- nastery.org.
- Craft Club, Sat., Mar. 7, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fairfield Inn & Suites, Mt. Herman Room, 15275 Struthers Rd. Ages 15 and up; each month features a fun, easy to follow paper craft. All supplies provided. Fee varies by project. Meets 1st Sat. each month. Info: Linda, 375-8991, Lindacarpy@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. For information, call Carolyn, 488-3620, www.4-mga.org, 303-360-7080, 4mga@4-mga.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- UNO de 50 Jewellery Trunk Sale at the Love Shop, Thu., Feb. 12, 5-8 p.m., 251 Front St., Monument. Find the perfect Valentine's Day gift. Info: 598-3348, www.theloveshopinc.com.
- Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Heritage Lecture and Exhibit Opening, Thu., Feb. 12, reception at 6 p.m., lecture at 7 p.m. Mike McDonald, GM of the Henderson Mine, and former GM of the Climax Mine in Leadville, will present the history and current operations of the Climax Mine and an element that we cannot live without: Molybdenum. Free. RSVP to 488-0880 or rsvp@wmmi.org. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- Yoga Nidra at Yoga Pathways, Fri., Feb. 13 & Sun., Feb. 22, 4:30-5:40 p.m., 755 Hwy. 105 (3/4 mile west of Monument Safeway). Deep relaxation practice, not a workout. Led by Raleigh Dove, Certified Yoga Therapist. Info: 481-4137, www.YogaPath waysStudio.com.
- Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Ragged Union Bluegrass, Fri., Feb. 13, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Up-tempo and hard-driving. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- WireWood Station Americana Sweetheart Dance Valentines Concert, Fri., Feb. 13, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Two ticket packages available, concert only and concert plus perks. Advance tickets only, no door tickets. Purchase by Feb. 11 at www.trilakesarts.org. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- 9th Annual Free Chess Tournament, Sat., Feb. 14, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewis-Palmer Elementary School, 1315 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. The tournament is open to all D-38 students, K-12. Chess sets will be provided, but children should bring their own snacks. Pizza and sodas will be available for purchase to help raise money to offset expenses. All participants will receive trophies or medals; RSVP to Steve Waldmann, the former Lewis-Palmer Elementary School Chess Club Coach, at 488-9887 or huskerco@gmail.com so that he knows how many trophies and medals to order.
- Palmer Lake Art Group Valentine Art Show & Sale, Sat., Feb. 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mountain Community Gallery at Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. This free non-juried show features original art from front-range artists, including wall art as well as 3-dimensional art such as jewelry, fiber, and sculpture. Info: palmerlakeartgroup.com; Cindy, pipemsam35@yahoo.com, 484-0042.
- Townhome Open House, Sat., Feb. 14, 1-4 p.m., 1260 Timber Run Hts, Monument. Find out how you can buy this home with zero down. Info: Janie, 287-0427, www.coloradojanie.com; Lisa, 205-1782.
- On Ensemble, a Taiko Society event, Sun., Feb. 15, 3 p.m., doors open 2 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Modern Drummer magazine calls On Ensemble "an exciting taiko ensemble looking at new ways to apply traditional Japanese drums." Advance tickets, \$15; door tickets, \$20. Purchase tickets at www.taikosociety.com, 297-1171. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.

- College Information Night, Tue., Feb. 17, 5:30-8 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Frontage Rd., Monument. College planning resources will be available in various breakout sessions, including guidance for students planning to attend all types of college and postsecondary programs. Info: 488-4700, info@lewispalmer.org, www.lewispalmer.org.
- CASA 4-1-1 Hour, Thu., Feb. 19, noon-1 p.m., 701 S. Cascade Ave., Colo. Springs. CASA offers a volunteer opportunity like no other. As appointed representatives of the court, CASA Volunteers are empowered to make a lifelong difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. Find out how you can become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). RSVP to Kelly, 447-9898, ext. 1033 or visit www.casappr.org.
- Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): PUBLISH! with Steven Veatch, Sat., Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. History and science writing for teachers and learners of all ages. This informative workshop will include topics like basic research, writing techniques and tips, using illustrations, science photography and publication issues. A Writer's Resource Kit CD will be available for purchase for \$5. All other course materials will be provided, including morning snacks. The course fee is \$25 for adults and \$7 for students (21 and under). WMMI Members receive \$5 off adult admission, and \$2 off student admission. Space is limited to 30 people. Advance registration is required. RSVP to 488-0880 or rsvp@wmmi.org. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
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- Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by TAARKA, Fri., Feb. 27, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. A blended evolution of Western and Eastern folk traditions. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseaco
- Monument Hill Farmers Market Winter Market, Sat., Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Grace Best, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets every 4th Sat. each month through April. Info: 592-9420.
- Black Rose Acoustic Society Special Concert: The Jake Schepps Quintet w/ Matt Flinner, Sat., Feb. 28, 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$20 general, \$15 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackr oseacoustic.org.
- Rocky Mountain Music Association Concert: Mana Saxophone Quartet, Sun., Mar. 1, 3 p.m., Sunrise United Methodist Church, 2655 Briargate Blvd. The award-winning quartet will perform repertoire spanning four centuries. Tickets are \$10 on line and \$12 at the door, free for students with ID and children 18 and under. Tickets & Info: www.RMMAonline.org; or Coleen Abeyta, coleen. abeyta@gmail.com..
- Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery: Welcoming Prayer Workshop, Sat., Mar. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Open to people of all faith traditions. Info: 633-0655, www.benethillm onastery.org.
- First Annual Lewis-Palmer Football Old School Golf Tournament, Sat., May 23. This fundraiser for Lewis-Palmer High School's football program costs \$120 per player \$480 per foursome, includes cart and range balls, and free t-shirt. Lunch will be served at Lewis-Palmer High School (LPHS) after the tournament. Scramble tournament, so all skill levels are welcome to play, prizes for the longest ball, closest to the pin, best dressed, high score, and low score. Still needed: hole sponsors, \$100 per hole; a company to cater lunch for 80 people at LPHS, prize donations. Info: Coach Tupper, dtupper@lewispalmer.org.

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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