

Hello!

Congratulations on opening your first Legacy West Newsletter! This is the newsletter to find out what is going on in your area. Legacy West is the former territory covered by Mountain Bell, Pacific Northwest Bell, Northwestern Bell, U S West, Qwest, CenturyLink and Lumen. Now we are known as the Legacy West Pioneers, and we want you to be able to find volunteer and social activities in your area, and other Pioneer news.

The following 14 states have been condensed into six chapters:

- ♦ Arizona/New Mexico—Chapter 66
- ♦ Colorado/Nebraska—Chapter 8
- ♦ Minnesota/South Dakota/Iowa—Chapter 18
- ♦ North Dakota—Chapter 118
- ♦ Utah/Wyoming—Chapter 67
- ♦ Washington/Oregon/Idaho/Montana—Chapter 30



Scroll down to see what is happening and connect with chapter websites and Facebook links.

Legacy West Pioneers are some of the most loyal and active volunteers. We have all struggled through Covid in 2020, 2021, and now into 2022. Many volunteer events had to be cancelled or altered to allow safe practices and continue the work in our communities. We hope to send this out twice a year, to keep you up to date as well as reach out and reconnect you with your volunteer friends.

You will find links to the Legacy West website, chapter news, links, contact info and upcoming events.

Patti Pace and Marian Wilcox
Group Directors - Legacy West

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CHAPTER 8: COLORADO / NEBRASKA



SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Chapter 8!

We are still here volunteering in the neighborhood and all across the United States. Here in Colorado, we are making Hug-A-Bears, lap robes, mittens and hats to be donated to those in need.

Auraria Council Life Member Club is currently looking for riders for the Pedal 4 Parkinson's bike race, to be held on June 11th, 2022 at Sweetwater Park in Lone Tree, Co. If you're interested, please contact Michelle Walker at mwalker@legacywestpioneers.org.

Blue Spruce Life Member club is looking for volunteers who would like to work on crafts. Please contact Pam Estrada at: Pestrada@g.com.

Beep Ball is manufacturing beeping balls, bases and eggs. Beepball is currently preparing 200 beepballs for the BeepBall World Series scheduled for late July into August in Beaumont, TX. For more details, please contact John Cruz at beepball@legacywestpioneers.com.

Plains and Peaks Council Life Member Club just finished this years Valentine project. Please contact Joyce Robbins at Robbinsj319@gmail.com for all the details.

Thanks for supporting our Pioneers!
J Kelly - Chapter 8 President



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chapters/coloradonebraska-chapter/](https://www.legacywestpioneers.org/chapters/coloradonebraska-chapter/)

CHAPTER 18: MINNESOTA / S. DAKOTA / IOWA SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

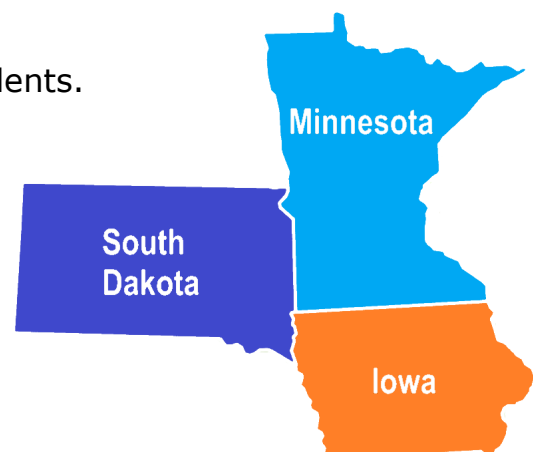
Welcome to Chapter 18!

In 2011 Minnesota Chapter 18 decided to do 2000 personal care bags to hand out at Standdowns put on by MACV Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans in honor of Pioneers 100th anniversary. It was a big success that year. Minnesota has been joined by Iowa and South Dakota as a combined chapter. In Chapter 18 this year, we would like to honor our veterans living in some of the Veterans homes in all three states. For the Pioneers 110th year anniversary we would like to send small items to the homes that they could use for prizes for bingo and other games. We are also asking fellow Pioneers to send a thank you or thinking of you card addressed to "A Veteran", using the mailing address of the home. Staff could then hand them out to vets that do not get much mail or any mail at all. Please check our new website for the address of some of these homes. <https://mnpioneers.org/volunteer-now>

We have been serving meals with Ronald McDonald house "Cooks for Kids" program for over 12 years. In 2020, due to the covid pandemic, they put our meals on hold, but they still needed to serve meals to the families of children with life threatening health issues. I put on my thinking cap and thought of a company that sold pizzas for fund raising causes. I sent a letter and called "Heggies", located in Milaca, Minnesota, to ask about buying pizzas at a reduced rate. They donated 100 assorted pizzas and added them to their preferred charity list in 2020. By being on the charity list they kept getting pizzas all year. This year I applied for and received a MacKenzie Pioneer grant to assist with more meals at five Ronald McDonald houses. This extra money will help serve 300 meals in 2022. <https://mnpioneers.org/Cooks-For-Kids>

Arrowhead and Metro clubs make around 500 Hug-A Bears a year to be donated to hospitals, police, fire departments and ambulances to be given out to a child in a crisis. It is nice to be able to have the little bears to help brighten up a child's face. Please check out our new website at mnpioneers.org for more information about these and other on-going projects. Thank you for checking us out.

Pat Jeukens and Violet Welck - Chapter 18 co-presidents.



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<https://mnpioneers.org>

CHAPTER 30: WASHINGTON / OREGON / IDAHO / MONTANA

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Welcome to Chapter 30!

Greetings from the WA/OR/ID/MT Chapter! As you can see, we cover four of our northwestern states. We are in the process of merging Idaho and Montana into our chapter, so you will hear more about that later. We are moving forward after the pandemic and some of our clubs are having monthly luncheons. Some groups are gearing up their Hug-A-Bears production, others are making warm winter hats for children. One group is scheduling volunteer Saturdays at Food Lifeline and NW Harvest. Several groups donated books to local elementary schools.

If you happen to be in Tacoma, you won't want to miss visiting the Tacoma Telephone Pioneer Museum. It's a true gem with wonderful displays including the first cordless telephone from the 1962 Seattle World's Fair. They are open every Thursday, 8:30am to Noon and are in the AT&T building at 757 Fawcett Ave S, Tacoma, WA. More information and pictures are available at <http://www.scn.org/telmuseum/>.

Please visit our website and follow us on Facebook.

Website: <https://www.legacywestpioneers.org/chapters/washington-chapter/>

Facebook: WA/OR/ID/MT Chapter: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Chapter30>

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

Facebook Seattle Council: <https://www.facebook.com/seattlecouncilpioneers>

Questions? Email Marian Wilcox at mwilcox@legacywestpioneers.org



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<https://www.legacywestpioneers.org/chapters/washington-chapter/>

CHAPTER 66: ARIZONA / NEW MEXICO SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Chapter 66!

Chapter 66 is comprised of 3 clubs including the Phoenix Thunderbird Club, So Arizona Combined Club (SACC) and the New Mexico Club (along with our members at large throughout AZ and NM). Through the last few years, we have been keeping everyone informed to what our Chapter and local Pioneer clubs are doing by using e-mails, newsletters, Facebook and mailings. Our members have found this type of communication very useful. Below is a brief overview of what our clubs have been up to and how they have been continuing to serve our communities even during these difficult times.

Phoenix Thunderbird Club

Over 1600 Hug-A-Bears were delivered in 2021 to several locations and, so far in 2022, 320 bears have been delivered to Valleywise Medical Center. These bears make their way into children's hands to give them some comfort in stressful times – whether it's a first day of school or a family emergency. Thank you to our dedicated Hug-A-Bears team! [Visit our Webpage!](#)

As of today, our club has donated a total of 92 t-shirts for the veterans at CLC! The CLC is a living center where Veterans may stay for a short time or, in rare instances, for the rest of their life. It is a place where Veterans can receive various areas of care including nursing home level of care, and skilled nursing and medical care, restorative care, palliative care, and hospice care.

So Arizona Combined Club (SACC)

In 2020 and 2021, we continued supporting the children of the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind by creating the Easter baskets and delivering them to the school. Staff there handed out the baskets. Our school supply and scholarship projects went on, along with Hug-A-Bears, lap robes, Seeds for the Bees, Military collections, Soft goods fundraising, and luggage for clients of the Emerge! Domestic Violence Center. We were able to give books to needy and deserving 2nd and 3rd graders, again delivering the zip lock bagged books to the schools. These and other projects have kept the spirit of Pioneering alive and well. The past two years have really been a proving ground for the resilience of Pioneering. We are looking forward to having a productive year in 2022, starting with our luncheons picnic style at the park. We are continuing our projects such as Hug-A-Bears, Lap Robes, Emerge!, School Supplies just to name a few. You can keep up with all our current and future projects by visiting us on our [Facebook](#) page or our [webpage!](#)

New Mexico Club

These last few years we could not have a party, so we did gifts instead. For each child about \$50 was spent from grants, club funds and donations. Each child got a hand decorated ornament, candy and present(s). The 46 children at the Christian Children's Home, Baptist Home and Hope Children's Center will be very happy to be remembered this Christmas. We are looking forward to continuing our work in the communities we call home. Visit our [webpage](#) for more information!

Barbara Palmer - Chapter 66 President

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<https://www.aztelecomepioneers.org>



CHAPTER 67: UTAH / WYOMING SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Chapter 67!

The last few years have been challenging for everyone. In the past both states have put themselves out there and worked at food banks, hospitals, schools, and church events; anywhere that needed help.

WY is helping "The Foodbank of the Rockies" out of Casper which shares the food with the rest of the pantries. They also partner with local churches, the college and various places in need. They will provide \$1,600 worth of food in April. We both have done small food donations as well as blankets, hats, gloves and clothing for the needy. UT delivered hats, gloves, dignity bags to Casper Wy for the police and fire. We would love to paint some more playground maps or similar activities but at this time it's not a smart idea with the rumors of more virus problems. Our goal is to continue our Pioneer activities in the best and safest way so not to get anyone sick. We are proud to say we have groups that work at home. Our small groups do continue our community service projects such as: Hug-A-Bears, quilts, hats, dignity kits, & art kits for school. We've been able so far this year to have a golf tournament to benefit Junior Achievement of Utah that was completed as well as our "[BEEPING Easter Egg Hunt](#)" for the Blind both in March 2022. We were also involved with making the contacts with our local Shriner's Hospital so our Legacy West group could complete a wheelchair donation. We worked as a group with a common cause to help our communities and we have presented our first chair in Salt Lake City, Ut with four more to be presented as soon as they arrive to our various states.

We're looking at doing another [Golf tournament](#) in Salt Lake so we can get more people involved and raise money to train seeing eye dogs as well as raise money for upcoming yearly projects such as sub-for-Santa & summer lunch programs. St George, Ut has a marathon in Oct., and we'd love to get people involved more as well as help with some in kind donations. They would need people to actually join in the run as well as volunteers to give out water and man different stations. There're also some bike events in Brigham City, Ut and Logan, Ut each year. Volunteers as well as participants are needed. We will put information out as it comes in.

If you're interested in helping or want to present a project please contact:

Utah: Teresa at tlobato@legacywestpioneers.org

Wyoming: Debra at pdjcook@msn.com

*UTAH & WYOMING have been active for years in the Pioneer world and have contributed with money and in kind donations and back breaking work building wheelchair ramps, walking paths so everyone could have the experience, painting homes and cleaning yards and parks for people and communities needing "A HAND UP" we hope we can encourage more people young and old to come out and help keep us alive and soaring.

Teresa Lobato - Chapter 67 President



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CHAPTER 118: NORTH DAKOTA

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Welcome to Chapter 118!

First, I would like to thank Gary Hubbard for his leadership over the North Dakota Chapter of the Legacy West Pioneer group. I'm not exactly sure how I found myself in the position of taking on this position, but with Donna and Gary's help, I will do my best to fill his shoes.

It is my hope to guide North Dakota along the Pioneer Vision of volunteerism by promoting our organization, starting with the Pioneer Museum located at [Bonanzaville](#) in West Fargo, North Dakota. I hope to encourage involvement in fundraising and Pioneer activities. And carrying that one step further, to acknowledge and reward our members and their partners for their participation. I would also like to invite our members to share ideas on what we can do in our communities to make them better places for all of us to live.

While we don't currently have our own North Dakota website or Facebook page, there is the [Fargo Area Telephone Company People](#) group in Facebook where most of our Pioneer activities are posted. Even though it was started as a group for former Fargo area employees, we're open to any others who pass the criteria questions for joining the group.

Samm (Karen) Dregseth – Chapter 118 President



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WHAT'S OUR GROUP BEEN UP TO? SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

Wheelchairs for Children

A few years back, Pioneers received a bequest from an estate of a Pioneer, donating funds to be used specifically for wheelchairs for children. This year, our Pioneers board of Directors brought the donation to our agenda and the board decided to divide the funds equally between the five Pioneer groups. Legacy West Pioneers received \$16,200 to purchase chairs. Our Utah chapter president, Teresa Lobato, had worked with the local Shriner's Hospital on previous projects and was able to talk to Matt Lowell, wheelchair and seating specialist, in Salt Lake City. He covers children's needs for eight states: Nevada, Idaho, Colorado, Minnesota, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. Our chapter Presidents decided to work on our project through Matt to obtain the maximum number of chairs for our budget.



We were able to order specialized chairs for specific children in need who do not have insurance. The first chair was delivered, and Melissa is pictured in her chair! Melissa is our third grader, the first to receive her first chair. She said: " Thanks to her new PIONEER FRIENDS the chair will now be her feet".

Matt coordinated our purchase directly with his vendors, and they kindly offered us the same pricing they give to Shriner's, allowing us to purchase 5 chairs.

This is the 100th anniversary of Shriner's Hospital and the 111th year of Pioneering. We were extremely pleased to partner with Shriner's for this worthwhile project.

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