

Special Events and Notices

By Judy Barnes, Editor Emeritus

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the info number for that event.

Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red March Menu

- Mar. 6**—Chicken Marsala, mashed potatoes, & salad
 - Mar. 13**—Raspberry Chipotle pork, roasted potatoes, & salad
 - Mar. 20**—Italian sausage sandwich, potato salad, & pickle spear
 - Mar. 27**—Meat loaf, baked potato casserole, & salad
- Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

Free income tax filing assistance by AARP

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is offering free income tax filing assistance in the Tri-Lakes area. Trained AARP volunteers will be available to answer questions and to assist filers in completing their federal and state income tax returns every Monday and Thursday, 11 to 7 p.m., at Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St. in Monument, until **April 15**. Free e-filing of both federal and state returns is available. Taxpayers with more complicated returns should seek the advice of a paid professional. Filers are asked to bring their W-2s, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, etc., needed to complete their 2012 tax returns, plus a copy of last year's (2011) tax return. A photo ID and copy of your Social Security card is also required. Appointments are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 481-4864 Ext. 118. Leave your name and number and someone will return your call.

Senior Mobile Dental comes to Tri-Lakes Area, March 6

Senior Mobile Dental and Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP) announced a new health service collaboration to bring affordable dental care to low-income senior citizens in the Tri-Lakes area. Dental services include dental exams, preventive cleanings, dentures and partials, denture repair, fillings, and tooth extractions. Seniors who qualify for funding are 60 and older and have a Medicaid number or they qualified for the Old Age Pension Dental Assistance Program. Other seniors can receive the services of the Senior Mobile Dental program at a greatly reduced fee schedule. Dental services are planned to begin **March 6** and continue the first Friday of each month at the Tri-Lakes Senior Citizens Center at the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call Senior Mobile Dental, (719) 310-3315. Any dental professionals who have time, instruments, or supplies they would like to donate to this program can call Senior Mobile Dental at (719) 310-3315.

Library's adult reading program, through March 11

This year's theme is "Winter Wonderland" and is open to anyone age 18 and older with a Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) library card. The program began Jan. 14 and runs through **March 11**, and adults can read any eight books of their choice. Books on CD, audiobook players, eBooks, and eAudiobooks count, too! To register, bring

your library card to any PPLD library and sign up at the information desk or sign up online at ppld.org. Reading logs will be available at all libraries, but you may keep track of the books you've read using any method. After you read your first four books, visit your nearest library to pick up your first prize. If you read eight books by March 11, you will be entered in the Grand Prize Drawing for a Kindle Fire tablet. The program has great prizes this year! For more information, call 531-6333.

Tri-Lakes Women's Club 2013 grant applications due March 15

Continuing its 36-year tradition, the Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) will once again consider grant requests for special programs and projects from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public service organizations, and public schools that significantly serve the Tri-Lakes area defined by School District 38. Applications and instructions for the 2013 grant awards will be available on the TLWC website (tlwc.net) from Jan. 15-March 15. Completed applications (which must include certain required documentation) must be postmarked no later than **March 15**. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered. Awards will be announced to grant recipients in late May. For information, email Sandi Liston, Grant Committee chair, at santoliston@comcast.net.

Volunteer needed for Park Advisory Board, apply by March 15

The El Paso County Board of Commissioners is seeking a community-minded citizen volunteer to serve as a District 1 representative on the Park Advisory Board. District 1 includes the northwest portion of the county north of the Air Force Academy, including Monument, Palmer Lake, and Black Forest. Applications are due by **March 15**. The volunteer application is located at www.elpasoco.com and can be accessed by clicking on the "Volunteer Boards" link. For more information call 520-6436.

Kohl's Cares® accepting nominations for outstanding young volunteers through March 15

Kohl's Cares® Scholarship Program will award more than \$425,000 in scholarships and prizes this year. More than 2,300 young volunteers who have made a positive impact on their communities will be selected. Prizes range from \$50 Kohl's gift cards to \$10,000 scholarships. Nominations for kids ages six to 18 will be accepted through **March 15** at www.kohlskids.com. Nominators must be 21 years or older. Two nominees from each of the more than 1,100 Kohl's stores nationwide will win a \$50 Kohl's gift card, and more than 200 will win regional scholarships worth \$1,000 toward post-secondary education. Ten national winners will be awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education, and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization

on each national winner's behalf. For more information, visit www.kohlskids.com.

Tri-Lakes Cares Blood Drive, Mar. 19

Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership will sponsor a community blood drive **Mar. 19**, 3-7 p.m., at Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., Monument. License ID required. No appointment is needed, just walk in. For more information, call nurse Jackie Sward, 481-4864 x 103.

Annual Pine Forest Antiques, Home Décor & Garden Show & Sale, April 20-21

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club will hold the 37th Annual Pine Forest Antiques, Home Décor & Garden Show and Sale **April 20**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and **April 21**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. (I-25, exits 161 or 158). Features include new and returning antiques dealers, "The Bakery," new botanicals, and an a cappella concert Saturday, exhibits, delicious bistro dining, glass repair, and much more. Admission price is \$6; proceeds benefit qualified nonprofit and public service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes area. Since 1977, the TLWC has granted more than \$700,000. For more information, go to www.TLWC.net.

LEAP—Help for heating bills

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a federally funded program that provides cash assistance to help families and individuals pay a portion of winter home heating costs. The eligibility period for LEAP continues through April 30. Application packets will automatically be mailed to residents who received LEAP assistance last



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