We strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red
Nov. 11: Chicken Caesar salad and garlic bread. Nov. 18: Eggplant casserole, cole slaw. Nov. 25: No lunch, Happy Thanksgiving! Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

This group meets 11:30 a.m. at 146 Jefferson St., Monument (the School District 38 Administration Building). $3 voluntary donation. Entertainment follows lunch. For more information, call Judy, 487-9807. An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive director.

Black Forest Road closed at Kettle Creek
Heavy rain in the Black Forest area has prompted the immediate closure of Black Forest Road at Kettle Creek for safety reasons. Two critical stormwater culverts along Black Forest Road over Kettle Creek were heavily damaged during recent storms. Heavy rain has accelerated the erosion problems underneath the roadway, forcing the immediate closure of the road between Swan and Shoup Roads. Weather permitting, construction is expected to begin in the next few days and will be completed within 10 business days. Approximately 5,000 cars per day travel over this area of Black Forest Road and will be routed over an approximate three-mile detour using Swan, Herrin, and Shoup Roads. For more information contact Dave Rose, 520-6650, cell: 337-9299, DaveRose@elpasooco.com.

Work to start on I-25 bridge near Larkspur
The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin work Nov. 6 to repair the northbound I-25 bridge over Upper Lake Gulch Road, just east of Larkspur. Work includes milling, erosion control, upgrading the bridge surface and office in the deck and pier. The project is scheduled for completion in spring 2016. Drivers can expect lane shifts, a reduced 45 mph speed limit, and possible delays through the work zone. For project updates, email UpperLakeGulch@gmail.com or call the project hotline at 303-582-1812. To receive updates about road conditions, visit www.codot.gov and click on white envelope icon at the bottom of the page. Information about weekly lane closures is available at https://www.codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html. Updated road conditions can be found at www.cotrip.org, by downloading the CDOT Mobile app or by calling 511 from anywhere in the state.

Black Forest (BF) needs volunteers:
- Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
BFT is searching for team leads, work team members, volunteer work groups, resource center office volunteers, and donations so that they can help residents of burned areas of BF get back on their feet and manage their properties. Workers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through Nov. 21, weather permitting. For more information, please contact Donna, 495-2445, BlackFor estTogether@gmail.com, or come by the Resource Center at 11590 Black Forest Rd., Suite 30, in the Forest Plaza Center Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Volunteers needed for County’s Citizen Review Panel, apply by Nov. 13
The El Paso County Board of Commissioners is seeking community-minded citizen volunteers to serve on the Citizen Review Panel, an advisory board for the County Department of Human Services. Applications are due by Nov. 13. The volunteer application is located at www.elpasooco.com. Click on the “Volunteer Boards” link for more information. Call 520-6436 or visit www.elpasooco.com.

Donate new unwrapped toys for Santa on Patrol, by Dec. 18
Each year Captain Mike Shirk plays Santa with the help of elves from the local Fire and Police Departments. This year they will deliver toys Dec. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can help by donating new, unwrapped toys and gift cards by calling 418-3070.

High school juniors can win an all-expense-paid trip to either Washington, D.C., or a week at Leadership Camp in the mountains. “What does having electricity and the ‘cooperative difference’ mean to you?” is this year’s top- ic. For more information, contact 494-2676, www.mvea.coop/community/essay-contest/

Volunteer drivers needed
Help transport cancer patients to and from medical treat- ments. The American Cancer Society provides free rides through its Road to Recovery program. For information about the Road to Recovery program or to volunteer, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

Bustang & Park-n-Ride improvements
Bustang, the new interregional express bus service from the Colorado Department of Transportation, has begun. Along I-25, there are seven round trips per day, Mon. to Fri., from Colorado Springs to Denver, with a stop at I-25/ Monument Park-and-Ride. Single ride tickets from Monu- ment to Denver’s Union Station cost only $9, $7.50 for se- niors. Each coach is equipped with restrooms, bike racks, free Wi-Fi, power outlets and USB ports. Parking lot im- provements include new asphalt paving, lighting, striping, signing, and new shelters equipped with lighting and in- frared heating units. For information or to buy tickets on- line, visit www.ridestudents.com, or phone 800-900-3011.

Become a CASA volunteer
Become a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). CASA offers a volunteer opportunity like no other. As ap- pointed representatives of the court, CASA volunteers are empowered to make a lifelong difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. Learn more at http://www. casappr.org/volunteer-colorado-springs/ or contact Kelly at 447-9889, ext. 1033 or kellyp@casappr.org.

HAP needs volunteers
The Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that serves and sup- ports seniors in our community. HAP currently needs vol- unteers, three hours a week; and active board members, three hours a week.