

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**, Wed., **Feb. 26**, 1-4 p.m., 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month except Nov. & Dec. Info: aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com.
 - **Friends of Fox Run Park**, Thu., **Feb. 27**, 5:30 p.m., Southwinds Fine Art Gallery upstairs, 16575 Rollercoaster Rd. (corner of Baptist and Rollercoaster Roads). Join the growing group to learn about volunteering and supporting the park for safety, trails, trees, education, more. Guest speaker each month. Meets 4th Thu. each month. Info: 719-492-0355, jnetsellers@ocn.me.
 - **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., **Feb. 28**, 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, 719-577-4448.
 - **Wildfire Preparedness Meeting**, Tue., **Mar. 3**, 10 a.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Learn about resources and training for homeowners and owners associations for wildfire mitigation and Firewise communities. Meets 1st Tue. each month. Info: Matthew Nelson 719-488-2693 ext 4, matthew@woodmoor.org.
 - **Gleneagle Sertoma Luncheon Meeting**, Wed., **Mar. 4**, 11:30 a.m., Liberty Heights, 12105 Ambassador Dr., Colo. Springs. Interesting speakers and programs; all are welcome. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Garrett Barton, 433-5396; Duane Gritzmaker, 481-2424; www.gleneaglesertoma.org.
 - **Tri-Lakes Lions Club Meeting**, Thu., **Mar. 5**, 6:30 p.m., Country Club of Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. Membership open to the public. Join Lions, or the Leo Youth Club, to help support the Tri-Lakes Community. Meets first Thu. each month. Info: Jim Naylor, 719-481-8741; www.trilakeslionsclub.org
 - **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers**, Thu., **Mar. 5**, 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
- **Winter Fun at Fox Run**, Sat., **Feb. 1**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Dog parade/contest, 11 a.m.), Fox Run Regional Park Warming Hut, 2110 Stella Dr. Join guided nature walks, listen to professional storytelling, roast hot dogs and marshmallows, watch (or enter!) a Dog Snow Queen & King contest, and more. Cost: \$5 per person, includes snacks and all activities. Info: 719-520-6387, 719-520-6972.
 - **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Human Trafficking Series: Connecting the Dots: Cultural and Systemic Ills that Fuel Human Trafficking**, Mon., **Feb. 3**, 6:30-8:15 p.m., PPLD 21C, Venue Room, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colo. Springs. This 4-session series addresses the cultural and systemic brokenness that feeds and fuels human trafficking locally, nationally, and globally. Free. RSVP & Info: 719-633-0655, ext. 132; roseann@benethillmonastery.org; www.benethillmonastery.org.
 - **D-38 Community Collaboration: What's next for D38?** Tue., **Feb. 4**, 6:30-8 p.m., Lewis-Palmer Middle School, 1776 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Join the discussion with Superintendent K.C. Somers and the Lewis-Palmer Board of Education. Repeats: Feb. 11, 9:30-11 a.m., Grace Best Education Center; Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m., Prairie Winds Elementary School and 2 p.m., Ray Kilmer Elementary School; Feb. 20, 8 a.m., Monument Academy Charter School and 6:30 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School. Info: 719-488-4700, info@lewispalmer.org, www.lewispalmer.org. See ad on page 9.
 - **Palmer Ridge High School Tour**, Thu., **Feb. 6**, 1:30 p.m., 19255 Monument Hill Rd, Monument. Repeats Feb. 6. RSVP & Info: Mrs. Nam, 719-867-8600, www.lewispalmer.org/enroll.
 - **Brian Usher at Jackson Creek Senior Living**, Thu., **Feb. 6**, 3:30 p.m., 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Sing-along favorites. RSVP & Info: 259-0448, www.JacksonCreekSeniorLiving.com.
 - **CASA Volunteer Informational Hour**, Thu., **Feb. 6**, 4:30 p.m., 418 S. Weber St., Colo. Springs. CASA volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children in the community and in the courtroom. Learn more about volunteering for CASA; snacks served. RSVP to Uriko Stout, ustout@casappr.org, www.casappr.org.
 - **State of the Tri-Lakes Region Lunch**, Fri., **Feb. 7**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Great Wolf Lodge, 9494 Federal Dr., Colo. Springs. Review the past year, look forward to the new year: views of what is going on in our area and predictions for the future. Info: 719-481-3282. Register on line: www.trilakeschamber.com/state-of-the-tri-lakes-region.html.
 - **Dion Pride: A Tribute to Charley Pride Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Fri., **Feb. 7**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 719-481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
 - **Palmer Lake Winterfest**, Sat., **Feb. 8**, noon-3 p.m., Palmer Lake. Ice skating (skates available) and games, live ice sculpture station, hot dogs and treats, music, and more. Info: Darcy, 630-796-5885.
 - **High Altitude Gardening**, Tue., **Feb. 11**, 5-6:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Community Room, 166 Second St., Monument. Learn best practices and plant selection to handle wildlife and wild weather here in Monument. Repeats Feb. 18, 10 a.m. RSVP & Info: 719-884-8013, www.townofmonument.org, then click on Community, then Town of Monument Newsletter.
 - **Valentine's Day Party at Jackson Creek Senior Living**, Fri., **Feb. 14**, 1-4 p.m., 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. DJ and treats. RSVP & Info: 259-0448, www.JacksonCreekSeniorLiving.com.
 - **Black Rose Acoustic Society: Train Station**, Fri., **Feb. 14**, 7 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, 719-528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
 - **Monument Hill Farmers Market Winter Indoor Market**, Sat., **Feb. 15**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Grace Best, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Shop all your old favorites. Meets every 3rd Sat. through April. Info: 719-592-9420. See ad on page 5.
 - **From Bayonet to Scalpel at Jackson Creek Senior Living**, Sat., **Feb. 15**, 1 p.m., 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Veteran's group presentation. RSVP & Info: 259-0448, www.JacksonCreekSeniorLiving.com.
 - **8th Annual Castle Rock Bull Riding Challenge**, Sat., **Feb. 15**, 7-9 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds indoor arena, 500 Fairgrounds Dr., Castle Rock. Two shows: a 2 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. show. Visitors will learn about bucking bulls, how they are cared for, training, and much more! Vendors, food concessions, a mechanical bull and pony rides, and free parking. Cost: \$20 Adult, \$15 Youth (ages 6-12) and military with ID, youngsters under the age of 5 are free. Riders and stock contractors interested in entering should contact Ty Rinaldo at TZ Bucking Bulls, thetzranch@gmail.com. Info: 719-641-3233.
 - **St. Peter Catholic Church: Unplanned**, Sat., **Feb. 15**, 6:15 p.m., 155 Jefferson St., Monument. The powerful true story of abortion clinic director Abby Johnson's dramatic transformation from Planned Parenthood spokesperson to passionate, pro-life speaker. See the movie trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBLWpKbC3ww>. Repeats third Saturday each month. Info: stephanierkemp@gmail.com.
 - **Hazel Miller & the Collective at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Fri., **Feb. 15**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Special Valentine's Day Show. Tickets & Info: 719-481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
 - **The Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Human Trafficking Series: Introducing Bakhita Mountain Home**, Mon., **Feb. 17**, 6:30-8:15 p.m., PPLD 21C, Venue Room, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colo. Springs. Free. Learn about this residential community for adult women recovered from human trafficking. RSVP & Info: 633-0655, ext. 132, roseann@benethillmonastery.org, www.benethillmonastery.org.
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 - **Musical Memories with Dave Michalick at Jackson Creek Senior Living**, Tue., **Feb. 18**, 2:30 p.m., 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. RSVP & Info: 259-0448, www.JacksonCreekSeniorLiving.com.
 - **Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)**, Tue.-Sat., **Feb. 18-22**, 6-10 p.m. Tue.-Thu., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.; Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Learn how to be resilient and "what to do when 911 can't get there" in a disaster or emergency in this free course given by the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management. See www.EPCCERT.org. Register at <http://pp-certfeb20.eventzilla.net>. Info: Robin, 719-575-8858.
 - **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Free Peer-to-Peer**, ten Thu., beginning **Feb. 19**, 6-8:30 p.m., southeast Colo. Springs. This 10-session educational program helps adults with mental health conditions better understand themselves and their recovery. Repeats Feb. 27 in north Colo Springs. Register online at namicoloradosprings.org. Info: 719-473-8477 or email info@namicos.org.
 - **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family**, twelve Thu., beginning **Feb. 20**, 6-8:30 p.m., southeast Colo. Springs. This free class is an evidence-based, 12-week course for family and friends of individuals with serious mental illnesses. Register online at namicoloradosprings.org. Info: 719-473-8477 or email info@namicos.org.
 - **Landscape Design Principles**, Tue., **Feb. 21**, 10-11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Community Room,

166 Second St., Monument. Especially valuable for new home builds. RSVP & Info: 719-884-8013, www.townofmonument.org, then click on Community, then Town of Monument Newsletter.

- **Free D-38 Chess Tournament**, Sat., **Feb. 22**, 8:15 a.m. onsite registration, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. tournament; 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. Concessions available. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure sufficient medals or trophies; pre-register each student at <https://forms.gle/Tipirx-6wyE89xtjPA> or register the morning of the tournament. Info: Steve Waldmann, huskerco@gmail.com; Annette Bass, abass@lewispalmer.org.
- **WMMI Winter Writers' Course: Science Writing: Pathways to Discovery**, Sat., **Feb. 22**, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Western Museum of Mining, 225 North Gate Blvd. Writing about science, nature, mining, history, and other nonfiction subjects offers exciting opportunities to be published. Magazines, newspapers, bloggers, clubs, and schools are looking for articles to share with their audience, and this class can teach you how to publish. Students in middle and high school are encouraged to attend. Graduate credit available. RSVP & Info: 719-488-0880, or online, <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/wmmi/items/190323/calendar/?flow=41147>.
- **Spotlight on Local Authors at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., **Feb. 22**, 1-3 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Mava Joyce Aubrey will sign *Beyond the Aftershocks*. Mark Pope will sign *Calli on the Loose*. Gene McKenzie will sign *Debunking the Diet Myth*. Larry Patzer will sign *The Palm Tree*. Refreshments will be served. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Fuel Church 6th Anniversary Celebration**, Sun., **Feb. 23**, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m., 14960 Woodcarver Rd. Info: www.fuelchurch.org. See ad on page 7.
- **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Chamber Concert: Colin McAllister, Classical Guitar**, Sun., **Feb. 23**, 2:30-4 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Cost: \$25. Buy tickets online: www.benethillmonastery.org. Info: 719-633-0655, ext. 132.
- **Water-wise Gardening: Smart, classy design and plant selection to save water**, Tue., **Feb. 25**, 10-11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce Community Room, 166 Second St., Monument. Repeats Mar. 5, 5 p.m., and Mar. 13, 10 a.m. RSVP & Info: 719-884-8013, www.townofmonument.org, then click on Community, then Town of Monument Newsletter.
- **Pikes Peak Brewing Co. Mardi Gras Celebration**, Tue., **Feb. 25**, 4 p.m., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Chef Bob's Lobstah Trap, 4 p.m.; live music, 6 p.m. Info: www.pikespeakbrewing.com. See ad on page 12.
- **Lewis-Palmer High School Band Free Concert**, Tue., **Feb. 25**, 7-8:30 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School Auditorium, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band. Info: 719-757-1485, tchapman@lewispalmer.org.
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- **Pineries Open Space Hike**, Sat., **Feb. 29**, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. El Paso County Parks and the Trails and Open Space Coalition will guide a preview hike through this new county property, its largest open space holding, northeast of the intersection of Vollmer and Shoup Roads, in the Black Forest area. Cost: \$4 for non-members. RSVP & Info: 719-520-6977.
- **Songwriters in the Round at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Sat., **Feb. 29**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
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