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### Holiday Home Tour

A fun way to support the Concert Association

**Press Release**

The Fremont County Community Concert Association is hosting its Sixth Annual "Holiday Home Tour" on Sunday, December 2nd, from 1 to 5:30 p.m. The event is a self-guided tour through distinctive and historical area homes and the Legatum Cellars Winery, all beautifully decorated for the holidays. The tour includes two residences in Florence, one in Cañon City and Legatum Cellars Winery. Numerous door prizes will be awarded following the tour. Winners will be notified by phone. Tickets are $15 or two for $25 and may be purchased at Cotopaxi High School or The Coffee Cake in Florence. 

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Students making polymers at USAFA Chemistry labs. Shealee Coleman, Koylynn Gulliford, Coleman Cooper, Clay Sanchez, Noah Karg, and 2Lt Johnny Valentine.

Students testing the Orbs at Chemistry Polymer Activity

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### Events

**Weekend Events**

**Fremont County**

- **2nd and 4th Monday**
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - 100 N. 14th St.
  - Canon City

- **2nd and 4th Tuesday, 4th Thursday**
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - 215 Cottonwood Ave.
  - Florence

**Canon City**

- **2nd and 4th Monday**
  - 7 p.m.
  - 201 E. 2nd St.
  - Canon City

**Royal Gorge**

- **2nd Thursday**
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - Core Knowledge School Gymnasium
  - 890 Fields Ave.
  - Canon City

**Fremont Republican Central Committee**

- **4th Tuesday**
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - 601 Main St.
  - Canon City

**Clothing Giveaway**

- **Saturday, December 2nd**
  - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
  - 615 Macon Rm. 105
  - Fremont County

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