

LAKE COUNTY SENIOR NEWS



January 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS >>>

- *Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 12:30.* Cribbage Lessons from Cheri Hahn. Senior Center. Join us for some fun!
- *Thursday, January 10th at Noon.* Lunch & Learn Series: New Tax Laws. Call for a lunch reservation. \$2 suggested donation. RSVP.
- *Monday, January 14th.* Blackhawk. Van leaves at 7:30. Full day. Call Clo for a reservation or for more info. 719-486-1170.
- *Thursday, January 17th 8-9.* Big breakfast and good coffee at the Senior Center! \$2 suggested donation. RSVP.
- *Thursday, January 24th.* Walmart and lunch. The van leaves the Senior Center at 9:00. Call for a ride.

CONTACT US >>>

For more information or to RSVP for any of our programs or events, contact the Lake County Senior Center:

719-486-1774

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Next Lunch & Learn is January 10



Join Troy Vigil, Denver-based CPA, to learn how new tax laws may affect you

Join us on Thursday, January 10th for our next Lunch & Learn to hear about the new tax laws from the Trump administration. We are very fortunate to have Troy Vigil, a well-established CPA from the Denver area to give us important updates and what we can expect as we complete our taxes for 2018. **Please RSVP for lunch** as we expect to have a larger than usual attendance.

After graduating from [Colorado State University – Pueblo](#) with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance, Troy started his career at the [Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\)](#) as a Revenue Agent. His time at the IRS was spent auditing small business owners, self-employed taxpayers, and individual wage earners.

Although he gained a unique insight into the IRS and learned a lot about taxes as a Revenue Agent, Troy quickly decided he was better suited to represent taxpayers rather than the IRS. He became a Certified Public Accountant in January 2008 and has been preparing tax returns and representing taxpayers since.

Troy has offices in Westminster, CO and Palm Springs, CA. Troy is licensed as a CPA in Arizona, California, and Colorado.

2019 Lunch & Learn Series

If you have any ideas for what you would like to hear at our Lunch & Learn Series for 2019, please let the Senior Center staff know at 486-1774.

FEATURED NEWS & EVENTS >>>

Cribbage Anyone?

Want to learn a new card game? Then join Cheri Hahn and other seniors for cribbage lessons in January.

Cheri will provide easy instructions on Wednesdays at 12:30 at the Senior Center. Free lessons for four weeks: January 9, 16, 23 & 30. For more info, call 486-1774.

Opening on the Senior Advisory Council

We have an opening for our Senior Advisory Council. Last year we transitioned from a governing board to an advisory council. This is a volunteer position with a time commitment of quarterly meetings. The purpose of the Senior Advisory Council is to work with the Aging Well Coordinator to improve services for seniors in Lake County through the implementation of the Senior Master Plan. Duties of Advisory Council members:

- Attending 4 meetings per year (including reviewing materials in advance to prepare for discussion)
- Advising and supporting the Aging Well Coordinator
- Reviewing progress on the Senior Master Plan and providing ongoing input to the agencies involved in the Senior Master Plan about gaps and priorities
- Providing input to the Aging Well Coordinator, as needed, to support him/her in offering a useful selection of services to seniors in Lake County
- Generally ensuring that systems and services are improving for Lake County seniors.
- If interested, please submit a letter of interest to Judy Mayne. Deadline is January 25, 2019.

COG News >>>

Northwest Colorado Councils of Governments (COG) Weatherization Assistance Program is a federally funded program that provides weatherization services to Lake County residents. Qualifying applicants (homeowner or renter) can receive free home weatherization services which have been proven to decrease energy usage, thereby lowering monthly utility bills by 10-30%. Some homes qualify for free furnace and refrigerator replacements.

Call Emily Hoskins at 1-800-332-3669 for more info or to apply. Emily is based in Silverthorne.

OTHER NEWS YOU CAN USE >>>

- Need a ride to the Senior Center for lunch or a meal delivered to your home while recovering from surgery? We can provide transportation and the meal! Call and let us know what you need. 719-486-1774.
- The Senior Center has a limited supply of Durable Medical Equipment for loan. We have wheelchairs, walkers, canes and a few other items for your temporary use. Call and let us know what you might need to borrow during your recovery. 486-1774.
- **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays: Noon.** Serving lunch at the Senior Center. Meals on Wheels delivered. Call for a reservation. 486-1774.
- **Every Wednesday at 1:00:** In-town errands. The Senior Center provides transportation to all stores and businesses in Leadville. Call if you need a ride for shopping on Wednesday afternoons. 486-1774.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT >>>



Cheri Hahn by: Tim Diamond

Cheri is a two-year veteran of the Meals on Wheels Program. She explains that “there’s a driver and a runner; the driver keeps the car and the meals warm while the runner delivers the meal. The runner also gets to talk to the people, which is the most fun.” “Do we need more of both?” I asked. “For sure!” As for some more volunteer work, Cheri wants to inaugurate a cribbage club for people who want to play on Wednesdays after lunch, starting in January. As for her earlier years, it’s hard to imagine but those bright eyes have been sparkling around this town for 40 years!! And she taught school here until 2004 (“all kinds of different subjects and ages”). She joined us after a stint volunteering at the animal shelter (“I got too attached to the cats & started taking them home!”). That story says a lot about her generous spirit, and we are privileged to partake of it. That is, as long as she doesn’t start taking one of the seniors home!! Thanks, Cheri, for your work and for being you!