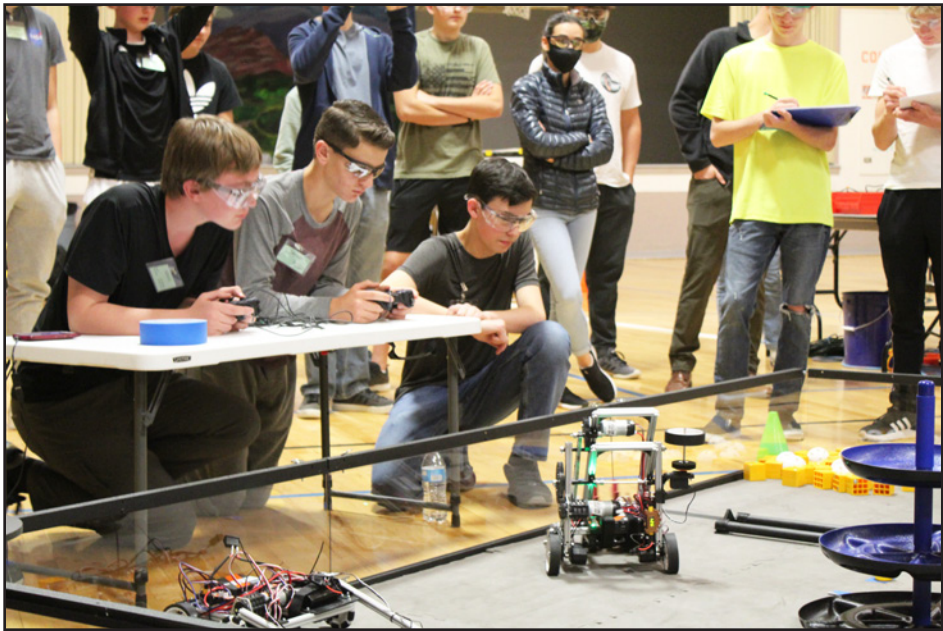
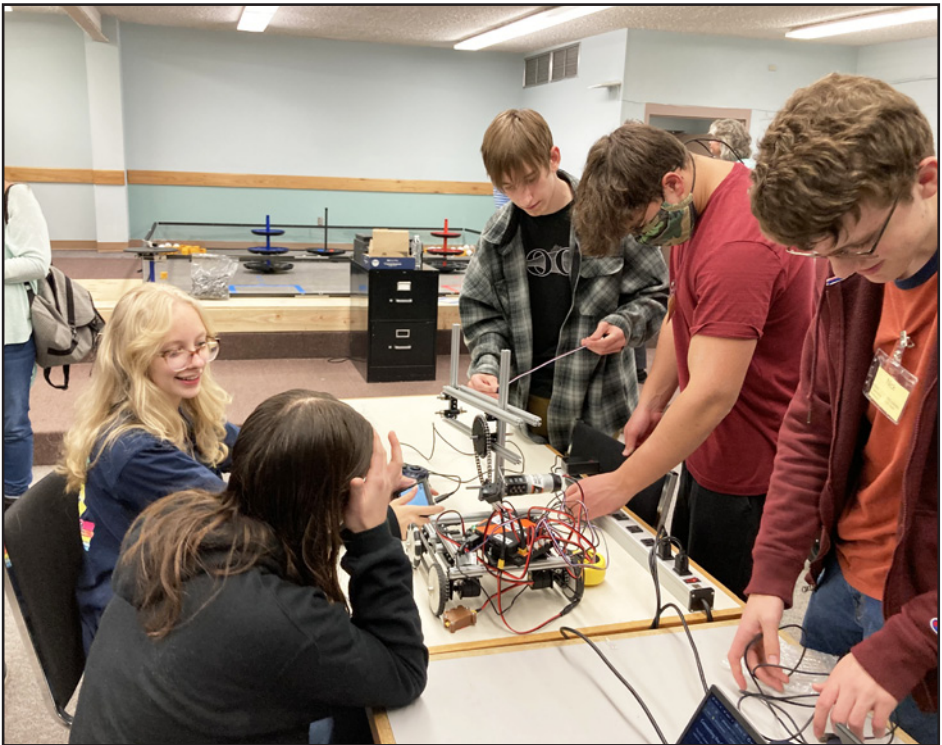


MITEE Exhibition



**Above:** Monumental Impact hosted the first of what’s hoped to be an annual Monumental Impact for Technology, Engineering and Entrepreneurship (MITEE) exhibition at Grace Best on Nov. 20. The event let high school students and adults connect, network, and have fun running and sharing their projects in technology and engineering. There were areas for various robots like combat bots, drones, remote control, or autonomous bots. The group also hosted a First Tech Challenge (FTC) Scrimmage for Colorado FTC teams. From left, Bearbotics FTC Alpha Team members Adonis Kolasinski, Tanson Miles, and Carter Grizzle run their robot in a match. *Photo by Amber Wright.*

TLWC helps Monumental Impact



**Above:** The Tri-Lakes Women’s Club (TLWC) got to witness the benefits of its 2021 grant to Monumental Impact on Nov. 12. TLWC members attended an Open Build, which Monumental Impact founder Jeanette Breton says gives students, coaches, and mentors “access to equipment, supplies, and mentoring for participants to improve their technology and engineering skills.” She says the grant paid for a starter robotics kit so Bearbotics members could design, build, code, and operate robots. The TLWC Community Grants Program has awarded over \$1 million in grants to nonprofits, public service agencies, and education since 1973. The program focuses on smaller organizations that typically do not have the staffing or resources to pursue grants from major granting foundations. TLWC’s grant application for 2022 will be available Jan. 15 through March 15 on the club’s website, [www.tlwc.net](http://www.tlwc.net). From left are Whitney Walker, Ruby Pearlman, Kellen Gall, Ari Clark, and Nick Barton. *Photo by Chuck Leggiero.*

Fox Run Park Pet Memorial Tree



**Above:** People continued using the Fox Run Park Holiday Pet Memorial Tree this year as a way of celebrating the lives of pets. The tradition of placing ornaments on the tree started in 2007 in memory of Daisy Mae, a golden retriever. Daisy Mae enjoyed the park and in particular the area in vicinity of the tree at the junction of two trails. Since then, the number of ornaments placed on the tree has grown. There are requirements and restrictions for placing an ornament. The ornaments must be between 2-by-2 inches and 4-by-4 inches and may be made of metal, wood, pewter, plastic, or cardboard. The ornaments cannot be made of glass or food, among other noted restrictions. They may be placed on the tree after Thanksgiving and are removed by volunteers by Jan. 2. *Photo by David Futey.*

Key Club Volunteers at TLC, Dec. 15



**Above:** Volunteers of the Lewis-Palmer High School Key Club organize and assemble non-perishable items for Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC) food sacks. On Dec. 15, they prepared enough to provide for the needs of many Tri-Lakes area families and individuals. On Dec. 18, the TLC Christmas distribution for these households included toys and perishable food items. The annual Harvest of Love food drive in September and October fortifies TLC with many of these food items, which are donated and collected at schools throughout Lewis-Palmer School District 38. This year, Harvest of Love collected 17,256 pounds of non-perishable food along with \$10,129 in cash for TLC. Lewis-Palmer and Palmer Ridge High School Key Clubs provide hundreds of hours of volunteer community service to the Tri-Lakes area every year. *Photo by Max Williams. Caption by Sharon Williams.*

Bell Ringing, Dec. 18



**Left:** On Dec.18, Scott Ross, Monument Hill Kiwanis member, was one of many community volunteers ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. Several hundred hours of volunteer time for this collaborative effort were provided by members of Tri-Lakes Women’s Club; Cub Scouts with parents; K-Kids Club members with parents from Bear Creek Elementary School; Builders Club at Lewis-Palmer Middle School; Boy Scout Troop 17; Lewis-Palmer and Palmer Ridge High School Key Clubs; Monument Hill Kiwanis Club; and many other individuals in our Northern El Paso County area. Red Kettle locations were at various storefronts in the Tri-Lakes area during the holiday season. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the Salvation Army distributes donations to the most vulnerable people—those living in poverty throughout El Paso County. *Photo and caption by Sharon Williams.*