

Empty Bowls Dinner draws 645 participants



Left: The Lewis-Palmer High School cafeteria was filled to capacity with attendees of the Empty Bowls Dinner. The event is a fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares. **Right (L to R):** Anne Shimek, Steve Watt, John Haines, Cindy Powell, and Linda Pankratz were among the potters who contributed bowls to the Empty Bowls. Attendees had their choice from over 1,000 bowls made by 30 individuals and arts organizations. *Photos by David Futey*



By David Futey

On Oct. 10, 645 people showed their care for those in need by attending the Empty Bowls Dinner, a fund raiser for Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC). TLC Executive Director Haley Chapin said her organization “focuses on those in emergency need” and that need is increasing. Chapin said TLC has seen an increase of 42 percent in client services this year. This event is a major fundraiser that helps support the TLC’s medical, food, clothing, and financial assistance programs.

The Empty Bowls is sponsored by the Monument

Hill Kiwanis and is supported by a wide range of organizations and individuals. Lewis-Palmer School District 38 staff, the Tri-Lakes Women’s Club, the Lewis-Palmer and Palmer Ridge High School Key Clubs, over 30 potters and arts organizations, and 30 restaurants, 14 churches, and other businesses contributed time, talent, soups, breads, and desserts toward the event.

A unique aspect of the event is that each of the 645 dinner attendees got to choose a wooden or hand-thrown bowl. The number of choices exceeded 1,000 this year. Besides the proceeds raised from admissions, the event

also raised over \$3,000 from a silent auction, with items such as a Peyton Manning autographed photo, unique gift items from local businesses, and baskets of toys available for bid.

The attendee experience was also improved. Kiwanis member Mark Zeiger said the setup of the event was “re-vamped to eliminate the long lines” that had been traditional given the community response to this event. Information on Tri-Lakes Cares is at tri-lakescares.org.

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WMMI holds Fall Festival

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On Oct. 11-13, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry hosted a Fall Harvest Festival. The family-oriented event had a number of activities for all ages.

Activities included tractor-pulled hayrides, daylight tours of the Haunted Mines, a scavenger hunt inside the museum where young ones could build their own paper skeleton, and “scary” mining stories in the mineshaft replica. Families could also pick out their pumpkin from the museum’s pumpkin patch held in the yard of the historic Reynolds Ranch farmhouse.

Information on upcoming events at the museum is at www.wmmi.org.



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GWC gives HAP a grant



Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership President Ted Rinebarger displays a \$500 grant received from Gleneagle Women’s Club President Mary K. Jones, left, and Gleneagle Women’s Club Philanthropic Committee member Cookie Trulsson.

Rinebarger thanked the club for its generosity and recognition of HAP’s work to support the Tri-Lakes community. He emphasized that this donation will help ensure the continuance of HAP’s social and health-related programs available at the Tri-Lakes Senior Center.

The Gleneagle Women’s Club is a social and philanthropic group that meets monthly. Membership is open to all who are interested in socializing and helping the local community. The Gleneagle Women’s Club hosts an annual Arts and Crafts Show on the third Saturday of November. This year’s show is scheduled for November 17 at the Gleneagle Golf Course Clubhouse.

For more information about the Gleneagle Women’s Club, contact Mary K. Jones at jmarykathr@aol.com.

The Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership was established in 1996 as a non-profit organization serving Monument, Palmer Lake, Woodmoor, Gleneagle, and unincorporated areas of north El Paso County. For more information about HAP, visit www.TriLakesHAP.org. ■

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