



2025 Newsletter

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Greetings!

This is your annual Legacy West newsletter, serving all the chapters and clubs in Legacy West Pioneers. If you like getting an update this way on what is happening in your corner of Pioneers, let your chapter leadership know. We are just getting started communicating items of interest to Pioneers, and if this is your preferred way to hear what is happening—speak up!

Did you know with the addition of the NOW161 chapter, our group includes folks from everywhere west of the Mississippi River? We are 59,000+ members strong. In 2024, Legacy West Pioneers reported 203,271 total hours of community service. If you translate that into dollar value, we contributed (\$33.49 X 203,271) **\$6,807,545.70!** to our communities. Wow! What an impact!

I'd like to point out one of our ongoing programs: Scholarships.

We have several programs and endowments that benefit people furthering their education in undergraduate studies. There is the Cleres-Sage Scholarship program helping students with disabilities. Ten \$2000 awards were given out in 2024, and 10 more will be awarded in 2025. We have had the Madalyn Rollins Scholarship program in existence for over 35 plus years. This fund has given out ten \$1K scholarships every year for decades to graduating seniors of Apache Junction High School in Apache Junction, AZ. This was an endowed program by Carl Rollins in honor of his wife, Madalyn, a long-time dedicated Pioneer. AZ66 also has several scholarships this year: New Mexico Comb Club is offering three, Chapter 66 has three to give out; and So Az and Pnx Tbird have each funded one for 2025. We wanted you to be aware that our support of students' education still runs strong. Find out more on the Legacywestpioneers.org website.

Thanks for reading, we want to stay in touch! If you know someone who would enjoy this newsletter and is not subscribed, forward it to them. They can subscribe for free.

Yours in Pioneering—Patti Pace-Legacy West Director



The following 29 states have been condensed into seven chapters.

- Chapter 8—Colorado/Nebraska
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- Chapter 30—Washington/Oregon/Idaho/Montana
- Chapter 66—Arizona/New Mexico
- Chapter 67—Utah/Wyoming
- Chapter 118—North Dakota
- Chapter 161—Now Outlook West



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Chapter 8

Colorado/Nebraska

NEBRASKA

COLORADO

Colorado/Nebraska Chapter is made up of four clubs and councils

Bunnies and Friends thank you for sharing your time and gifts to make our 33rd Annual Easter Egg hunt a *success*.

We had 60 participants with a host of current and new volunteers and guests.

This year we hosted our regular hunts one for the sighted children and one for the non-sighted children. Everyone had an opportunity to construct their own basket and we hosted a "**Golden Egg**" hunt. Twelve golden eggs with information in braille were hidden. The lucky hunters were given a prize! We discovered that 12 **golden eggs** were not enough! We like to give a special thanks to our sister chapter, Blue Spruce, we had an over abundance of candy filled eggs.

This year the Colorado Center for the Blind provided "talking signs" that provided direction and guidance to our participants for the hunt.

Welcome to Beepball!

The Denver Beepball Group is pleased to be the sole manufacturer of beep baseballs, buzzing bases and single and multi-ball charging equipment. Our volunteers skillfully assemble Beep Baseballs and buzzing bases to support the competition and camaraderie of the sport of Beep Baseball. Hundreds of blind and visually impaired athletes around the world enjoy safe, accessible game play each time they step on the field.

The Denver Beepball Group is the official provider of beep baseballs and buzzing bases for the National Beep Baseball Association and the World Series of Beep Baseball.

The Beepball group meets on Fridays from 8am to 10:30am at the Colorado Talking Book Library located at 180 Sheridan Blvd, Denver, CO 80226. New volunteers are always welcome!

Auraria Council Chapter Report—Project C.U.R.E.-

The Auraria Pioneers volunteered at the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse in Centennial on June 8, 2024. The group included Deb, Bonnie, Jawada, Sally, Janet, Kim, and Deb's two family members; Neil and Katie. The team sorted medical supplies donated from hospitals and other medical facilities. These supplies will be sent to other countries including the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza for use by the medical staff in those areas.

Since 1987, Project C.U.R.E has been delivering life-saving medical equipment and supplies to hospitals and clinics throughout the under-resourced world. They are the world's largest distributor of donated international medical relief—touching the lives of children and families in more than 135 countries. On average, each week Project C.U.R.E. delivers three to five semi-truck-sized containers packed with the medical equipment and supplies so desperately needed by local hospitals and clinics.

Thank you to all our Pioneer volunteers that made this project successful!

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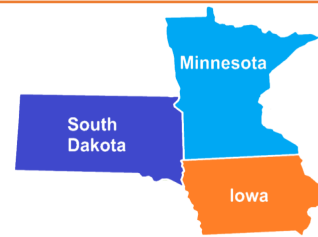
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Chapter 18

Minnesota/ S. Dakota/ Iowa



The Minnesota/Iowa/South Dakota Chapter is divided into four clubs



St. Joseph Catholic Community, SJCC is host site for the Telephone Pioneers Hug-A-Bears volunteer group. The bears are placed in plastic bags to keep them clean and donated to local first responder to give to children in times of crisis. The group makes about 50 bears per session and currently donates them to HCMC and North Memorial Ambulance service. SJCC appreciates these wonderful individuals.

On our Chapter 18 Executive Board Call in November the Chapter voted to again spend \$500 to purchase meat from Cremer's in Dubuque to donate to the Dubuque Salvation Army. In the past few year's Nick Lucy made those arrangements, but sadly he passed away earlier this year. Fortunately his widow, Linda Lucy set it up for us this Christmas. Along with the \$500 from the Chapter the Dubuque Pioneers gave another \$100 for In Kind donation raising the meat purchased up to \$600. I sure many families will be grateful for the frozen hamburger. See picture below of Linda Lucy (Pioneer), Captain Dave Amick from Salvation Army, Jeff Cremer owner of Cemer Meats and Roger Higley a Dubuque Pioneer.



Sandy and Denny Bruns were a few on hand at the Marshalltown Veterans Home to hand out goodies in the cafeteria.



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Chapter 30

Washington/ Oregon / Idaho/
Montana



Washington/Oregon/Idaho/Montana Chapter is made up of 10 clubs and councils.



Green River Valley Combined Club celebrated the holidays at the December luncheon at Maggies on Meeker. Special Guests from Puget Sound Fire joined us - Captain Browning, Gordon Plett and Martin Oliver. We presented our guests with toys and bicycles (donated by Merit Financial Advisors) for the annual Toys for Joy project. We visited, told stories, and had a nice breakfast/lunch. Several folks won excellent prizes from our drawing. Thank-you's go to:

- 1) Everyone who donated a toy,
- 2) Merit Financial Advisors for donating the 4 bikes,
- 3) Sandy W for great event planning, table decorations and excellent toy shopping and
- 4) everyone who attended.

Please follow us on Facebook.

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Facebook Green River Combined Club: <https://www.facebook.com/greenriverpioneers>

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Taking this opportunity to brag about our Seattle Council member Jennifer Moore. She is still working for "the phone company". Lumen submitted Jennifer to receive a Presidential Volunteer Service Award from the US Government for all the volunteering she does. She was one of 36 others who also got recognized with a certificate, a letter signed by President Biden, and a medal. Congratulations Jennifer!



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The Arizona/New Mexico Chapter is divided into three clubs.



School Project Grant 2024

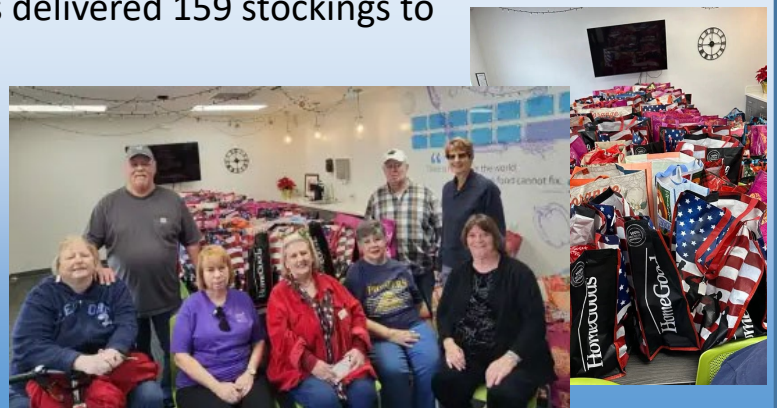
Pictured: Harvey Lehrfeld, Laura Warren and Acacia Office Manager, Jenni Brady

We gifted Acacia Elementary school: spiral binders, facial tissues, hand sanitizer and copy paper. The school appreciates Phoenix Thunderbird Pioneers continued support.



NMCC Our Children's Homes Christmas project serves children who reside in three homes: Christian Children's Home, Baptist Home and Hope Center. This year we had lists for 116 children, and were able to give each child 2 or 3 gifts. Our 24 volunteers spent over 500 hours shopping, wrapping, stuffing bags and doing whatever was needed. On December 9th we held a Christmas party at the Eagles Lodge for all of the children and staff who were able to attend. The kids had a great time singing Christmas carols and Santa Claus was there and gave out stuffed animals and candy.

SAAC December 16, 2024 SACC Pioneers delivered 159 stockings to Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona for their home bound clients. Each bag was filled with a Christmas stocking full of goodies and a new lap robe. A wonderful time was had by all. We cannot wait to do this project again next year!



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Chapter 67 Utah/ Wyoming



The Utah/Wyoming Chapter is made up of six clubs and councils

This is a phone booth turned into a Little Free Library in Cody Wyoming. What a wonderful idea! Credit for the photo goes to David Bales.



Found on ebay for \$12.00 dated 1914 the final pole completing the transcontinental line and chapter "67". Hurry it may still be there.

FRED WEISE MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Sponsored by Legacy West Pioneers
Open to all Pioneers, their friends and families

Date: March 14-15, 2025
Where: Friday, Southgate Golf Course and Saturday, St. George Golf Course
Time: 8:00AM Shotgun start each day

Winner's awards following end of golf Saturday afternoon on the 15th
ROOMS: PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS

Any questions contact: Dale: 801-966-0188
Mailing Address: Dale Lobato, 4845 West 3100 South, West Valley City, UT, 84120
Checks should be made to: Pioneers
Entry Deadline: Feb 24, 2025

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address: _____

Pairings desired: _____
Name: _____ HDCP /# _____ Golfers email address _____
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Golf Fees: _____
\$150.00 EACH (Includes 2 days of golf with cart)
Total Amount Enclosed: _____

HDCP MUST be based on 1) DGA, 2) TELCO Assoc. or 3) Previous year actual posted score from FWM Tournament. Directors reserve the right to adjust any and all HDCP as deemed appropriate. Indicate next to each name source of the HDCP 1, 2, or 3.
FEES: Must be received before pairings are assigned.

All proceeds raised benefit Junior Achievement
Send in application and payment by February 24, 2025

Coming up on March 15th and 16th of this year is the Fred Weise Memorial Charity Golf Tournament in West Valley City Utah. Last Year we raised over \$1,500.00 and were able to contribute to the purchase of new computers for Junior Achievement of Utah. Our volunteers are die hard golfers and even greater humanitarians with the best equipment and nothing stops them. One year, one of my foursomes played 18 holes in the snow they didn't get the message the tournament was postponed, so they won the tournament! One of greatest memories in 30 years.

Thank you all for your continued support, Legacy West Pioneers
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Chapter 118

North Dakota

NORTH
DAKOTA

North Dakota Chapter is made up of three clubs



In Fargo North Dakota there was a great group show up to make blankets for Project Linus, including Anita Dueis and John Bartholmay! 12 people - 3 hours - 16 blankets!



The Daryl Rude North Dakota get together was a great hit for former Telephone company employees. Attendees included John Carlson and Barb Olson far right, Joanne Klev, Keith Klev and Ray Fairchild far left, Dan Ronnigen, Mark Kuhn, Sheldon Struble and Bruce Kjelden middle.

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New Outlook West Chapter 161



The New Outlook West Chapter is made up of three clubs



The Heartland WCA Project

Judy Coffey and her granddaughter Maddie presented Hug-a-bears, donated clothing and other stuffed animals to the intake coordinator, Letty at the Women's Center for advancement.



We had our annual WrestlingMS FUNdraiser Ride October 5th with a turnout of almost 60 people including over 30 of them riders. A brunch was held afterwards for all Champions and their families. It is because of your support that WrestlingMS can provide the proper bicycling equipment to help provide a better life for those that have MS. In the picture is me, Les Gatrel, captaining the "Beast" with our Grand Marshall, Marion Bibbee, age 89 riding

behind me. For more Information visit [WrestlingMS National Cycling team](#)



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Greetings Fellow Pioneers!

Wow! After reading this newsletter, I realized Legacy West Pioneers are a busy bunch of people. The wonderful thing is, there isn't enough room in this newsletter to talk about all the Pioneers projects that are going on all across our huge territory.

We have quite a variety of projects and volunteer opportunities to choose from. We support our military with personalized birthday cards for residents in Veterans and Soldiers Homes; we support literacy by donating books to children through public schools (Readers For Life); we knit/crochet warm winter hats for children living in shelters; we spend a morning sorting food donations at food bank distribution centers; and so much more. Of course, we still have our traditional projects like making Hug-A-Bears and hosting Beeping Easter Egg Hunts, and let's not forget how much fun it is to get together with old and new friends at a Pioneers luncheon.

Are you interested in reconnecting with Pioneers? Are you looking for a place to volunteer your time and talents? Send an email to the Chapter President listed on the page for your state. They will be glad to let you know what's happening in your area. Don't forget, family and friends are always welcome. Come join us!

Yours in Pioneering –Marion Wilcox-Legacy West Director

P. S. FloristOne is an easy and reliable service that allows you to order flowers for delivery from local florists. Whether you need flowers for a special occasion, sympathy, or just to brighten someone's day, FloristOne provides a convenient way to send beautiful floral arrangements and your purchase supports Pioneers. Just click on the FloristOne link on the first page of this newsletter.



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