The 2015 Empty Bowls dinner was held on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at Lewis-Palmer High School. It was hosted by Monument Hill Kiwanis Club and Service Leadership Clubs, Tri-Lakes Cares, and Lewis-Palmer School District 38 to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. This was the event’s 22nd year.

Empty Bowls celebrated 22nd year, Oct. 7

Above: The Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association held a ham radio Technician Level class on Oct. 3 and 10. Thirty students took the Federal Communications Commission class and 27 passed the exam. Amateur Radio W0TLM is open to all amateur radio operators or those interested in becoming ham operators. The club meets on the third Monday of the month at various locations. For more information on this club’s activities, contact joycewitte@gmail.com or visit www.W0TLM.com. Photo by Bob Witte.

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Above: Maureen Borgia and Anne Schemec are longtime supporters and contributors to Empty Bowls. Photos above and below courtesy of Monument Hill Kiwanis.

Above: Shanna Ellis dances with her nephew Noah Daly to the sounds of the Lewis-Palmer High School jazz band at the Empty Bowls dinner. Photo by Jackie Burhans.

Above: Dr. Lori Benton, D-38 director of Assessment and Gifted Education, set aside her pad and pen and picked up a soup ladle at the Empty Bowls event.