

- 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, third Thu., 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., Dec. 13, 7 pm, guest speaker Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches, and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics. 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.com.
 - 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, every Sun., Contemporary 9 am; Traditional 10:30 am. 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., Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m. Program: Holiday performance by the Knotty Pines singers, Eisenhower Golf Club, USAFA. 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. 30 & Jan. 4, approx. 9 am-12 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.
- Kiwanis 17th Annual North Pole at Tri Lakes arts and crafts fair. Sat., Dec. 2, 9 am-4 pm.
- Covered Treasures Bookstore, December Book Signings: Sat., Dec. 2, 11-2 pm, for the Small Town Christmas event: Margi Evans signs Stallion and His Peculiar Boy and Susan Permut signs The Christmas Camel; 1-3 pm, Deborah Teske signs Bear Who Wanted to Find Tomorrow. Sat., Dec. 9, 1-4. Jason Dennen signs 8 Days Until Sunrise and Frankie Morelli signs his cookbook, The Mobb Diet. Sun., Dec. 10, 1-3 pm, Nancy Godbout Jurka signs Magic on the Mountainside. Sat., Dec. 16, noon-3 pm. Christina Holbrook signs All the Flowers of the Mountain, Mike Torreano signs Fireflies at Dusk and Sarah Dressler signs Christmas Cove. 105 Second Street, Monument.
- S'more Holiday Fun at Fox Run Park, FREE!

- Sat., Dec. 9, 1-3 pm. Join the fun: hot cocoa, Fire-side 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: FriendsOfFoxRunPark@gmail.com. See ad on page 5.
- YMCA 5K race series: Jingle jog, Sat., Dec. 9. See ad on page 6.
- 2023 Yule Log Community Potluck - make the souvenir logs is Wed., Dec. 13, 6-9 pm, bring a dish to share. Meet your neighbors and share in the holiday spirit. Men whittle the logs and women tie the bow. FREE and open to the public; 42 Valley Crescent St., Palmer Lake.
- St. Peter Catholic Church presents Oh Come, Emmanuel, Fri., Dec. 15, 7 pm. Free concert for the community 55 North Jefferson Street Monument. Also accepting donations to benefit Tri Lakes Cares. See ad on page 2.
- The Tri Lakes Music Association presents My Christmas Prayer, Fri.-Sat., Dec. 15-16, 7 pm; Sun., Dec. 17, 2 pm, Palmer Ridge high school auditorium, 19255 Frontage Rd., Monument. See ad on page 2.
- 2023 Yule Log Festival, Sun., Dec. 17, noon - 3 pm. Meet your neighbors and share in the holiday spirit. FREE and open to the public. Come see the Celebration in its 90th year. The finder of the log gets the first cup of wassil; 42 Valley Crescent St., Palmer Lake.
- A Time to Dance: Believe, dance performance, Mon., Dec. 18, 6 pm. See ad on page 4.
- Winter Break Steam Camp, Tue., Dec. 19, and Thu., Dec. 21, at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry. Full day and half day sessions available. Grades 3-5. Call 719-488-0880 or email education@wmmi.org. Info: www.wmmi.org.
- 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>.
- Affordable Flooring Connection: Sales and installation. See ad on page 2.
- Cornerstone Cleaners, special offers through Dec. 31. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
- Downtown Monument Shop Local special events: 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: Sun., Dec. 10, 11 am-4 pm. See ad on page 2.
- Eagle Wine & Spirits, special offers through Dec. 31. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
- Gleneagle Candle Co., Special offers through Dec. 31. 13796 Gleneagle Drive 80921. See ad on page 4.
- The Love Shop: Restyle your furs, Wed.-Thu., Jan. 10-11; 251 Front St. See ad on page 10.
- Monument Cleaners, special offers through Dec. 31. 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
- Monumental Med Spa, Special offers through Dec. 31. 88 Hwy 105. See ads on page 7.
- Mountain View Pella windows, BOGO offer. See ad on page 24.
- 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 Dec. 31. See ad on page 24.
- The Living Room Plants, special offers through Dec. 31. 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.

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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Contact John Heiser, Publisher, at johnheiser@ocn.me or (719) 488-3455 with any questions.

- Tri-Lakes Collision and Auto Service Center, special offers through Dec. 31. 2101 Wolf Court, Monument. www.trilakescollision.com. See ad on page 5.
- Trinity Lutheran Church Christmas Eve worship times: Sun., Dec. 24, 3 pm, 5 pm. See ad on page 7.
- YMCA Youth basketball, register today. See ad on page 6.
- Palmer Lake Outdoor Classic Youth hockey camp, foundation game event, Sat. Jan. 6, 9-11 am. Adult Tournery Sun., Jan. 7, 3:30-7 pm, more. Fireworks, fire pits, food trucks. Event at the lake on the ice at Palmer Lake, CO. Sign up: PalmerLakeOutdoorclassic@gmail.com and <https://www.locallevelvents.com/events/details/30916>.
- FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Qualifier, Sat., Jan 13, 7 am-5 pm. Bear Creek Elementary School. Help D38's 1st robotics qualifier be a success in our region! These events are ALL volunteer with opportunities for both adults and students (middle school through high school) to contribute. Training is provided if needed for a volunteer role. Email us at volunteer@bearbotics.org. More information: <https://monumentalimpact.org/events/ftc-pikes-peak-qualifier-2024/>.

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 gen-

Letters to Our Community

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.

If you have not received an acknowledgement two days after your email submission or one week after you mailed your letter, please contact John Heiser, Publisher, at (719) 488-3455 or editor@ocn.me. At OCN's sole discretion, we may ask you for clarification of your statements. Include references, such as website links, in your letter for any facts and figures you cite. OCN does not guarantee every letter will appear in print or on-line and does not guarantee a publication date. The number of letters printed on a particular topic or in a particular issue may be limited. Letters containing personal attacks or endorsements for or complaints about individually-named commercial products or services will not be published.

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