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- **Palmer Lake Art Group**, Sat., Dec. 8, 9 a.m., Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. A variety of art programs are offered after the social gathering and business meeting. Guests welcome. Meets 2nd Sat. each month. Info: 487-1329, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**, Sat., Dec. 8, 9:45-11:30 a.m., The First National Bank of Monument, 581 Hwy 105. Meets 2nd Sat. each month. Info: Gail, 481-3711.
- **Palmer Divide Photographers Group**, Mon., Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Ken Bates will teach area photographers about macro and close-up photography. All are welcome. Meets 2nd Mon. each month. Info: 649-4241, www.pdphotographers.com.
- **Pikes Peak Music Teachers Association Meeting**, Tue., Dec. 11, 9:30 a.m., Graner Music, 4460 Barnes Rd., Colo. Springs. Music teachers and students, meet for coffee, a meeting, and program presentation at 11 a.m. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: Susan Marten, skmarten@hotmail.com, www.ppmta.org.
- **Chess Nuts**, Tue., Dec. 11, 5-9 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center. 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.
- **Black Forest AARP Potluck Lunch & Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 12, noon, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Catered Christmas meal, reservations requested. Violin concert. All ages welcome. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. RSVP & Info: Stan, 596-6787, www.aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com.
- **Foot Care Clinic**, Wed., Dec. 12, Silver Alliance 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: \$30 for a 30-min. visit. Meets 2nd Wed. and last Fri. each month, by appointment only. Info & appointments: call the Visiting Nurse Association, 577-4448.
- **Senior Bingo**, Thu., Dec. 13, Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake, after the senior lunch. Come for lunch at noon, then stay and play. Free! Prizes! Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: Maggie Nealon, 488-3037.
- **Bridge**, Thu., Dec. 13, 1-4 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center located on Lewis-Palmer High School campus. Walk-ins are welcome. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Reservation suggested: call Judy, 626-399-2733.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber Monthly Education Series: Speed Networking**, Thu., Dec. 13, 2:30-5 p.m., 166 Second St., Monument. Free. Be prepared to introduce yourself and your business, bring business cards and a name tag. Register online, www.trilakeschamber.com/events-calendar.htm. Info: 481-3282.
- **Ben Lomond Gun Club**, Tri-Lakes Chapter, Thu., Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Fire Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105 west of Monument near the bowling alley. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 481-3364.
- **Silver Alliance Book Club**, Fri., Dec. 14, 11 a.m., Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on Lewis-Palmer High School campus. All are welcome to join this new club. Coffee & snacks served. RSVP & Info: Sue, 330-0241.
- **La Leche League Meeting**, Fri., Dec. 14, noon-1 p.m., Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Mothers, babies, and mothers-to-be are all invited. Meets 2nd Fri. each month. Info: Kelley, 440-2477, kdghorashi@gmail.com.
- **The Breakfast Club**, Sat., Dec. 15, 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. This active social group enjoys activities ranging from card games to white water rafting, international/domestic travel to bowling and golf. Meets 3rd Sat. each month. Info: 303-815-8428, www.TBC50plus.org.
- **Monument Hill Farmers Market Winter Indoor Market**, Sat., Dec. 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Grace Best, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Many new vendors plus all your old favorites. Meets every 3rd Sat. through April. Info: 592-9420. See ad on page 5.
- **Tri-Lakes Parkinson's Disease Support Group**, Sat., Dec. 15, 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: John Farley, 481-2364, robun2good@gmail.com; or Syble Krafft, 488-2669.
- **Amateur Radio WOTLM** (Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association), *No meeting in December*. Normally meets the 3rd Mon., 6 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting. All amateur radio operators or those interested in becoming amateur radio operators are welcome. Info: Joyce Witte, 661-9824, Joycewitte@gmail.com; www.WOTLM.com.
- **Outpouring: TLUMC Supporting our Community**, Tue., Dec. 18, 7 p.m., back Barrel Room at Pikes Peak Brewing Company, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Everyone is welcome. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: LWeber1971@aol.com; for current speaker info go to <http://tlumc.org/outreach/outpouring>.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma Luncheon Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 19, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Liberty Heights, 12105 Ambassador Dr., (off Voyager Blvd in Colorado Springs). 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.
- **Senior Bingo**, Wed., Dec. 19, 1-2 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center, Lewis-Palmer High School campus. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Sue Walker, 464-6873.
- **Drummers!** Wed., Dec. 19, 6:30-8 p.m., Yoga Pathways Studio, West End Center, 775 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Free and open to all ages. Bring any kind of drum or other hand percussion instrument. Beginners welcome! Now meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Nan, 466-1257, nananddon@hotmail.com.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829**, Wed., Dec. 19, 7 p.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. New members welcome. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Post Commander Joe Carlson, 405-326-2588, jcarlson@vfw7829.org, www.vfw7829.org.
- **VFW Auxiliary to Post 7829**, Wed., Dec. 19, 7 p.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. New members welcome. If you are a male or female relative of a veteran who served on foreign soil during war or other military action, you may be eligible. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Kathy Carlson, 488-1902, carlsonmk@aol.com.
- **Senior Tea**, Thu., Dec. 20, 12-1:30 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center at Lewis-Palmer High School (across from the YMCA). Come early to socialize. Volunteers needed. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Reservations required: contact Sue, 464-6873, sue@monumentalfitness.com.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society: No meeting in December**. Watch for Annual Potluck Dinner and Membership Meeting in January. Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.
- **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., Dec. 21, 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, 577-4448.
- **Chess Nuts**, *No meeting Dec. 25*. 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.
- **Senior Social**, Wed., *No meeting in December*. Normally meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com.
- **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., Dec. 28, 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, 577-4448.
- **Faithful Friends**, Thu., Jan. 3, 7 p.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. A Ladies' Dessert with an inspirational speaker each month. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Cost: \$7. RSVP & Info: Sandi King, 719-237-3359.
- **Group of Artists (GOA) Meetings** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Sat., Jan. 5, 10 a.m.-noon, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Lively discussions about art topics, general studies on creativity. Meets 1st Sat. each month. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **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

- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club's Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair**, Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Grace Best Education Center, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Browse hundreds of handcrafted items and Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church Cookie Walk. Miguel Dakota, America's got Talent finalist, and live holiday music by D-38 students and local talent. Admission is free with nonperishable food items, toys, or cash donations for Tri-Lakes Cares. Proceeds fund Monument Hill Kiwanis community granting program. Info: Bob Nissen, 304-8705, bob@mifigroup.com, www.MHKiwanis.org.
- **Downtown Monument's Small Town Christmas**, Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Kids' activities and crafts, hayrides, open houses, and more. Stop by to see Santa at La Casa Fiesta, 230 Front St. Monument; ride the hay ride through downtown Monument, stop to make a craft at Sew in Tune and come by the bookstore to meet two authors. Tree-lighting 5 p.m. at Limbach Park. Info: 481-2954.
- **Small Town Christmas at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Three children's authors will sign their books: Leah Gilbert will sign A Couch for Llama; Jeannie Mobley will sign her various titles, including Katerina's Wish; Barb Tyner will sign Rhyaden. Refreshments will be served. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Santa Fe Trail Jewelry Darlene Armstrong Show**, Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 106 2nd St., Unit A, Monument. Shop Small Town Christmas with one-of-a-kind jewelry that showcases the beauty and harmony of natural gemstones. Info: 481-0250. See ad on page 2.
- **Monument Tree Lighting**, Sat., Dec. 1, 5 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St. Watch for more details. Please bring a canned food item for Tri-Lakes Cares or a new, unwrapped toy for Santa on Patrol. If you or your group would like to perform prior to the Tree Lighting at 5 p.m., phone Madeline, 884-8013.
- **D-38 LPHS Connection & Conversation: Social & Emotional Wellness of our Youth**, Tue., Dec. 4, 6-7:30 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. All D-38 parents, middle school, & high school students are invited to explore mental health challenges of today's youth. Info: info@lewispalmer.org.
- **Christmas Crèche Exhibit and Outdoor Live Nativity**, Tue.-Wed., Dec. 4-5, 2-8 p.m., live nativity both nights at 6 and 7 p.m., 8710 Lexington Dr, Colo. Springs. Free admission, 700+ crèches. If you would like to display your crèche, email Julee Whaley, kwhaleyj@gmail.com. Info: www.coloradosprings-creche.org.
- **D-38 Deliberates: Community Engagement Opportunity**, Wed., Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m., Lewis-Palmer Administration Building, 146 N. Jefferson St., Monument. The Tri-Lakes community is invited to attend this important conversation regarding Preschool: Centralized vs. Site-Based Locations. To assure a seat at a table, RSVP by Dec. 3 to info@lewispalmer.org. See ad on page 9.
- **Phil Keaggy Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Fri.-Sat., Dec. 7-8, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Advent Retreat: A Pilgrimage through the Advent Scriptures**, Sat., Dec. 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Explore how Advent readings affect your life and your on-going spiritual journey. All faith traditions are welcome. Cost: \$45. RSVP & Info: 633-0655 Ext 132, registrations@benethillmonastery.org, <http://www.benethillmonastery.org>.
- **Holiday Book Signings at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Dec. 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Susan Mathis will sign her two titles, The Fabric of Hope: An Irish Family Legacy and Christmas Charity. Michelle Cummings will sign The Reel Sisters. Refreshments will be served. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Annual Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Christmas Concert**, Sat., Dec. 8, 7 p.m., Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Come and enjoy an evening of special Christmas music, including handbells/chimes, organ, brass ensemble, recorder ensemble, and local vocal musicians. Free; a free-will offering will be accepted. Info: Betty Jenik, 488-3853. See ad on page 5.
- **A Time To Dance presents An American Nutcracker**, Sun., Dec. 9, 2 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Five dreams inspired by historical doll stories, set to the music of Tchaikovsky. Buy tickets at www.tututix.com at an early bird rate. Info: Jeri, 232-5313.
- **The Church at Woodmoor: Chancel Choir Cantata**, Sun., Dec. 9, 10 a.m., 18125 Furrow Rd., Monument. Info: 488-3200, www.thechurchatwoodmoor.com. For more holiday events, see ad on page 10.
- **Chamber Member Orientation**, Tue., Dec. 10, noon-1:30 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 166 Second St., Monument. Come learn about your local chamber of commerce. Open to the public. Lunch provided. Please RSVP at www.trilakeschamber.com/chamber-orientation.html. Info: 481-3282.
- **The Church at Woodmoor: A Christmas Gathering**, dinner and program, Mon., Dec. 10, 5 p.m. Dinner and the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale at Woodmoor Country Club (by reservation), 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. RSVP & Info: 488-3200, www.thechurchatwoodmoor.com. For more holiday events, see ad on page 10.
- **Palmer Lake Yule Log Pot Luck Dinner**, Tue., Dec. 11, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Circle. Please bring a potluck dish to share and place settings for your family. Info: 481-2953.
- **Grand Opening Celebration at Jackson Creek Senior Living**, Wed., Dec. 12, 3-6:30 p.m., 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Meet the team and learn more about the community, amenities, and wellness programs, take a tour, and enjoy some holiday cheer, appetizers, and entertainment. RSVP & Info: 259-0448, www.JacksonCreekSeniorLiving.com. See ad on page 18.
- **Dakota Blonde Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Fri., Dec. 14, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Holiday Show/Sing-along Potluck with the Rifiers**, Fri., Dec. 14, 7-10 p.m.