

cies on weekly repeater nets so neighbors can help neighbors. Sign up at www.mereowx.org/neighborhood-net or contactus@mereowx.org.

- Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations (NEPCO) meeting, Sat., Nov. 11, 10 am-12 pm., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. HOA legal topics. Members of local HOAs are welcome. Usually meets bi-monthly (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sep., Nov.) on the second Sat. of the month. www.nepco.org.
- Palmer Divide Quiltmakers, first Thu., 6:30-8:30 pm at Monument Chamber of Commerce building, 166 2nd St, Monument, CO.
- Palmer Lake Art Group, second Sat. A variety of art programs are offered after the social gathering and business meetings. Guests welcome. 300 Hwy 105, NE corner of I-25 and 105. 9:30 am. Info: 719-460-4179, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society, Thu., Nov. 16, 7 pm; (doors open at 6:30 pm), Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent St. Usually meets third Thu. Contact: kokesdm@yahoo.com, <https://palmerdividehistory.org>.
- Pikes Peak Genealogical Society meeting, Wed., Nov. 8, 7 pm, guest speaker Lisa Alzo. Meets monthly, second Wed. Members can log in and get the monthly meeting Zoom link. Guests are welcome to attend, please request an invitation from the PPGS president at www.PPGS.org.
- Ridgeview Baptist Church, every Sun., 10:30 am, temporarily meeting at 9130 Explorer Dr., Colorado Springs, 80920. Info: 719-357-6515 or www.ridgeviewcolorado.org. See ad on page 6.
- Senior Bingo, third Wed. Silver Alliance Senior Center, Space is limited to 16. participants. RSVP & info: Sue Walker, 719-464-6873, or email sue@monumentalfitness.
- Senior Book Club, second Fri., 11 am-noon, Silver Alliance Senior Center, all are welcome. Coffee & snacks. RSVP & info: Sue, 719-330-0241.
- Tri-Lakes Parkinson's Disease Support Group, third Sat., 10 am-noon, Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Info: Syble Krafft, 719-488-2669; Barry (group president), 719-351-9485. If you need any help, please call Syble or Barry.
- Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, Worship every Sun., 9 am Contemporary; 10:30 am Traditional. A live stream is available at www.tlumc.org/live. Watch live or replay: www.facebook.com/tlumc, www.youtube.com/tlumc.org. Info: 719-488-1365, www.tlumc.org. 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. See ad on page 2.
- Tri-Lakes Church of Christ Wednesday night fellowship classes, every Wed., 6-7:30 pm, 20450 Beacon Lite Road, Monument (corner of Beacon Lite & County Line Roads). Info: 719-488-9613, gregsmith@trilakeschurch.org, www.trilakeschurch.org.
- Tri-Lakes Cruisers, first Wed., 7 pm. A nonprofit car club. Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce community room, with numerous activities and events each month. Club membership applications are now being accepted and are available on the website: <https://tl-cruisers.weebly.com>.
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Networking breakfast, first and third Thu., in person or via Zoom 166 2nd Street Monument 7:30-9 am free registration at www.TriLakeschamber.com.
- Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) monthly meeting. Fri., Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m. Falcon Club, USAFA. Chicos Fashion Show: fun fashion show, latest styles for holiday parties, or something new for the winter season. Usually meets the third Fri. To become a member, or learn about the club, visit our website at www.tlwc.net Contact Info: Tri-Lakes Women's Club membership@tlwc.net.
- Women's A. A. Step Study, every Mon., 6:30 pm, meeting remotely, check for details. Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 675 Baptist Rd. Park in the west lot. Info: 866-641-9190. Al-Anon Zoom Meeting, Just for Today Online, every Mon., 9:00 - 10:00 am Zoom Meeting ID: 889 4142 7446, Password 349309
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829, third Wed., 7 pm, 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- VOLUNTEER TODAY! Our Community News mailing days, Thu., Nov. 2 & Nov. 30, approx. 9 am-2 pm. We are all volunteers at OCN and need YOUR help, even for an hour or two, getting the papers ready to mail. Contact AllenAlchian@ocn.me or (719) 488-3455.
- 59th Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Guild Show & Sale, free. Wed.-Sun., Nov. 1-5. Wed. 4-7 pm., Thu.-Sat. 9 am-7 pm, Sun 10 am-2 pm. Black Forest & Shoup Rd, Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Road, Black Forest, CO. BFACG is a supporter of Black Forest area scholarships, food pantries. (non-perishable donations welcome)
- Covered Treasures Bookstore Book November Signings, Sat., Nov. 4, 1-3 pm, Susan Miura signs Signs in the Dark, Shard of Light, Healer, Surviving Carmelita and Falling in Love; Fleur Bradley signs Daybreak at Raven Island and Midnight at the Barclay Hotel; Sat., Nov. 11, 1-3 pm, Walt Larimore signs At First Light: A True World War II Story of a Hero, His Bravery and an Amazing Horse; Sat., Nov. 18, 1-3 pm, Kimberlee Gard signs Mighty Silent E, The Day Punctuation Came to Town and Little I Who Lost His D.OT and Jamie Siebrase signs Tonight, A Bedtime Story; Sat., Nov. 25, 11 am-2 pm, Lisa Hatfield signs To Melt a Snowdrift and Diane Sawatzki signs The Land of Now. 105 Second Street, Monument.
- Make It Work Clinic for PCs, FREE. Donations appreciated. We are gauging interest in helping community members with their PCs, please email us if interested. enable@monumentalimpact.org. 55 Adams St

in Downtown Monument. Monumental Impact info/register: <https://monumentalimpact.org>.

- Tri-Lakes Women's Club Third Annual Joys of the Season Holiday Home Tour, Fri.-Sat., Nov. 17-18, 10-4 pm. Inspirations for 2023 season. Five locations in Northern El Paso County - beginning at Woodmoor Barn (1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument, CO 80132). Tickets \$25 single, \$45 pair. For details, visit <https://www.joysoftheseasonht.org>
- Alpaca holiday extravaganza, Sat., Nov. 18, 9-5pm Sun., Nov. 19, 10 am-4 pm. Black Forest Community Club 12350 Black Forest Rd. See add on page 7.
- Community Technology & Engineering Networking Meeting, Sat., Nov. 18, 9 am-10 am. Join community members to network and connect. Hosted by Monumental Impact. Breakfast and refreshments available. 55 Adams St., Monument. Contact: enable@monumentalimpact.org.
- The MITEE Gobble Squabble: A Technology & Engineering Exhibition presented by D38's Bearbotics, Sat., Nov. 18, 10 am-5 pm. FREE entertainment of student-built robots, scrimmage matches, ant-weight combat bots (adults can compete too!), project shares and more. Grace Best in Monument. More information: <https://monumentalimpact.org/events/mitee-gobblesquabble/>. See ad on page 5.
- International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. Annual community and worldwide event Sat., Nov. 18. Speaker, kids panel, adults panel and discussion, refreshments, more. Woodman Valley Chapel. Details: www.woodmenvalley.org or contact Saucedo 719-488-8280.
- YMCA 5K race series: Turkey trot, Thu., Nov. 23; Jingle jog, Sat., Dec. 9. See ad on page 6.
- A Time to Dance: Believe, dance performance, Mon., Dec. 18, 6 pm. See ad on page 4.
- Affordable Flooring Connection: Sales and installation. See ad on page 2.
- Book signing, To Melt a Snowdrift, by Lisa Hatfield, Sat., Nov. 25, 11 am-2 pm. Covered Treasures bookstore. See ad on page 5.
- Borders Decks - Specializing in wooden and steel deck construction. Winter specials. See ad on page 11.
- A Christmas Shop at the Monastery, Sun., Nov. 5 -Fri., Dec. 1, Homemade goodies and handcrafted items. Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery, 3190 Benet Ln, 80921. See ad on page 3.
- Cornerstone Cleaners, special offers through Nov. 30. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
- Downtown Monument shop local special events: Holiday Open House: Fri.-Sat., Nov. 3-4, 11 am-4 pm; Black Friday: Nov. 24, 10 am-5 pm; Small Business Saturday: Nov. 25, 10 am-5 pm; Small Town Christmas: Sat. Dec. 2, 10 am-4 pm; North Pole Craft Show: Sat., Dec. 2, 9 am-4 pm; Tree Lighting: Sat., Dec. 2, 5 pm; Sunday with Santa: Dec. 10, 11 am-4 pm. See ad on page 2.
- Eagle Wine & Spirits, special offers through Nov. 30. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
- Eric Elison, Lightfoot of the Rockies, Gordon Lightfoot Tribute. Fri., Nov. 17, 7-9 pm, Stargazers theater, Colorado Springs. See ad on page 4.
- Freedom School of Martial Arts. Special confidence courses and more. See ad on page 4 and 15.
- Gleneagle Candle Co., Special offers through Nov. 30. 13796 Gleneagle Drive 80921. See ad on page 4.
- Monument Cleaners, special offers through Nov. 30. 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
- Monumental Med Spa, One day only special Black Friday event and other special offers through Nov. 30. 88 Hwy 105. See ads on page 7 and 11.
- Noel Relief Centers, New patient specials. 950 Baptist Rd #130, Monument. See ad on page 7.
- Peak View Windows: Stucco siding, doors and more. Special offers through Nov. 30. See ad on page 24.
- The Living Room Plants, special offers through Nov. 30. 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.
- Tri-Lakes Collision and Auto Service Center, special offers through Nov. 30. 2101 Wolf Court, Monument. www.trilakescollision.com. See ad on page 5.
- The Vanity Box, special offers, facial revivals, and more. See ad on page 3.
- Eagle Wine and Spirits Paws N Hooves Fundraiser, Fri., Dec. 1, 6-8 pm, Wine Tasting, BBQ, Dessert Pairing, and Silent Auction. Black Forest Community Club, 12530 Black Forest Road. Tickets: on-line \$35, at the door \$50. www.eaglewineandspirit.com. See ad on page 2.
- Kiwanis 17th Annual North Pole at Tri Lakes arts and crafts fair. Sat., Dec. 2, 9 am-4 pm. See ad on page 9.
- S'more Holiday Fun at Fox Run Park, FREE! Sat., Dec. 9, 1-3 pm. Join the fun: hot cocoa, Fireside s'mores,

ornament crafts. Bring your pooch for the costume pooch parade. At the warming hut and gazebo beside the ponds at Fox Run Regional Park. Details: FriendsOFoxRunPark@gmail.com. See ad on page 5.

- St. Peter Catholic Church Christmas concert for the community: Oh Come, Emmanuel. Friday, Dec. 15, 7 pm. 55 north Jefferson Street Monument. See ad on page 2.

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 send the information to calendar@ocn.me or Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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- 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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Saturday, Dec. 2

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Letters to the editor due: Fri., Nov. 17
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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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