

www.trilakeschamber.com. Info: 481-3282.

- **Tri-Lakes Cares Charity Spotlight at Sky Sox, Sun., Apr. 12, 1:30 p.m.**, Security Service Field, 4385 Tutt Blvd, Colo. Springs. Enjoy a day at the park and support Tri-Lakes Cares at the same time. TLC has been chosen to be the featured charity as part of the Colorado Springs Sky Sox Baseball's Domino's Charity Spotlight during its season opening series. Info: 481-4864, x 113; Info@Tri-LakesCares.org.
- **Yoga for Chronic Pain Relief, Sun., Apr. 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**, 755 Hwy. 105 (3/4 mile west of Monument Safeway). Led by Raleigh Dove, Certified Yoga Therapist. Info: 481-4137, www.YogaPathwaysStudio.com.
- **Mountain Community Round Table, Tue., Apr. 14, 9-10 a.m.**, Serrano's Coffee, 625 W. Hwy 105, Monument. Free coffee and conversation. Find out what services Mountain Community Mennonite Church offers seniors. Info: 481-3155, mcmsecretary@gmail.com, www.mcmcp.org.
- **D38 parents' coffee with the school board, Tue., April 14, 9-9:30 a.m.** at the Learning Center in the D-38 Administration Building, 146 Jefferson Street, Monument. Parents are invited to join the Board members for coffee and informal discussion. Info 481-9546.
- **Citizen's Police Academy, Tue. evenings, Apr. 14-Jun. 2, 7-10 p.m.**, Monument Police Department, 645 Beacon Lite Rd. This free eight-week program is open to all who live or work in the Tri-Lakes area. Learn about criminal law, patrol procedures, use of force, computer forensics, internal affairs, community policing, tactical considerations, have the opportunity to shoot a variety of police weapons, and much more. Stop by the Monument Police Department to pick up an application, or call 481-3253 or email Officer Bob Steine at rsteine@townofmonument.net.
- **Palmer Ridge High School Theatre Production: The Boys Next Door by Tom Griffin, Thu.-Sat., Apr. 16-18, 7 p.m. with matinee Apr. 18 at 2 p.m.**, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Tickets available online at www.showtix4u.com or call 866-967-8167.
- **Protect your Home from Wildfire Community Event, Sat., Apr. 18, Fire Marshal fire-wise talk, 9-10 a.m.**, caravan to Black Forest burn sites, 10 a.m.-noon, Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Free and open to all. Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Marshal John Vincent will explain how to make your home and property more defensible from wildfire and prepare for the upcoming wildfire season. Next, Palmer Lake Fire Chief Margo Humes and Black Forest Together representative Bill Mantia will conduct an explanatory tour discussing lessons learned from the Black Forest fire. Info: Write to TLUMC Emergency Preparedness Group at epg@tlumc.org or call Lisa, 339-7831; or Judy, 229-9636.
- **Lewis-Palmer High School Theatre Production: The Odd Couple, Wed.-Sat., Apr. 22-25, 7 p.m.**, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. A male version of the show is Apr. 22 and 24; a female version is Apr. 23 and 25. Cost: \$7 adults, \$5 students. Tickets available online at www.showtix4u.com or call 866-967-8167.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage** headlined by The Wielands of Mass Destruction, Fri., Apr. 24, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmt@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Monument Hill Farmers Market Winter Market, Sat., Apr. 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**, Grace Best, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Ends this month. Outdoor market coming soon. Info: 592-9420.
- **Tackle the Trash: New Santa Fe Regional Trail, Sat., Apr. 25, 9 a.m.**, check in at 3rd Street Trailhead, between Adams Street and Beacon Lite Road, Monument. County commissioners will greet volunteers and assist with cleaning chores. The county provides trash bags and safety vests. Volunteers should bring their own gloves, bottled water, and sunscreen. Participants younger than 16 must be supervised by an adult. Register on line at www.tacklethetrash.com or call 520-7871, or email info@tacklethetrash.com.
- **Healthy Kids Day at the Tri-Lakes Y, Sat., Apr. 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. This free community event is open to all kids and families and filled with fun, active play, and educational opportunities. Info: 481-8728, ppymca.org.
- **Mickey Hampton Memorial, Sun., Apr. 26, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**, The Barn, 231 Front St., Monument. Brisket, ribs, margaritas, beer, music, 50/50 raf e drawing. Cost: \$10 per person; all proceeds donated to Mickey's widow and four children. Info: John, 339-1570.
- **Johan Hair Studio Curl Clinic, Mon., Apr. 27, 634 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake.** Three top curly hair experts and educators will be there. Curly and wavy hair models are needed. RSVP & Info: 488-2662, www.JohanHairStudio.com.
- **All District Choir Concert, Tue., Apr. 28, 7-8 p.m.**, Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Info: 488-4700, info@lewispalmer.org, www.lewispalmer.org.
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- **Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild 51st Annual Spring Show & Sale, Thu.-Sun., Apr. 30-May 3, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.** Thu.-Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. (just north of Shoup Road). New! Faster checkout, shorter lines. More than 90 artisan and culinary members will sell their work. New items arrive throughout the show. Free admission. A portion of sale proceeds will benefit the Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild Scholarship Fund and the Black Forest community. The facility is wheel chair accessible, but no strollers allowed because of fire regulations. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted. Info: www.facebook.com/BFACG, www.bfacg.org, 495-3035.
- **Gary Farmer and the Troublemakers, Fri., May 1, 7 p.m.**, doors open at 6 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance Tickets: TLCA Members \$20; Non-Members \$25. Door Tickets: TLCA Members \$25; Non-Members \$30. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Palmer Lake FireWise May Day, Sat., May 2, beginning at 8 a.m.**, Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meet your PLVFD fire fighters at this free Wildfire Community Preparedness Day event. Volunteers will assist with slash hauling and chipping, fire and weed mitigation demos. Volunteers are needed. If you can help or if you need help, see www.townofpalmerlake.com or yers in Palmer Lake Post Office and Rock House Ice Cream Shop, Judy, 229-9636.
- **Pine Forest Show: Antiques, Home Décor, and Garden Sale, Sat., May 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., May 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**, Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. This annual fundraiser presented by the Tri-Lakes Women's Club features new and returning dealers and exhibits, "The Bakery," plants for sale, bistro dining, and glass repair. Cost: \$6. See the ad for \$1 off one admission. All proceeds benefit non-profit service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes community. Info: publicity@tlwc.net, www.tlwc.net.
- **Red Cross New Volunteer Training: Shelter Fundamentals, Wed., May 6 & 13, 6:30-10 p.m.**, St. Peter Catholic Church lecture hall, 124 First St., Monument. The Tri-Lakes Emergency Shelter Team is offering training for anyone interested in joining the shelter team. Registration for class is required. RSVP & Info: Jeanie Ahrens, 481-8128, Jeanie.ahrens2@redcross.org.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group: Mother's Day Fine Art & Fine Handcrafted Gifts Show & Sale, Open Reception, Fri., May 8, 4-7 p.m.; Show, Sat., May 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**, Mountain Community Mennonite Church Gallery of Fine Art on the Palmer Divide, 643 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. This free event features hanging art as well as 3-dimensional art such as jewelry, fiber, hand-built or thrown pottery and sculpture. All original work by local Front Range artists. Call for artists: professional and amateur artists are encouraged to participate. Info: Margarete, 229-6623; www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- **Pikes Peak Ringers Concert, Fri., May 8, 7 p.m.**, Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Award-winning composer Kevin McChesney conducting. Everyone is welcome to attend this community event. No charge; free-will offering taken. Info: Betty Jenik, 488-3853.
- **Free the Girls: Brunch meeting and bra collection, Sat. May 16, 9-11 a.m.**, Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Kimba Largas will speak about Free the Girls, a non-profit organization that provides job opportunities for survivors of sex trafficking. They collect gently used bras and donate them to the women as starting inventory for their own businesses in countries in the developing world. Info: www.freethegirls.org; women@tlumc.org, www.freethegirls.org.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma's Spirits of Spring Wine and Food Tasting, Sat., May 16, 6-9 p.m.**, Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr., Colo. Springs. The evening features a selection of wines, delectable delights from local chefs, a live and silent auction. Proceeds benefit The Home Front Cares, Silver Key Senior Services, and Tri-Lakes Cares. Cost: \$60 each, \$100 for two. Info or to donate silent auction items: 488-9879, www.spiritsofspring.org.
- **First Annual Lewis-Palmer Football Old School Golf Tournament, Sat., May 23, 8 a.m.** This fundraiser for Lewis-Palmer High School's football program costs \$120 per player \$480 per foursome, includes cart and range balls, and free t-shirt. Lunch will be served at Lewis-Palmer High School (LPHS) after the tournament. Scramble tournament, so all skill levels are welcome to play, prizes for the longest ball, closest to the pin, best dressed, high score, and low score. Still needed: hole sponsors, \$100 per hole; a company to cater lunch for 80 people at LPHS, prize donations. Info: Coach Tupper, 867-8029, or email dtupper@lewispalmer.org.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Picnic-N-Planes, Thu., May 28, 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A).** WMMI has the best place to enjoy a picnic and watch the Thunderbirds fly over the Air Force Academy for graduation. Come out and watch for a \$5

per car grounds admission fee. Flyover is at approximately 12:30-1 p.m. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.

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 organizations. 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 (719) 339-7831 or send the information to calendar@ocn.me or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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