

More than 800 attend Empty Bowls Dinner, Oct. 9



Above: The Lewis-Palmer High School cafeteria was filled to capacity with the more than 800 who attended the Empty Bowls Dinner, Oct. 9.



Above: The Lewis-Palmer Middle School Choir provided entertainment. The Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church Brass Band, the Lewis-Palmer Middle School Jazz Band, and Lewis-Palmer High School Trombones also performed.



Above: From left, Anne Shimek, Corky Watt, Steve Watt, and John Haines were among the many potters who contributed their works to the Empty Bowls Dinner. Shimek originated the idea for the event that is now in its 21st year. *Photos by David Futey*

By David Futey

More than 800 people attended the 21st Annual Empty Bowls Dinner on Oct. 9 at Lewis-Palmer High School. The dinner is the major fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC), with nearly \$20,000 collected from admissions alone. TLC is a community-based resource center that provides emergency assistance, relief programs, and social services for those in need living in northern El Paso County.

TLC Executive Director Haley Chapin was very ap-

preciative of the support from the community. She said she was “worried about donor fatigue because of the Black Forest Fire, but the community continues to support us and this event.” Chapin said TLC “added over 190 families affected by the Black Forest Fire above our normal caseload, and these families had very different needs” from their usual clients.

More than 20 potters and pottery groups contributed the wood, stoneware and ceramic bowls, with attendees selecting one for their own. Thirty-seven food establish-

ments contributed the soup, bread, and drinks, and local churches contributed desserts. In addition, there was a silent auction with a wide range of items for bidding.

The event was sponsored by the Monument Hill Kiwanis and supported by Lewis-Palmer School District 38. Information on Tri-Lakes Cares is at www.trilakescares.org.

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WMMI Harvest Festival, Oct. 11-12



Above: Museum volunteer Douglas Ducote drives a tractor pulling festival visitors on a hayride at the Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival.

Right: Festival visitor Evan Futey, left, and museum staff member Audrey Gregg-Solly have a seat on some straw just outside the pumpkin patch near the Reynolds Ranch House. *Photos by David Futey.*



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On Oct. 11 and 12, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry hosted its second annual Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival. Over 900 visitors attended the two-day event. Joseph and Sara Reynolds built the farm house, located at the front of the museum property, in 1892 along with two barns and other buildings. The Reynolds Ranch was a large dairy farm and sawmill.

Visitors to the festival could go on a hayride, select a pumpkin from the pumpkin

patch and decorate it, take a daylight tour of the Haunted Mines, hear spooky stories told in the museum’s mine drift, enjoy a warm beverage or something to eat from Coffee-on-the-Go and other food vendors, listen to bluegrass music performed in the historic barn, and see the operation of a variety of museum equipment.

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

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Dressed to Give, Oct. 12

Right: The first annual Dressed to Give fashion show was held at the Secret Window Fine Art Gallery on Oct. 12. The event raised \$1,000 for the Military Artistic Healing program, a joint effort between the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and Aspen Pointe, which uses art therapy to teach soldiers afflicted with depression and post-traumatic stress disorder how to express emotions and find a new way of healing. The soldiers’ artwork was showcased at the Secret Window Fine Art Gallery and is available for sale. Claudia Swenson (shown here) volunteered to be one of the runway models for this fashion show, which featured the fall 2013 collections from Sophia’s World, Margo’s on the Alley, and Peak Ranch Alpacas. Custom-made jewelry from Purple Mountain Jewelry and Santa Fe Trails Jewelry complemented the apparel. The Dressed to Give Charity Fashion Show is a collaborative effort of the Tri-Lakes business community to support a social cause. Sponsors included: Colorado Corvette Corral, DARS cleaning supply, The INN at Palmer Divide, Kathy Davis (an



independent Mary Kay beauty consultant), My Door Co., Monumental Microderm, The Mozaic Restaurant, Peak’s Ranch Alpaca Boutique, The Secret Window Fine Art Gallery, The Wine Seller, and Women’s Edition magazine. *Photo by Rhonda Archuleta.*

Wine & Roses, Oct. 20



of over 200 wines and spirits provided by The Wine Seller. Proceeds from the event support activities of local schools, fire districts, police departments, and other nonprofit groups.

The Tri-Lakes Women’s Club is a nonprofit 501c3 organization that was founded to further charitable and educational programs. The group holds two large events each year, the Pine Forest Antique Show in the spring and Wine and Roses in the fall. For membership information, please visit the club’s website at www.tlwc.net. Pictured are Silent Auction Committee chairs Joanne Quinn, left, and Diane Zeiger. *Courtesy photo.*

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