

30 p.m., Monument Hill Country Club, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. New members and visitors welcome. Meets 2nd & 4th Thu. each month. Info: Ed Kinney, 481-2750.

- **Craft Club, Sat., Mar. 1,** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fairfield Inn & Suites, Mt. Herman Room, 15275 Struthers Rd. A new club is forming for ages 15 and up! Each month features a fun, easy to follow paper craft. All supplies provided. Fee varies by project. Info: Linda, 375-8991, Lindacarp@gmail.com.
- **Lupus Support Group.** If you suffer with an auto-immune disease and want to connect with others, you are welcome to join this group. Info: dmbandle@hotmail.com.
- **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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Lewis-Palmer School District 38 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration Events, Wed., Feb. 5,** 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 Kilmier Elementary School, 5-6:30 p.m. Parents/guardians only, please. Bring copies of birth certificate and immunization record, proof of residence (kindergarten only). Registration packets are available at preschool and elementary schools, the district website, and the administration office, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Info: 488-4700, info@lewispalmer.org, www.lewispalmer.org.
- **The Heart of Monument, Sat., Feb. 8,** 9 a.m.-noon, D-38 stadium, Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. The Monument Police Department and Lewis-Palmer Girls' Soccer Program present a Saturday morning of toy giveaways and soccer fun for ages 4-12! Work on your soccer skills and get a toy from the police department. Please bring non-perishable food products for the canned food drive for Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: jmarti2002@aol.com.
- **Beautiful & Beloved Valentines Day Open House, Sat., Feb. 8,** noon-5 p.m., 21 Lower Glenway St., Palmer Lake. Come in for food, drinks, prizes, and unique gifts that empower women all over the world. Info: 344-8920.
- **Free Stroke and Heart Attack Recognition Class, Wed., Feb. 12,** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Black Forest Search and Rescue paramedics will teach how to recognize the indicators of stroke and heart attack and how to respond. Free and open to the public. All attending the class are invited to stay for the noon potluck lunch with the Black Forest AARP chapter. Info: Chuck, 749-9227, or aarpchapter1100blackfore.st.weebly.com.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Exhibit Opening and Heritage Lecture: Social Life in Western Mining Camps, Thu., Feb. 13,** 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m. lecture. Free and open to the public. Learn about the other people besides miners who came west, their living and working conditions, and what they brought along. Reservations required. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). RSVP & info: 488-0880, rsvp@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Willson & Mc Kee, Fri., Feb. 14,** opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Hybrid of Celtic and contemporary acoustic music. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, or email jrmtn@comcast.net, or visit www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Aspen Glow Therapeutic Massage Valentine Hot Stone Massage Special, \$50.** Info: Cindy Zarges, 661-6268.
- **The Villa Palmer Lake Celebrates Valentine's Day, Fri.-Sat., Feb. 14-15,** 5-9 p.m., 75 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. A special menu and acoustic guitarist Tom Lehrecke will help create a memorable evening. RSVP & Info: 481-2222.
- **McCord's Garden Center & Landscaping Garden Center Season Opening, Sat., Feb. 15,** 780 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Complete landscape services and vole and gopher removal service. Info: 640-1134,

www.mccordgardens.com.

- **30 Years of Love Benefit Concert featuring Colorado's own FireFall, Sun., Feb. 16,** 3-7 p.m., Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Dr., Castle Rock. Proceeds to benefit the Douglas/Elbert Task Force. Buy tickets at www.modtickets.com/detaskforce. Info: 720-648-5558.
- **Fuel Church Rap Concert, Sun., Feb. 16,** 5-7:30 p.m., Lewis-Palmer Middle School, 1776 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Rap Artist Saylah pre-launches Fuel Church and brings awareness to India Save the Girl Child Campaign. Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Info: www.fuelchurch.org, 1-844-FUEL-4-ME (383-5463), info@fuel.org.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): PUBLISH! History and Science Writing for Teachers and Learners of All Ages, Sat., Feb. 22,** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Steven Veatch, geologist and educator, will cover basic research, writing techniques and tips, using illustrations, science photography, and publication issues. Cost: \$20 adults, \$10 students (21 and under); WMMI members get \$5 off adult admission, and \$2 off student admission. Space is limited to 30 people. Advance registration required. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156). RSVP & Info: 488-0880, rsvp@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Formal Wear Fashion Show, Sat., Feb. 22,** 6-8 p.m., Discovery Canyon Campus High School Theater, 1810 North Gate Blvd. Get ideas for Prom and even purchase your dress on site. Silent auction, bake sale, celebrities' autographs. Cost: \$6 adults, \$3 students. Info: 234-1800.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Cosy Sheridan, Fri., Feb. 28,** opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. One of the most riveting folk performers out there. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, or email jrmtn@comcast.net, or visit www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Fuel Church, Sun., Feb. 23,** Donuts and coffee: 10 a.m., Main Service: 10:30 a.m.-noon, Lewis-Palmer Middle School, 1776 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Authenticity, connection, and transformation; non-denominational, spirit-led. Info: www.fuelchurch.org, info@fuel.org.
- **From Survive to Thrive with Raleigh Dove, Sun., Feb. 23,** Yoga Pathways, 755 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. For those who have had breast cancer plus others. Info: www.YogaPathwaysStudio.com, 481-4137.
- **Holy Trinity Anglican Church Pancake Dinner, Tue., Mar. 4,** 6-7 p.m. 13990 Gleneagle Dr. Eat pancakes and be merry. Info: 331-3084.
- **Holy Trinity Anglican Church Ash Wednesday, Wed., Mar. 5,** 7:30-8:30 a.m. Morning Worship; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Evening Worship. 13990 Gleneagle Dr. Info: 331-3084.
- **Meet the Finalists, Fri., March 7,** 5-6:30 p.m., administration building, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. The public is welcome to a community reception for the final candidates for Lewis-Palmer School District Superintendent of Schools. Info: 488-4700, info@lewispalmer.org, www.lewispalmer.org.
- **Pi = Pie Fun Run, Sat., Mar. 15,** check in 1:30 p.m., race at 2 p.m., Palmer Lake Park. Run 3.14 miles out and back. Proceeds go to the Tri-Lakes Cares Snack Pack Program. Register online: www.eventbrite.com (search for "Pi=Pie").
- **Beyond Limits Spring Break Robotics, Mar. 24-28;** Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1850 Woodmoor Dr., Suite 100, Monument. Design, build, and program a robot and compete with other teams. Recommended for ages 9-13. Cost: \$149. Info: 772-6061, info@beyondlimits-kids.com.
- **38th Annual Pine Forest Antiques, Home Décor & Garden Show and Sale, Sat., Apr. 26,** 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., Apr. 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. (I-25 exits 161 or 158). The Tri-Lakes Women's Club's annual event features new and returning antique dealers, "The Bakery," botanical topiaries and plants for sale, garden exhibits, delicious bistro dining, glass repair, and much more. Cost: \$6; proceeds benefit qualified nonprofit and public service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes area. Info: www.TLWC.net.

Our community calendar carries listings on a space-available basis for Tri-Lakes events that are sponsored by local governmental entities and not-for-profit organiza-

tions. We include events that are open to the general public and are not religious or self-promotional in nature. If space is available, complimentary calendar listings are included, when requested, for events advertised in the current issue. To have your event listed at no charge in Our Community Calendar, please call 488-3455, or send the information to calendar@ocn.me or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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