



LEADVILLE LIFE

Chili Blast to raise funds for Huck Finn Park

To generate a little winter heat and crackle for Lake County recreation, the public is invited to the Huck Finn Chili Blast at the Leiter Street Ice Rink on Saturday, Feb. 18. The event will allow attendees to sample the

community's finest chili, ice-skate under the lights and learn more about the Huck Finn Park Project.

The event kicks off at 5 p.m., and the \$7 entry fee (\$25 for a family of four) includes chili tasting, bread,

hot chocolate and make-your-own s'mores over a blazing bonfire. Entry also includes admission to the ice rink and skate rental.

Any and all are welcome to enter the chili contest where prizes will be awarded to the top-three selections as chosen by event attendees. Entrants need to drop off a crock pot of prepared chili at the ice rink warming house by 4 p.m. on the day of the event. For an entry packet and/or more information, contact Amber Magee at the Lake County

Recreation Department at 486-7486. There is no cost to enter the chili competition, and all entrants will receive complimentary entrance to the event.

The Huck Finn Project is a multi-faceted effort to revitalize the Huck Finn Park with a 21,000-sq.-ft. concrete skate park, refurbished tennis courts and new warming hut and ice-maintenance building.

Lake County's Zamboni, which needs a home next to the rink, will be on display and hopefully grooming the

ice for the evening. Nearly \$200,000 has been raised toward the \$870,000 cost of the project.

"All proceeds from the chili blast will go to the Huck Finn Project," said Coordinator Carrie Mallozzi. "However, we really just hope people will come out to enjoy a fun evening and learn more about the plans for the park."

For information on the Huck Finn Park Project, visit www.skateleadville.wordpress.com.

Community calendar

To announce a nonprofit event or recurring meeting in the calendar, contact the *Herald* at 486-0641, 486-0611 (fax) or allnews@leadvilleherald.com.

Thursday, Feb. 9

9 a.m. - **Lake County Library Story Hour** "Who do we love? Valentine's party." - 9 to 10 a.m. for 4 and 5 year-olds, 11 to 11:30 a.m. for toddlers. In the Amax Room. 486-0569.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Free community meal** at St. George Episcopal, 200 W. 4th St.

3 to 4:30 p.m. - **Lake County Library After School Program** "Sign Language." Free program for grades 1 and up in the library's Amax Room. 486-0569.

5:15 p.m. - **Parkville Water Board** at the Parkville office at 2015 Poplar. 486-1449.

6 to 7 p.m. - **Hoop Core Class** at the 6th Street Gym. \$5 or \$40 10-punch card or \$70 20-punch card. 486-7484.

6:15 p.m. - **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** meets in the Amax room at the public library. Use the back door. Anne

Dougherty 486-3766.

6:45 p.m. - **Catholic Daughters** meet in Annunciation Church Hall, 609 Poplar St. 486-1382.

7 p.m. - **Leadville Rod and Gun Club** meets at the Trap Range clubhouse.

Friday, Feb. 10

7:30 a.m. - **Marketing Action Committee** meets in the commissioner's room at Lake County Courthouse.

8:30 a.m. - **Group exercise** at the 6th St. Gym. All abilities. Donations accepted. Michele Clapper 486-1769.

6 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery**, a Biblically based 12-step program to recover from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Community Church, 486-8466.

7 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous** open meeting, St. George Episcopal, 200 W. 4th. 293-1600.

Saturday, Feb. 11

7 a.m. - **14th Annual Ice Fishing Derby** at Twin Lakes.

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