

- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Heritage Lecture and Exhibit Opening: *Minerals We Use Everyday, Mined from our National Forests***, Thu., Feb. 9, reception at 6 p.m., lecture at 7 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **ID Theft Seminar**, Fri., Feb. 10, 1-3 p.m., Tri-Lakes Senior Center at Lewis-Palmer HS Campus. RSVP & Info: Sue, 464-6873.
- **Free Film, *The Optimists***, Fri., Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., Benet Hill Monastery, 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. The 90 min. film highlights an elderly Swedish volleyball team and their adventures in everyday life in and off the court. Register online at: www.benethillmonastery.org. Info: JD Schlipf, 633-0655.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society: *Junction 5-12***, Fri., Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 non-member students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Wendy Woo Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Fri., Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **11th Annual District 38 Chess Tournament**, Sat., Feb. 11, 8:15 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewis-Palmer Elementary School, 1315 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Open and free to all K-12 students who attend D-38 schools or live within the D-38 boundaries. Chess sets provided. Participants may bring their own snacks. Pizza and sodas will be available for purchase at lunch. All participants will receive a medal or trophy, so RSVP to Steve Waldmann, 488-9887 or huskerco@gmail.com so that he knows how many trophies and medals to order.
- **How to Get a Literary Agent and Get Published, Workshop and Critique with literary agent Rachelle Gardner**, Sat. Feb. 11, 9 am-noon, Serrano's Coffee, 625 Hwy 105, Monument. Limited to 12 writers. Critique of one page included. Info: (719) 440-0069 www.rachellegardner.com/workshops/ See ad on 11.
- **CASA 4-1-1 Hour**, Sat., Feb. 11, 10-11 a.m., 701 S. Cascade Ave., Colo. Springs. CASA volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children in the community and in the courtroom. Find out how you can lift up a child's life. RSVP to Kelly, 447-9898, ext. 1033 or visit www.casappr.org.
- **ACT II Thrift Shop Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting**, Sat., Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., ribbon cutting 2 p.m., 245 Jefferson St., Monument. Act II is a new non-profit thrift shop where all proceeds benefit the Tri-Lakes Area. The shop is now open for donations and sales. Info: 487-3268, cara@mynorthlandchurch.org.
- **Chamber Concert Series: Hausmusik String Quartet, *La Grande Strings***, Sun., Feb. 12, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Benet Hill Monastery, 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Purchase tickets online at: www.benethillmonastery.org. Info: JD Schlipf, 633-0655.
- **D-38 Community Open House: Long-Term Planning**, Mon., Feb. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Bear Creek Elementary School, 1330 Creekside Dr., Monument. Lewis-Palmer School District has contracted with

RTA Architects for long-range facilities planning and consultation services. This is the first opportunity for the public to hear the initial findings and provide feedback. Info: 481-9546, www.lewispalmer.org.

- **D-38 Parent Education Night: *How will you pay for college? Developing a plan***, Mon., Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m., Monument Academy, 1150 Village Ridge Pt., Monument. Info: 481-1950, www.monumentacademy.net.
- **Veterans Small Business and Why Hire Veterans Conference**, Wed., Feb. 15, 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr., Colo. Springs. Veteran entrepreneurs, employers/business owners, human resource professionals are encouraged to attend. Topics include franchising, certifications, financing, search engine optimization, human resources compliance, workforce opportunity tax credits, and much more. Free for attendees, breakfast and lunch included. Pre-registration required at www.coloradosbdc.org/vets. Info: Pikes Peak SBDC, 667-3803, sbdc@elpasoco.com; or Deon Cobasky, Pikes Peak Workforce Center, 667-3761, ncobasky@elpasoco.com.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): *Publish!***, Sat., Feb. 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). A non-fiction writing class with Steven Veatch, for teachers and learners of all ages. Space is limited to 30 people; advance registration required. RSVP & Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **W0TLM - FCC Exams VE session**, Sat., Feb. 18, 1-3:30 p.m., Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: Stu Turner, 337-1720; www.ppld.org.
- **Senior Trip to the Butterfly Pavilion**, Wed., Feb. 22, meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center; bus will depart at 8:45 a.m. Registration is required; find the form on p. 5 of the Senior Beat. If D-38 schools are delayed or closed the trip will be rescheduled. Cost: \$10. Bring a lunch. RSVP & Info: Sue, 464-6873.
- **Public Meeting to Explore Topics Related to Areas Surrounding the USAF Academy**, Thu., Feb. 23, 5-7 p.m., Pikes Peak Library 21c, Venue Room, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colo. Springs. Citizens are invited to this public meeting to learn about the Colorado springs Regional Joint Land-Use Study (JLUS) program and to provide input to the JLUS Working Groups and staff. RSVP & Info: 471-7080, www.ppacg.org/jlus
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society: *Cosy Sheridan***, Fri., Feb. 24, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 non-member students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group 2017 Winter Art Show**, ends Sat., Feb. 25, Tue.-Fri., 12-4 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Proceeds from the show fund art scholarships for D-38 high school seniors. Info: plaginfo@palmerlakeartgroup.com, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance Concerto Night**, Sat., Feb. 25, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Pianists Dr. Zahari Metchkov and Dr. Michael Schneider play Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1 and Massenet's Piano Concerto. Tickets: adults \$10 online at www.rmma-

online.org or \$12 at the door. Students with ID, and children 12 and under are free. Info: Coleen Abeyta, 630-8165, Coleen.Abeyta@gmail.com.

- **Fire Preparedness Workshop**, Fri., Mar. 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Tri-Lakes Senior Center (Lewis Palmer HS Campus). The first of three disaster preparedness workshops. RSVP & Info: Sue, 464-6873.
- **Visions of Light Photography Exhibition Opening Reception**, Fri., Mar. 3, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celebrate the opening of this annual juried photography show that runs Feb. 28-Mar. 24. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Olivia Mainville & the Aquatic Troupe Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Fri., Mar. 10, 7-9 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.

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.

Letters to Our Community

Our Community News welcomes letters to the editor on topics of general interest to readers in the Tri-Lakes area. We do not knowingly print letters that are substantially the same as letters that have been submitted to other publications. To ensure that *OCN* contains a variety of viewpoints, each letter writer is limited to a maximum of six letters within any twelve month period. To submit a letter, please:

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- Limit letters to no more than 300 words.
- Include your full name, home address, day and evening phone numbers, and email address, if you have one.
- Email your letter to editor@ocn.me or mail it to P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
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- If you are not at least 18 years old or an emancipated minor, provide a written statement from a parent or legal guardian that you have permission to submit the letter.

If, after two business days from the date of your submission, you have not received an acknowledgement of your letter, please call Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831. Letters may be edited for length, grammar, and accuracy.

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