

Mar. 5, 4-6 p.m., Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Pikes Peak Outlaws is a community of "like minded" racing enthusiasts who like to spend their weekends scraping rubber onto road/dirt. PikesPeak-Outlaws@yahoo.com, www.facebook.com/PikesPeak-Outlaws.

- **Green4Green Tailgate Kickoff Party, Sat., Mar. 5,** 5-9 p.m., Monument Academy, 1150 Village Ridge Point, Monument. Live auction conducted by Schur Success Benefit Auctioneers, dozens of silent auction items, raffle drawing of a 2008 Harley Davidson Sportster motorcycle, door prize drawings, food stations (Mexican, BBQ, and more!), music, and fun. Childcare provided. All proceeds from this fundraising event will be used for a green turf playing field for Monument Academy students. Tickets: \$35 general admission, \$50 VIP admission. Purchase tickets online and event details at www.universe.com/magreen4greentailgatekickoff.
- **D-38 Middle School and High School Parent/Guardian Resource Night, Mon., Mar. 7,** 6-8 p.m., District Administration Building, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Expert presenters from our community will offer information regarding social media, internet safety, substance abuse, risky behaviors, school counseling services, and other issues facing our youth. Due to the nature of content, this is an adult only event. Info: 488-4700.
- **D-38 Career Awareness Event, Tue., Mar. 8,** 5:45-8:30 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Palmer Ridge and Lewis-Palmer high school students are invited for pizza and informal visits with local professionals about careers in the fields of medicine, law, non-profit, engineering, finance, journalism, horses, meteorology, and more. Info: 488-4700.
- **Basics of Bookkeeping: Part 1, Wed., Mar. 9,** 9 a.m.-noon, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 166 Second St., Monument. This free workshop is for the entrepreneur with little or no experience in business accounting, and is taught by a local CPA, Paul DuMond. The workshop will cover functions of record keeping: cash versus accrual systems; recording transactions; revenue, expenses, and depreciations; and accounts payable and receivable. This seminar is great for both small-business owners and business assistants in charge of financial transactions and record-keeping. To register: www.chamberorganizer.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=207852. For more classes, visit www.pikespeaksbdc.org.
- **Palmer Lake Elementary School (PLES) Library Silent Auction and Dinner, Wed., Mar. 9,** 5:30-8:30 p.m., The Depot Restaurant, 11 Primrose St., Palmer Lake. Stop by for dinner and 50% of your bill will be donated to the PLES Library. Bid on silent auction items provided by Pro Players Association. Info: 488-4760, dwilson@lewispalmer.org.
- **Monument Board of Trustees Candidate Forum, Wed., Mar. 9,** 6-8 p.m., District 38 Administration Building, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Meet the candidates and find out their positions on the issues that matter to you. The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce is hosting. Info: 884-8017.
- **Lewis-Palmer School District School Board Parent Coffee, Thu., Mar. 10,** 9-10:30 a.m., Learning Center (north entrance), 146 Jefferson St., Monument. All parents of D-38 students are invited to join school board members for refreshments and informal conversation. Info: 481-9546.
- **LPHS Spring Play: Great Expectations, Thu.-Sat., Mar. 10-12,** 7 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 children. Tickets available at www.showtix4u.com.
- **Permian Basin String Quartet Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., **Mar. 11,** 6 p.m., members only priority seating; 6:15 p.m., general admission; 7 p.m., Showtime, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. The acclaimed musicians from Odessa, TX, will perform Brahms Quartet in A minor and Beethoven Quartet No. 16, Op. 135 in F Major. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$8; non-members \$10. Door tickets: TLCA members \$10; non-members \$12. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Bettman & Halpin, Fri., Mar. 11,** opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Pikes Peak Brewing Co. St. Patrick's Day, Fri.-Sat., Mar. 11-12,** 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Fri., 7 p.m., Brian Clancy and Irish Row Irish sing-a-long in the Barrel Room, 8:30 p.m.; Leprechaun Look-alike Contest. Sat., special menu, \$15/person; 3 p.m., Celtic Steps Irish Dance Troup; 5 p.m., Pikes Peak Highlanders Pipers and Drummers; 7 p.m., Music by The Constant Tourists. Info: www.pikespeakbrewing.com.

- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Family Exploration Day – SCIENCE!!!, Sat., Mar. 12,** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Join in exciting hands-on activities from the Pikes Peak Soaring Club, CSU Electricity Demonstrations, the AFA Cadets, 'Physics is Phun' group, the Chem Club, and more! Cost: \$8 adults, \$7 military/AAA, \$6 seniors & students, \$4 children 3-12, free to children under 3 & museum members. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A) in Colorado Springs. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive, Tue., Mar. 15,** 3-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5714.
- **Olivia Mainville & the Aquatic Troupe Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., **Mar. 18,** 6 p.m., members only priority seating; 6:15 p.m., general admission; 7 p.m., Showtime, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$16; non-members \$18. Door tickets: TLCA members \$18; non-members \$20. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Buffalo Grass Acoustic Society Open Stage featuring Ronnie Cook & Friends Western Music Show, Fri., Mar. 18,** show starts at 7 p.m., free jam session starts at 5:30 p.m., Cowboy Church of Peyton, 15504 Bradshaw Rd., Peyton. Cost: Adults, \$5; Members, \$3; Kids under 16 free. Info: (719) 660-8037, www.buffalograssacoustic.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Aryeh Frankfurter & Lisa Lynne, Fri., Mar. 25,** opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 non-member students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Long Ears Easter Egg Hunt, Sat., Mar. 26,** 10 a.m. & 1 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Hunt for eggs, meet burro 'bunny' mascots Nugget and Chism, learn about baby chicks and rabbits, decorate cookies, do hands-on Easter crafts, listen to Mother 'Turkey's' story time, and enjoy cake and lemonade. Egg hunt for children 13 and under. Children MUST be accompanied by adult. Cost: \$10 non-members, \$5 members. You must RSVP to reserve your spot at rsvp@wmmi.org or 488-0880.
- **Bonfils Blood Center Community Blood Drive, Sat., Mar. 26,** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 303-341-4000, www.bonfils.org.
- **Palmer Lake Easter Egg Hunt, Sat., Mar. 26,** 10 a.m., Village Green. Photos with the Easter Bunny, games, bring your own baskets. Info: 481-2953.
- **Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, Sun., Mar. 27,** 8-11 a.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Come on down and enjoy breakfast prepared by the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Cost: \$5 adults, \$3 children. Info: 481-2953.
- **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Basics, Thu., Mar. 31,** 6-8:30 p.m., location varies. Basics is a free six-week course for parents and other caregivers of children and adolescents living with mental illness. Registration required. Register online at http://namicoloradosprings.org/education-and-classes/registration/ or call 473-8477.
- **Pat McGee Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Sat., **Apr. 2,** 6 p.m., members only priority seating; 6:15 p.m., general admission; 7 p.m., Showtime, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$18; non-members \$22. Door tickets: TLCA members \$21; non-members \$25. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **PRHS Spring Play: Play On, Thu.-Sat., Apr. 7-9,** 7 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 children. Tickets available at www.showtix4u.com.
- **Jeffrey Broussard & the Creole Cowboys Concert & Dance** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Fri., **Apr. 8,** 7 p.m., doors at 6 p.m. 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$15; non-members \$20. Door tickets: TLCA members \$20; non-members \$25. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Santa Fe Trail Jewelry's 10 year anniversary, Fri.-Sun., Apr. 15-17,** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., VIP preview Thu., Apr. 14, 5-7 p.m., 215 Chapala Plaza, Monument. Harold Finkelstein will bring his fabulous collection of Zuni fetishes and Pueblo jewelry for sale for three days only. Info: 481-0250.
- **Great American Cleanup, Sat., Apr. 23,** 9 a.m.-noon, Baptist Road Trailhead, Old Denver Road. Register online: www.gacppp.com.

- **Pine Forest Show: Antiques, Home Décor, and Garden Sale, Sat.-Sun., Apr. 23-24,** Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. This annual fundraiser presented by the Tri-Lakes Women's Club features antiques, home decor, and garden exhibits, gourmet food trucks, "The Bakery," Dutch Heritage garden plants, bistro dining, a hand-pieced Spring Celebration quilt raffle prize, and glass repair. Cost: \$6. Bring in ad for \$1 off admission. All proceeds benefit non-profit service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes community. Info: publicity@tlwc.net, www.tlwc.net.
- **Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild 52nd Annual Spring Show & Sale, Thu.-Sun., Apr. 28-May 1,** 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Free admission. A portion of sale proceeds will benefit the Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild Scholarship Fund and the Black Forest community. The facility is wheelchair accessible, but no strollers allowed because of fire regulations. Info: www.facebook.com/BFACG, www.bfacg.org, 495-3217.
- **Palmer Lake Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, Sat., May 7.** To participate, complete the Community FireWise Survey online, www.townofpalmerlake.com.

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 P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

Letters to Our Community

Our Community News welcomes letters to the editor on topics of general interest. We do not knowingly print letters that have previously appeared in substantially the same form elsewhere, and our editorial board limits each letter writer to a maximum of six letters per calendar year to ensure that OCN contains a variety of viewpoints. To submit a letter, please:

- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor.
- Include a suggested headline or title.
- Limit letters to 300 words or less.
- Include your full name, home address, and day and evening phone numbers.
- Email your letter to editor@ocn.me or mail it to P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
- Send your letter at least 10 days before the "first Saturday of the month" when the paper is printed.

If you have not received an acknowledgement of your letter, call Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831. Letters may be edited for length, grammar, and accuracy.

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