

- 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#.
 - **Palmer Lake Historical Society**, **Thu.**, **Feb. 16**, 6:00- 8:00 pm. Usually meets third **Thu.**, meeting 7:30pm. Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent St.
 - **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.
 - **Tri-Lakes Women's Club** (TLWC) monthly meeting: **Fri.**, **Feb. 17**, 11 am, Falcon Club, USAFA. Program: Katie and Joe Uveges, father-daughter Singer/songwriter local duo with a focus on folk/country/bluegrass. Third **Fri.** Meetings open to TLWC members. 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
 - **Senior Book Club**, second **Fri.**, 11 am-noon, Silver Alliance Senior Center, all are welcome. Coffee & snacks served. RSVP & info: Sue, 719-330-0241.
 - **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.
 - **Monument Dementia Caregiver Support Group**, Second **Sat.**, 9:45-11:15 am. Meets in Person, First National Bank Monument (581 Highway 105, Monument, CO 80132). Meets monthly, 2nd Sat. Contact: Registration is required, call 800-272-3900 or email khare@alz.org to register.
 - **Tri-Lakes Monument radio Association**, Details: Contact Bob Witte, 719-659-3727.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **VOLUNTEER TODAY! Our Community News mailing day**, **Thu.**, **Mar. 2**; 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.
- **Winter Fun at Fox Run**, **Sat.**, **Feb. 4**, 10 am-2 pm, celebrate winter's beauty: roast hot dogs and marshmallows, live music, wagon hayrides, storytelling, dog costume contest and parade with prizes for the winners, games, and more. Fox Run Regional Park, \$5/person includes food and all activities. Prepaid registration at www.elpasocountynaturecenters.com. All proceeds support a new nature center in Fox Run Regional Park.
- **Palmer Lake business workshop series**, **Thu.**, **Feb. 9**, Social Media Workshop, coffee and a light breakfast for attendees. \$17/person. Register now: info@palmerlakecolorado.org. Palmer Lake Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake.
- **Free chess tournament**, all k-12 students in Lewis-Palmer School District #38 area, **Sat. Feb. 11**, 2023, Bear Creek Elementary School (a new location). Reg. begins 8:15 a.m., First Round 9:00 a.m. Please arrive by 8:40 a.m. Play is 4 rounds, Tournament should be over by 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is encouraged so we can order sufficient trophies and medals for all participants. Pre-register each student at: shorturl.at/mWX36. Chess sets will be provided. Children should bring their own snacks. Event is selling

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- pizza and sodas as a fundraiser. Contact Steve Waldmann, the Tournament Director and Bear Creek Elementary Chess Club Coach at husk-erco@gmail.com. If you know of an adult who would like to be one of our Tournament Referees, contact Steve Waldmann.
- **D38 Talent Show application due date**, **Sat.**, **Feb. 11**, auditions **Sat.**, **Feb. 25**. Info: monument-hillkiwanis.org.
 - **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Networking**, **Tue.**, **Feb. 14**, 5 pm-7:00 pm, members free, \$15 for non-members. Details: www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
 - **Wildfire Neighborhood Ambassador Program**: 2023 Kick-off Meeting. **Tues.**, **Feb. 21**, 7 - 8:30 p.m., learn to reduce wildland fire risk, earn a free wood chipper rental for your neighborhood. TLUMC EPG offering a FREE course (on Zoom) to share information to organize neighbors and implement wildfire risk reduction projects in your own neighborhood. See Eventbrite.com, search “wildfire neighborhood ambassador” for more info and to sign up, or write to Andre’ at epg@tlumc.org.
 - **Black Forest Saddle Club: awards ceremony for top equestrians for 2022 show season**, **Sat.**, **Feb. 25**, 3 pm, includes officer elections. Refreshments provided. Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Contact styfree451@gmail.com or visit BlackForestSaddleClub.com.
 - **Affordable Flooring Connection**, special offers through **Feb. 28**. see ad on page 2.
 - **Cornerstone Cleaners**, special offers through **Feb. 28**. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
 - **Eagle Wine & Spirits**, special offers through **Feb. 28**. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
 - **MVEA board nominations** by committee due **Thu.**, **Mar. 16** and petition due **Apr. 6**. See ad on page 9.
 - **Monument Cleaners**, special offers through **Feb. 28**, 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
 - **Monumental Med Spa**, special offers through **Feb. 28** 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.
 - **Pikes Peak Brewing Co.**, pop up smokehouse **Fri. & Sat.**, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr. See ad on page 13.
 - **Tri-lakes Collision**, special offers through **Feb. 28**. See ad on page 5.
 - **The Living Room Plants**, special offers through **Feb. 28**. 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.
 - **McCord's Garden center opens**, **Wed.**, **Mar. 1**, Book projects before Mar. 1 for a special offer. 2720 McShane Dr, Monument,(Corner of Hwy 105 & McShane Dr.) See ad on page 4.

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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- **YMCA youth sports registration**: Flag Football, Volleyball & Soccer Season starts **Apr. 3**. Info: ppymca.org/sports. See ad on page 6.

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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- 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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