



# HOLIDAY

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# *Traditions*

Your guide for  
exploring holiday traditions  
in Southern Colorado.

**The Pueblo Chieftain**

November 10, 2016

# INTRODUCTION

The leaves are starting to fall and the nights are getting chilly, but to Colorado, that means the fun's just beginning! The time for turkey dinners, craft fairs, ski trips and holiday celebrations are upon us. As the weather cools and the seasons change, Holiday Traditions is here to keep you up to date with all of the Southern Colorado traditions that you've come to know and love. From community tree lightings to festive parades of lights, we've got you covered. Mark your calendars and tell your friends and family, because there's plenty to do this holiday season.



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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## IN SOUTHERN COLORADO

### Holiday Bazaar November 5th & 6th, 2016 - 9am

The 27th annual Holiday Bazaar returns to the Palace of Agriculture at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Come check out some of the best holiday gear you can get all year! Over 150 booths with unique holiday gifts. For more information please call (719) 404-2028.

### Nutcrackers, Tinsel, & Bears – Oh My November 6th – December 31st

It's the most wonderful time of the year – time for the annual holiday exhibit in the Buell Children's Museum! This year's exhibit, "Nutcrackers, Tinsel & Bears – Oh My!," is a celebration of two of the Buell Children's Museum's favorite traditions: the Sangre de Cristo Ballet's annual Nutcracker production, as well as the Giant Teddy Bear Tree! Celebrate the magic of the season with the whole family.

### Own Your Own: Holiday Art Sale November 16th – December 31st, 2016



The Nutcracker Ballet at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center.

You're more than likely to find something for everyone on your list this year at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center's Holiday Art Sale, featuring unique handmade gifts by local artists.

### The Sangre de Cristo Arts Center presents: Culinary Class: Tamales for Family Celebrations November 20th &

### December 4th, 2016 - 10am

You will learn from start to finish how to make tamales for your family, and take home a dozen tamales that evening!

### Canon City Turkey Bowl November 19th, 2016 8:30am

The Recreation District's annual Turkey Bowl is a one

day 4-on-4 Flag Football Tournament with seven different age divisions. Team rosters are limited to six players. Register early as only the first 60 teams to register will be accepted due to field space. Your payment reserves your teams spot. No payments will be accepted on site. Come out and play and you may win the turkey for your Thanksgiving dinner! For more information call: 275-1578.

### Nutcracker in a Nutshell November 19th - 1pm

This hour-long version of the holiday favorite narrates Clara's dreamy adventure in a special performance tailed for children. Located at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center Theater, this show is sure to be a hit with children and parents alike.

### Canon City's 2016 Holiday Artisan Marketplace Through November 19th, 2016

Area artists are gearing up for the 2016 Holiday Artisan Marketplace, slated to run Friday through Nov. 19 at the

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## Canon City Turkey Trot November 19th, 2016 10am

The Cañon City Area Recreation and Park District will host 5th Annual 5K Turkey Trot at Pathfinder Park on Saturday, November 21st. The 5K run will begin at 10 a.m. The course is on maintained trails and dirt roads with little to no elevation changes. It is a fast course and very spectator friendly with views of nearly the entire race from the finish line.

## Pueblo Ice Cup November 19th, 2016 3:30pm

Police vs. Firefighters Face-Off in the first Pueblo Ice Cup. \$5 admission or a new unwrapped toy to watch Pueblo's Police and Fire departments battle it out on the ice.

## Culinary Class: Nut-Filled Potica November 22nd, 2016 6pm

Learn techniques and secrets from the dough recipe to the rolling and nut filling of walnut potica at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center. Share a treat with your family!

## Salida Parade of Lights November 25th, 2016 6pm

The Christmas Parade of Lights begins at dark in downtown Salida, followed

by the transformation of Riverside Park into Holiday Park, and Tenderfoot Hill ("S" Mountain) into Christmas Mountain. Festivities continue with a community open house at the SteamPlant Event Center with free cocoa, cookies and entertainment. Downtown shops and galleries stay open extended hours, and local restaurants and bars are bustling with activity.

## Holiday Lighting Extravaganza November 25th, 2016 5pm

Holidays officially arrive in Pueblo with the Holiday lighting extravaganza. On November 25, 2016 starting at 5:00 pm, come down to the Welcome Center for hot

chocolate, boat rides and SANTA!!! Fireworks will light up the sky around 7:30 pm.

## Small Business Saturday Holiday Expo November 26th, 2016 10am

Join us at the American Legion Post 2 @ 709 W. 9th, to get a start on your holiday shopping, support local small business owners, and support the work that the American Legion does for our veterans. Enter to win our grand prize basket, with hundreds of dollars in gifts from our vendors.

## Parade of Lights November 26th, 2016 5:30pm

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NOVEMBER 19  
11 AM**

All kids are invited to see **Santa Claus** magically appear at the **Holiday Magic Show** on Saturday, November 19 in the Dillard's Court. Pueblo Mall will host the magic show at 11:00 am

The Magic Show will be provided by the **Party People and Theater of Mystery** featuring **Mr. E and Kyle Groves**.

After the show, each child will receive a holiday coloring book, reindeer ears and a special holiday gift.

Photo packages with Santa Claus will be available at the Santa Wonderland set located in the JCPenney court November 22nd.



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The annual Parade of Lights in downtown Pueblo.

Parade of Lights has been one of the largest Christmas parades in Colorado. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, festive, colorful and clever floats, school marching bands, drill teams, decorated saddle club horses and car club vehicles festooned with lights thrill many thousands of spectators as the parade passes from the Mesa Junction down Union Avenue to Main Street then west on 6th Street ending at the Downtown location of signature sponsor Pueblo Bank & Trust.

For more information on how to get involved in this year's Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree themed parade, call (719) 543-7155.

## Holiday Tea for Seniors November 28th, 2pm

Explore the galleries at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center and visit the Buell Children's Museum's Holiday Exhibit while enjoying a festive holiday tea!

## Holiday Wine Dinner December 1st, 6pm

Begin the Holiday Celebration with a three course dinner at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center. The dinner will feature prime rib and be paired with five wines.

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24th, 2016, 5:30pm**

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**17th Annual Nutcracker,  
The Ballet**  
**December 1st, 2nd &  
3rd, 2016 @ 7:30pm**  
**December 3rd & 4th,  
2016 @ 2pm**

Experience Pueblo's holiday tradition, the Nutcracker Ballet, performed by the Sangre de Cristo Ballet at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center Theater. Based on the original

1816 E. T. A. Hoffmann story, The Nutcracker and the Mouse King, with a bit of a twist and set to the famous score by P. I. Tchaikovsky. This holiday treat features the stunning battle scene in which Clara and the Nutcracker Prince make their way through a mystical land, and encounter enchanting characters along the way.



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## La Junta Parade of Lights

**December 2nd, 2016**

In connection with parade, Santa visits with children.

## Holiday Celebration at Bent's Old Fort

**December 2nd, 2016**

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site near La Junta, Colorado will host its Traditional Holiday Celebration on Friday [the] first weekend in December. Over 50 living history volunteers from Colorado and surrounding states will bring the fort to life with the sights, sounds, and smells of a working 19th Century trading post during the holiday season. Festivities will include candlelight tours, toy making, holiday decorating and children's games. To make reservations, phone (719) 383-5026.

## Canon City Parade of Lights

**December 3rd, 2016**

**6pm**

Expect to see a wide array of well-lit and colorful floats cruising down Main Street in this year's Parade of Lights. The annual event is one of the highlights of the holiday season. For more information please call call 275-2331.

## Holiday in Lights Parade

**December 3rd, 2016**

**5:30pm**

The Pueblo West 15th Annual Holiday in Lights Parade will be held on Saturday, December 3. All are welcomed to come and see the floats start their travel at 5:30 p.m. from Joe Martinez Boulevard/ Palmer Lake Drive down to Civic Center Drive.

Side events accompanying the parade this year include a bonfire, community tree lighting, fireworks and refreshments.

For more information on how to get involved in this year's Holiday In Lights parade, please call (719) 547-5075

## The Arkansas River Barbershop Chorus presents a Christmas Show and Sing-a-Long

**December 3rd, 2016**

**3pm**

This Christmas Show and Sing-a-Long will take place for free at First United Methodist Church in Pueblo. Any and all donations received will be provided to the Cooperative Care Center here in Pueblo as well as the B Street Pantry in Colorado Springs.

## Holiday Fashion Preview & Gourmet Luncheon

**December 3rd, 2016**

**Noon**

The Assistance League of Pueblo's fundraising event for Operation School Bell returns this year at the Pueblo Convention Center. This annual event will feature a fashion show from Dillard's as well as a lunch prepared by the Pueblo Convention Center chefs. Guest emcee this year will be Craig Eliot. For more information or to make reservations to attend, please call (719) 214-9586.

## Pueblo Bikers United annual Toy Run

**December 3rd, 2016**

**11am**

The Toy Run will leave from South High School at 11am. This events helps raise funds and provide toys to Pueblo area children that are in need.

For more information on the event, please contact J.T. Trujillo at (719) 543-1360.

## Pueblo Choral Society's Home for the Holidays

**December 3rd, 2016**

**3pm**

Guest choir, Lyrica, from Bella Prima Musica joins the Chorale at Majestic Baptist Church in Pueblo West to celebrate the warmth of a homespun Christmas. As always, you will be invited to sing along to familiar carols. For more information please call (719) 544-4455.

## RENT

**December 4th, 2016**

RENT comes to the Pueblo Memorial Hall!

## Canon City Holiday Home Tour

**December 4th, 2016**

**1pm**

"This is the fourth year for the tour and we had a wonderful crowd last year with many out of town visitors," said Bev CdeBaca, event coordinator. "The tour brings business and exposure to our area and is sponsored by the Fremont County Community Concert Association." For more information please contact Bev at 275-3065

## Pueblo Symphony Orchestra's Joy to the World

**December 4th 2:30pm**

Join the Pueblo Symphony Orchestra for Joy to the World, with Poperazzi. This festive concert at Hoag Recital Hall at CSU-Pueblo will include joyful music for the holidays. For more information please call (719) 545-7967.

## Air Force Academy Band's Holly & Ivy Concert

**December 8th, 2016 7pm**

This annual holiday favorite is sure to delight! Held again this year at the Southwest Motors Events Center at the Colorado State Fairgrounds, this Chieftain presented concert is truly a Pueblo tradition. For more information please call (719) 404-2780.

## Pottery Class: Holiday Cookie Tray

**Dec. 10th, 2016, 11am**

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## Ice Skate with Santa at the Pueblo Ice Arena December 10th, 2016 Noon

Enjoy a jolly time with Santa himself. Have a cookie and cocoa, then skate with Santa and tell him what you want for Christmas! For more information please call (719) 553-2730.

## Colorado Business Network Holiday Expo December 10th, 2016 9am

The Colorado Business Network and its members bring you holiday shopping! Something for everyone on your list. Enter to win our grand prize basket. Come down to the Holiday Inn Express at 4530 Dillon Drive,

and take a selfie and get extra entries into our drawing! Support your local small businesses by stopping by and getting those last minute Christmas gifts

## PAW PATROL December 14th, 2016

PAW PATROL comes to the Pueblo Memorial Hall!

## Reading of 'Twas the Night before Christmas' December 16th, 2016 5pm

Come to the Trinidad History Museum for the traditional holiday reading of 'Twas the Night before Christmas'.

## Alamosa Christmas Lights parade December 16th, 2016

## 6pm

For more information please call (602) 571-0535.

## Veronika String Quartet performs 'How it all began...'

## December 17th, 2016 7:30pm

Playing at the Ascension Episcopal Church in Pueblo, the Veronika String Quartet invites you to join them as they perform works by Haydn, Boccherini and Beethoven as part of their 2016-2017 season: Storytelling and the quartet narrative. For more information please call (719) 671-7374.

## Santa Claus is Coming to the Buell Children's

## Museum!

## December 17th & 18th, 2016

## Noon

Join Mr. and Mrs. Claus for a merry time of caroling in the Buell Children's Museum

## Pueblo Municipal Band Holiday Concert December 18th, 2016 2pm

Sing along to holiday favorites with Pueblo's professional-level concert band. Led by award-winning conductor Mark Emery, the Pueblo Municipal Band is a community staple, and has been performing locally since 1913. Performance will be at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center and will be free and open to the public. ■



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# CRAFT SHOWS AND BAZAARS

## ACROSS SOUTHERN COLORADO

By: **Regan Foster**  
The Pueblo Chieftain

### November

#### Azteca Residents

Azteca Apartment residents and Joe Tomato will host their annual boutique and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 3, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 4 at 705 Hunter Drive.

The public is welcome to browse the handmade crafts, collectibles, Christmas items, baked goods, candy and more. Lunch by Joe Tomato will be available both days from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parking is available on the east side of the building.

#### CMHIP Auxiliary

Dozens of vendors will show their handmade wares during

the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo Auxiliary holiday boutique. Sales hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 3 at the administration building 1600 W. 24th St., unit 125 (the second building on the left). For more information, call 546-4445.

#### Handwoven Holiday

The Handweavers Guild of Pueblo will host its annual Handwoven Holiday Sale at the Vail Hotel, 217 S. Grand Ave. Sale hours are 4:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4 in participation with the First Friday Art Walk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5-11 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12. The sale will feature handwoven, handspun

and felted clothing and accessories, rugs, tapestries, wall hangings, home decor and Christmas items. Guest artists also will show pottery, jewelry, soaps and lotions; fiber demonstrations will take place throughout the duration of the show.

For more information, email HandwovenHolidaySale@aol.com or visit Facebook.com/HandweaversGuildofPueblo.

#### Colorado Crafters Collection

A craft sale and bazaar is planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 4 and 5 at Pueblo First Church of the Nazarene, 84 Stanford Ave. Local vendors will show a variety

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### Mineral Palace Towers

The Mineral Palace Towers Craft Club will host a holiday sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 4 and 5 at the complex, 1414 N. Santa Fe Ave. Artisans will sell Thanksgiving and Christmas decor, swags and ornaments, handmade soap, jewelry, fleece blankets and baked goods.

### Wesley United Methodist Women

The Wesley United Methodist Women will host its annual holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 4 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 5. The sale will take place at the church, 85 Stanford Ave. Sale items will include baked

goods, heritage jewelry, gently used Christmas decorations and more. For more information, call 564-1012.

### VFW Post 3641

Tupperware, crochet items, jewelry, jellies, canned goods, baked goods and lunches are on tap for the VFW Post 3641 holiday craft shows. The sales will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 4-5 and Dec. 2. Booth space is still available and costs \$40. For more information, call Shelly at 406-5247.

### Home Boutique

Loretta Pearson and 10 other area crafters will host a home boutique at 1816 E. Ninth St. Handmade items, including scarfs, ceramics, ornaments, pillowcases and children's cloth books, will be available

for sale. Boutique hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 4; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 5 and 12; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 and 13.

### First Congregational Church

The First Congregational Church, 228 W. Evans Ave., will host its annual Crafts & Food Galore holiday craft sale from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 5. Church members and local artisans will offer cutlery, purses, soaps, lotions, crocheted items, wood carvings, aprons, kitchen items, potholders, silk flower arrangements and decorative and seasonal items. Baked goods will also be available, as will breakfast and lunch items. Credit cards will be accepted. For vendor or other information, call 544-1892.

### United Church of Walsenburg

WALSENBURG — The Friendship Circle of the United Church of Walsenburg will present its 43rd annual Quilt and Craft Show and Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 5. The church is located at the corner of Main Street and Kansas Avenue, and the sale is handicapped accessible. Quilts will be offered for sale, and 16 vendor tables will be filled with homemade food and handcrafted items. Admission is free, pie and coffee will be available all day for \$2, and lunch items will be available for \$2 to \$3. For more information, call 738-3023.

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### State Fair Bazaar

The Colorado State Fair's 27th annual Holiday Bazaar has been scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Palace of Agriculture. Premium vendor space remains available. The bazaar will feature

more than 165 crafters and commercial exhibitors from throughout the state selling a wide variety of unique gift items and stocking stuffers. Food and drink will be available both days. Vendor applications are available at [coloradostatefair.com/events/2016/holiday-bazaar](http://coloradostatefair.com/events/2016/holiday-bazaar). For additional vendor information, please call Margaret Thornburg at 404-2028. All applications are due by Nov. 1.

### Chamber of Commerce

ROCKY FORD — The Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce will present its second annual craft fair and Taste of Rocky Ford from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Gobin Building, 105 N. Main St. The fair is being presented in conjunction with the Arkansas Valley Balloon Festival.

The event is free and open to the public. Interested vendors are asked to contact the chamber at 254-7483.

### United Methodist Women

FOWLER — The United Methodist Women of Fowler will host a fall and Christmas bazaar starting at 10 a.m. Nov. 5 at the United Methodist Church, 302 Main St. Homemade items and baked goods will be offered for sale and lunch will be served.

### Pueblo West Women's League

The Pueblo West Women's League will host its ninth annual Christmas House Boutique from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11 and 12, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13. The sale/fundraiser will

take place at 1001 Acreview Drive in Pueblo West. Vendors will sell specialty crafts, ornaments, home decor items, gifts and homemade candies and baked goods. In addition, a handmade state-bird quilt, a bejeweled wreath and other items will be raffled, and a silent auction will be conducted. Free refreshments will be served. The boutique is a fundraiser for projects and charities that serve Pueblo West. For more information, or to buy a raffle ticket, call Donna at 547-7477 or email [PWWLinfo@gmail.com](mailto:PWWLinfo@gmail.com).

### Kirkwood Gift and Craft Show

PENROSE — The fifth annual Kirkwood Presbyterian Church's holiday gift and craft show will be held from

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 11 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12. The church is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Grant Street in Penrose. Vendors will offer a wide range of artisan-crafted items, baked goods, jewelry and other gifts. Drawings will be held both days, and food will be available for purchase. For information, contact Linda at 372-6528 or Pastor Gwen at 372-3830. New vendors are still invited to apply.

### Ecumenical Church

The Ecumenical Church of Pueblo West, 434 S. Conquistador Ave., will host its annual holiday craft and bake sale from noon to 6 p.m. Nov. 11 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12. The sale features Christmas items, gifts, handmade crafts and baked goods from more than 20 local artists, as well as breakfast, lunch and snacks for purchase. For more information, call 320-1684.

### CIMS Holiday Market

A fundraiser market supporting the Corwin International Magnet School Parent-Teacher Organization has been scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12. Adult admission costs \$5 and includes a canvas shopping bag, children 18 and under are free. The sale will include gifts, homemade decor, quilts and more. Vendor booths will be available until Nov. 4. To obtain a vendor application, email corwinpto@gmail.com or call Julie Schafer at 671-4285.

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Sale items include a large selection of gifts and crafts from area crafters, as well as delicious breakfast and lunch foods. To reserve a table, call Terri at 544-3016.

### North Mesa Student Council

The student council at North Mesa Elementary School has planned a craft show for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12 at the school, 28881 Gale Road. Handcrafted items will be available for purchase. Vendors interested in renting a booth may contact Sherri Richardson at 948-3303.

### Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace Fellowship, 142 S. Stardust Drive, Pueblo West, will host the Amazing Christmas Craft Boutique from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12. Browse unique handmade pieces, assorted homemade cakes and cookies and an abundance of Christmas items. Breakfast and lunch will also be served. For more information, contact Shirley at 547-2688, Amanda at 214-3863 or Rachel at 924-3668, or visit agfpw.org.

### Park Hill Christian

Park Hill Christian Church, 1401 E. Seventh St., will host a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12. Jewelry, mini quilts, assorted crafts and

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### Christ the King

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place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 12 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 13. Food and drink will be available, as will the annual bake sale. Breakfast burritos will be sold on Sunday.

The bazaar will be held at the church, 1708 Horseshoe Drive. For more information, contact Inez Flores at 542-7797 or Jennifer Cordova at 214-7490.

### Mission Market

Crafters from the First Presbyterian Church, 220 W. 10th St., will host the Mission Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 12 and after services on Nov. 13.

Crafts include handwoven baskets, gourds, barbed-wire art, needlecraft works and visual art. Coffee and pastries will be available each day, and tamale plates will be

available for lunch Nov. 12. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Posada of Pueblo and El Centro de Los Pobres.

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a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12 and 13 at the Olde Towne Carriage House, 102 S. Victoria Ave. The boutique, Holly Fest Pueblo, is being hosted by CoLLECTiVE Artisan and Boutique Market. The first 50 shoppers on Nov. 12 will receive a gift bag.

### Estate Store Boutique

The Estate Store of Sangre de Cristo Hospice and Palliative Care will host a Holiday Extravaganza boutique from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 17 through 19 at the store, 3426 N. Elizabeth St. Sale items include holiday wreaths, centerpieces, decor and more.

### Auxiliary Holiday Fair

LA JUNTA — The Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center will host its annual

auxiliary holiday craft fair from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 18 and from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 19 at the hospital, 1100 Carson Ave. in La Junta. Unique Christmas decorations, including the "The Pirate" clothespin ornament, handcrafted holiday goods and baked goods will be available for sale.

### Jingle Bell Boutique

The 38th annual Jingle Bell Boutique will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19 at the VFW Hall, 127 E. Spaulding Ave., Pueblo West. Handcrafted offerings include Christmas ornaments, quilling, pottery, jewelry, stamping cards, decorative painting, crocheting and more.

### Family Worship Center

Family Worship Center, 3800

Parker Blvd., will hold its annual holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 19. The event includes a wide range of crafts, as well as breakfast and lunch foods, the sales of which will benefit Sisters Ministry. Booth space is available for \$25. For more information, call 320-1842.

### Golden Age Center

CANON CITY — The 20th annual Golden Age Center craft fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Abbey Fieldhouse, 2951 E. U.S. 50, Canon City. More than 50 vendors will sell crafts and handmade items, and a food booth will be available. Admission is free, and door prizes will be given away. Vendors interested in participating may call 275-5177; the deadline for vendors is Nov. 18.

### Chateau at Sharmar

Holiday crafts, jewelry, quilts, handmade items, baked goods and candies will be available for purchase at Chateau at Sharmar's annual craft sale. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 19 at the home, 1201 W. Abriendo Ave.

### Handmade Christmas

The 19th annual Handmade Christmas boutique has been scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 19-20 and Nov. 25-27 at 2229 Court St. Hostesses Patty Kunze and Lori Tapia will join 20 local crafters in selling wood crafts, ornaments, gift baskets, local raw honey, arrangements, wreaths, jewelry and other gift items.

### Pioneer Cemetery Association

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### Holiday Boutique

Local artist Teresa Staub will host a holiday boutique from 4 to 8 p.m. Nov. 19 at 5392 Cragmoor Drive. Sale items include handmade barnwood decor and pottery. For more information, email terresame@yahoo.com or call 252-6050.

### Pueblo Shrine Club

The Pueblo Shrine Club

will offer homemade items including art, jewelry, pet items, Christmas decor and gifts, red hats and other miscellany from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 26 and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 27. The bazaar, which is sponsored by the Al Kaly Shrine Temple of Southern Colorado, will take place at the club, 1501 W. McCulloch Blvd., Pueblo West.

### Avondale Sacred Heart

AVONDALE — Avondale Sacred Heart Church, 210 U.S. 50 East, will host a fundraising craft sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 26. Homemade and handcrafted items, food and drink will be sold.

### Relay for Life

Relay for Life Team C&G will host its annual craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 26

at St. Leander's Hall, 1438 E. Sixth St. The sale includes ornaments, woodworking, pillows, handmade items and Scentsy items. For more information, call 251-0371.

### Open house

A craft show and open house has been scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 26 and 27. Handmade wares from local artisans — including twisted-wire trees, jewelry, photography, ornaments, Christmas and children's crafts, hand-sewn purses, placemats, homemade soaps and candles — will be available for sale. The open house will take place at 457 Olive St.

### December

#### Sacred Heart

ALAMOSA — Sacred Heart Church will host its 2016

Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 2 and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3. The itinerary include arts and crafts, baked goods, candy and coffee shops, a white elephant sale, a silent auction, concessions and a Friday-night spaghetti dinner. For more information, call 589-2267. The church is located at 709 Fourth St.

### Bent County Community Center

LAS ANIMAS — The 18th annual Bent County Community Center craft show has been scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Las Animas High School cafeteria, 300 Grove Ave. Vendor booths remain available and cost \$25 each, and lunch will be available for purchase. For more information or a

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registration form, call Mary Lou Turner at 469-9219.

### Bells of Christmas

The 4-H Leaders Group's Bells of Christmas craft show will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4. Vendors will sell a wide range of holiday gifts, concessions will be available and door prizes will be awarded. The show will be held at the Creative Arts Building at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. For more information, call 583-6566.

### Center United Methodist

**CENTER** — The United Methodist Women of Center will host its annual Christmas bazaar and turkey dinner starting at 10 a.m. Dec. 3. Wreaths and centerpieces

made from fresh greens, as well as a wide variety of baked goods, a cookie bar and craft items, will be offered for sale.

A buffet-style turkey dinner with trimmings and dessert will be served at noon. Cost for the meal is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children under 6. For information, call Glenda Holcomb at 754-3450.

### Luna Azul Creations Bazaar

Stained-glass light catchers, beaded jewelry, quilts, pillows and fresh roasted coffee will be among the items offered during the Luna Azul Creations holiday bazaar. The sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4 at 1602 Savannah Drive. The bazaar is being sponsored by Dorothy

Allie and Florence Vigil. Refreshments will be served.

### A Handcrafted Holiday

The annual A Handcrafted Holiday bazaar has been scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 9 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Colorado State University-Pueblo Student Recreation Center, 2200 Bonforte Blvd. For vendor information, call Zella at 553-8022.

### Pleasant View Middle

The eighth annual Holiday Craft Show and Music Fest will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10 at Pleasant View Middle School, 23600 Everett Road. The event will include a musical performance from Pleasant View and Pueblo County High School students,

concessions and vendors. The event is free to shoppers; however, there is a \$30 per booth fee for vendors. Sellers who bring their own table may reserve booth space for \$25. Registration forms may be found at the Pleasant View Middle School website. For more information, email RoseAnn Thomas at [rthomas@district70.org](mailto:rthomas@district70.org) or Stephanie Dalton at [sdalton@district70.org](mailto:sdalton@district70.org). ■



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somehow burned in the temple for eight days. Chanukah celebrations are rife with tradition. Families eat latkes and sufganiyot, which are fried in oil to commemorate the miracle of the oil. Children are rewarded for their Torah studies by receiving Chanukah money and presents during the eight-day celebration, which also includes a recitation of the entire Hallel. Individuals light a special nine-branched candelabrum called a menorah. In ancient times, oil was used to light the menorah, but nowadays many Chanukah celebrants use candles to light their menorahs, which are typically placed in prominent spots in their homes.



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