

com/workshops.

- **Black Rose Christmas Concert & Potluck: *The Instant Family*** (Joleen Bell, Marianne Danehy, Charlie Hall, and Phil Volan), Fri., **Dec. 9**, 7 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Folks with last names beginning with A-M bring appetizers, and N-Z bring desserts. Free water, tea, coffee, and apple cider provided. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtm@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **A Rocky Mountain Christmas with the John Adams Band featuring the music of John Denver**, Fri., **Dec. 9**, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: www.trilakesarts.org, 481-0475.
- **Local Author Book Signings at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., **Dec. 10**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 105 Second St., Monument. Stop in for refreshments and to meet the authors. Janelle Diller will sign her *Pack 'N Go Girls Adventures* and her new adult title, *Never Enough Flamingos*, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nancy Jurka will sign *Bright Star of Palmer Lake* noon-2 p.m. Leslea Wahl will sign *Unexpected Role* 1-3 p.m. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Best Dog: Get your picture taken with Santa Paws**, Sat., **Dec. 10**, 3-6 p.m. Monument Plaza, 481 W. Hwy 105, #203, Monument. Free puppy socialization sessions. Info: 648-9122, www.bestdogltd.com.
- **Annual Handbell Christmas Concert**, Sat., **Dec. 10**, 7 p.m., Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Bells, chimes, organ, vocal selections, and more. Free; everyone is invited. Info: Betty Jenik, 488-3853.
- **Lessons and Carols Service at the Church at Woodmoor**, Sun., **Dec. 11**, 10 a.m., 18125 Furrow Rd. All are welcome. Choir anthems and sing-along carols. Info: 488-3200, www.thechurchatwoodmoor.com.
- **Annual Palmer Lake Yule Log Hunt**, Sun., **Dec. 11**, 1 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Trek up the mountain in search of the Yule Log. Hunt participants should arrive 11 a.m.-noon. The winner will ride the Yule Log back to town and get the first cup of was-sail. Non-hunters can stay warm indoors with carols and stories. Info: 481-2953.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Monthly Education Series, *Relationship Marketing***, Tue., **Dec. 13**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 166 Second St., Monument. Free; learn the importance of nurturing relationships in your life and business, as well as how to plug into a system that conveniently allows you to do so. Info: Julie, 481-3282, www.trilakeschamber.com.
- **Richard Lindsay Trunk Show at Santa Fe Trail Jewelry**, Fri.-Sun., **Dec. 16-18**, Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 106-A Second St., Monument. Info: 481-0250
- **Tri-Lakes Music Association (TLMA) Annual Choir and Orchestra Concert, *The Journey of Christmas***, Fri.-Sun., **Dec. 16-18**, 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun., Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Frontage Rd, Monument. Admission is free; a free-will donation will be collected to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares and the TLMA Scholarship Fund. Park in the lower parking lots, enter at the auditorium entrance. Info: trilakesmusic@gmail.com, www.trilakesmusic.org.
- **Wescott Fire Department Santa Patrol**, Sat., **Dec. 17**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Meet Santa on his fire truck with the Wescott firefighters. See the schedule map at www.wescottfire.org. Info: 488-8680, www.wescottfire.org.
- **Outpouring: TLUMC Supporting our Community**, Tue., **Dec 20**, 7 p.m., back Barrel Room at Pikes Peak

Brewing Company, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Haley Chapin, Executive Director of Tri-Lakes Cares, will speak about the "Overhead Myth," what it really means, what is acceptable, and what we, as donors, should be looking for when deciding which non-profits to support. Everyone is welcome. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: Mr. Lynn Weber 488-2832, LWeber1971@aol.com.

- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Holiday Model Railroad Exhibit**, Sat., **Dec. 17**-Mon., **Jan. 30**, open Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., daily guided tours at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). The holiday-themed model railroad exhibit with multiple model railroad trains in operation is free with museum admission: \$8 adults, \$7 military/AAA, \$6 seniors & students, \$4 children 3-12, free to children under 3 & museum members. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Christmas Eve Services at The Church at Woodmoor**, Sat., **Dec. 24**, 3 p.m. family service, 5 p.m. choir and candlelight service, 18125 Furrow Rd. All are welcome. Info: 488-3200, www.thechurchatwoodmoor.com.
- **Christmas Eve Services at Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church**, Sat., **Dec. 24**, 3 p.m. interactive family service, 5 p.m. contemporary candlelight service with Communion, 7 & 9 p.m. traditional candlelight services with Communion; 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Info: 488-1365.
- **Christmas Day Service at Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church**, Sun., **Dec. 25**, 11 a.m., 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Info: 488-1365
- **Luau Themed New Year's Eve: Last Chance to get Lei'd**, Sat., **Dec. 31**, 8:30 p.m., Pikes Peak Brewing Co., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Live music, Polynesian dancers, and more. Age 21 and up. Info: 208-4098, www.pikespeakbrewing.com.
- **Free Chili Supper and Intro to Modern-Style Square Dancing**, Tue., **Jan. 10**, 7-8:30 p.m., Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy, 4220 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Colo. Springs. Info: Jeff, 433-2825; Debbie, 630-1902.

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



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Christmas Eve Services

3:00 PM

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"The Word became flesh
and made his home among us.
We have seen his glory,
glory like that of a father's only son,
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7:00 PM*

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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE *
DECEMBER 25, AT 11 A.M.

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