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WESTERN COLORADO



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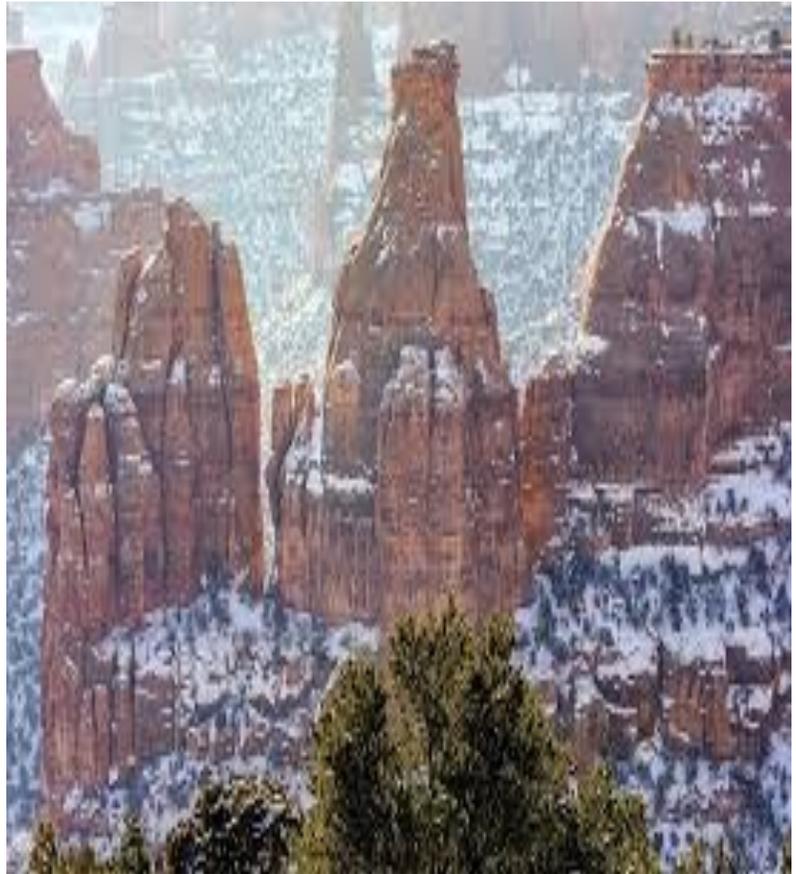
**December, 2021**

## Upcoming Events:

- **Monthly Board Meeting:**  
Dec 7, 2021 9:00am  
*Four Winds Coffee Shop*  
12th & Bookcliff
- **Annual Christmas Party**  
**Santa's Wacky Christmas Meal**  
Sat, Dec 4th 12 Noon  
New Covenant Baptist Church  
(Prepaid Only-No Money Accepted  
at the Door)
- **Barnes & Noble Book Fair  
& Gift Wrap Fund Raiser**  
Sun, Dec 19 10am—7pm

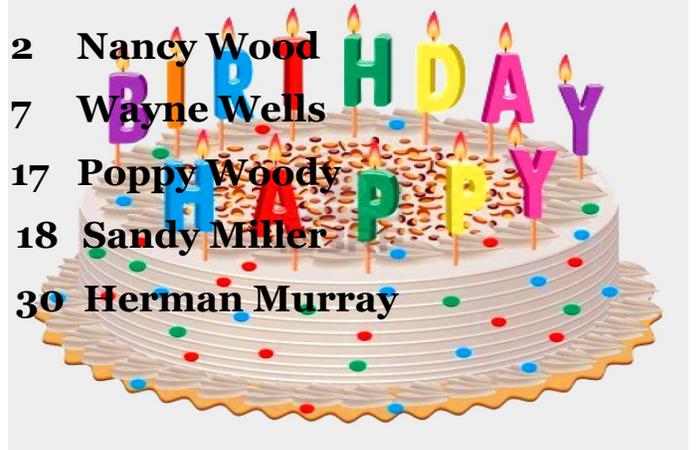


## Colorado National Monument in December



## December

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| 7  | Wayne Wells   |
| 17 | Poppy Woody   |
| 18 | Sandy Miller  |
| 30 | Herman Murray |



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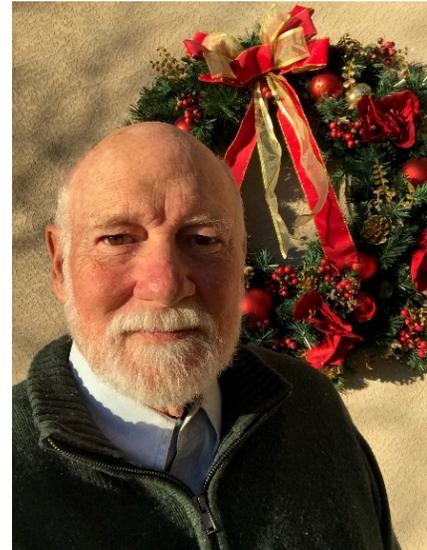
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## **Council Leader's Message**

Hello Western Colorado members,

Our General Meeting on November 20 was attended very well. Thanks to Jim and Barb Gardner for giving us a presentation of their recent three-week cruise from Iceland to Scotland, Portugal, Spain, and Italy. Their pictures and stories reminded me that it's still fun to travel and see new and different places and cultures. We will all get to experience some different culture in 2022 if our planned journeys happen as expected. On our 2022 incoming journey schedule is a club from Ontario, Canada (May) and another from Tokyo, Japan (June). Watch the newsletter in the coming months for information about these journeys.



I am pleased to announce the members of the 2022 Leadership Council: President – Dan Clancy, Secretary – Ellen Bradley, Treasurer – Jeff Parker, Journeys Director – Ron Bradley, Membership – Rebekah McDermott & Sue Moyer, Events – Dan Clancy & Rebekah McDermott, Newsletter – Rebekah McDermott, Website – DJ Clancy, Publicity – Sue Palmer & Karen Taylor, Member-at-Large – Nancy Wood. Thanks to all of them for volunteering to lead our club.

Membership Dues for 2022 are \$45 per member. Payments can be made in person to Dan Clancy or Rebekah McDermott, or you can mail your payment to the club at Friendship Force of Western Colorado, PO Box 3665, Grand Junction, CO, 81502. Please get your payment made no later than January 31, 2022. Thanks to some early birds, we have begun to receive payments already.

Sunday, December 19, is our club fund-raiser at Barnes & Noble Bookstore. The club will receive a percentage of all sales made that day at the store. This includes the Café as well as purchases at the registers. We are once again taking orders for Cheesecakes, great for Holiday get-togethers. They come frozen and pre-sliced in 14 individual servings and cost \$44.95. There is a discount price of \$40.46 if you are a Barnes & Noble member.

You can order the cheesecakes now through December 12. We must get the orders and money to Barnes & Noble on Monday, December 13 so you can pick up your order at the store on Sunday, 12/19. The flavors to choose from are: Original Cheesecake, Godiva Chocolate Cheesecake, and Oreo Cheesecake. There will be order forms available at the Christmas Party and I'll be sending one by email as well. Filled out order forms and payments can be given to Nancy Wood or Dan Clancy.

Our club will be donating to the local charity, The House, this year. Thanks to those of you who have suggested a worthy charity and to those of you who donated. The House was the charity suggested the most by our members. The House provides homeless youth ages 13-20 on the Western Slope with safety through short-term housing programs. We will be taking donations at the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 4.

Have a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of Holidays!

Stay safe!

Dan



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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &  
Claudia Kellar



As 2021 comes to a close, Claudia and I want to thank you for your support and help in bringing new members (six) into the club and making each visitor feel welcomed and special. Our newest, Herman Murray, joined at the Nov 20th meeting. Look for his photo and info later.

**NOTE: Membership Dues for 2022 are \$45 per person and due by January 31st. For this small amount you get immeasurable benefits, fun, fellowship, food and trips. What a deal!**

During this year, members have enjoyed numerous activities. Some of our *new* members are now taking an active role on the 2022 Board.

A Reminder: as a member you are invited to attend any of the monthly Board meetings.

2022 brings new and exciting opportunities for YOU to share with someone else what YOU enjoy about FFWC. Since the club will have an activity a month—and some months more than one—use that as a way to introduce FFWC to that person.

Remember that the Membership Committee has information that can be shared via email or “snail mail” to any interested party.

*How do you plan to be creative  
in sharing  
about FFWC during 2022?*



**So be a friend & bring a friend.**

# Laughter is Good Medicine!

Good Old Days  
March 7 · 🌐

**DOES ANYONE REMEMBER  
WHEN A HOLIDAY WAS  
JUST A HOLIDAY  
AND EVERYTHING  
WAS CLOSED,  
AND SUNDAY WAS  
A FAMILY DAY.**

*may*  
YOUR HEART BE  
light as a  
*snowflake*  
YOUR TROUBLES  
melt away like  
*snow* and  
A DRIFT OF  
*blessings*  
surround *you*

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**I'M DREAMING  
OF A WHITE  
*Christmas*  
BUT IF THE WHITE  
RUNS OUT  
I'LL DRINK  
THE RED**

## HOLIDAY WORKOUT



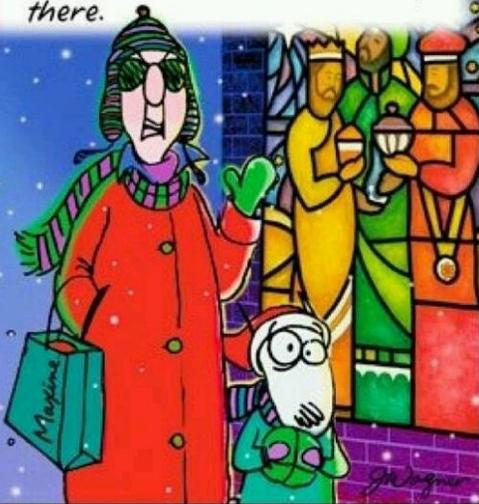
**1 DAY OF COAL  
364 DAYS OF FUN  
I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES**

**I don't have an  
advent calendar so  
I'm just opening  
cupboard doors and  
eating whatever's in  
there.**

Crabby Road

12-7-09

*I wish a bright star would appear  
in the east over Washington D.C.  
We could use a few wise men up  
there.*



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*When what to  
my wondering eyes  
should appear,  
but TEN extra  
pounds on my hips,  
thighs and rear.*

Dear Santa,   
I've been good all year  
Well - most of the time  
headpossum  
Okay - some of the time  
- Never mind -  
I'll buy my own stuff

**Laughter:** ENJOY and **Share**

# Upcoming Events

**BARNES&NOBLE**  
**Bookfairs**  
**Friendship Force of Western Colorado**  
**Sunday, December 19th, All Day**  
**Barnes & Noble**  
2451 Patterson Road, Grand Junction  
Patterson and 24 1/2 Road  
[bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs)  
#BNBookfairs



10am—7pm.

Do you like to gift wrap?  
Here is your opportunity.

Coupons will be available for shoppers to give cashier at check-out. FFWC gets a portion of the proceeds.

Give Aways:

**FFWC FLYERS**  
**BOOKMARKS**  
**SMILES**

**BARNES & NOBLE**  
**BOOKFAIRS**  
supporting

**Friendship Force of W Colorado**  
Sunday, December 19, 2021  
Grand Junction  
2451 Patterson Road



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Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization.\*

\*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks, video games, digital devices including NOOK, purchases made at Cafes owned and operated by Starbucks, and other items Barnes & Noble may exclude from time to time in its sole discretion are not included in bookfair totals. Institutional discounts may not be applied. See BN.COM/Bookfairs for more details and to shop online.

#BNBOOKFAIRS



## January Meeting Sat. Jan 15th 12 noon

New Covenant Baptist Church

“Let’s have some fun while learning how the FFI Matching Journey process works”!

(Light Snacks provided)



**Bullets “N” Barbeque.**  
**A Mystery Meal**  
**Saturday February 19, 2022**

“The Sheriff’s bit the dust.”  
It’s up to us to find out who done him in.”

# Christmas MEMORIES

Dec 7, 1991, my husband, Chuck, and me our first Christmas while dating. It took 15 months for me to say "yes." We had 19 beautiful years together. .

Rebekah McDermott



2019 Jim Gardner, Council Leader, suggested we swap themes and have **Christmas in August**. Then in December we enjoyed our "Summer Picnic".



The "man" in Jeanine Wehner's life. Scruffy is her sister's dog, who is very content staying with Jeanine.

Is the "Naughty" sign on her shirt for Scruffy or her ????

Only Santa Knows.



Sue Moyer (age 7-8) with her sisters, 1958. They were in St. Albens, WV. Girls had special dresses for Christmas. Aren't they precious!



# Christmas MEMORIES



This is an annual family project, from as far back as my own childhood. We always make cut-out sugar cookies and then decorate. Pictured are three granddaughters Alexie , Ashlyn & Allie and great grandson Aysen.....

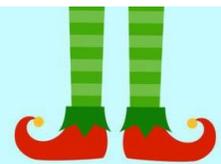
Ellen Bradley



When I was a boy, to visit Santa, you went to downtown Peoria, IL to the 7-story Block & Kuhl department store. Santa was in the back of the toy department up on the 5th floor. He was the real deal! Best looking Santa you ever saw. Once you got in the long line, you could look ahead through the counters and shelves of hundreds of toys to get a glimpse of him. While you were in line, you might even see that perfect toy to ask for as you inched forward to sit in his lap.

Dan Clancy

Dan —guessing 6 years old—1957.  
The smiles tell the joys of Christmas for children.



I JUST LIKE  
TO SMILE.  
SMILING'S  
MY FAVORITE!

-BUDDY THE ELF

# Christmas MEMORIES



“Christmas was always at my Grandmother’s house with my aunts, uncles and cousins. Grandma made the kids a special dessert of Honeycomb Cream while the adults were served Plum Pudding which was doused with brandy and set alight. It was a real showstopper for us kids”.

DJ Clancy (5?) with her brother, Steve (7). Probably 1957-58. ← →



Christmas Eve at Big Ma-Ma’s Dec 24, 72. Kim on the floor, Aunt Melbe on the sofa. Notice the old tv, the tree garland and the plastic chair.

*Claudia Kellar*



Kim, Claudia’s daughter, Makaela, granddaughter, Cindy, daughter in law. “You’re never too old to visit Santa”



Saying prayers before dinner Christmas Eve, 72. Dori & Kim in front,

Big Ma-Ma in back.

Mae-Mae on the right.

*Claudia Kellar*



**IS IT REAL?** This represents children at Christmas.  
 Claudia's grandsons: Carlton 2 years, Logan 9 months.

(We all know how much she loves her family. And what joy she takes in spending time with them. These two boys are at her home lots while Kim works)

*Claudia Kellar*



This submission by Kathy Nielsen. A very good reminder. Thank you.



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FFI website has all the updates, journeys and member information.

Check it out. [www.thefriendshipforce.org](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org)

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### Have a friend who likes to travel?

**Share with them the FFI website and let them see all the great places they can go.**

**Be sure to invite them to our activities so they can see what we do and decide if it is for them.**



**With the winter days upon us, pull out your favorite winter warming recipe and send to me. A picture would also be nice.**

**Send to [rebekahmcdermott@gmail.com](mailto:rebekahmcdermott@gmail.com).**

**Deadline for your submissions is the 25th of each month.**



**YOUR IDEAS!!!! Wanted: New community service projects. This could be a project a couple of times a year, and could even be indoors. Please let Dan know of your thoughts.**



### **Friendship Force Pledge**

**As a member of the Friendship Force I recognize that I can make a Difference.**

**I recognize that I have a mission; that mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me.**

**I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love, and peace will be furthered.**

**I can make a difference.**

### **ABOUT THE CLUB**

Friendship Force Western Colorado, located in Grand Junction, CO., was formed in 1982.

General meetings are now face to face. Our meeting location is New Covenant Baptist Church, 3196 F Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81504 . 12 noon, 3rd Saturday of the month.

Membership is open to all who are interested in the goals and purposes of the Friendship Force program.

Check our website or the newsletter for updates.

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