

- ED, Thu., May 21, 7 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. All are welcome. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-559-0837, [www.palmerdividehistory.org](http://www.palmerdividehistory.org).
- **Chess Nuts, SUSPENDED**, Tue., May 26, 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](http://www.TriLakesSeniors.org/chess).
  - **Tri-Lakes Chamber Monthly Education Series: Building Resiliency to Stress & Burnout**, Wed., May 27, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 166 Second St., Monument. Free event for members and non-members. Check the website and register online, [www.trilakeschamber.com](http://www.trilakeschamber.com). Info: 481-3282.
  - **Senior Social, SUSPENDED**, Wed., May 27, 1-4 p.m., 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month except Nov. & Dec. Info: [aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com](http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com).
  - **Friends of Fox Run Park, SUSPENDED**, Thu., May 28, 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, [janetsellers@ocn.me](mailto:janetsellers@ocn.me).
  - **Foot Care Clinic, SUSPENDED**, Fri., May 29, 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.
  - **Tri-Lakes Chamber Networking Breakfast**, Thu., June 4, 7:30-9 a.m., 166 Second St., Monument. This week's speakers: Linda Famula, The Tribune; TBD. Check the website and register online, [www.trilakeschamber.com](http://www.trilakeschamber.com). Meets 1st & 3rd Thu. each month. Info: Laura, 719-481-3282; [laura@trilakeschamber.com](mailto:laura@trilakeschamber.com).
  - **Tri-Lakes Lions Club Meeting**, check the website, Thu., Jun. 4, 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](mailto:jim1947n@comcast.net), [www.trilakeslionsclub.org](http://www.trilakeslionsclub.org).
  - **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers**, Thu., Jun. 4, 6:45 p.m., Monument Hill Church, 18725 Monument Hill Rd., Unit 18, Monument. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: [PDQ504@gmail.com](mailto:PDQ504@gmail.com).
  - **Faithful Friends**, Thu., Jun. 4, 7 p.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. A Ladies' Dessert with an inspirational speaker each month. Normally meets 1st Thu. each month. Cost: \$7. RSVP & Info: Sandi King, 719-237-3359.
  - **Group of Artists (GOA) Meetings** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Sat., Jun. 6, 10 a.m.-noon, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Lively discussions about art topics, general studies on creativity. Meets 1st Sat. each month. Info: 481-0475, [info@trilakesarts.org](mailto:info@trilakesarts.org), [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org).
  - **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](mailto:dmbundle@hotmail.com).
  - **Myasthenia Gravis Association** of Colorado Support Group. Location varies. Info: Carolyn, 488-3620, [www.4-mga.org](http://www.4-mga.org), 303-360-7080, [4mga@4-mga.org](mailto:4mga@4-mga.org).

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Tri-Lakes Women's Club's Spring into Vintage, CANCELED**, Sat.-Sun., May 2-3, Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. For more information on the club, go to [www.tlwc.net](http://www.tlwc.net).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Basics**, Find virtual support groups online **Tuesdays**, 7-8:30 p.m. Connection Support Group, for people living with mental illness. **Wednesdays**, 7-8:30 p.m. Family Support Group, for family members of people living with mental illness. at [namicoloradosprings.org](http://namicoloradosprings.org). NAMI Basics is a free, six-week education program for parents and family caregivers of children and teens who are experiencing symptoms of a mental illness or whom have already been diagnosed. Register online at [namicoloradosprings.org](http://namicoloradosprings.org). Info: 719-473-8477 or email [info@namicos.org](mailto:info@namicos.org).
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- **National Alliance On Mental Illness (NAMI) 10th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon**, "Stand in the Light," **SUSPENDED**, possible virtual fundraiser, email: [admin@namicos.org](mailto:admin@namicos.org), Mon., May 11, noon-1 p.m. (doors open 11:30 a.m.), The Broadmoor, 1 Lake Ave., Colo. Springs.

- **Walk for Survivors**, Sat., May 16, 9:30 a.m., Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. This fundraiser is for Bakhita Mountain Home, a residential community for women healing from the impact of human trafficking. Walk in person or virtually, enjoy a BBQ Lunch provided by the local Knights of Columbus. For more information or to register visit: [www.bakhitamountainhome.org](http://www.bakhitamountainhome.org). See ad on page 7.
- **Mountain View Electric Association Virtual Annual Meeting of Members**, Thu., Jun. 4, 6 p.m. The board of directors election will be by mail ballot only. Request a ballot by May 8 and be eligible to win prizes. Info: [www.mvea.coop/community/community-events/annual-meeting/](http://www.mvea.coop/community/community-events/annual-meeting/). See ad on page 10.
- **Griffith Centers for Children Peaks Challenge**, Sat., Jul. 18-Sun., Aug. 2, sponsorship deadline Jul. 10. Ascend one of Colorado's famous 14er mountains while helping hundreds of children and families across Colorado. Inspire friends to climb with you, or join a team and meet new folks who share your passion for adventure. Registration & Info: [www.griffithcenters.org/peaks-challenge](http://www.griffithcenters.org/peaks-challenge).
- **Summer STEM Camp at WMMI**, Mon.-Fri., Jul. 20-24, full or half day, Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Ages 8-12 will have hands-on activities in geology, electricity, physics, mining and industry, along with special guests. Info: 488-0880, [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org). See ad on page 32.
- **Color Splash, Annual Fine Art Exhibit Opening Reception**, Fri., Aug. 7, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celebrate the Palmer Lake Art Group's show opening. The show runs Aug. 4-28. Proceeds benefit art scholarships for District 38 high school seniors. Info: [bsands56@gmail.com](mailto:bsands56@gmail.com), [www.palmerlakeartgroup.com](http://www.palmerlakeartgroup.com). See ad on page 12.

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