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- **American Legion Tri-Lakes Post 9-11**, Tue., Apr. 7, 6:30 p.m., Depot Restaurant, Hwy 105 & Primrose St., Palmer Lake. New members welcome. Meets 1st Tue. each month. Info: 481-8668, www.americanlegiontrilakespost911.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

- **Yoga Nidra at Yoga Pathways**, Sun., Mar. 8, 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.YogaPathwaysStudio.com.
- **Homebuyer Seminar**, Tue., Mar. 10, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Serrano's Coffee, 625 Highway 105 in Monument. Janie Howard of Parker St. Claire Realty and Lisa Ramsey of Heartland Bank will show you how you can buy a home for zero down and answer your questions about the state of the real estate market. Janie can be reached at 287-0427. Lisa can be reached at 205-1782.
- **D-38 Board/Parent Coffee**, Wed., Mar. 11, 6:30-8 p.m., Administration Building, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Info: 488-4700, info@lewispalmer.org, www.lewispalmer.org.
- **Pikes Peak Brewing Co. Celtic Countdown: Irish Trivia & Mobile Hangers Boutique to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares**, Thu., Mar. 12, 6-8 p.m., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Info: 208-4098, info@pikespeakbrewing.com.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by The Riffers**, Fri., Mar. 13, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., 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.
- **Pikes Peak Brewing Co. Celtic Countdown**, Fri., Mar. 13, The Stubby Shillelaghs 7 p.m., Leprechaun Contest 8 p.m., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Info: 208-4098, info@pikespeakbrewing.com, www.pikespeakbrewing.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.benethillmonastery.org.
- **Pikes Peak Brewing Co. Celtic Countdown**, Sat., Mar. 14, Four Miles for Kenya Race, 7:30 a.m., Irish Dance Troop 3 p.m., bagpiper 4:30 p.m., food truck, 5 p.m., Paddy o'the Peak on Nitro, 6 p.m., The Constant Tourists 7 p.m., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Info: 208-4098, info@pikespeakbrewing.com, www.pikespeakbrewing.com.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Family Exploration Day-Science**, Sat., Mar. 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Come see Cool Science, CSU Electricity Demonstrations, Thompson Machines, Bricks-4-Kidz Legos and more! All activities included with standard museum admission rates: \$8 adults, \$7 military/AAA, \$6 seniors & students, \$4 children 3-12, free to children under 3 & museum members. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery: Mozart & Beethoven Chamber Concert**, Sun., Mar. 15, 2:30 p.m., pre-concert lecture 1:45 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Cost: \$20. Info: 633-0655, www.benethillmonastery.org.
- **Learn to Skate, session starts Mon., Mar. 16**, 4:30 & 5 p.m., 16240 Old Denver Hwy, Monument. Spring Special, 8 classes for \$80 plus skate rental. Ages 3 through adult. Info: Sk8CoachDeb@gmail.com, www.RockyMountainSkatingAcademy.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Cares Blood Drive**, Tue., Mar. 17, 3-7 p.m., 235 Jefferson St., Monument. License ID required. No appointment necessary. Info: 776-5714.
- **Metaphysical & Wellness Fair**, Sat., Mar. 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., The Open Door Books and Gifts, 251 Front St., Suite 8, Monument. Card & intuitive readers, an astrologer, energy & chakra clearing with sound, aromatherapy. Info: 487-9076
- **Yoga Nidra at Yoga Pathways**, Sun., Mar. 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.YogaPathwaysStudio.com.

- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Bricks-4-Kidz Star Wars Space Adventures mini camp**, Mon.-Tue., Mar. 23-24; Super Hero Academy mini camp, Wed.-Fri., Mar. 25-27, 9-11:30 a.m. Campers will face new challenges each day, building motorized models with LEGO® bricks and learning STEM principles along the way. Prices range from \$50 to \$75. Visit www.bricks4kidz.com/cos-pikespeak to register, or for schedules, dates, and more. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery: "Born into Brothels" Free Film**, Mon., Mar. 23, 6:30 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. The Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado will give a brief presentation. Donations welcome. Info: 633-0655, www.benet-hillmonastery.org.
- **Gleneagle Community Blood Drive**, Thu., Mar. 26, 1-6 p.m., Antelope Trails Elementary School, 15280 Jessie Dr. Walk-ins are welcome. Blood is for the Penrose-St. Francis Blood Bank. For reservations, call 488-2312. For eligibility questions, call 776-5822.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Spirits of the Red City**, Fri., Mar. 27, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., 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.
- **Monument Hill Farmers Market Winter Market**, Sat., Mar. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Grace Best, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets every 4th Sat. each month through April. Info: 592-9420.
- **Fire Mitigation**, Sat., Mar. 28, 10-11:30 a.m. Learn about fire mitigation techniques from local fire-fighters. Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 488-2370, www.ppld.org.
- **Forestgate Presbyterian Church Easter Week Services: Maundy Thursday Service**, Thu., Apr. 2, 7 p.m.; The Sufferings of Christ, Fri., Apr. 3, noon-2 p.m.; Easter Sunday Worship, Sun., Apr. 5, 8 & 10:30 a.m. 970 North Gate Blvd., Colo. Springs. Info: 495-5672, www.forestgate.org.
- **Protect your Home from Wildfire Community Event**, Sat., Apr. 18, Fire Marshal fire-wise talk, 9-10 a.m., caravan to Black Forest burn sites, 10 a.m.-noon, Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Free and open to all. Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Marshal John Vincent will explain how to make your home and property more defensible from wildfire and prepare for the upcoming wildfire season. After that, Palmer Lake Fire Chief Margo Humes and Black Forest Together representative Bill Mantia will conduct an explanatory tour discussing lessons learned from the Black Forest fire. Info: Write to TLUMC Emergency Preparedness Group at epg@tlumc.org or call 339-7831 or 229-9636.
- **Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild 51st Annual Spring Show & Sale**, Thu.-Sun., Apr. 30-May 3, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. (just north of Shoup Road). New! Faster checkout, shorter lines. More than 90 artisan and culinary members will sell their work. New items arrive throughout the show. Free admission. A portion of sale proceeds will benefit the Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild Scholarship Fund and the Black Forest community. The facility is wheel chair accessible, but no strollers allowed because of fire regulations. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted. Info: www.facebook.com/BFACG, www.bfacg.org, 495-3035.
- **Pine Forest Show: Antiques, Home Décor, and Garden Sale**, Sat., May 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., May 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. This annual fundraiser presented by the Tri-Lakes Women's Club features new and returning dealers and exhibits, "The Bakery," plants for sale, bistro dining, and glass repair. Cost: \$6. See the ad for \$1 off one admission. All proceeds benefit non-profit service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes community. Info: publicity@tlwc.net, www.tlwc.net.
- **First Annual Lewis-Palmer Football Old School Golf Tournament**, Sat., May 23, 8 a.m. 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, 867-8029, or email 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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