

Beach Way, Monument. New members and visitors welcome. Meets 2nd & 4th Thu. each month. Info: Ed Kinney, 481-2750.

- **MOMS Club of Monument and Colorado Springs North.** Meet other stay-at-home moms and kids in our area for weekly activities such as play dates, lunch out, park days, and even Mom's night out. Info: monumentmomsinfo@gmail.com.
- **American Legion Tri-Lakes Post 9-11, Tue., Jun. 4, 6:30 p.m.,** Depot Restaurant, Hwy 105 & Primrose St., Palmer Lake. New members welcome. Meets 1st Tue. each month. Info: 481-8668, www.americanlegiontrilakespost911.com.
- **Senior Dental Clinic, Wed., Jun. 5,** Tri-Lakes Senior Citizens Center at the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. Dental services include dental exams, preventive cleanings, dentures and partials, denture repair, fillings, and tooth extractions. Seniors who qualify for funding are 60 and older and have a Medicaid number or they qualified for the Old Age Pension Dental Assistance Program. Other seniors (age 60 and up) can receive the services of the Senior Mobile Dental program at a greatly reduced fee schedule. Meets 1st Wed. each month. Info & appointments, (719) 310-3315.
- **Monument Homemakers Club Monthly Potluck Lunch & Meeting, Thu., Jun. 6, 11:30 a.m.,** Tri-Lakes Fire Department Administrative Building, 166 Second St., Monument. Bring a food dish to pass and your own dinner service and flatware. Meets 1st Thu. each month except Jan. and unless D-38 is delayed or closed due to bad weather. Newcomers welcome. For a ride to the meeting, call Faye Brenneman, 488-0076. RSVP & info: Irene Walters, 481-1188, or Bev Wells, 488-3327.
- **Palmer Divide Quilt Guild, Thu., Jun. 6, 7 p.m.,** Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: Teresa Kovacic, 559-0083, teresa.kovacic@biofunctionusa.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild Spring Show & Sale, Thu.-Sun, May 2-5, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sun.,** Black Forest Community Center (Black Forest Road just north of Shoup Road). More than 80 artisans offer hand-made jewelry, ceramics, soaps and candles, baby items, jams and jellies, baked goods, and much more. Admission is free. The Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild is a Colorado nonprofit organization. A portion of sale proceeds will benefit the Guild Scholarship Fund and the Black Forest community. Wheelchair accessible. Because of fire regulations, no strollers, please. Info: 495-3217 or visit www.BFACG.org..
- **Gleneagle Sertoma Club's Spirits of Spring Wine and Beer Tasting and Auction, Sat., May 4, 6-9 p.m.,** ProRodeo Hall of Fame, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr., Colo. Springs. Highlights include specialties from local chefs, dozens of wine and beer tastings, a silent auction, and a professional auctioneer for a live auction that includes an African Photo Safari, Escape

to Ireland, and much more. Proceeds from this event directly benefit Home Front Cares, Pikes Peak Hospice, and Tri-Lakes Cares. Tickets are \$55. Tables for 8 may be reserved before the event for \$400, a \$5 per ticket discount. Bring your friends, neighbors, and co-workers for a fun evening! Info: 488-9879, www.SpiritsofSpring.org, GleneagleSertomaClub@gmail.com.,

- **Southwinds Fine Art Spring Show, Thu.-Fri., May 4-5, 1-6 p.m.,** 16575 Roller Coaster Rd., Colorado Springs. This free show will showcase local artists. Info: 481-6157, jclarkwiderart@msn.com.
- **"Spring Celebration, Bloomin' Art," Tue., May 7-Sat., Jun. 1, opening reception Sat., May 11, 6-8 p.m.,** Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. The exhibition showcases work celebrating newness of life. Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **A Taste of Tri-Lakes Cares, Wed., May 8, 5:30-8 p.m.,** Sundance Mountain Lodge, 1865 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Come enjoy the creations by local chefs using food that TLC clients typically receive. Cost: \$10 per person and one donation item from this list: powdered laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, feminine products, deodorant, child diapers (size 3-6). Kids age 10 and under are free. Info: 481-4864, www.tri-lakescares.org.
- **Palmer Lake Elementary's Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration, Thu., May 9, 9:10 a.m.-3 p.m.,** 115 Upper Glenway. The community is invited to attend any or all of the events throughout the day. 9:10 - 10:10 a.m., Kick-off assembly with 6th grade band, Tree City USA Proclamation, Green Panther water conservation skit, Kindergarten song and dance, Blue Star Recycler presentation, dedications and awards. 10:15 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., students will accomplish their Grade Level Missions. 2:30 -3 p.m., dedication assembly for the three new flowering trees planted that morning. Info: 488-4760.
- **Fabulous and Fun Friday Art Night in Tri Lakes, Fri., May 10, 5-8 p.m.,** Bella Art and Frame, 183 Washington St., downtown Monument. Weekly art show openings every Friday night. Locations rotate throughout the month. Info: 487-7691, MAGGIE@bellaartandframe.com, www.bellaartandframe.com.
- **Dakota Blonde Concert, Fri., May 10, 7 p.m.,** doors open 6 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance Tickets: Members, \$10; Non-members, \$12. Tickets at Door: Members, \$12; Non-members, \$14. Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage: headlined by Jody Adams & The String Dudes, Fri., May 10, opening act at 7 p.m.,** doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$7 general, \$4 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Free Tri-Lakes Family Health Fair, Sat., May 11, 7:30 a.m.-noon,** D-38 Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. The health fair is for people of all ages and includes screening for high cholesterol, diabetes, blood pressure, and stress or depression. The Tri-Lakes Fire Department (with "Sparky the Dog!"), YMCA, Monument Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and the American Cancer Society will be there along with many others offering health resources. Blood glucose and cholesterol screening will cost only \$7 (12 hours of fasting is recommended for the most accurate results). Info: leave a message at 464-6873.
- **Ready, Set, Go Fire Mitigation Program, Sat., May 11, 10 a.m.-noon,** Lewis-Palmer High School Auditorium, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Marshall John Vincent and Wescott Fire Marshall Margo Humes will cover how to protect yourselves and your homes in the event of an impending forest fire disaster. Handouts will include a checklist to assess the safety of your home and property and also one that describes important items to take with you if you are told to evacuate. Info: 488-8680 (Westcott), or 484-0911 (Tri-Lakes Monument).
- **Personal Protection Workshop, Sat., May 11, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,** the Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Woodmoor Public Safety and Universal Kempo-Karate present a safety, awareness, and empowerment training and foundational self-defense workshop. Features interactive mental, verbal, and

physical self defense training and awareness topics to help reduce the risk of being victimized. Free to Woodmoor residents and open to others if there is room. Class size limited to 30. All participants must be at least 12 years of age; please do not bring younger kids to the workshop. RSVP & info: 488-3600.

- **Ready, Set, Go Fire Mitigation Program, Tue., May 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,** Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Marshall John Vincent and Wescott Fire Marshall Margo Humes will cover how to protect yourselves and your homes in the event of an impending forest fire disaster. Handouts will include a checklist to assess the safety of your home and property and also one that describes important items to take with you if you are told to evacuate. Info: 488-8680 (Westcott), or 484-0911 (Tri-Lakes Monument).
- **Spotlight Community Theatre Casting Auditions for a Summer Musical Theatre Workshop, Tue.-Wed., May 14-15.** Everyone who registers will be cast in the production. Workshop: weekdays, **June 10-28, 1-5 p.m.** Performances: **June 28-29.** Info & registration, 488-0775, www.SpotlightCommunityTheatre.com.
- **Art Hop is back! Thu., May 16, 5-8 p.m.,** historic downtown Monument. The 3rd Thu. each month through Sep. 19, the galleries, restaurants, and boutiques of downtown Monument stay open until 8 p.m. for a celebration featuring art openings, great food, live music, and more. Info: 481-3282 or visit www.monumentmerchants.com.
- **Kent Haruf at Covered Treasures Bookstore, Thu., May 16, 5-8 p.m.,** 105 Second St., Monument. Covered Treasures presents national best-selling author Kent Haruf as their first Art Hop author of the year. He will speak and read from his new book, *Benediction*, from 5 to 5:30 p.m. at the Tri-Lakes Fire Department Administration Building, 166 Second St. Seating is limited and a ticket is required for admission. One ticket is included with the purchase of each of Kent's books, or can be purchased separately for \$5. After his talk Kent will sign books at the store until 8 p.m. Ticketed guests will have priority in line. Info: 481-2665.
- **Fabulous and Fun Friday Art Night in Tri Lakes, Fri., May 17, 5-8 p.m.,** Southwinds Fine Arts Gallery, 16575 Roller Coaster Rd., Colo. Springs. Weekly art show openings every Friday night. Locations rotate throughout the month. Info: 487-7691, MAGGIE@bellaartandframe.com, www.bellaartandframe.com.
- **Armed Forces Day Celebration at Spring Valley Cemetery, Sat., May 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,** 13944 Spring Valley Rd., Larkspur. The Larkspur Historical Society, the Castle Rock Civil War Unit (2nd Colorado), and the 79th Highlander Pipe Band will honor our veterans with a program including battle skirmishes, musket demonstrations, mounted cavalry, cannon firing, bagpipes, kids' march with wooden rifles, and more. Info: <http://historycolorado.org/archaeologists/events/armed-forces-day-spring-valley-cemetery>.
- **Pikes Peak Soap Derby, register by Sat., May 18.** Calling all young drivers, ages 7-17, for the greatest amateur racing event in the world. The registration deadline, **May 18.** Practice day and Rally Race, **Jun. 2, 8:30 a.m.** Race day, **Jun. 9, 8 a.m.** The race is located on Costilla Street between El Paso and Watsatch in Colo. Springs. Info: www.ppsbd.com.
- **Black Forest Community Foundation Family Barbeque, Sat., May 18, noon-4 p.m.,** Inglis Hall at La Foret, 6145 Shoup Rd. The event, a benefit for the future Log School Park, features activities for both adults and children and a chance to vote on several designs for the Log School Park, located at the corner of Black Forest & Shoup Roads. The menu offers pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers and hot dogs plus all of the fixings, and cold drinks. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children 5-12, and free under 5. Info: Carrie Robertson, 495-2001.
- **Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive, Tue., May 21, 3-7 p.m.,** Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Sponsored by Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP). Info: Nurse Jackie Sward, 481-4864 x103.
- **Meadow Grass Music Festival, Fri., May 24-Sun., May 26,** La Foret Conference & Retreat Center, 6145 Shoup Rd., Colo. Springs. The best regional and national roots & Americana music in Colorado's great outdoors. Tickets, camping passes, and info: w

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