

every 3rd Sat. Info: 481-2409.

- **Monument Hill Farmers Market Winter Indoor Market**, Sat., **Feb. 20**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Grace Best, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Many new vendors plus all your old favorites! Local honey, jams, pastries, cheese. Meets every third Sat. through April. Info: 592-9420.
- **Craft Club**, No meeting this month. Normally meets one Fri. each month at Fairfield Inn & Suites, Mt. Herman Room, 15275 Struthers Rd. 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.
- **Senior Social**, Wed., **Feb. 24**, 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., **Feb. 24**, 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.
- **Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., **Feb. 26**, 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.
- **Caregivers Support and Brainstorming Open House**, Tue., **Mar. 1**, 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., **Mar. 1**, 6:30 p.m., Depot Restaurant, Hwy 105 & Primrose St., Palmer Lake. New members welcome. Meets 1st Tue. each month. Info: 481-8668, www.americanlegion-trilakespost911.com.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma Luncheon Meeting**, Wed., **Mar. 2**, 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.
- **Monument Homemakers Club Monthly Potluck Lunch & Meeting**, Thu., **Mar. 3**, 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 Breneman, 488-0076. RSVP & info: Irene Walters, 481-1188, or Bev Wells, 488-3327.
- **Palmer Divide Quiltmakers**, Thu., **Mar. 3**, 7 p.m., Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd. Meets 1st Thu. each month. Info: pdq504@gmail.com.
- **Tri-Lakes MOMS Club Monthly Meeting**, Fri., **Mar. 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.
- **Lupus Support Group**. If you suffer with an autoimmune disease and want to connect with others, you are welcome to join this group. Info: dmbundle@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**

- **Palmer Lake Art Group Winter Art Show & Sale Opening Reception**, Fri., **Feb. 5**, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Come celebrate the opening of the show and meet the local artists. The show runs through Feb. 27, Tue.-Sat., noon-4 p.m. Proceeds from this show will benefit art scholarships for School District 38 high school seniors. Info: www.palmerlakeartgroup.com or email pluginfo@palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- **Palmer Lake Cowboy Chili Cookoff**, Sat., **Feb. 6**, 5 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. A free evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Prizes for the best cowboy, cowgirl, and cowkid outfit. Info: www.palmerlakechili.wix.com/chili.
- **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.
- **D-38 Community Coffee with the School Board**, Mon., **Feb. 8**, 6-7:30 p.m., Learning Center (north entrance), 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Join the school board members for refreshments and informal conversation. Info: 481-9546.

- **Tri-Lakes Land Use Committee Meeting**, Mon., **Feb. 8**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 166 2nd St., Monument. Get involved: give input on proposed developments in the Tri-Lakes area to influence the direction of growth. All are welcome. Info: Jerry Hannigan, Hannigan.and.assoc@gmail.com.
- **Cheyenne Mountain at 50: Military Icon, Engineering Marvel: Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Heritage Lecture and Exhibit Opening**, Thu., **Feb. 11**, exhibit opens at 6, and the lecture begins at 7 p.m. Join WMMI and officials from NORAD for a free event about the construction of the North American Aerospace Defense Command Center in Cheyenne Mountain. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). RSVP is required at rsvp@wmmi.org or 488-0880. Info: www.wmmi.org.
- **Cheryl Wheeler Concert**, Fri., **Feb. 12**, 7 p.m., doors at 6 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$20; non-members \$22. Door tickets: TLCA members \$23; non-members \$25. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage** headlined by Phil Volan & Joleen Bell, Fri., **Feb. 12**, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. 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, jrmtm@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **10th Annual District 38 Chess Tournament**, Sat., **Feb. 13**, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewis-Palmer Elementary School, 1315 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Open and free to all D-38 students, K-12. Chess sets provided. Fruit and donuts available for purchase in the morning, pizza and drinks at lunch. Participants may bring their own food. All participants will receive a medal; trophies will be awarded to winners. RSVP to Steve Waldmann, 488-9887 or huskerco@gmail.com
- **Sew Motion--Fabric, Notions and More: Beginners Quilting Class #1**, Sat., **Feb. 13**, 9-11 a.m., 862 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. For details about this 4-session class, see website calendar at www.sew-motion.com. Info: 481-1565, info@sew-motion.com, www.sew-motion.com.
- **CASA 4-1-1 Hour**, Wed., **Feb. 17**, noon-1 p.m., 701 S. Cascade Ave., Colo. Springs. CASA offers a volunteer opportunity like no other. As appointed representatives of the court, CASA volunteers are empowered to make a lifelong difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. Find out how you can become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and lift up a child's life. RSVP to Kelly, 447-9898, ext. 1033 or visit www.casappr.org.
- **Jerry Barlow Concert**, Fri., **Feb. 19**, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celtic fingerstyle guitarist. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$12; non-members \$15. Door tickets: TLCA members \$15; non-members \$18. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce 2016 State of the Chamber Lunch**, Wed., **Feb. 24**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., USA-FA Falcon Club, 3120 Academy Dr. Commissioner Darryl Glenn is the keynote speaker. Advance registration required. Cost: Members, \$30; nonmembers \$35. RSVP & Info: 481-3282, www.trilakeschamber.com.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage** headlined by the Colorado College Bluegrass Ensemble, Fri., **Feb. 26**, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 non-member students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtm@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **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: epq@tlumc.org.
- **PUBLISH!** Sat., **Feb. 27**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. A non-fiction writing class with Steven Veatch, for teachers and learners of all ages. Space is limited to 30 people; advance registration required, 488-0880. Cost: Adults, \$35 (members, \$30); students age 21 and under, \$7 (members, \$5). WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Info: www.wmmi.org. RSVP: 488-0880.
- **Lillians February Sales**, open **Mon.-Sat.**, 251 Front St., Suite 4, Monument. Save up to 75% on clearance items. See ad on page 4 for hours and 25% off one regularly-priced item. Info: 488-3550, www.lillians.com/monument, www.facebook.com/lilliansofmonument.
- **Monumental Microderm & Aesthetics February Valentine Specials**, 4 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake (above Bella Panini). This month, buy 1 Microdermabrasion for \$195, get 2 Peels free; and discounts on filler. See ad

on page 9. Info: 271-999, www.monumentalmicroderm.com.

- **PENRAD Imaging February Special**, 17230 Jackson Creek Pkwy, #160, Monument. HeartScreen test \$149 this month. See ad on page 7. Info: 785-9000, www.penrad.org.
- **The Open Door Books and Gifts: Sweetheart Savings**, open **Tue.-Sat.**, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; **Sun.**, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., 251 Front St., Suite 8, Monument. 20% off all jewelry, selected books and Oracle cards this month. See ad on page 4. Info: 487-9076, www.theopendoor-booksandgifts.com.
- **Visions of Light Photography Exhibition Opening Reception**, Fri., **Mar. 4**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celebrate the opening of this annual juried photography show that runs through Mar. 25. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Permian Basin String Quartet Concert**, Fri., **Mar. 11**, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Brahms Quartet in A minor and Beethoven Quartet No. 16, Op. 135 in F Major. Advance tickets: TLCA members \$8; non-members \$10. Door tickets: TLCA members \$10; non-members \$12. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.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.*

**Letters to Our Community**

Our Community News welcomes letters to the editor on topics of general interest. We do not knowingly print letters that have previously appeared in substantially the same form elsewhere, and our editorial board limits each letter writer to a maximum of six letters per calendar year to ensure that OCN contains a variety of viewpoints. To submit a letter, please:

- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor.
  - Include a suggested headline or title.
  - Limit letters to 300 words or less.
  - Include your full name, home address, and day and evening phone numbers.
  - Email your letter to editor@ocn.me or mail it to P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
  - Send your letter at least 10 days before the "first Saturday of the month" when the paper is printed.
- If you have not received an acknowledgement of your letter, call Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831. Letters may be edited for length, grammar, and accuracy.

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