

Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

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Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red October Menu

Oct. 9: Meat loaf, baked potato casserole, & salad.

Oct. 16: Lasagna, Caesar salad, & garlic bread.

Oct. 23: Italian sausage sandwich, coleslaw, & chips.

Oct. 30: Pork in apple cider cream sauce, roasted potatoes, & salad.

Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

Singers and musicians needed for Christmas production

Tri-Lakes Music Association seeks singers, orchestra musicians, and anyone who would like to help in any way. Be a part of this exciting Tri-Lakes Christmas tradition. Performances will be at Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., the weekend of **Dec. 21**. There will be three performances and exact dates and times will follow. All proceeds from the show go to Tri-Lakes Cares and two \$500 college scholarships. For information contact Bob Manning, 719-232-4114, or email rwgmanning@comcast.net.

Volunteers needed for brush and tree thinning

Volunteers are needed to cut scrub oak, junipers, and pine trees for residents who need help with fire mitigation. More volunteer fire mitigation will be scheduled in October for residents identified by Wescott Fire Marshal Margo Humes as needing help getting work done on their properties. Volunteers may contact Julia at Integrity Roofing and Siding, 488-2800.

Register now for fall basketball and swim classes at the Y

Tri-Lakes YMCA Fall Basketball for ages 3 years old to eighth grade is scheduled for **Oct. 21-Dec. 14**. Also, swim classes are available for ages 6 months to adult. Register at www.pymca.org or at 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. For information, call 481-8728.

Craft club forming

A new craft club will feature a fun, easy paper craft each month. Meets on Saturday at the Fairfield Inn & Suites. For information contact Linda, 375-8991, Lindacarpy@gmail.com.

MVEA Essay Contest, enter by Nov. 18

High school juniors can win an all-expense-paid trip in June to Washington, D.C., or a week in July at Leadership Camp in the mountains. To enter, write a 500-word essay on "What is your opinion on the war on coal, and how do you feel it may impact electric cooperatives?" Requirements and contest entry form are available at either Mountain View Electric Association office or online at www.mvea.coop. Info: 719-494-2670.

Operation Christmas Child, Nov. 18-25

Donors can drop off shoeboxes packed with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for needy children overseas **Nov. 18-25** at The Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. For information call 488-6926 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

Tax credit available for wildfire mitigation work

Taxpayers with property located in a wildland-urban interface area can receive a tax credit up to \$2,500 for performing wildfire mitigation measures. Information regarding community wildfire protection plans and wildfire mitigation measures can be found online at www.wescottfire.org and www.csfs.colostate.edu. For information check www.taxcolorado.com.

Free help line for fire victims

Optum, a health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line to those affected by wildfires. The service is free and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may

also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters. The toll-free number, 866-342-6892, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for as long as necessary.

Newspaper seeks volunteers

Would you like to volunteer with *Our Community News*? You can help with mailing day, write articles, take snapshots, and write captions, and more. We'll teach you! Text or call Lisa at 339-7831 to find out more.

Reverse 911

With the heightened concern for fire danger along the Front Range, many people want to sign up their home or cell phone for reverse emergency notification. The El Paso-Teller E-911 Authority Emergency Notification System is used to notify residents of any potential emergencies in their neighborhood. To sign up, go to <https://elptc911.onthealert.com>.

Tri-Lakes HAP Senior Center programs

The Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership Senior Citizens Center is next to the Lewis-Palmer High School Stadium (across from the YMCA) and is open 1-4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and earlier for scheduled activities. The facility has a lounge, craft room, game room, and multipurpose room. Programs include pinocle, Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m.; National Mah-jongg, Fridays, 1-4 p.m.; line dancing, first and second Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m.; tea time, third Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.; bingo, third Wednesday, 12:30-3 p.m. Also available at the center are ping-pong, Wii video games, various puzzles and board games, refreshments, a lending library, computers with Internet connections, and an information table. For information about programs for seniors, visit www.TriLakesSeniors.org.

Senior Beat newsletter—subscribe for free

Each monthly Senior Beat newsletter is full of information for local seniors including the schedule of the classes and events for the month at the Senior Citizens Center. To subscribe to the free newsletter, send an email with your name and mailing address to SeniorBeat@TriLakesSeniors.org. Senior Beat can also be viewed online at www.TriLakesHAP.org. ■

Our Community Calendar

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GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon., **Oct. 7**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 884-8017.
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 8**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: Bill Burks, 481-4053.
- **Triview Metropolitan District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 8**, 5 p.m., 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300, Monument. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: 488-6868.
- **D-38 Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 8**, 7 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets 2nd Tue. each month, location varies. Info: 488-4700, www.lewispalmer.org.
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 8**, 7 p.m., 120 Middle Glenway. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: 481-2732.
- **D-38 Special Education Advisory Council**, Wed., **Oct. 9**, 6:30 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 488-4700, www.lewispalmer.org.
- **Monument Planning Commission Meeting**, Wed., **Oct. 9**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 884-8017.
- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District Meeting**, Thu., **Oct. 10**, 1 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 488-2525.
- **Palmer Lake Liquor Licensing Authority & Medical Marijuana Authority and Town Council Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting**, Thu., **Oct. 10**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Normally meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 481-2953 (then press 0) or www.ci.palmer-lake.co.us.
- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 15**, 9 a.m., 2880 International Circle (off Union

Blvd & Printers Pkwy). Meets 1st & 3rd Tue. (if required) each month. Info: 520-6300, <http://adm2.elpasoco.com/planning/agendas/pc/pc-agn.asp>.

- **Wescott Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 15**, 7 p.m., Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: 488-8680.
- **Academy Water and Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Oct. 16**, 6 p.m., Wescott Fire Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 481-0711.
- **Palmer Lake Planning Commission Meeting**, Wed., **Oct. 16**, 6 p.m., at Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 481-2953 (then press 0) or www.ci.palmer-lake.co.us.
- **Donala Water & Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Thu., **Oct. 17**, 1:30 p.m., 15850 Holbein Dr., Colorado Springs. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 488-3603.
- **Monument Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Thu., **Oct. 17**, 7 p.m., 130 2nd St. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 481-4886.
- **Lewis-Palmer School District 38 Board Meeting**, Thu., **Oct. 17**, 6 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. A mill levy override forum for the public is on the agenda. Learn the facts about the local school funding proposal. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 488-4700.
- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon., **Oct. 21**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 884-8017.
- **Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Oct. 23**, 6:30 p.m., 166 Second St., Monument. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: Jennifer Martin, 484-0911, www.tri-lakesfire.com.
- **Woodmoor Improvement Association Board Meeting**, Wed., **Oct. 23**, 7 p.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: 488-2693, www.woodmoor.org.
- **Forest View Acres Water District Board Meeting**, Thu., **Oct. 24**, 6 p.m. Monument Sanitation District boardroom, 130 Second St. Meets 4th Thu. each month. Info: 488-2110, www.fvawd.com.

LOCAL LIBRARY EVENTS

For these and other library events, please check www.ppld.org/communityconnections/calendar.

- **The Palmer Lake Library** hours are Tue.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 66 Lower Glenway. Info: 481-2587, www.ppld.org.
- **The Monument Branch Library** hours are Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri. & Sat, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun., 1-5 p.m. 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 488-2370, www.ppld.org.
- **Monument Library: Aftermath, Mon., every Mon., 3:30-7 p.m.** Free drop-in math assistance for students of all ages. Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 488-2370, www.ppld.org.
- **Monument Library: Paws to Read, Mon., 3:30-4:30 p.m.; & Wed., 4:15-5:15 p.m.** Let your child practice reading to a Paws to Read dog. No registration required. Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 488-2370, www.ppld.org.
- **Monument Library: Storytime**, every Tue., 10:30-11 a.m. & 11:15-11:45. Children ages 3 and older. Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 488-2370, www.ppld.org.
- **Monument Library: Toddler Time**, every Thu., 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Rhymes & rhythms for kids up to 24 months. Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 488-2370, www.ppld.org.
- **Monument Library: Family Fun-Dance with Northridge Dance Center**, Sat., **Oct. 12**, 1:30-3 p.m. This free interactive demonstration class explore the basic elements of dance, creative movement, and music. All ages and levels are welcome. Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 488-2370, www.ppld.org.
- **Monument Library: Beware of Crafty Teens!** Wed., **Oct. 16**, 3:30-5 p.m. Create a scary sign for your bedroom door! Have fun, meet friends, and eat snacks. Materials provided. Ages 12 and up. No registration necessary. Monument Branch Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 488-2370, www.ppld.org.
- **Monument Library: Family Program-LEGO Club**, Sat., **Oct. 19**, 10-11:30 a.m. Fun for all ages-Duplos for