

Special Events and Notices

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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 February Menu

Feb. 6—BBQ chicken sandwich, baked beans, & cole slaw

Feb. 13—Spaghetti & meat balls, Caesar salad, & garlic bread

Feb. 20—Chicken Marsala, mashed potatoes, & salad

Feb. 27—Meat loaf, baked potato casserole, & 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.

Lewis-Palmer School District Fall Preschool & Kindergarten registration events, Feb. 4

Bear Creek Elementary School—9:30-10:30 a.m. & 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Lewis-Palmer Elementary School—1:30-2:30 p.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Palmer Lake Elementary School—2:30-3:30 p.m. & 6-7:30 p.m.

Prairie Winds Elementary School—2-3 p.m. & 5-6:30 p.m.

Ray Kilmer Elementary School—9:30-11 a.m. & 5-6:30 p.m.

For more information contact Robin Adair, 785-4223 or radair@lewispalmer.org.

Pikes Peak Stormers Rugby for high school boys, Feb. 11

No experience is needed. Practices are Mondays and Thursdays, 4-6 p.m., at Bear Creek Park in Colorado Springs starting Feb 11. For more information, contact Woody Woodbury, 440-4223, or busdriverwoody@hotmail.com.

Volunteer needed for Citizen Outreach Group, apply by Feb. 22

The El Paso County Board of Commissioners is seeking

a community-minded citizen volunteer to serve as an at-large member on the Citizen Outreach Group. Applications are due by **Feb. 22**. The Citizen Outreach Group is an advisory board created to reach out to county residents and encourage open communication between citizens and their commissioners. The volunteer application is located at www.elpasoco.com and can be accessed by clicking on the "Volunteer Boards" link. For more information call 520-6436.

Free income tax filing assistance by AARP

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is offering free income tax filing assistance in the Tri-Lakes area. Trained AARP volunteers will be available to answer questions and to assist filers in completing their federal and state income tax returns every Monday and Thursday, 11 to 7 p.m., at Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St. in Monument, until April 15 (except Feb. 18, Presidents Day). Free e-filing of both federal and state returns is available. Taxpayers with more complicated returns should seek the advice of a paid professional. Filers are asked to bring their W-2s, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, etc. needed to complete their 2012 tax returns, plus a copy of last year's (2011) tax return. A photo ID and copy of your Social Security card is also required. Appointments are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 481-4864 EXT 118. Leave your name and number and someone will return your call.

Free psychiatric counseling at Tri-Lakes Cares

A psychiatrist is available to uninsured or under-insured people at Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., Monument. This is a free, professional service. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call nurse Jackie Sward at 481-4864 x 103.

Monument Academy's "Eat Your Art Out," April 13

Monument Academy will have its first annual "Eat Your Art Out" celebration **April 13**, 1-5 p.m. The event will feature a taste testing contest with local chefs, performances by the Monument Academy Fine Arts band, choir, and drama students, and a student art gallery. All proceeds will go toward the Academy's Fine Arts Department. Restaurants interested in competing and artists and businesses that would like to donate to the silent auction may contact Ann Pappas or Tina Swayne at Finearts@monumentacademy.net. The restaurant application deadline is March 1.

Library's adult reading program, through March 11

This year's theme is "Winter Wonderland" and is open to anyone age 18 and older with a Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) library card. The program began Jan. 14 and runs through March 11, and adults can read any eight books of their choice. Books on CD, audiobook players, eBooks, and eAudiobooks count, too! To register, bring your library card to any PPLD library and sign up at the information desk or sign up online at ppld.org. Reading logs will be available at all libraries, but you may keep track of the books you've read using any method. After you read your first four books, visit your nearest library to pick up your first prize. If you read four books by Feb. 18, you will be entered in the Mid-Program Prize Drawing. If you read eight books by March 11, you will be entered in the Grand Prize Drawing for a Kindle Fire tablet. The program has great prizes this year! For more information, call 531-6333.

Tri-Lakes Women's Club 2013 grant applications due March 15

Continuing its 36-year tradition, the Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) will once again consider grant requests for special programs and projects from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public service organizations, and public schools that significantly serve the Tri-Lakes area defined by School District 38. Applications and instructions for the 2013 grant awards will be available on the TLWC website (tlwc.net) from Jan. 15-March 15. Completed applications (which must include certain required documentation) must be postmarked no later than **March 15**. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered. Awards will be announced to grant recipients in late May. For information, email Sandi Liston, Grant Committee chair, at santoliston@comcast.net.

Kohl's Cares® accepting nominations for outstanding young volunteers, apply by March 15

Kohl's Cares® Scholarship Program will award more than \$425,000 in scholarships and prizes this year. More than 2,300 young volunteers who have made a positive impact on their communities will be selected. Prizes range from \$50 Kohl's gift cards to \$10,000 scholarships. Nominations for kids ages six to 18 will be accepted **Feb. 1-March 15** at www.kohlskids.com. Nominators must be 21 years or older. Two nominees from each of the more than 1,100 Kohl's stores nationwide will win a \$50 Kohl's gift card, and more than 200 will win regional scholarships worth \$1,000 toward post-secondary education. Ten national winners will be awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education, and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each national winner's behalf. For more information visit www.kohlskids.com.

Annual Pine Forest Antiques, Home Décor & Garden Show & Sale, April 20-21

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club will hold the 37th Annual Pine Forest Antiques, Home Décor & Garden Show and Sale **April 20**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and **April 21**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. (I-25, exits 161 or 158). Features include new and returning antique dealers, "The Bakery," new botanicals, an a cappella concert Saturday, exhibits, delicious bistro dining, glass repair, and much more. Admission price is \$6; proceeds benefit qualified nonprofit and public service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes area. Since 1977, the TLWC has granted more than \$700,000. For more information go to www.TLWC.net.

LEAP—Help for heating bills

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a federally funded program that provides cash assistance to help families and individuals pay a portion of winter home heating costs. The eligibility period for LEAP continues through April 30. Application packets will automatically be mailed to residents who received LEAP assistance last year at the address where they were living at that time. To find out if you qualify for LEAP, call 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) or visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap to view the most current program application requirements.

Seniors in need

Seniors who need some assistance with small household tasks can get free help from students at Palmer Ridge High School. This program will continue through May. Jennifer at Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District will coordinate with the high school. Contact Jennifer at 484-0911 or email jmartin@tri-lakesfire.com.

Clear snow and ice around mailboxes for letter carriers

Letter carriers are instructed to not deliver to mailboxes and locations that are too hazardous or difficult to access. Support your letter carrier in providing safe and timely delivery of your mail. Following snowstorms and other bad weather, please clear a safe path to your mailbox or business.

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 has fun 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., Monday through Friday and earlier for scheduled activities. The facility has a lounge, craft room, game room, and multipurpose room. Programs include pinochle, 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,



James C. Britt

12/24/28 – 12/30/12

Jim passed away peacefully on Dec. 30, 2012 in his home in Palmer Lake, Colorado. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Feb. 9, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake.

Jim was born in Carmi, Illinois on Dec. 24, 1928 and moved to Monument, Colorado at age 15. He graduated from Lewis Palmer H.S. in 1946—working for the Monument ice house and two railroads—before marrying Fern Wissler on Apr. 4, 1948 and starting a career as a home builder. He had been offered an appointment to Annapolis, but this did not fit his independent spirit.

Jim built his first house in Limon, Colorado, with only a handful of tools and his wife as his helper. He taught himself to build a house largely by visiting a neighboring house under construction at the time. He went on to teach himself draftsmanship, and drew most of the house plans for the homes he built. Jim would go on to build well over 100 homes around the Front Range.

Jim was an avid gardener and spent his retirement years providing a lush array of vegetables for family, friends and neighbors. He could rarely be dragged away from his greenhouse for a fishing trip or visit to friend or family. He kept accurate records of precipitation for years. He and Fern took an extended trip around the United States after his retirement, from which he brought back many interesting stories.

Jim was a member of the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department for 26 years. He also served on the Palmer Lake Town Council and the Lewis Palmer School Board.

He is survived by his wife, Fern and children Jim (Larkspur), Merri (Crawford), Jeff (Carbondale), Dan (Littleton), Susan Yoder (Monument), Dave (Longmont) and Jon (Aurora); as well as his brother, Bob (West Virginia), sixteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Mark and brother, Bill.

Jim blessed many lives with his craftsmanship, his jokes, stories and generosity. He was a great example to his children for his honesty and independent spirit. He will be missed by all who knew him.