

- drum or other hand percussion instrument. Beginners welcome! Usually meets 3rd Mon. each month. Verify date & time: Char, 488-3138.
- **Amateur Radio W0TLM** (Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association), Mon., **May 18**, 7 p.m. All amateur radio operators or those interested in becoming amateur radio operators are welcome. Meets 3rd Mon. For meeting place and info contact Joyce Witte, 488-0859, Joycewitte@gmail.com; or visit www.W0TLM.com.
 - **Tri-Lakes Home Educators' Support Group**, Mon., **May 18**. Meets 3rd Mon. each month for support, information, field trips, and special events. Info: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TLHESGmembers or tlhesgmembers-owner@yahoogroups.com.
 - **Senior Tea**, Tue., **May 19**, 1-3 p.m., Senior Center at Lewis-Palmer High School (across from the YMCA). Come early to socialize, bring a salad or dessert to share. Meat dishes and tea provided. Voluntary donations welcome. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: Irene C., 484-0517.
 - **Caregivers Support and Brainstorming Open House**, Tue., **May 19**, 2-4 p.m., Lifting Spirits Adult Day Center, 755 Hwy. 105 Unit C, Palmer Lake. Meets 1st and 3rd Tue. each month. Info: Linda, (303) 579-8114.
 - **Fibromyalgia Support Group**, Tue., **May 19**, 5 p.m., Police Station, 7850 Goddard (1 block off Academy on Kelly Johnson near Chapel Hills Mall), Community Room just inside main entrance. A DVD will play 5-6 p.m.; meeting starts at 6 p.m. Share concerns and success stories and talk to a D.O. Learn how you can become pain-free. No charge, no products sold. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: 481-2230.
 - **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829**, Tue., **May 19**, 7 p.m., Monument Hill Country Club 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. New members welcome. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: Post Commander Joe Carlson, jcarlson@vfw7829.org, 488-1902, www.vfw7829.org.
 - **Ladies Auxiliary to V.F.W. Post 7829**, Wed., **May 20**, 7 p.m., Monument Hill Country Club, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. New members welcome. If you are a 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, carlsonmkc@aol.com.
 - **Tri-Lakes Lions Club**, Thu., **May 21**, 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: "American Bison,"** Thu., **May 21**, 7 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Robin Hammitt talks about the massacre of the American bison. This program is free to the public. Meets 3rd Thu. each month, 7 p.m. Info: Pat McCarthy, 659-1363; www.palmerdividehistory.org.
 - **Senior Social**, Wed., **May 27**, 1-4 p.m., Fellowship Hall of the Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com.
 - **Bridge**, Thu., **May 28**, 12:30-3:30. Tri-Lakes Senior Center located on Lewis-Palmer High School campus. Walk-ins are welcome. Meets 2nd and 4th Thu. each month. Reservation suggested: call Roger and Syble, 488-2669.
 - **Legacy Sertoma Dinner Meeting**, Thu., **May 28**, 6:30 p.m., Monument Hill Country Club, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. New members and visitors welcome. Meets 2nd & 4th Thu. each month. Info: Ed Kinney, 481-2750.
 - **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., **May 29**, 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.
 - **Caregivers Support and Brainstorming Open House**, Tue., **Jun. 2**, 2-4 p.m., Lifting Spirits Adult Day Center, 755 Hwy. 105 Unit C, Palmer Lake. Meets 1st and 3rd Tue. each month. Info: Linda, (303) 579-8114.
 - **American Legion Tri-Lakes Post 9-11**, Tue., **Jun. 2**, 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.
 - **Monument Homemakers Club Monthly Potluck Lunch & Meeting**, Thu., **Jun. 4**, 11:30 a.m., Tri-Lakes Fire Department Administrative Building, 166 Second St., Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month except Jan. and unless D-38 is delayed or closed due to bad weather. 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., **Jun. 4**, 7 p.m., Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: Barb Broshous, 999-5447.
 - **MOMS Club of Monument/Palmer Lake Monthly Meeting**, Fri., **Jun. 5**, 10 a.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 1st Fri. each month. Info: monumentmomsinfo@gmail.com.
 - **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery**: First Saturday Prayer Day, Sat., **Jun. 6**, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Social time with coffee followed by prayer, reflection, teaching. Meets 1st Sat. each month. Info: 633-0655, www.benethillmonastery.org.
 - **Craft Club**, Sat., **Jun. 6**, 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, Lindacarp@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
- **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). 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 wheelchair 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.
 - **Palmer Lake Wildfire Preparedness Day**, Sat., **May 2**, beginning at 8 a.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meet your PLVFD fire fighters at this free Wildfire Community Preparedness Day event. Volunteers, including Air Force Academy Cadets, will assist with slash hauling and chipping, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Info: Judy, 229-9636.
 - **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.
 - **Spotlight Community Theatre Annual Summer Musical Theatre Workshop**: George Gershwin's "Crazy for You," register by Sun., **May 3**. Auditions Mon., **May 4** & Fri., **May 8**. Everyone who registers will be cast. To schedule an audition: 488-0775, spotlightcp@cs.com. Workshop rehearsals meet Mon.-Fri., **Jul. 6-22**, 1-5 p.m. Performances at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, **Jul. 23-24**, 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$225, partial scholarships available. Registration & Info: www.trilakesarts.org.
 - **Red Cross New Volunteer Training**: Shelter Fundamentals, Wed., **May 6 & 13**, 6:30-10 p.m., St. Peter Catholic Church lecture hall, 124 First St., Monument. The Tri-Lakes Emergency Shelter Team is offering training for anyone interested in joining the shelter team. Registration for class is required. RSVP & Info: Jeanie Ahrens, 481-8128, Jeanie.ahrens2@redcross.org
 - **Fire Ecology Workshop for Educators**, apply by Tue., **May 6**, workshops **Jun. 7-12** in Durango or **July 6-11** in Florissant. Colorado State Forest Service offers this course. Recently burned local sites are the setting for explorations and lessons from foresters, firefighters, biologists, ecologists and other scientists. Attendees take home a collection of resources including Project Learning Tree activity guides, fire science experiments, and more. The workshop fee is \$300, which includes lodging, meals, materials, instruction, and field trips for the entire week. Continuing education credits are available. Info: Shawna Crocker, 303-278-8822, or register online at www.coloradopl.org.
 - **Lewis-Palmer High School Choir Pops Concert**, Thu., **May 7**, 7 p.m., 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Info: 488-4720.
 - **Palmer Lake Art Group**: Mother's Day Fine Art & Fine Handcrafted Gifts Show & Sale, Open Reception, Fri., **May 8**, 4-7 p.m.; Show, Sat., **May 9**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mountain Community Mennonite Church Gallery of Fine Art on the Palmer Divide, 643 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. This free event features hanging art as well as 3-dimensional art such as jewelry, fiber, hand-built or thrown pottery and sculpture. All original work by local Front Range artists. Call for artists: professional and amateur artists are encouraged to participate. Info: Margarete, 229-6623; www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
 - **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage** headlined by Acoustic Eidolon, Fri., **May 8**, 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, jrmtm@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
 - **Pikes Peak Ringers Concert**, Fri., **May 8**, 7 p.m., Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Award-winning composer Kevin McChesney conducting. Everyone is welcome to attend this community event. No charge; free-will offering taken. Info: Betty Jenik, 488-3853.
 - **The Villa Palmer Lake: Live music with cellist Steve Fuhrmann**, Fri., **May 8**, 75 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. RSVP & Info: 481-2222.
 - **Black Forest Regional Park Restoration Work**, Sat., **May 9**, 9 a.m.-noon, Black Forest Regional Park, (NE Corner of Shoup and Milam Roads, north parking area). Volunteers are needed to help restore the park, which was badly damaged by the fire two years ago. Bring gloves, snacks, and water. RSVP & Info: Vince, 633-6884.
 - **Aliyah Congregation Tenth Anniversary**, Sat., **May 9**, 10 a.m., 19925 Monument Hill Rd. Reverend Larry Russell, inaugural speaker at the congregation's first meeting ten years ago, returns as guest speaker. Info: 330-2382, www.aliyahcongregation.com.
 - **Finishing Well: A Symposium on Wealth & Aging**, Sat., **May 9**, 10 a.m.-noon, Secret Window Gallery, 47 Third St., Monument. Explore care options and estate planning. Cost: \$15 per family. RSVP & Info: 694-3000.
 - **National "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive**, Sat., **May 9**. Mail carriers will collect non-perishable food items in mailboxes and deliver them to Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC). Last years' campaign generated almost 2,300 pounds of food for TLC. Info: http://www.feedingamerica.org.
 - **Mothers' Day Brunch Buffet at the Villa Palmer Lake**, Sun., **May 10**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 75 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Closed for dinner. RSVP & Info: 481-2222.
 - **Lewis-Palmer High School Band Pops Concert**, Tue., **May 12**, 7 p.m., 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Info: 488-4720.
 - **Palmer Ridge High School Choir Pops** Tue., **May 12**, 7 p.m., 19255 Monument Hill Road, Monument. Info: 867-8600.
 - **Palmer Ridge High School Band Pops Concert**, Wed., **May 13**, 7 p.m., 19255 Monument Hill Road, Monument. Info: 867-8600.
 - **Monument Parks Plan Open House**, Thu., **May 14**, 4-8 p.m., Monument Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd. All are invited to speak to the project planners and provide input into the parks plan. Drop in any time, as there will be no formal presentation. Another meeting will be held in July for public input. To preview the conceptual plans, visit www.townofmonument.org/departments/parks-and-recreation-plans/conceptual-parks-plan. Info: www.townofmonument.org; Mike Pesicka, mpesicka@tomgov.org; Morgan Hester, mhester@tomgov.org or 481-2954.
 - **Pikes Peak Soap Derby**, register by Thu., **May 14**. Young drivers, ages 7-21, must build their own cars, with adult help. Registration deadline, **May 14**. Practice and Rally Day, **May 31**, 8:30 a.m. Race day, **Jun. 7**, 8 a.m. on Costilla Street between El Paso and Watsatch in Colo. Springs. Registration & Info: www.ppsbd.com.
 - **Noxious Weeds in Palmer Lake**, Fri., **May 15**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. County weed specialist Tina Travis will discuss weeds listed for removal by the state's Noxious Weed Act. Refreshments served. Refreshments served. Info: Holly Shuler, 321-2312, grnwoodtree@yahoo.com.
 - **Kevin J. Anderson** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts: "Building My First Lightsaber," Fri., **May 15**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:30 p.m., 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Anderson talks about his journey from small-town fanboy to bestselling science fiction author and publisher of WordFire Press. Q & A and book-signing follow. Cost: \$5. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
 - **Free the Girls**: Brunch meeting and bra collection, Sat., **May 16**, 9-11 a.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Kimba Langas will speak about Free the Girls, a non-profit organization that provides job opportunities for survivors of sex trafficking. They collect gently used bras and donate them to the women as starting inventory for their own businesses in countries in the developing world. Info: women@tlumc.org, www.freethegirls.org.
 - **Big R Best Dog Days**, Sat.-Sun., **May 16-17**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Big R of Monument, 840 Spanish Bit Dr. Bring