Register for Winter Basketball at Tri-Lakes Y


Exercise is Medicine, Jan. 9
Volunteers like you are needed on Jan. 9 to help El Paso County exercise “Deep Freeze” from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to portray stranded motorists and distressed citizens requiring assistance during a blizzard. Purpose of the exercise is to evaluate the ability of all the emergency responders in northern El Paso County to coordinate rescue activities during a major blizzard. Volunteers must be willing to stick to the script and drop the blinds of their own vehicle at designated rescue locations, and use their personal cell phones to place a simulated distress call. Contact Andre’ at epg@tlumc.org or text/call Lisa at 339-7831 to ask questions or to sign up soon, so they know you have enough volunteers. If you are the least bit curious, please call!

Election judges needed
The Town of Palmer Lake is looking for five volunteers to serve as election judges in the upcoming election on April 5, 2016. If you are interested please contact the town office at 42 Valley Crescent or call 481-2953.

Local students collect trash for cash
Students at Palmer Lake Elementary School in Monument are making a difference this year school by collecting empty applesauce pouches for recycling in the TerraCycle GoGo squeeze® Bragade®. The school is among the top GoGo squeeze® Bragade® collectors in the country, collecting 2,134 this year. Since signing up for the program, Prairie Winds students have collected 4,216 pouches, earning nearly $100 for their school. For every unit of waste sent to TerraCycle, Bragade® collects energy points which can be redeemed as a charity gift or cash donation for their school or nonprofit of choice. TerraCycle offers more than 30 different Bragade® programs, allowing schools, organi- zations, and individuals to recycle everything from Ex- Sun drink pouches to Entemann’s and Hain Celestial snack bags. The waste collected through these programs is recycled into new plastic products such as trashcans, pic- nic tables, and park benches. For more information, visit www.teracycle.com.

Grow Smart Monument group forming
Grow Smart Monument is dedicated to preserving open space and trails, and encouraging residents to be aware of the existence of this vehicle for community in- volvement in the process. The first meeting will be Dec. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the YMCA business meeting room, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. For more information, contact Jerry Hannigan, hannigan@aslco.com. Volunteers are needed to sign up, go to http://dhs2.elpasoco.com/ftc/FeedtheChildren to sign up, and please contact Rebecca Jacobs at 444-8191 or at RebeccaJacobs@elpasoco.com. Volunteers are needed to also sign up, go to http://dhs2.elpasoco.com/ftc/FeedtheChildren.

Support Tri-Lakes cares on Giving Day, Dec. 8
Tri-Lakes Land Use Committee seeks volunteers, Dec. 14
The Tri-Lakes Land Use Committee is reinvigorated as a result of the current resurgence in local development activity. A new Comprehensive Plan and includes a copy of development applications submitted to the town and county. The committee then has the opportunity to provide comments on proposed development projects. It is still early enough in the process to have a chance at influ- encing the direction of growth. Ideally, this group should include representatives from across the Tri-Lakes area. Whether you are living on or just passing through, citizens should be aware of the existence of this vehicle for community in- volvement in the process. The first meeting will be Dec. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the YMCA business meeting room, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. For more information, contact Jerry Hannigan, hannigan@aslco.com.

Santa on Patrol toy drive, ends Dec. 18
Any of the free meals for seniors who is a resident of the Tri-Lakes area and 62 years of age or older. The meals are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. To receive a meal, you must be a resident of the Tri-Lakes area, and must bring your identification to prove your age. Meals are provided Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the month of December. For more information, contact the Town of Monument at 481-2900. No lunch (Merry Christmas!)

Tri-Lakes men’s a cappella singing group
Singers are wanted for an unique men’s singing group that will feature close harmony, a cappella singing, somewhat in the style of the Four Freshmen and Vocal Majority. For more information, contact John Hobson at 368-7833, or Phil Sellers, 387-1890, www.JanetSellers.com.

Monument School of Fine Arts, enroll now

SunDance Studio fall registration is open
Register now for dance and fitness classes for toddler through adult, gymnastics, tumbling, cheer, and more. For more information, contact 481-8208, www.thesundancestudio.com.

Monument Academy enrolling for preschool-eighth grade
Waitlists are moving, some seats are still available in this free public school of choice. For more information, contact 481-1950, www.monumentacademy.net.

St. Peter Catholic School enrolling for preschool-eighth grade
The school offers full and half-day preschool, academics, athletics, and more. NCA accredited, state licensed, finan- cial aid available. Call or visit: 124 First St. Monument; 481-1855; www.peterscherie.org.

County warns of phone scam
The scam going around is as follows. The caller claims to be a deputy from the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office. The caller informs the victims they have active warrants for their arrest and need to mail a money card to the Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s Office reminds citizens that no one from that office will ever call anyone to clear up a warrant. A warrant can only be cleared by turning yourself in at the Criminal Justice Center after showing proper identifica- tion. If you receive a phone call of this nature, please call the Sheriff’s Office, 390-5555, to report it.

SafeCare Colorado services now in El Paso County
Lutheran Family Services Colorado (LFS) now provides SafeCare Colorado Services in El Paso County.