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- **The Breakfast Club, *SUSPENDED***, Sat., **Apr. 18**, 8:30 a.m., The Ridge at Castle Pines North (Ridge Grill and Bar), 1414 Castle Pines Pkwy. Single people 50+ meet new friends and have fun. Meets 3rd Sat. each month. Info: 303-815-8428, www.TBC50plus.org.
 - **Monument Hill Farmers Market Winter Indoor Market, *CANCELED***, Sat., **Apr. 18**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Grace Best, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Shop all your old favorites. Meets every 3rd Sat. through April. Info: 719-592-9420.
 - **Tri-Lakes Parkinson's Disease Support Group, *SUSPENDED***; if you need any help, please call Syble or Barry. Sat., **Apr. 18**, 10 a.m.-noon, Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St, Monument. Come for socializing, discussions on Parkinson's-related issues including available support, and occasional speakers. Meets 3rd Sat. each month. Info: Syble Krafft, 719-488-2669; Barry (group president), 719-351-9485.
 - **Senior Social, *SUSPENDED***, Wed., Apr. 22, 1-4 p.m., 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month except Nov. & Dec. Info: aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com.
 - **Friends of Fox Run Park, *SUSPENDED***, Thu., **Apr. 23**, 5:30 p.m., Southwinds Fine Art Gallery upstairs, 16575 Rollercoaster Rd. (corner of Baptist and Rollercoaster Roads). Join the growing group to learn about volunteering and supporting the park for safety, trails, trees, education, more. Guest speaker each month. Meets 4th Thu. each month. Info: 719-492-0355, janetsellers@ocn.me.
 - **Foot Care Clinic, *SUSPENDED***, Fri., **Apr. 24**, Silver Alliance Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. A registered nurse examines feet and provides foot care advice, toenail trimming. Cost: \$35 for a 30-min. visit. Meets 2nd Wed., 3rd and last Fri. each month, by appointment only. Info & appointments: call the Visiting Nurse Association, 719-577-4448.
 - **Chess Nuts, *SUSPENDED***, Tue., **Apr. 28**, 5-9 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center, across the street from the YMCA. Any age, any skill. Learners welcome. Drop in and leave when you want. Bring your own board and pieces if you have them. Meets 2nd & 4th Tue. each month. Info: www.TriLakesSeniors.org/chess.
 - **Tri-Lakes Chamber Virtual Monthly Education Series: Social Media 101**, Wed., **Apr. 29**, 9 a.m.-noon, virtual location. Free. Register online, www.trilakechamber.com/events-calendar.htm. Info: 719-481-3282.
 - **Lupus Support Group**. If you suffer with an autoimmune disease and want to connect with others, you are welcome to join this group. Info: dmbundle@hotmail.com.
 - **Myasthenia Gravis Association** of Colorado Support Group. Location varies. Info: Carolyn, 488-3620, www.4-mga.org, 303-360-7080, 4mga@4-mga.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Covered Treasures Bookstore celebrates National Poetry Month, *CANCELED***, Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Basics**, Find *VIRTUAL* support groups online **Tuesdays**, 7-8:30 p.m. Connection Support Group, for people living with mental illness. Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Family Support Group, for family members of people living with mental illness. at namicoloradosprings.org NAMI Basics is a free, six-week education program for parents and family caregivers of children and teens who are experiencing symptoms of a mental illness or whom have already been diagnosed. Register online at namicoloradosprings.org. Info: 719-473-8477 or email info@namicos.org.
- **Holy Week at Black Forest Community Church**, Recorded services **Sun.**, 10 a.m. & **Thu.**, 7 p.m. at www.facebook.com/BlackForestCommunityChurch/ Info: www.blackforestcommunitychurch.org.
- **Wildfire Preparedness Meeting, *SUSPENDED***, Tue., Apr. 7, 10 a.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Learn about resources and training for homeowners and owners associations for wildfire mitigation and Firewise communities. Meets 1st Tue. each month. Info: Matthew Nelson 719-488-2693 ext 4, matthew@woodmoor.org.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family**, Find *VIRTUAL* support groups online Connection Support Group, for people living with mental illness, Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Family Support Group, for family members of people living with mental illness. Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. at namicoloradosprings.org This free class is an evidence-based, 12-week course for family and friends of individuals with serious mental illnesses. Register online at namicoloradosprings.org. Info: 719-473-8477 or email info@namicos.org.
- **Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid Certification Course, *CANCELED***, Sat., **Apr. 18**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. American Heart Association course. Wear comfortable clothes, bring a sack lunch. Reservations required. Register online: www.tlumc.org/events/event-registration. Info: epg@tlumc.org.
- **Healthy Kids Day® at the Tri-Lakes YMCA, *SUS-***

- PENDED**, Sat., **Apr. 18**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. Free and open to all. Awaken your imagination with creative, healthy fun. Info: 481-8728, www.ppyymca.org/hkd.
- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance Concert: Piano 4 Hands Extravaganza, *SUSPENDED***, Sat., **Apr. 18**, 7 p.m., The Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd., Monument. Info: www.rmmaconcerts.org.
 - **Western Saloon Night at WMMI, *SUSPENDED***, Sat., **Apr. 25**, 6-9 p.m., Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Wear your best Western attire for this evening of BBQ dinner, whiskey and wine tasting, live music, silent auctions, and raffles. RSVP & Info: 488-0880, rsvp@wmmi.org.
 - **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Free Film Series *Heaven is a Traffic Jam on the 405*** (winner of 2018 Best Documentary Short Subject Oscar) and *Any Wednesday, *SUSPENDED**, Fri., **May 1**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. RSVP & Info: 633-0655, Ext 132, registrations@benethillmonastery.org, www.benethillmonastery.org.
 - **Tri-Lakes Women's Club's Spring into Vintage, *CANCELED***. For more information on the club, go to www.tlwc.net.
 - **Great American Cleanup, *CHECK WEBSITE***. Sat., **May 2**, 9 a.m.-noon, Santa Fe 3rd Street Trailhead, 340 Third St., Monument. Get your club or some friends together and join the community to give the region a spring cleaning. All ages welcome! Participants under 16 must be supervised. Register online, bit.ly/3d16KIN or www.gacppp.com (click on 'Event Sites'). Info: mvandenhoek@tomgov.org, www.gacppp.com. See ad on page 11.
 - **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Concert in the Forest, *SUSPENDED***, Sun., **May 3**, 2:30 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. The artistry of pianist Dr. Zahari Metchkov and violinist Dr. Timothy Hsu. RSVP & Info: 633-0655, Ext 132, registrations@benethillmonastery.org, www.benethillmonastery.org.
 - **National Alliance On Mental Illness (NAMI) 10th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon, "Stand in the Light," *SUSPENDED***, possible virtual fundraiser; email admin@namicos.org, Mon., May 11, noon-1 p.m. (doors open 11:30 a.m.), The Broadmoor, 1 Lake Ave., Colo. Springs. No cost to attend. Info: admin@namicos.org.

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