

- and gift items. Breakfast, lunch, and bake sale items available. Info: Michelle Wagner, 303-681-2619.
- **Help for the Holidays in the Midst of Loss**, Sat., Nov. 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m., The West End Center, 755 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. This free seminar with Annie Campanaro, Licensed Professional Counselor, is for those who have experienced a loss—whether a loved one, a relationship, a job, or your health. Learn how to cope and bring hope back into this season. RSVP & Info: 358-1010.
 - **Book Signing at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Nov. 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 105 Second St. Sharon Gerdes will sign *Back in Six Weeks*, a book about post-partum psychosis, and Angie Ricketts will sign *No Man's War*, about a military wife living a military life. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
 - **Black Forest Community Club: Veteran's Day Program**, Sat., Nov. 15, 7 p.m., 12530 Black Forest Rd. (just N. of Shoup). Info: 495-3217, www.bfcommunityclub.org.
 - **Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive**, Tue., Nov. 18, 3-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5714.
 - **Tri-Lakes State of the Region**, Thu., Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., The Inn at Palmer Divide, 443 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. Sam Bailey, with the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, will provide an update on economic development efforts at the state level. Joe Raso from the Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance and Danette Lilja from the Tri-Lakes Economic Development Corporation will provide regional and local updates. RSVP & Info: trilakeschamber.com or Julie Matalus, 481-3282.
 - **Lewis-Palmer High School Fall Musical: Oklahoma**, Thu.-Sat., Nov. 20-22, 7 p.m., 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Tickets: www.showtix4u.com. Info: 488-4720.
 - **Gleneagle Women's Club Art and Crafts Fair**, Fri., Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Holy Trinity Church, 13990 Gleneagle Dr. Info: Tsilla Reyner, 599-9046, tsillareyner@yahoo.com
 - **Sixth Annual Breakaway Hockey Event Fundraiser, Silent and Live Auction, and Dessert Auction**, Fri., Nov. 21, 6-11 p.m., Historic Pinecrest Event Center, 106 Pinecrest Way, Palmer Lake. A fundraiser for Lewis-Palmer D-38 High School Varsity Ice Hockey Team, which is not fully funded by the school district. Cost: \$25 per person. Tickets & Info: Susan Fraser, 310-5416.
 - **Buffalo Grass Acoustic Society Open Stage featuring Wayne and Arthetta Long, Americana Folk Music**, Fri., Nov. 21, Show starts at 7 p.m., free jam session starts at 5:30 p.m., Cowboy Church of Peyton, 15504 Bradshaw Rd., Peyton. Cost: Adults, \$5; Members, \$3; Kids under 16 free. Info: (719) 660 8037, www.buffalograssacoustic.org.
 - **Alpaca Holiday Extravaganza**, Sat.-Sun., Nov. 22-23; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun., Black Forest Community Club, 12530 Black Forest Rd. See alpacas and shop for clothing and accessories as well as fleece, yarn, and more. Info: 495-6693.
 - **Book Signing at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Nov. 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 105 Second St. Erin Healy will sign *Motherless* and TR Fischer will sign *Prey for Me*. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
 - **Yesterday in Concert: Acclaimed Beatles Tribute Band from Las Vegas**, Sat., Nov. 22, 7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Advance Tickets: TLCA Members \$20; Non-Members \$25. Door Tickets: TLCA Members \$25; Non-Members \$30. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
 - **Free Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at Rosie's Diner**, Thu., Nov. 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 411 Hwy. 105, Monument. Tri-Lakes and Black Forest residents who, for whatever reason, will be unable to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with friends or family at home, and first responders on duty Thanksgiving day are invited to enjoy a free Thanksgiving dinner at Rosie's Diner. Reservations are suggested because seating is limited. Reservations must be made by Nov. 21.

- RSVP & Info: Madeline at the Town of Monument, 884-8013. More information is also available at: www.TriLakesHAP.org/CCT.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Thanks to the Members Concert: The Flying W Wranglers**, Fri., Nov. 28, concert at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$12 BRAS members, \$20 non-members. Memberships will not be sold at the door. Tickets available at www.blackroseacoustic.org or 649-1649. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net.
 - **Book Signing at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Sat., Nov. 29, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 105 Second St. Heather Buchman will sign *Linger* and her "And Then You..." series and Mary Anthi Diehlmann will sign *Angry Haunting*. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
 - **Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI): The Gold Assay Process: Magic or Chemistry?** Sat., Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd at 1-25 Exit 156A. Discover how ore is processed to extract gold. Crush and classify ore as you learn the basics of gold ore assaying—determining the value of gold in the rock. Explore Colorado's rich mining heritage from the gold rush days to the 21st century and find out what's happening in mining today! Cost: adults \$8, military/AAA \$7, seniors/students \$6, children 3-12 \$4, free to children under 3 & museum members. RSVP to rsvp@wmmi.org or 488-0880. Info: www.wmmi.org.
 - **Small Town Christmas: Small Town Saturday**, Sat., Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Shop small and celebrate the season in Historic Downtown Monument. Info: 425-8889, info@monumentmerchants.com.
 - **Palmer Lake's Traditional Chili Supper & Annual Star-lighting Festival**, Sat., Nov. 29, 5-8:30 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Join the tradition and enjoy chili, potato soup, fresh-baked cinnamon rolls, and more. Cost: \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Proceeds go to the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department. There will be hayrides, roasting marshmallows over an open fire, Christmas carols, Santa, bucket drawings and silent auctions, with one lucky winner chosen to light the star! Info or to donate prizes: Jeannine at the Rock House Ice Cream shop, 488-6917; or Lori, 651-3511.
 - **Black Forest Community Club: Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa Arrival**, Sat., Nov. 29, 7 p.m., 12530 Black Forest Rd. (just N. of Shoup). Info: 495-3217, www.bfcommunityclub.org.
 - **Palmer Lake Yule Log Pot Luck Dinner**, Tue., Dec. 2, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Circle. Please bring a potluck dish to share and place settings for your family. Info: 481-2953.
 - **Kiwanis' 9th Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair**, Sat.-Sun, Dec. 6-7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Grace Best School, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Browse hundreds of handcrafted items perfect for holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. Holiday music by various D-38 school groups throughout the day. Admission is free, but nonperishable food items, toys, or cash donations for Tri-Lakes Cares would be appreciated. Info: www.monumenthikiwanis.org, or contact Bob Nissen, 351-6481, Bob@mifigroup.com.
 - **Small Town Christmas**, Sat., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Celebrate the season with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus along with activities for children, open houses, and other special events in Historic Downtown Monument. Info: 425-8889, info@monumentmerchants.com.
 - **Psychic Fair and Christmas Sale at The Open Door Books and Gifts**, Sat., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 251 Front St., Suite 8, Monument. Info: 487-9076.
 - **Annual Palmer Lake Yule Log Hunt**, Sun., Dec. 7, 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 wassail. Non-hunters can stay warm indoors with carols and stories. Info: 481-2953.
 - **Black Rose Acoustic Society Annual Christmas Party with Chuck Pyle**, Fri., Dec. 12, opening

- act at 7 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. In lieu of snacks from the kitchen, there will be a desserts and holiday treats pot luck; no main dishes. Water, tea, coffee, and apple cider will be available at no cost. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Small Town Christmas Holiday Open House**, Sat., Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Celebrate the season with refreshments, music, and holiday open houses in Historic Downtown Monument. Info: 425-8889, info@monumentmerchants.com.
 - **Black Forest Community Club: Annual Christmas Potluck**, Sat., Dec. 13, 6 p.m., 12530 Black Forest Rd. (just N. of Shoup). Info: 495-3217, www.bfcommunityclub.org.
 - **Handbell Christmas Concert**, Sat., Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Bells, chimes, organ, brass, recorders, and vocal selections. Free! Everyone is invited! Info: Betty Jenik, 488-3853.
 - **Bethlehem Inn**, Sun., Dec. 14, 10:15 a.m., Crossroads Chapel, 840 North Gate Blvd. Experience the night Jesus was born as told by Mary. Info: 495-3200, www.crossroadsgleneagle.com. □

Letters to Our Community

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