

call the Visiting Nurse Association, 577-4448.

- **Senior Bingo**, Thu., **Dec. 12**, Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake, after the senior lunch. Come for lunch at noon, then stay and play. Free! Prizes! Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: Maggie Nealon, 488-3037.
- **Bridge**, Thu., **Dec. 12**, 1-4 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center, 1300 Higby Road, Monument. Meets 2nd Thu. each month, Sept.-June. Info: www.trilakeseniors.org/programs/events.html.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber Monthly Education Series: Speed Networking**, Thu., **Dec. 12**, 2:30-5 p.m., 166 Second St., Monument. Free. Register online, www.trilakeschamber.com/events-calendar.htm. Info: 481-3282.
- **Ben Lomond Gun Club**, Tri-Lakes Chapter, Thu., **Dec. 12**, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Fire Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105 west of Monument near the bowling alley. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 481-3364.
- **Silver Center Book Club**, Fri., **Dec. 13**, 11 a.m.-noon, Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. All are welcome. Meets 2nd Fri. each month. Coffee & snacks served. RSVP & Info: Sue, 330-0241.
- **La Leche League Meeting**, Fri., **Dec. 13**, noon-1 p.m., Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Mothers, babies, and mothers-to-be are all invited. Meets 2nd Fri. each month. Info: Kelley, 440-2477, kdghorashi@gmail.com.
- **El Paso County Hazardous Materials & Recycling Collection Facility**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 3255 Akers Dr., Colorado Springs. Open the 2nd Sat. each month as well as Mon.-Thu., 7 a.m.-5 p.m., accepts porcelain fixtures, common recyclable items, household hazardous waste, various electronics, and TVs up to 19-inch diagonal. Bring a nonperishable food item for Care and Share. Info: 520-7878, http://adm.elpasoco.com/Environmental_Services/Solid_Waste_Management.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 9 a.m., Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. A variety of art programs are offered after the social gathering and business meeting. Guests welcome. Meets 2nd Sat. each month. Info: 487-1329, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 9:45-11:30 a.m., The First National Bank of Monument, 581 Hwy 105. Meets 2nd Sat. each month. Info: Gail, 481-3711.
- **Faithful Friends**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 3-4:30 p.m., Wesley Owens Coffee & Cafe, 1744 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. The group's new format is an open conversation with different thought-provoking topics. This month's topic: "I hate the holidays, now what?" Meets 2nd Sat. each month. RSVP & Info: Ellen, 303-526-5000.
- **Friends of Fox Run Park**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 1-3 p.m., Warming Hut by the lakes in Fox Run Regional Park, 2110 Stella Dr. Kids and adults, make nature-inspired holiday ornaments. Free. Normally meets 4th Thu. each month. RSVP & Info: FriendsOfFoxRunPark@gmail.com.
- **Amateur Radio W0TLM** (Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association), **No meeting in December**. All amateur radio operators or those interested in becoming amateur radio operators are welcome. Normally meets 3rd Mon. Check the website for details. Info: Joyce Witte, 661-9824, Joycewitte@gmail.com; www.W0TLM.com.
- **Outpouring: TLUMC Supporting our Community**, Tue., **Dec. 17**, 7 p.m., Pikes Peak Brewing Company, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Everyone is welcome. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: LWeber1971@aol.com; for current speaker info go to http://tlumc.org/outreach/outpouring.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma Luncheon Meeting**, Wed., **Dec. 18**, **CANCELED**. Interesting speakers and programs; all are welcome. The next meeting will be Jan. 15. Normally meets 1st & 3rd Wed. each month, location varies. Info: Garrett Barton, 433-5396; Duane Gritzmaker, 481-2424; www.gleneaglesertoma.org.
- **Senior Bingo**, Wed., **Dec. 18**, 1-2 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center, Lewis-Palmer High School campus. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Sue Walker, 464-6873.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829**, Wed., **Dec. 18**, 7 p.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. New members welcome. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Post Commander Joe Carlson, 405-326-2588, jcarlson@vfw7829.org, www.vfw7829.org.
- **VFW Auxiliary to Post 7829**, Wed., **Dec. 18**, 7 p.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. New members welcome. If you are a male or 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, carlsonmck@aol.com.
- **Senior Tea**, Thu., **Dec. 19**, 12-1:30 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center at Lewis-Palmer High School (across from the YMCA). Come early to socialize. Volunteers needed. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Reservations required: contact Sue, 464-6873, sue@monumentalfitness.com.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society, No meeting in Dec.**, Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. All are welcome. Normally meets 3rd Thu., 7 p.m., each

month. PLHS will host its annual Potluck and Membership Meeting Jan. 16 at Palmer Lake Town Hall. Info: 559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.

- **Gleneagle Women's Club**, Fri., **Dec. 20**. Come for lunch, book discussions, bridge, and more. Location for lunch varies. Meets every third Fri., Sept.-June. Info: Syble Krafft, 488-2669.
- **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., **Dec. 20**, Silver Alliance Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. A registered nurse examines feet and provides foot care advice, toenail trimming. Cost: \$35 for a 30-min. visit. Meets 2nd Wed., 3rd and last Fri. each month, by appointment only. Info & appointments: call the Visiting Nurse Association, 577-4448.
- **The Breakfast Club**, Sat., **Dec. 21**, 8:30 a.m., The Ridge at Castle Pines North (Ridge Grill and Bar), 1414 Castle Pines Pkwy. Single people 50+ meet new friends and have fun. Meets 3rd Sat. each month. Info: 303-815-8428, www.TBC50plus.org.
- **Monument Hill Farmers Market Winter Indoor Market**, Sat., **Dec. 21**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Grace Best, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Shop all your old favorites. Meets every 3rd Sat. through April. Info: 592-9420. See ad on page 5.
- **Tri-Lakes Parkinson's Disease Support Group**, Sat., **Dec. 21**, 10 a.m.-noon, Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St, Monument. Come for socializing, discussions on Parkinson's-related issues including available support, and occasional speakers. Meets 3rd Sat. each month. Info: Syble Krafft, 488-2669.
- **Chess Nuts**, Tue., **Dec. 24**, 5-9 p.m., Silver Alliance Senior Center, across the street from the YMCA. Any age, any skill. Learners welcome. Drop in and leave when you want. Bring your own board and pieces if you have them. Meets 2nd & 4th Tue. each month. Info: www.TriLakesSeniors.org/chess.
- **Senior Social, no meeting in Dec.**, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month except Nov. & Dec. Info: aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com.
- **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., **Dec. 27**, Silver Alliance Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. A registered nurse examines feet and provides foot care advice, toenail trimming. Cost: \$35 for a 30-min. visit. Meets 2nd Wed., 3rd and last Fri. each month, by appointment only. Info & appointments: call the Visiting Nurse Association, 577-4448.
- **Tri-Lakes Lions Club Meeting**, Thu., **Jan. 2**, 6:30-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 166 2nd St., Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: 303-883-8329, jim1947n@comcast.net, www.trilakeslionsclub.org.
- **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers**, Thu., **Jan. 2**, 6:45 p.m., Monument Hill Church, 18725 Monument Hill Rd., Unit 18, Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: PDQ504@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: dmbundle@hotmail.com.
- **Myasthenia Gravis Association** of Colorado Support Group. Location varies. Info: Carolyn, 488-3620, www.4-mga.org, 303-360-7080, 4mga@4-mga.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **The Hazel Miller Band Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Fri., **Dec. 6**, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Christmas Concert at St. Peter Catholic Church: Peace on Earth**, Fri., **Dec. 6**, 7-10 p.m., 55 Jefferson, Monument. Free. All are welcome for an evening of holiday music. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: www.Petertherock.org.
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club's 14th Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair**, Sat., **Dec. 7**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Grace Best Education Center, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Browse hundreds of handcrafted items and Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church Cookie Walk. Music throughout the day by D-38 choirs/bands & local talent, and Miguel Dakota, America's Got Talent Season 9 finalist. Admission is free with nonperishable food item, toy, or cash for Tri-Lakes Cares; or used sporting goods for 4KidzSports. All proceeds go to help fund D-38 schools and Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: Bob Nissen, 304-8705, bob@mifigroup.com, www.MHKiwanis.org.
- **Downtown Monument's Small Town Christmas**, Sat., **Dec. 7**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus and their reindeer, kids' activities and crafts, hayrides, open houses, and more. Tree-lighting 5 p.m. at Limbach Park. Info: 481-2954.
- **Santa Fe Trail Jewelry Darlene Armstrong Show**, Sat., **Dec. 7**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 106 2nd St., Unit A, Monument. Shop Small Town Christmas with one-of-a-kind jewelry that showcases the beauty and harmony of natural gemstones. Info: 481-0250. See ad on page 4.
- **Small Town Christmas at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., **Dec. 7**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Carmela Lavigna Coyle will sign "Can Princesses Become Astronauts?" 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Nancy Oswald will sign "Ruby's Christmas Gift," 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Margaret Mizushima will sign "Tracking Game,

A Timber Creek K-9 Mystery," 1-3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.

- **Holiday Market at Jackson Creek Senior Living**, Sat., **Dec. 7**, 1-4 p.m., 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Shop a variety of vendors, get a picture with Santa, enjoy holiday refreshments. Info: 259-0448, www.JacksonCreekSeniorLiving.com.
- **Celebration of the life of Barbara Cusack**, Sat., **Dec. 7**, 2-4 p.m., O'Malley's, 104 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. All are invited to honor Barbara's memory by having a beer or glass of wine, striking up a conversation with a stranger, or taking a walk in nature. Interment is scheduled for Dec. 20, 2 p.m., Cedar Hill Cemetery, Castle Rock. See obituary on page 18.
- **Monument Tree Lighting**, Sat., **Dec. 7**, 3-6 p.m., tree lighting 5 p.m., Santa 5-6 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St. Watch for more details. Please bring a canned food item for Tri-Lakes Cares or a new, unwrapped toy for Santa on Patrol. Info: Madeline, 884-8013, www.townofMonument.org.
- **Song Spinners Christmas Show at Jackson Creek Senior Living**, Sun., **Dec. 8**, 1-2 p.m., 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Free. RSVP & Info: Kathy Clinton, 719-725-6060, www.JacksonCreekSeniorLiving.com.
- **Black Forest Community Potluck & Tree Lighting**, Sun., **Dec. 8**, 5:45 p.m., 12530 Black Forest Rd. Tree-lighting 5:45 p.m. at NE corner of the Log School Park, at the corner of Shoup and Black Forest Roads, followed by potluck dinner. Black Forest Players will perform a one-act play, music by Fusion from Pine Creek, and Christmas sing-a-long. Bring your favorite dish to share. Info: 719-495-2207.
- **El Paso County Master Plan Workshop**, Wed., **Dec. 11**, 6-8 p.m., 2880 International Circle, Suite 110, Colo. Springs. Do you care about county roads, water, growth? The county seeks public input on the master plan. Info: Tracey Garcia, 719-520-7952.
- **Restyle your Fur at the Love Shop**, Wed.-Thu., **Dec. 11-12**, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., 251 Front St., #13, Monument. Restyle your old fur to a vest, jacket, or Teddy bear. Info: 719-598-3348. See ad on page 11.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Holiday Show/Sing-along Potluck with Dakota Blonde**, Fri., **Dec. 13**, 7-9:30 p.m. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Last names A-Q, please bring appetizers; R-Z, please bring desserts. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtm@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Cookies with Santa**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 8:30 a.m.-noon, The Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd, Monument. Ten minutes one-on-one visit with Santa for children with sensory sensitivities. Please call to reserve your time: 719-488-3200.
- **Monument's Santa on Patrol**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Monument Police Department, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, and the Palmer Lake Police Department will team up to deliver toys and good cheer to many children in the Tri-Lakes area. Info: 481-3253.
- **Santa Fe Trail Jewelry Starborn Creations Show**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 106 2nd St., Unit A, Monument. Shop one-of-a-kind jewelry. Info: 481-0250. See ad on page 4.
- **Wreaths Across America**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 10 a.m., Monument Cemetery, 800 Beacon Lite Rd, Monument. Remember and honor our veterans through the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of our fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each veteran aloud. Info: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/142960/overview
- **Holiday Book Signing at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, noon-2 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Todd Caudle will sign his new title, "Natural Wonders of Colorado." Refreshments will be served. Info: 719-481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Oasis Band at Jackson Creek Senior Living**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 3-5 p.m., 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Free. RSVP & Info: Kathy Clinton, 719-725-6060, www.JacksonCreekSeniorLiving.com.
- **Calhan Country Christmas Holiday Light Display & Bull Riding**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 5 p.m., El Paso County Fair & Events Center 366 10th St., Calhan. Free, except for bull riding. Hay rides, live nativity, live music plus carolers, Parade of Lights (7 p.m.), Santa (8 p.m.), and more. Info: Stacy Starr, 719-520-7880.
- **Christmas Handbell Concert**, Sat., **Dec. 14**, 7 p.m., The Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd., Monument. Come and enjoy an evening of special Christmas music, including handbells/chimes and a recorder ensemble. Free, open to all; a free-will offering will be accepted. Info: Joyce, 719-481-3474. See ad on page 5.
- **Annual Palmer Lake Yule Log Hunt**, Sun., **Dec. 15**, 1 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Trek up the mountain in search of the Yule Log. Hunt participants should arrive 11 a.m.-noon. The winner will ride the Yule Log back to town and get the first cup of wassail. Non-hunters can stay warm indoors with carols and stories. Occurs 3rd Sun. in Dec. Info: 481-2953.
- **Brian Usher at Jackson Creek Senior Living**, Thu., **Dec. 19**, 4-6 p.m., 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. A holiday-themed concert with sing-along to celebrate the first "birthday" of Jackson Creek Senior