

will feature the topic, "Colorado Ice Houses" at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16, 2013, at the Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Bill Reich will speak about the railroad ice houses in Colorado, including the local Doyle ice house. There was a strong tie between icehouses and the railroads. This event is free, and refreshments will be

served after the presentation.

Society board member John Snyder announced that the previously cancelled Chief Manitou presentation has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. June 20 at the Palmer Lake Town Hall. He also said that the Fathers Day social with free ice cream and pie would be held from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 16. Members and nonmembers and their children are invited to this free event.

Bernard Minetti may be contacted at bernardminetti@ocn.me.

Special Events and 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 May Menu

May 8: Bratwurst, cole slaw, chips

May 15: Lasagna, garlic bread, salad

May 22: Ham, scalloped potatoes, salad

May 29: Tuna on a croissant, avocado, chips

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.

Slash-Mulch Season begins May 4

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch season is here! Slash (tree and brush debris only) will be accepted **May 4-Sept. 15**. Mulch will be available **May 18-Sept. 28** or when mulch runs out. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The loader fee is \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area.

The program is a wildfire mitigation and recycling effort sponsored by El Paso County, co-sponsored by the Colorado Forestry Association and the Black Forest Fire Department, in cooperation with Colorado State Forest Service and the State Board of Land Commissioners. The program's purpose is to teach forest management practices and to encourage residents to clear adequate defensible space surrounding their structures by thinning trees and shrubs to reduce the spread of fire. Spreading mulch on the forest floor holds moisture, delays the spread of weeds, and provides nutrients to the forest. For more information visit bflash.org or call Ruth Ann Steele 495-3107, Carolyn Brown, 495-3127, Jeff DeWitt, 495-8024, or the county Environmental Division, 520-7878.

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.palmerdivideproductions.com.

Monument Hill Foundation accepting grant applications, apply by June 30

The Monument Hill Foundation invites community-oriented organizations in the Tri-Lakes region to submit grant requests by **June 30** for the October 2013-September 2014 granting year. Request forms can be obtained from the foundation's website at www.MonumentHillFoundation.org or by sending an email request to Granting@MonumentHillFoundation.org. The foundation is the granting arm of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club. Its mission is to provide financial support to the Tri-Lakes community of northern El Paso County and its youths. In 2012-13 the foundation approved giving out \$40,000 to 26 recipient organizations and expects to give out a similar amount for the 2013-14 granting cycle. Grant recipients have included District 38 special needs children, Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, the District 38 Robotics Team, the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference, and the Emily Griffith Center. For more information, visit www.MonumentHillFoundation.org or email Scott@rosses.me.

Gardeners wanted for Monument Community Garden

The community garden is located in Monument's Lavelett Park on Beacon Lite Road. One garden bed is available to a gardener for personal use. The other bed's harvest will be donated to Tri-Lakes Cares as it has for the last two years. Help is needed with planting, maintaining, and harvesting that bed. Also needed are donations for the pur-

chase of short-season seeds for the Tri-Lakes Cares bed. For more information, contact Leah Squires, 488-5902, leahssquires@gmail.com; or Carol Crossland, 661-1476, cdcland@yahoo.com.

Colorado State University Extension seeks public input

Colorado State University Extension is conducting a survey to identify the education needs of vegetable gardeners in the Pikes Peak region. All El Paso County residents are invited to participate in a short 10-question survey. To respond, please type the following URL into the address box of your search engine: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BCSMFVJ>. No personal or contact information is required.

Lupus support group forming

If you are interested in joining a lupus support group in the Monument area, contact Diane Bandle, 491-1346, dmbandle@hotmail.com.

Multiple sclerosis support group

A multiple sclerosis (MS) group is forming for the Tri-Lakes and surrounding areas. If interested, please email Susan, susan@cvscorp.com, or visit <http://cvscorp.homeserver.com/ms/>.

Colorado Master Gardener Help Desk Summer Hours

Colorado Master Gardener (CMG) volunteers are ready to assist you with your lawn and gardening questions. CMG volunteers are available at the Colorado State University Extension office Monday through Friday mornings 9 a.m.-noon. You may call and leave a message at any time at 520-7684, or email your questions to CSUmg2@elpasoco.com.

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 the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District will coordinate with the high school. Contact Jennifer at 484-0911 or email jmartin@tri-lakesfire.com.

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://elpte911.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., 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, computers with Internet connections, and an information table. For more 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 daily menu of the senior lunches offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in Monument. It also contains the schedule of the classes and events for the month at the Senior Citizens Center. There are articles and notices of events geared toward senior citizens. 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.

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