

Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the info number for that event.

Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red

Nov. 6: Ham, scalloped potatoes, & salad

Nov. 13: Raspberry chipotle chicken, roasted potatoes, & salad

Nov 20: BBQ pork sandwich, potato salad, & pickle

Nov 27: No lunch (Happy Thanksgiving!)

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.

Volunteers Needed for Citizen Review

Panel, apply by Nov. 8

The El Paso County Board of Commissioners is seeking a community-minded citizen volunteer to serve on the Citizen Review Panel, an extension and continuation of the grievance (appeal) procedure established through the Department of Human Services' Quality Assurance Program. The volunteer application is located at www.elpasoco.com. Click on the "Volunteer Boards" link. For more information, call 520-6436.

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., on 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.

PPLD Seeks Photos, Videos of Black Forest Fire

Pikes Peak Library District wants to preserve the record of the historic Black Forest Fire and its effects on our community. The district is collecting images for an online photo gallery, which you can send to photos@ppld.org. Feel free to include any personal accounts associated with the image, which will be used as a caption. For details on how to submit your photos, video, and high-resolution photos, visit www.ppld.org.

Register now for fall basketball and swim classes at the Y

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

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 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 (formerly Tri-Lakes Chapel), 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. Hour of operation are: Mon., Tues., Thu., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wed., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.; Fri., 3-6 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.-noon; Sun., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Mon., 8 a.m.-noon. For information call 488-6926 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

Donate personal hygiene products, Nov. 1-Dec. 10

Wescott Fire Department is accepting donations of personal hygiene products (toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, laundry detergent, diapers, baby wipes, etc). The items will be taken to Partners in Housing, which supports members of the community who need a hand up. Bring your donations to Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr., **Nov. 1-Dec. 10**. For information, see the website www.wescottfire.org.

Monument Academy looking for Walk-a-thon sponsors

Monument Academy is still seeking sponsors for the Middle School Walk-a-thon scheduled for **Feb. 21, 2014**. Monument Academy receives the lowest level of per-pupil funding of any school in the state, making fundraising essential. Sponsorship can be given at any amount, but a company's logo will be placed on all event-related signs, banners, and T-shirts for those who donate \$100 or more. Sponsors can also donate goods and services that support the event expenses. Sponsors can contact Julie Galusky at pto@monumentacademy.net through January for more information or to help sponsor the upcoming Walk-a-thon. All donations are tax-deductible.

Free Senior Safety Handyman Services

Senior Safety Handyman Services is a unique program funded by the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging. It is designed to help seniors (age 60 and over) in northwest El Paso County with safety-related handyman projects. Dedicated, paid contractors and volunteers install grab bars, wheelchair ramps, railings, steps, etc., to help seniors to continue to live independently in their own homes. For service, call 488-0076 and leave a message for Cindy Rush. For more information, visit TriLakesmets-sshs.org.

Ranger Legacy Fund distributes first grants to Lewis-Palmer district students

The Ranger Legacy Fund has distributed its first annual grants, the culmination of a two-year project that began with a fundraising effort by the Lewis-Palmer Class of 1992 in celebration of its 20-year reunion. The mission of the Ranger Legacy Fund is to provide annual grants to enterprising district students to pursue extracurricular activities. To date, the fund has raised nearly \$12,000 in donations from former LP students through its LP20x20 initiative. All donations are earmarked to fund future grants. Its first grants, totaling \$2,000, were awarded to the Lewis-Palmer High School Band to purchase new sheet music and repair instruments; Palmer Ridge High School Student Council to fund homecoming week activities; and Palmer Ridge High School Ink Literary Magazine to help offset printing and marketing costs. Donations to the Ranger Legacy Fund can be made on its website, www.rangerlegacyfund.org. All donations are tax deductible. More information can be found at the website, or contact Matt Schroeder at 761-9672 or grants@rangerlegacyfund.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.

Walking tours with local historian/filmmaker Jim Sawatzki

Walk in the footsteps of early Monument pioneers. Stroll through Old Town Palmer Lake or visit the Chautauqua grounds and cottages in Glen Park. Journey north to neighboring picturesque Castle Rock. Each tour is 1 1/2 hours. For details, call 481-3963 or visit www.palmerdivi.deproductions.com.

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.

Get volunteer help for your nonprofit

Due to popular demand, the Lewis-Palmer School District is adding a list of volunteer opportunities to its Youth Activities Directory online. Many students are required to participate in community projects for credit and others are just looking for ways to serve. If your nonprofit has a need for volunteers for a one-time project or an ongoing effort and can use volunteers under age 18, obtain a directory listing form on the district website www.lewispalmer.org under the community tab. Nonprofits may list their volunteer needs in the directory free of charge. For information, contact Robin Adair, P.O. Box 40, Monument, CO 80132; call 785-4223 or email radair@lewispalmer.org.

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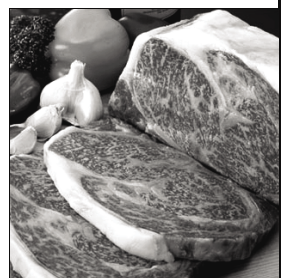
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