- ference, Wed., Mar. 17, 7 p.m., 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 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, 719-488-1902, carlsonmkc@aol.com.
- Monumental Impact's Community of Support Collaborative, virtual meeting, Thu., Mar. 18, 5 p.m.
  Connect with other businesses involved in technology, engineering, and entrepreneurship or businesses/individuals with an interest in being the Community of Support to high school students in these career pathways. Info: 719-387-7414, enable@monumentalimpact.org, monumentalimpact.org.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society Meeting, SUSPEND-ED, Thu., Mar. 18, 7 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. All are welcome. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.
- Gleneagle Women's Club, SUSPENDED, Fri., Mar. 19. Come for lunch, book discussions, bridge, and more. Location for lunch varies. Meets every third Fri., Sept.-June. Info: Syble Krafft, 719-488-2669.
- Foot Care Clinic, Fri., Mar. 19, 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.
- The Breakfast Club, SUSPENDED, Sat., Mar. 20, 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.
- Tri-Lakes Parkinson's Disease Support Group, SUSPENDED; if you need any help, please call Syble or Barry. Sat., Mar. 20, 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.
- Faithful Friends, Sat., Mar. 20, 3-4:30 p.m., 3254 Forest Lakes Dr., Monument. This month's discussion topic: "If you could begin again, what would you do or be? (And how would you use that identity and skill set?)" RSVP & Info: Ellen, 303-526-5000.
- **Grief Share Support Group**, Tue., **Mar. 23**, 10:30 a.m.noon, Tri-Lakes Senior Center, across the street from the YMCA. The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance has partnered with Colorado Palliative & Hospice Care to host a 13-session grief support group in Monument. Meets last Tue. each month. RSVP & Info: Sue Walker, 719-330-0241.
- Tri-Lakes Chamber Monthly Education Series: *Employee Retention, possibly virtual,* Tue., Mar. 23, 11:30 a.m., , 166 Second St., Monument. Free event for members and non-members. Please register for virtual attendance information: www.trilakeschamber. com. Info: 481-3282.
- Chess Nuts, Tue., Mar. 23, 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.
- Senior Social, all in person AARP activities are canceled through the first quarter of 2021, Wed., Mar. 24, 1-4 p.m., 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month except Nov. & Dec. Info: aarpchapter-

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- Group of Artists (GOA) Meetings at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), SUSPENDED, Sat., Mar. 6, 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.tr filakesarts.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

- Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Spring Break STEM Camp, Mon.-Fri., Mar. 22-26, 225 North Gate Blvd. Full or half day, ages 8-12. Hands-on activities, daily guest speakers, and more. RSVP & Info: 719-488-0880, www.wmmi.org. See ad on page 7
- Grace Best Master Plan Steering Committee Apr. 14th Community Dialogue re: future plans for the Grace Best facility. For more information on this project www.lewispalmer.org/GraceBestPlan or contact info@lewispalmer.org or (719)785-4223. See ad on page 2
- Ham (Amateur) Radio License Class, on Zoom Sat., Apr. 17, Sun., Apr. 18, Sat., Apr. 24, plus one in-person test session Apr. 25 in Monument. Sponsored by Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association. The world-wide excitement of Amateur Radio and the very best emergency communications capability available. No Morse code required. Students must buy text book. To register, https://w0tlm.com/radio-classes/techregistration. Contact Bob Witte KØNR bob@k0nr. com.

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