 am, Speaker: Matt Mayberry, Director, Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, *Heritage of the Pikes Peak region*, upcoming projects. Eisenhower Golf Club, USAFA, 3170 Golf Course Rd. TLWC members. To join: membership@tlwc.net
- **MVEA High Schoolers, Summer Trip contest**. Deadline **Nov. 10**. College scholarships contact Erica Meyer, 719-494-2654. See ad on page 9.
- **Holiday boutique & Bake sale**, St Peter Catholic Church **Sat., Nov. 12**, 9:00 -3:00 p.m. 124 1st Street, Monument. See Ad page 2,
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Networking, Non-profit night**, **Tue., Nov. 15**, 5 pm–7:00 pm, members free, \$15 for non-members. Details: [\[chamber.com\]\(http://chamber.com\). 719-481-3282.

 - **Fundraiser for Friends of Fox Run Park** **Wed., Nov. 16**, Green District Salads, 7 Spectrum Loop, Suite 110. 30% of sales from 3 - 7 pm donated to Friends of Fox Run Park to build trails, nature education, more. Info: \[friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com\]\(mailto:friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com\)
 - **FriendsGive!** **Wed., Nov. 16**, Tri-Lakes Cares, Trails & Open Space Coalition, Paws N Hooves, and Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates. Door prizes, make donations, tastings \(alcohol and non-alcohol\), hors d'oeuvres, music by Black Rose Acoustic Society. Black Forest Community Club, 12530 Black Forest Road, Black Forest, CO 80908
 - **Palmer Lake Historical Society**, **Thu., Nov. 17**; doors open 6:30, 7:00 pm meeting. Honoring veterans, Jim Sawatzki will present his film, *The Life and Times of General William Jackson Palmer, Civil War hero, Palmer Lake namesake*. Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent St.
 - **Tri-Lakes Women's Club, Joys of the Season holiday home tour** **Fri. and Sat. Nov. 18-19**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: \[www.joysoftheseasonht.org\]\(http://www.joysoftheseasonht.org\). See ad on page 2.
 - **Bearbotics' MITEE Gobble Squabble**, **Sat, Nov. 19**, 10-2pm. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Robot demonstrations & scrimmage matches. Food concessions, merchandise fundraising. Grace Best, 55 Adams St. More information: \[enable@monumentalimpact.org\]\(mailto:enable@monumentalimpact.org\). See ad on page 6.
 - **YMCA 5K race series, one great cause. Turkey Trot** **Thu., Nov. 24**, Jungle jog **Sat., Dec. 10**. Stroller and dog friendly. See ad on page 6.
 - **Small business Saturday** **Sat., Nov. 26**, historic downtown Monument, See Ad page 11,
 - **Alpaca holiday extravaganza**, **Sat. & Sun., Nov. 26, 27**. Sa- 9:00 to 5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 - 4:00 pm. Southeastern Colorado alpaca breeders 17th annual extravaganza: meet alpacas, experience the luxury of alpaca garments, fashion and accessories. Black Forest Community Club, 12350 Black Forest Road North of Shoup Rd. See ad page 7,
 - **MVEA outdoor power equipment giveaway entry deadline**, **Mon, Nov. 30**. Details: \[www.mvea.coop/greengiveaway\]\(http://www.mvea.coop/greengiveaway\).
 - **MVEA co-op connections member benefit program**. Find discounts from local merchants. See ad page 9,
 - **A Better Hearing Center**, free hearing screenings through **Nov. 30**, 574 W. Hwy 105. Monument. .
 - **Affordable flooring connection** special offers through **Nov. 30**, see ad on page 2
 - **Cornerstone Cleaners**, special offers through **Nov. 30**. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
 - **Eagle Wine & Spirits**, special offers through **Nov. 30**. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
 - **Monument Cleaners**, special offers through **Nov. 30**. 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
 - **Monumental Med Spa**, special offers through **Nov. 30**; at the loft, 4 Hwy. 105 Palmer Lake. See ad on page 7.
 - **Noel Relief Centers**, new patient special. 950 Baptist Rd #130, Monument. See ad on page 7.
 - **Pure Romance by Amy Yocum-Vos**, special offers through **Nov. 30**. \[www.pureromance.com/AmyYocum-vos\]\(http://www.pureromance.com/AmyYocum-vos\). See ad on page 4.
 - **The Living Room Plants**, special offers through **Nov. 30**. 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.
 - **YMCA fall sports sign up now**, \[www.ppyymca.org/sports\]\(http://www.ppyymca.org/sports\). See ad on page 6.
 - **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club 16th Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair**. **Sat, Dec, 3**,](http://www.trilakes-</div><div data-bbox=)

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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- 9-4pm, Grace Best Education Center, 66 Jefferson Street. See ad page 16,
- **New Fangled Nutcracker** **Sat., Dec. 10**, 5:00 p.m. Ent center for the arts. See ad page 5,
- 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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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 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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