

- Team. Info: 719-748-0033, Rachel@cusps.ws, www.cusps.ws/P4P/
- **Classic Homes New Model Opening at Sanctuary Pointe**, Mon., **May 8**, 1654 Summerglow Lane, Monument. A new master-planned community at the western edge of Black Forest. Info: 719-888-3445, www.classichomes.com.
 - **Billy Bob Thornton & the Boxmasters at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Tue., **May 9**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
 - **Seniors May Trip: Paint Mines Interpretive Park, Calhan**, Wed., **May 10**. See page 1 of the May Senior Beat for details. Registration required. RSVP & Info: Sue, 464-6873.
 - **Seniors: Hear it Here**, Fri., **May 12**, 9 a.m.–noon, Tri-Lakes Senior Center, on the campus of Lewis-Palmer High School. Gleneagle Sertoma, device suppliers, audiologists, and the local Hearing Loss Association of America chapter have organized this free event open to anyone in our area. Find out how to enrich your life through better hearing. Info: Sue Walker, 464-6873.
 - **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Pikes Peak Antique Machinery Days**, Fri.-Sun., **May 12-14**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). WMMI will host the first annual Pikes Peak Antique Machinery Days. Silent auction, antique tractor pull (Sat. & Sun.), antique engines and tractors, operating steam engines, and more. Cost: \$5. Info: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org.
 - **CPR/AED Class**, Sat., **May 13**, 9 a.m. Silver Alliance will host an American Heart Association CPR/AED class. The class will take approximately 3-4 hours. Cost: \$35. Registration is required. RSVP & Info: Sue, 464-6873.
 - **Wescott Annual Safety Fair & Penrose Blood Drive**, Sat., **May 13**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Free hot dogs, Flight for Life, wildland truck display, smoke trailer, pet safety, and more. Info: 488-8680, www.wescottfire.org.
 - **A Tea for All Ages**, Sat., **May 13**, 1-3 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Everyone ages 5-99 is invited to attend this delightful tea, with treats and activities for all ages. Please wear your Sunday best (hats optional) and bring your own unique tea cup. Space is limited. Please RSVP by May 3 with staff at either Monument or Palmer Lake Libraries. RSVP & Info: 488-2370, www.ppdl.org.
 - **Epiphany 3 Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Sat., **May 13**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
 - **Palmer Lake's 2nd Annual Glow Run**, Sat., **May 13**, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Palmer Lake. Come at 7:30 p.m. for fun music and dancing, as well as charging stations for your Glow Run T-Shirts. Food, glow t-shirts, glow candies, and lots of fun. The run/walk/crawl will begin at dark. Registration & Info: www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-palmer-lake-glow-run-tickets-33249212289.
 - **Tri-Lakes Community/Centura Blood Drive**, Tue., **May 16**, 2:30-7 p.m., Bloodmobile at Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5822.
 - **Non-Profit Council**, Wed., **May 17**, 9 a.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 166 Second St., Monument. Attention non-profits, schools, churches, government entities, businesses, other organizations and anyone else interested in serving the community. Meet collaboratively to understand each other's mission and to explore areas of cooperation. Info: Rich Strom, 719-963-4464.
 - **Free Workshop: Be a Senior Smarty**, Fri., **May 19**, 9 a.m.-noon, Silver Alliance Senior Center, Learn about senior nutrition, combining SNAP resources for better buying power, Silver Key SOS programs and services, fire preparedness. Snacks will be provided. Registration deadline is May 15. Space is limited so register early. See page 5 of this month's Senior Beat or contact Paula Blair, 481-4864 x 112, or Sue Walker, 464-6873.
 - **Monument Vision Clinic Trunkshow**, Fri.-Sat., **May 19-20**, 2-7 p.m. Fri.; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat., 1860 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Spring eyewear extravaganza: up to 30% off and 40% off additional pairs. Info: 488-2042, www.monumentvision.com.
 - **Springtime in Monument Festival 5k Run/Walk and Chili Cook Off**, Sat., **May 20**, 9:30 a.m. race, 10:30 a.m. chili & after party, Fox Run Park, 2110 Stella Dr., Monument. Monument Professional Firefighters Local 4319 is raising money for Operation Warm, which provides brand new winter coats to children in need. Info: Jeremy Furman, jfurman03@gmail.com; http://springtimeinmonument5k.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=8773.
 - **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI), Picnic-N-Planes**, Wed., **May 24**, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). For \$5 per carload, come to the museum to see the Thunderbirds fly low over the museum property. Bring your picnic lunch, cameras, and binoculars for a fun outing. Info: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org.
 - **MeadowGrass Music Festival**, Fri.-Sun., **May 26-28**, La Foret Conference & Retreat Center, 6145 Shoup Rd., Colo. Springs. Concerts, camping, kids activities. Tickets

- & Info: www.meadowgrass.org.
- **Bonfils Blood Center Community Blood Drive**, Sat., **May 27**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Monument Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Info: 488-2370, www.ppdl.org.
 - **Spirits of Spring: A Wine and Food Tasting with Live and Silent Auctions**, Sat., May 27, 6-9 p.m., Enjoy an evening of wine and food tasting in the Antlers Hotel Heritage Ballroom in downtown Colorado Springs. Proceeds to benefit The Home Front Cares and other local charities. Tickets & Info: 488-9879, www.SpiritsofSpring.org. See ad on page 8.
 - **Monument Memorial Day Ceremony**, Mon., **May 29**, 10 a.m., Monument Cemetery, 800 Eighth St. The community is invited to a free special ceremony to honor all military veterans. Info: 884-8013, www.townofmonument.org and click on Community.
 - **Free Lunch and Learn**, Wed., **May 31**, 1:30-2:30 p.m., INNOVA Recovery Services, 1824 Woodmoor Dr. Ste. 101, Monument. Support for parents with teenagers suffering from substance abuse/addiction. RSVP so they know how much food to order. RSVP & Info: 719-445-9330, www.innovarecovery.com.
 - **BBQ & Bingo Night Fundraiser for Black Forest Animal Sanctuary**, Fri., **Jun. 2**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Club, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Bring the family for a family-friendly evening of fun! Eat hamburgers & hot dogs (beef/vegan) with sides and desserts, 5:30– 7 p.m.; play bingo for prizes 6:30–7:30 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted to help support the Black Forest Animal Sanctuary. Info: 494-0158, bfasfarm@gmail.com, www.bfasfarm.org, or the Facebook page BFAS So Co Animal Rescue.
 - **Kids Fishing Derby**, Sat., **Jun. 3**, 8-11:30 a.m., Palmer Lake. For elementary and middle school-age kids; must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own fishing gear if you have it. Colorado Parks & Wildlife hands out a limited number of rods and reels at no charge; first come, first served. Door prizes! Presented by Tri-Lakes Lions Club. Admission: a non-perishable food item for Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: David Prejean, 719-434-7031.
 - **Tri-Lakes Women's Club First Ever Pre-Harvesting Hope Jewelry Sale**, Sat., **Jun. 3**, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Exquisite jewelry is all silver, with beautiful gemstones. These designer costume pieces are moderately priced; most are under \$20. This is the same style jewelry you will see in the club's silent auction at their fall fundraiser "Harvesting Hope." Come early for the best selection. Tri-Lakes Women's Club is a 501(c)3, and all profits from this sale help support Tri-Lakes area educational and first responder services. Info: Diane, 488-5934, www.tlwc.net.
 - **Mountain View Electric Association Annual Meeting**, Thu., **Jun. 8**, 4:30 p.m. registration, dinner, entertainment; 6:30 p.m. business meeting, board election, door prizes; Limon Public Schools, 912 Badger Way, Limon. All members of the electric cooperative are invited to the free BBQ dinner with giant cinnamon rolls and live music by Brad Richmond. Info: (800) 388-9881, www.mvea.coop.
 - **Color Splash, Annual Fine Art Exhibit Opening Reception**, Fri., **Jun. 9**, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celebrate the Palmer Lake Art Group's show opening with live music, great food, and fine art. The show runs June 6-30. Proceeds benefit art scholarships for District 38 high school seniors. Info: 481-0475.
 - **Lakeside Free Summer Concert at Waterfront Park: Jody Adams**, Fri., **Jun. 9**, 6-8 p.m., Forest Lakes Drive, Monument. Free concerts 2nd and 4th Fri., June-July. Info: www.forestlakescolorado.com/events.html.
 - **Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby Race**, Sun., **Jun. 11**, 8 a.m., Costilla Street between El Paso and Wahsatch. The public is invited to "World's greatest amateur racing event" where kids race their hand-made cars, competing for trophies and a chance to represent Colorado Springs at the International Soap Box Derby in July. Food service and parking available. Info: Jody Shanklin, 571-606-8885, pikespeak@soapboxderby.org., www.ppsbd.com.
 - **Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid Certification Course**, Sat., **Jun. 17**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Reservations required: send \$25 and your e-mail or phone number (for registration confirmation and inclement weather notice) by June 13 to Carley Lehman, 17630 Woodhaven Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80908. Wear comfortable clothes, bring a sack lunch. Info: Carley Lehman, 502-3242.
 - **2017 Monument Outdoor Quilt Show**, Sat., **Jun. 17**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. Quilt submissions due by **May 10**. Info: info.frmqg@gmail.com, http://frontrangemodernquiltguild.webs.com/

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 Calen-

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