

been damaged. The Forest Service relies on FOMP to maintain these trails. Tools will be provided.

- GriefShare Support Group, last Tue. of the month, 10:30 am-noon. NEW LOCATION: Tri-Lakes Senior Center, 66 Jefferson St. in the Grace Best Elementary School building. The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance has partnered with Colorado Palliative and Hospice Care to host a 13-session grief support group in Monument. RSVP, info: Sue Walker, 719-330-0241.
- Colorado Springs Philharmonic Guild Listening Club, third Wed. Free virtual event. Maestro Wilson will conduct monthly hour-long programs. RSVP at www.cspguild.org.
- Gleneagle Sertoma, first and third Wed., 11:45 am to 1 pm at Beasts and Brews, 7 Spectrum Loop, Colorado Springs. The longest continuously serving civic service organization in northern El Paso County features a program speaker addressing local topics of interest. Duane Gritzmaker, dwgritz@gmail.com or 719-649-9220.
- Downsizers Club, free. Every second Wed. 1-2 pm. Next meeting Aug. 9. Discover how to get more out of your golden years, age in place, help yourself or your parents sift through the "treasures", leverage the value of your current home, and more. Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Huntingdowns Way, Monument. To sign up contact Amanda: AmandaHinnen@Homescolorado.com
- Senior Social, fourth Wed., 12455 Black Forest Rd. Info: www.aarpchapter1100blackforest.weekly.com.
- Pikes Peak Genealogical Society meeting, Wed., Aug. 9, "Unusual places to find births and naturalizations" by Debra Dudek. 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 PPGS.org.
- Tri-Lakes Church of Christ Wednesday night fellowship classes, every Wed., 6-7:30 pm, 20450 Beacon Lite Road, Monument (corner of Beacon Lite & Country 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>.
- AARP Black Forest #1100, second Wed., noon. All ages welcome. In-person, Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd.
- 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.
- 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.
- Pikes Peak Genealogical Society, Wed., Aug. 16, 6:30 pm, hangout begins, 7 pm meeting begins. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting via Zoom, contact the PPGS President@PPGS.org.
- Al-anon Meeting: Monument, 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#.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society, no meeting in August. (Usually meets third Thu., 7 pm; doors open at 6:30 pm) Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent St., Contact: Kokesdm@yahoo.com <https://palmerdividehistory.org>
- 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, special events, and more. Info: friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com.
- Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) monthly meeting, now on summer break, usually 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.
- Senior Book Club, second Fri., 11 am-noon, Silver Alliance Senior Center, all are welcome. Coffee & snacks. 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, at (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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- VOLUNTEER TODAY! Our Community News mailing days, Thu., Aug. 3 & 31, 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 Allen Alchian@ocn.me.
- Monument Hill Farmers Market, every Sat., 8 am-2 pm. 66 Jefferson Street Monument. See ad on page 5.
- YMCA summer day camp, through Aug 4, Info: www.pymca.org/daycamp. See ad on page 6.
- Annual Hummingbird Festival at Happy Landing

- Ranch, Fri.-Sat., Aug. 4-5, 10 am-3 pm. Hummingbird watch & hourly talk, books, gifts; meet baby alpacas, enjoy fair booths, old-timey games, make giant bubbles, and more.
- Western Museum of Mining and Industry events, Farm stand, every Mon. & Wed. 9 am-6 pm; Tue., Aug. 8, 4-5 pm, Lecture: Alexander Film Company of Colorado Springs; Sat. Aug. 12, 10-3 pm, Family Day.
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Networking, Tue., Aug. 8, 5 pm-7:00 pm, members free, \$15 for non-members. Details: www.trilakeschamber.com. 719-481-3282.
- Trivia in the Park at Fox Run Regional Park. Wed. Aug. 9, 6 am-7:30 pm, Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Drive, Colorado Springs, CO, 80921. Info: (719) 520-7529.
- LAST Concert in the Park, Wed., Aug. 9, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Limbach Park.
- Love shop, Restyle your furs event, Thu.-Fri., Aug. 10-11, 10 am-5 pm, 251 Front St., see ad on page 20.
- El Santo Vaquero Free Special Events: Thu. Aug. 10, 7-8 pm, Abracadabra, "The Power of Words," Thu., Aug. 17, 5-8 pm during Art Hop, guest artist Janet Sellers will paint live in the courtyard; "Expression Through Art" class 7-8, author Christian Kurz 7-8 pm, 213 Washington St., Monument. Info: (719) 358-9421.
- Kings Deer Community Garage Sale, Fri.-Sun., Aug. 11-13; details: www.kingsdeer.org, see ad on page 5
- 24th annual Free Community Pig Roast and client appreciation event, Fri., Aug.11, 5:30-7:30 pm rain or shine, 236 N. Washington St., Monument. See ad on page 8.
- Kiwanis peaches pick up: Customers must pick up peaches ordered through Kiwanis on Sat., Aug. 12, 10 am- 2:00 pm at Bear Creek Elementary School 1330 Creekside Dr., Monument. Kiwanis meets Saturdays at Big Red 146 North Jefferson at 8:00 am.
- Art Hop, Thu., Aug 17, 5-8 pm., Your chance to enjoy the eclectic downtown Monument experience, buy local art, visit galleries, artists, see live demonstrations, musicians, and more. Downtown Monument. Every third Thu. through Sep. Free. See ad on page 2.
- Covered Treasures Bookstore, Art Hop, Thu., Aug. 17, 5-8 pm, author Mark Stevens will sign his baseball novel, Fireballer, 105 Second Street, Monument. Info: 719-481-2665.
- Christmas dance performance open for auditions, Sat., Aug. 19, ages 6-18. A Time to Dance. See add on page 6.
- Benet Hill Monastery, Earth Day in August. Sat., Aug. 26, 9 am-1:30 pm. Register at www.bennethillmonisterry.org/your-spiritual-journey/retreats/Earth-Day-Retreat. See ad on page 3.
- Pikes Peak Brewing Company presents John Denver tribute, Sun., Aug. 27, 1- 4 p.m (Hickabee); 6-9 pm (Cowboy Brad and the Tropicowboys). 1756 Lakewood Moore Drive Monument. See ad on page 2.
- YMCA fall youth sports registration, YMCA.org/sports. Season starts Aug. 28. See ad on page 2.
- 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, Kid's Robotics, tech, drone Summer Workshops, and Camps. More info/ register: <https://monumentalimpact.org/workshops/>.
- St Peter Catholic School, now enrolling preschool to 8th grade, PetertheRockschool.org See ad on page 2.
- Affordable Flooring Connection, summer specials. see ad on page 2.
- Cornerstone Cleaners, special offers through Aug. 31. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
- Crystal's in-home personal training. Free consultation. See ad on page 3.
- Eagle Wine & Spirits, special offers through Aug. 31. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
- Gleneagle Candle Co., special offers through Aug. 31. 13796 Gleneagle Drive 80921. See ad on page 4.
- Monument Cleaners, special offers through Aug. 31, 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
- Monumental Med Spa, special offers for August. See ad on page 7.
- Noel Relief Centers, new patient specials. 950 Baptist Rd #130, Monument. See ad on page 7.
- The Living Room Plants, special offers through Aug. 31, 12229 Voyager Pkwy, Suite 100. See ad on page 5.
- Palmer Lake Wellness: mention the ad for special offer, see ad on page 12.
- The Vanity Box, special offers, facial revivals, and more. See ad on page 3.
- Tri-Lakes Collision and Auto Service Center, special offers through Aug. 31. 2101 Wolf Court, Monument. www.trilakescollision.com. See ad on page 5.

- Labor Day weekend art festival: Sat.-Mon., Sep. 2-4, 10-5 pm, Free, Manitou Springs Memorial Park. See ad on page 9.
- Never Dead Riders Motorcycle Group Poker Run, Sat., Sep. 23. Non-profit to raise funds to help people with a family member with cancer. Info: www.neverdeadriders.net

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.

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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