

ies by project. Info: Linda, 375-8991, lindacarp@gmail.com.

- **Senior Social**, Wed., Jan. 27, 1-4 p.m., Fellowship Hall of the Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com.
- **Chess Nuts**, Wed., Jan. 27, 5-9 p.m., Tri-Lakes Senior Center. Any age, any skill. Learners welcome. Drop in and leave when you want. Bring your own board and pieces if you have them. Meets 2nd & 4th Wed. each month. Info: www.trilakeshap.org/chess.
- **Bridge**, Thu., Jan. 28, 12:30-3:30. Tri-Lakes Senior Center located on Lewis-Palmer High School campus. Walk-ins are welcome. Meets 2nd and 4th Thu. each month. Reservation suggested: call Roger and Syble, 488-2669.
- **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., Jan. 29, Senior Center located across the street from the Tri-Lakes YMCA, on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. A registered nurse examines your feet and provides foot care advice, toenail trimming. Cost: \$30 for a 30-min. visit. Meets 2nd Wed. and last Fri. each month, by appointment only. Info & appointments: call the Visiting Nurse Association, 577-4448.
- **St. Peter Catholic School Open House**, Sun., Jan. 31, 1-3 p.m., 124 First St., Monument. Find out what is offered for preschool through 8th grade. Info: 481-1855, www.PeterTheRock.org.
- **Lifting Spirits Adult/Senior Day Service Open House**, Mon., Feb. 1, 1-4 p.m., 755 Hwy. 105 Unit C, Palmer Lake. Caregivers, find out how to make your lives easier. Refreshments served. Meets 1st Mon. each month. Info: Linda, (303) 579-8114.
- **Caregivers Support and Brainstorming Open House**, Tue., Feb. 2, 2-4 p.m., Lifting Spirits Adult Day Center, 755 Hwy. 105 Unit C, Palmer Lake. Meets 1st and 3rd Tue. each month. Info: Linda, (303) 579-8114.
- **American Legion Tri-Lakes Post 9-11**, Tue., Feb. 2, 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.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma Luncheon Meeting**, Wed., Feb. 3, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Liberty Heights, 12105 Ambassador Dr., (off Voyager Blvd in Colorado Springs). Interesting speakers and programs; all are welcome. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. each month. Info: Garrett Barton, 433-5396; Duane Gritzmaker, 481-2424; www.gleneaglesertoma.org.
- **Tri-Lakes MOMS Club Monthly Meeting**, Fri., Feb. 4, 10 a.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Normally meets 1st Fri. each month. Info: monumentmomsinfo@gmail.com, https://m.facebook.com/MonumentMomsClub.
- **Monument Homemakers Club Monthly Potluck Lunch & Meeting**, Thu., Feb. 4, 11:30 a.m., Tri-Lakes Fire Department Administrative Building, 166 Second St., Monument. 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 Quiltmakers**, Thu., Feb. 4, 7 p.m., Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: pdq504@gmail.com.
- **Lupus Support Group**. If you suffer with an autoimmune disease and want to connect with others, you are welcome to join this group. Info: dmbandle@hotmail.com.
- **Myasthenia Gravis Association of Colorado Support Group**. Location varies. For information, call Carolyn, 488-3620, www.4-mga.org, 303-360-7080, 4mga@4-mga.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Wescott FPD Christmas tree chipping**, Sat., Jan. 9, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wescott Station 3, 15000 Sun Hills Dr., Colo. Springs. Please remove all decorations including tinsel before bringing trees to the station. Recommended \$5 donation. Info: 488-8680.
- **El Paso County's annual Christmas tree recycling program (TreeCycle)**, Sat.-Sun., Jan. 9-10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Baptist Road Trailhead (Old Denver Hwy just north of Baptist Road. You will need your own tools to load mulch if you want it. Please remove all decorations from your tree before dropping it off. Recommended donation: \$5. Info: www.Treecyclecos.org.
- **New Year's Special: Learn-to-Skate Classes**, next

session starts **Jan. 11**, 5 & 5:45 p.m., with free practice 5:30-5:45 p.m., Colorado Sports Center, 16240 Old Denver Hwy, Monument. Ages 3-adult, all levels, 8 classes for \$99, plus rental skates and USFS membership. Info: www.cosportscenter.com or contact Deb, sk8coachdeb@gmail.com or 651-0360.

- **Tri-Lakes Land Use Committee Meeting**, Mon., Jan. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 166 2nd St., Monument. Get involved: have input on proposed developments in the Tri-Lakes area to influence the direction of growth. Volunteers are needed from all parts of the Tri-Lakes area. Info: Jerry Hannigan, hannigan.and.assoc@gmail.com.
- **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Basics**, Thu., Jan. 14, 21, & 28, 6-8:30 p.m., location varies. This free six-week course is for parents and other caregivers of children and adolescents living with mental illness. Registration required. RSVP & Info: namicoloradosprings.org or call 473-8477.
- **NAMI Family-to-Family**, Thu., Jan. 14, 21, & 28, 6-8:30 p.m., location varies. This free 12-week course by the National Alliance on Mental Illness is for family members and friends of individuals with severe mental illnesses. Registration required. RSVP & Info: namicoloradosprings.org or call 473-8477.
- **Wisdom Tea House Holiday Afternoon Tea**, Fri., Jan. 15, 65 Second St., Monument. Cost: \$30. Closed for a winter break Jan. 17-31. RSVP & Info: 481-8822, www.wisdomteahouse.com.
- **Buffalo Grass Acoustic Society Open Stage featuring Wayne Long & Arhetta Faye**, Fri., Jan. 15, show starts at 7 p.m., free jam session starts at 5:30 p.m., Cowboy Church of Peyton, 15504 Bradshaw Rd., Peyton. Cost: Adults, \$5; Members, \$3; Kids under 16 free. Info: (719) 660 8037, www.buffalograssacoustic.org.
- **Beginning Psychic Medium Class** at The Open Door Books and Gifts, Sun., Jan. 17, 1-4 p.m., 251 Front St., Suite 8, Monument. Sarina Baptista will teach the class. Cost: \$59. RSVP & Info: 487-9076.
- **Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive**, Tue., Jan. 19, 3-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5714.
- **National School Choice Week Event**: Beyond the Copier--Meaningful ways to get involved in your child's school, Wed., Jan. 20, dinner 5:30 p.m.; program 6-8 p.m., 21 C Library, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colo. Springs. Free to public. Presented by Parents Challenge, registration required. RSVP & Info: www.parentschallenge.org, 633-4500. Monument.
- **NAMI Homefront**, Wed., Jan. 20 & 27, 6-8:30 p.m., location varies. This free, six-session program by the National Alliance on Mental Illness is for families, caregivers, and friends of military members and vets with mental health conditions. Registration required. RSVP & Info: namicoloradosprings.org or call 473-8477.
- **NAMI Peer-to-Peer**, Thu., Jan. 21 & 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m., location varies. This 10-week recovery-focused educational program by the National Alliance on Mental Illness is for adults who wish to establish and maintain wellness in response to mental health challenges. Registration required. RSVP & Info: namicoloradosprings.org or call 473-8477.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Matt Flinner Trio**, Fri., Jan. 22, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. The Bluegrass Ensemble at Colorado College. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtm@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Warriors Ice Fishing Tournament**, Sat., Jan. 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (register on site 7:30 a.m.), Monument Lake. Have a fun morning fishing, win prizes, benefit our Wounded Warriors. Cost: 8-15 years old, \$10; 16 and older, \$30; two adults 16 and older, \$50. Active Duty Wounded Warriors, Free. Registration & Info: warriorsicefishing.com; Bill Miller, 291-3500.
- **LPHS/UNC Joint Concert with LPMS Symphonic Band**, Wed., Jan. 27, 7-9 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School Auditorium, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument.
- **PRHS/LPHS/LPMS/MA Combined Concert**, Tue., Feb. 2, 7-9 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School Auditorium, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument.
- **CERT Training**, Thu.-Sat., Feb. 4-6, 6-10 p.m. Thu.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. El Paso County Sheriff's Office and Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church offer this free Com-

munity Emergency Response Training to everyone age 14-94. RSVP & Info: text or call 339-7831, ep@tlumc.org.

- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance: Parish House Baroque**, Sat., Feb. 6, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Cost: \$10 online, \$12 at door. Students with ID and children free. Tickets & Info: www.rmmaonline.org, Coleen Abeyta, 630-8165, Coleen.Abeyta@gmail.com.
- **Heartsaver CPR/First Aid Class**, Sat., Feb. 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way (SW of Hwy 83 and County Line Road). Open to everyone. Cost: \$25 in advance to cover certification card and a CPR face mask. Register by Feb. 25, 5 p.m., with Carley, 481-4622. Info: ep@tlumc.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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