## **Events Recap**

October 26, 2024 Ghosts and Gourds Gathering November 29,2024 Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

#### Ghosts and Gourds Gathering October 26, 2024

An estimated 600 people attended this event based off the car counter and other sources.



# The Pumpkin Patch



Approximately 300 pumpkins were purchased plus 100 sugar pumpkins

Each pallet contained 425 lbs. of pumpkins.11 pallets were purchased, that is 4675 lbs. in pumpkins!

Almost all pumpkins were taken, we had approximately 20 left over that had been painted and left behind

Fun Fact – Are pumpkins gourds?

Yes, pumpkins are a type of gourd:

#### Explanation

Pumpkins are part of the Cucurbitaceae family, which also includes gourds, cucumbers, squash, melons, and luffa. The term "gourd" can refer to the fruit of the plant, or the dried-out shell of the fruit. The Cucurbita genus includes pumpkins and soft-skinned gourds, while the Lagenaria genus includes hard-skinned gourds.



# Trick or Treating on the Boardwalk









# Activities













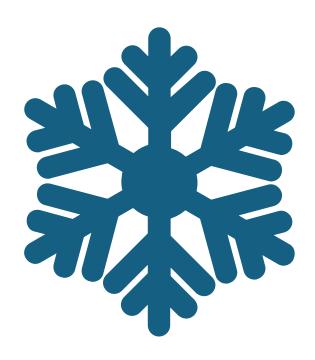
# Costume and Decoration Contests

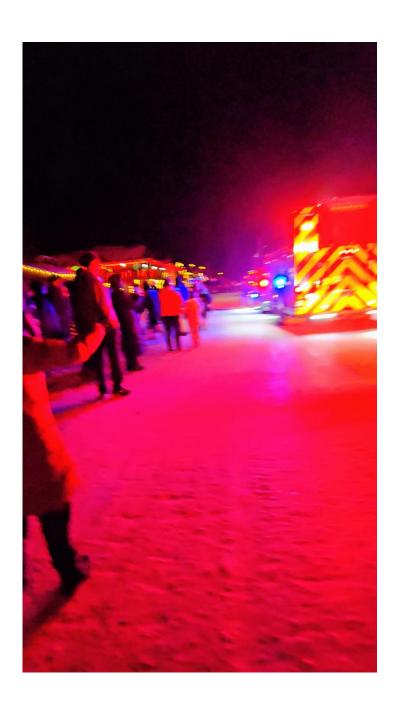






### Santa's Arrival







#### Cookies, Hot Chocolate and more....





Over 3500 cookies were made and packaged by Mary's Mountain Cookies at a deep discount



Hot Chocolate was made and donated by Sagebrush BBQ. Last year 1 case was used, this year 3 cases were used!



4 cases of whipped topping and 6 cases of chocolate morsels were donated by Mountain Market



The East Grand Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class and their dedicated parents volunteered to raise funds for their D.C. trip in March. Hundred of dollars were raised!



Firewood was donated by Michael Sobon



Thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus (Tracey and Diane Temple), Colorado Reindeer Ranch, our entertainment Travis Taylor, Grand Lake Fire Department, The Grand Lake Chamber and the Town Staff who helped make this a magical event!

### Lighting of the Tree





