

- **Tri-Lakes Lions Club**, Thu., Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m. social, 7-8 p.m. meeting, Sundance Mountain Lodge, 1865 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: David Prejean, 434-7031.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society: Annual Potluck Dinner and Membership Meeting**, Thu., Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m. The PLHS provides ham, rolls, coffee, and tea. Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Local artist Joe Bohler will entertain. This program is free and open to all. Meets 3rd Thu. each month, 7 p.m. Info: 559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.
- **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., Jan. 20, Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. A registered nurse examines your 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, 577-4448.
- **Senior Social**, Wed., Jan. 25, 1-4 p.m., Fellowship Hall of the Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: aarpchapter-1100blackforest.weebly.com.
- **Chess Nuts**, Wed., Jan. 25, 5-9 p.m., Tri-Lakes 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 Wed. each month. Info: www.TriLakesSeniors.org/chess.
- **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., Jan. 27, 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, 577-4448.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma Luncheon Meeting**, Wed., Feb. 1, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Liberty Heights, 12105 Ambassador Dr., Colo. Interesting speakers and programs; all are welcome. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Garrett Barton, 433-5396; Duane Gritzmaker, 481-2424; www.gleneaglesertoma.org.
- **Monument Homemakers Club Monthly Potluck Lunch & Meeting**, Thu., Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 166 Second St., Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month except Jan. and unless D-38 is delayed or closed. Newcomers welcome. For a ride to the meeting, call Faye Brenneman, 488-0076. RSVP & info: Irene Walters, 481-1188, or Bev Wells, 488-3327.
- **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers**, Thu., Feb. 2, 7 p.m. (6:30 p.m. for social time), Trinity Lutheran Church 17750 Knollwood Dr., Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: pdq504@gmail.com.
- **Lupus Support Group**. If you suffer with an autoimmune disease and want to connect with others, you are welcome to join this group. Info: dmbandle@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

- **County's Annual Treecycle**, Sat.-Sun., Jan. 7-8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., New Santa Fe Trailhead, Baptist Road & Old Denver Highway. Recycle your Christmas tree. Trees are ground into mulch that is given away free. Remove all decorations from your tree before dropping it off. Bring your own tools and containers for mulch. Cost: \$5, benefits community youth sports programs. Info: 520-7871.
- **Tri-Lakes Little League Spring Season Registration Opens**, Mon., Jan. 9. T-ball, baseball, and softball for kids ages 4-14. Register online, www.trilakeslittleleague.com. Info: info@trilakeslittleleague.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Monthly Education Series: Identity Theft**, Tue., Jan. 10, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 166 Second St., Monument. Bring your lunch and learn. Registration required. RSVP & Info: Julie, 481-3282; www.trilakeschamber.com.
- **Free Chili Supper and Intro to Modern-Style Square Dancing**, Tue., Jan. 10, 7-8:30 p.m., Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy, 4220 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Colo. Springs. Info: Jeff, 433-2825; Debbie, 630-1902.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group 2017 Winter Art Show Opening Reception**, Fri., Jan. 13, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Enjoy art plus free food, drinks, and music. Show dates: Jan. 10-25. Proceeds from the show fund art scholarships for D-38 high school seniors. Info: plaginfo@palmerlakeartgroup.com, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society: Brooks Williams**, Fri., Jan. 13, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS mem-

- bers, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Tri-Lakes Community/Centura Blood Drive**, Tue., Jan. 17, 2:30-7 p.m., Bloodmobile at Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5822.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society and Western Museum of Mining & Industry**, Tue., Jan. 17, 225 North Gate Blvd (use I-25 Exit 156). Doors open 6 p.m., program begins 7 p.m. Jack Anthony will repeat his presentation of "A Tale of Two Husteds." Light refreshments served before the program. The event is free and open to all. RSVP & Info: 488-0880, rsvp@wmmi.org.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Basics**, Wed., Jan. 18-Feb. 22, 6-8:30 p.m., location TBD. This free six-week course is for parents and caregivers of school-age children with signs of mental illness. Meets once weekly. RSVP & Info: 473-8477, www.namicoloradosprings.org.
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- **Free Senior Trip to Peterson Air and Space Museum**, Fri., Jan. 20, meet 9:15 a.m. at the Senior Center next to the Lewis-Palmer High School Stadium (across from the YMCA). The bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. If the D-38 schools are delayed or closed, the trip will be rescheduled. Bring money for lunch. Registration required. Use the form on page 5 in the January *Senior Beat* newsletter, or email your name, date of birth, phone number, and driver's license number to sue@monumentalfitness.com. Info: Sue, 464-6873.
- **Warriors Ice Fishing Tournament**, Sat., Jan. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monument Lake. Have a fun morning fishing, win prizes, benefit our Wounded Warriors. Register online at www.warriorsicefishing.com. Info: Bill Miller, 291-3500.
- **Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid certification course**, Sat., Jan. 21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Reservations required: send \$25 and your e-mail or phone number (for registration confirmation and inclement weather notice) to Carley Lehman, 17630 Woodhaven Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80908, by Jan. 16. Wear comfortable clothes, bring a sack lunch. Info: Carley Lehman, 502-3242..
- **CDOT I-25 Improvements Public Meeting**, Tue., Jan. 24, 5-7 p.m., Pikes Peak Library 21c, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr. Colo. Springs. Share your ideas and concerns and find out more about the project to improve I-25 in Douglas County. A second meeting will occur Jan. 26, 5-7 p.m., at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Kirk Hall, 500 Fairgrounds Rd. Both meetings will cover the same information. Info: www.codot.gov/projects/i-25-co-springs-denver-south-pel.
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- **Black Rose Acoustic Society: Ragged Union Bluegrass**, Fri., Jan. 27, 7-9 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.
- **St. Peter Catholic School Open House**, Sun., Jan. 29, noon-2 p.m., 124 First St., Monument. Preschool through 8th grade. Info: 481-1855, www.petertherockschool.org.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Holiday Model Railroad Exhibit**, through Mon., Jan. 30, open Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., daily guided tours at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). The holiday-themed model railroad exhibit with multiple model railroad trains in operation is free with museum admission: \$8 adults, \$7 military/AAA, \$6 seniors & students, \$4 children 3-12, free to children under 3

- & museum members. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Branson on the Road Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA)**, Sat., Feb. 4, 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)**, Mon. nights Feb. 6 – Mar. 6, 5:30-9:15 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Learn the basics of how to respond to a disaster or emergency in this free course given by the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management. Light snacks provided. Register at www.epccertfeb17.eventzilla.net. Info: Robin, 575-8858.

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.

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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 six letters within any twelve month period. To submit a letter, please:

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- Limit letters to no more than 300 words.
- Include your full name, home address, day and evening phone numbers, and email address, if you have one.
- Email your letter to editor@ocn.me or mail it to P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
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- If you are not at least 18 years old or an emancipated minor, provide a written statement from a parent or legal guardian that you have permission to submit the letter.

If, after two business days from the date of your submission, you have not received an acknowledgement of your letter, please call Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831. Letters may be edited for length, grammar, and accuracy.

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