



# Countryside Support & Memory Center

415 S. Crow St., Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Phone: (605) 945-0827

April 2026

## Celebrating Countryside Volunteers

April is National Volunteer Month—a perfect time to recognize and celebrate the incredible individuals who give their time and talents to support Countryside. Our volunteers truly are the heart of everything we do. Whether they're helping at events, processing donations, greeting customers, cashiering, labeling newsletters, or assisting OMA artists; their dedication keeps our programs running smoothly and our community connected.

What makes our volunteers even more special is that they live and work right here in our community. From helping at the thrift store to fundraising events, serving on the board or committees, they generously share their time and expertise to strengthen our mission. Their willingness to step in wherever needed reflects a deep commitment to creativity, inclusion, and service—and helps ensure Countryside continues to grow and thrive.

During this National Volunteer Month, we extend our heartfelt thanks to every volunteer who makes this work possible! You make a difference each and every day, and we are so grateful!

As a small token of our appreciation, Countryside volunteers are invited to our Spring Volunteer Luncheon on April 20th at noon at First United Methodist Church. We look forward to sharing good food, great fellowship, and celebrating all of you.



### Countryside Programs

Pennies for Robert | Memory Center | St. Benedict's Guest House | Hospice Support

### Countryside Community Groups

Meet in the Countryside Community Room | 415 S. Crow Street, Pierre, SD

**Parkinson's Support Group** – First Wednesday of each month, at noon. Visit with others who have a Parkinson's diagnosis. Topics include medications, exercise, safety issues and day-to-day challenges. Family members are also welcome.

**Memory Connection** – Third Thursday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. Discussion group for family members and friends caring for a loved one with dementia. An opportunity to offer support and share information.

**OMA** – Thursdays 10:30 -11:30 – Opening Minds through Art (OMA) is a program that matches individuals who have memory loss with a volunteer, together they create art. For more information and/or to volunteer, call Cindy at 605-945-0827.

Website

[www.countrysidesupport.com](http://www.countrysidesupport.com)

Facebook

[Countryside Support – Pierre, SD](#)

Instagram

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# COUNTRYSIDE SUPPORT DUCK DERBY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026 @ 11:30AM**  
OAHE DAYS - STEAMBOAT PARK CAUSEWAY



## LAST DUCK AUCTION

Adopt the Last Duck  
Saturday at 11:00 am

### LOCATIONS

**Adopt A Duck at**  
-Countryside Thrift Store  
-Countryside Support Office  
-Listed Businesses online at  
[www.countrysidesupport.com](http://www.countrysidesupport.com)  
-scan QR code

Fun for the whole family!

## Adopt A Duck

4,000 race ducks

**\$5** each

Quack Pack  
(5 ducks) = **\$20**  
Quaker's Dozen  
(13 ducks) = **\$60**



### PRIZES

1st Duck - \$2,500  
2nd Duck - \$1,000  
3rd Duck - \$750  
250th - \$250  
Last Duck - \$100



## KIDS POND

All day Saturday,  
June 20th, kids of all ages  
can pick a duck and win a  
prize.

### DUCK HUNT

Watch Facebook LIVE for your  
chance to WIN a Derby Duck:  
May 4 & 18 June 1 & 15

*\*In case of winds  
and/or lightning;  
winners will be chosen  
live by computerized  
spinning wheel.*

**Countryside Duck Derby**  
June 20, 2026 at Oahe Days!

**Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Adopt A Duck  
Vote for a Decorated Duck  
Buy a Derby T-Shirt

### Adoption Locations

Countryside Thrift Store, Countryside Office,  
from various volunteers, businesses and on our  
website.

### Race Day – Last Duck Auction

Bidding for the last duck will happen right  
before the race begins.

### Kids Duck Pond

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> | 10am – 5pm Fun & prizes  
for kids of all ages.

### Volunteer

Sign up on our website.

The **Countryside Duck Derby** promises to be  
an exciting experience for the whole family.

**Scan the QR Code for Derby updates!**  
[www.countrysidesupport.com](http://www.countrysidesupport.com)

- PROCEEDS FROM EVENT SUPPORT COUNTRYSIDE PROGRAMS -  
COUNTRYSIDE - 415 S. CROW ST. PIERRE, SD (605)945-0827

## World Parkinson Day

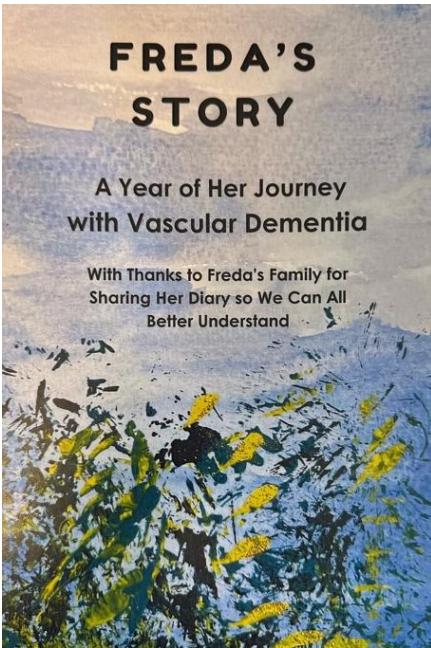


April 11th, the birthday of Dr. James Parkinson (who first described the disease in 1817), is recognized as World Parkinson's Day. It is a time to shine a light on those living with Parkinson's disease and to honor their strength, resilience and courage. It's an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges individuals and families face, while also celebrating the power of community, support, and ongoing research. By learning more, showing compassion, and standing together, we can help create a more understanding world and move closer to better treatments—and one day, a cure.

**Countryside Support** hosts a Parkinson's Support Group on the **first Wednesday** of each month at **noon at 415 S. Crow**, Countryside Community Room.

### Why Join a Parkinson's Support Group?

- ✓ **Emotional Support** – Share experiences, reduce isolation, and find encouragement from others
- ✓ **Practical Advice** – Get real-life tips for managing symptoms, medications, and daily challenges.
- ✓ **Education** – Learn from experts and stay up to date on Parkinson's care and resources.
- ✓ **Social Connection** – Build friendships and community for both individuals with Parkinson's and caregivers.
- ✓ **Empowerment & Coping** – Gain confidence, resilience, and tools to navigate life with Parkinson's.
- ✓ **Local Resources** – Discover services, programs, and support available in our area.



**Freda's Story**

A year of her journey with Vascular Dementia.

This book was a gift from Freda's family in a small attempt to bring dementia into our daily conversations to help support both patients and caregivers. It was transcribed and designed by Countryside volunteers, not as a fundraiser but as an educational tool.

Copies of the book are available at Countryside office at 415 S. Crow St. Pierre, SD. You can also find it on Amazon Kindle or paperback for your family, church libraries, waiting rooms, etc. Speakers are available to present to groups and organizations by calling Countryside at 605-945-0827.

This is not a traditional fundraiser for Countryside, but donations are welcome so we can print additional copies. If dementia is part of your personal or professional life, we think you will find Freda's story helpful - there is so much to learn.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Save the date and let's cruise for a great cause!

Join us on September 12th in Pierre for a 136-mile Dice Run to raise funds for Pennies for Robert.

Gather your crew, hit the road, and make a difference with every mile. Fun, community, and purpose—all in one unforgettable ride.

Stay tuned for more details!  
[www.countrysidesupport.com](http://www.countrysidesupport.com)

**COUNTRYSIDE SUPPORT**  
**RALLY FOR ROBERT DICE RUN**

**ALL VEHICLES ARE WELCOME**  
 (Automobiles & Motorcycles)  
**136-mile DICE RUN**

**Saturday, September 12, 2026**  
 Beck Motor Company - Pierre, SD  
**Register 10:00 AM | Depart 11:00 AM**

**Pennies for Robert Fundraiser**  
 Travel funds for cancer patients  
 Countryside Support & Memory Center

**BECK MOTOR COMPANY**

**WEGNER AUTO COMPANY**

**CAPITAL CITY**

**Tires LES SCHWAB**

**PRAIRIE ATV & CYCLE**

**Fineline AUTO**

**CHASE AUTO & RV**

**DICE RUN STOPS**

- Boat House/Dakota Sky Lodge & RV Park, Spring Creek
- Mug's Bar & Grill, Gettysburg
- The Corner, Onida
- 1 Stop Travel Plaza, Pierre
- The Fieldhouse Sports & Spirits, Pierre
- Cactus Jacks Lounge, Pierre

\$20 per Dice Card  
 \$10 for additional Dice Cards  
 Prizes for Top Three, Low & Wild Card 50/50 and Raffle Prizes

**Questions?**  
 Jim: 605-280-2387  
 Countryside: 605-945-0827  
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**Avera@Home Hospice** attends to the body, mind and spirit with compassion when a cure is no longer an option, offering specialized hospice services 24/7 for patients with a terminal illness.

A qualified staff of doctors, professional nurses, social workers, clergy and volunteers support patients and their families with in-home and in-facility hospice care. Together, our team offers both medical and emotional support, plus pain and symptom management and equipment needs to enhance the quality of life for patients in the comfort of their own home or care facility. To volunteer at Avera@Home Hospice call 605-224-3218.

## IN MEMORY OF...

Michael "Mike" McQuiston

Terry Holmes  
Melanie Bauer  
by  
Nancy Pitlick

Ruth Schmidt  
by  
Duane & Lois Russell

Jim Henrichsen  
Bernie Brusseau  
Sharon Ramse Williams  
Clinton Schimkat  
Mary "Helen" Stahl  
Ronald "Ron" Knecht  
Joan Martell  
by  
Patti Petersen

Clinton Schimkat  
Michael "Mike" McQuiston  
Clinton & Sharon Caldwell  
by  
Janice & Leonard Deal

Lynette James  
Betty Wortman  
by  
Larry & Dolly Christenson

William "Bill" Van Camp Sr.  
Clinton Schimkat  
by  
Dick & Rita Wendt

Beverly "Bev" Mickelson  
Carmen Heyd  
Ida Anderson  
Gary Hoscheid  
Mary Hedman  
Eldon Lindquist  
Anna May Masteller  
Clinton & Sharon Caldwell  
Clinton Schimkat  
by  
Gerry & Nancy Cutshaw

Allen "Al" Christie  
Beverly "Bev" Mickelson  
Mary Jo Johnson  
by  
Barb & Larry Joy

Chris Warren  
by  
Jen & Leo Pitts  
Charles & Tracy Poches  
Warren & Angela Poches  
Barb Poches

Beverly "Bev" Mickelson  
by  
Carla Sahr

Carrie Mikkonen  
Lorraine Ellwein  
Jackie Marso  
by  
Connie & Jerome Jacobs

Tyler Wilcox  
Mary Cronin  
Danny Bergeson  
Shane Cronin  
Austin Scott  
Tony & Christopher Klein  
Paul Dean Nelson  
Pete Petersen  
Delbert & Wade Jones  
Johnny Smith  
Max Cruse  
Jim Steele  
Mike Hawkins  
Jerry Hawkins  
Don Rounds  
Pam Scarborough  
Donnie Bollweg  
Andy Deis  
Dan Schenk  
Clinton Schimkat  
Troy Thomas  
Ron Schreiner  
Ron Merriman  
Mike Fuoss  
Robin Hohrman Coble  
Marla Jennings DeSollar  
Michael "Mike" McQuiston  
by  
Mack & Karen Wyly

Michael "Mike" McQuiston  
Clinton & Sharon Caldwell  
Glenn L Olson  
by  
Glenn & Mary Dozark

Michael "Mike" McQuiston  
by  
Ruth & Mark Smith  
Sue & Steve Ryan

Crayton Bouchie  
by  
Larry & Gerry Cass  
Denise Venner  
John & Deann Nystrom  
Annette Hinker

Ida Anderson  
by  
Pamela Cronin

Phyllis Fravel  
by  
Sheryl Blake

Monte Pullman  
by  
Thrift Store Staff

Carl Rathbun  
Don Dohrer  
Rose Marrington  
LeRoy Fedderson  
Kathy Olson  
by  
Dale & Donna Gohlf

Sherry Foss  
Pearl Stone  
by  
Lynell Asher

Sherry Foss  
by  
Nancy Bloom

Arlen Mehrer  
Charles Bowar  
Gloria Bowar  
Rod Bowar  
by  
Dana Mehrer

Crayton Bouchie  
Phyllis Fravel  
Duane Hunsley  
by  
Jerry & Paula Hunsley

Virgil Stickler  
by  
Ellen Ellwanger-Gloe  
Andrea Byrd  
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Sherry Foss  
Monte Pullman  
by  
Steve & Julie Ellingson

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Pearl Stone  
Gail Neumann  
by  
Susan Smith

Carl Rathbun  
Sherry Foss  
by  
Joann & Norm Weaver



**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF...**

In Memory of  
Our Parents  
**Cliff & Eunice Small  
Wilson & Iva Wyly**

Our Daughter & Grandson  
**Kayleen & Dylan Fulton**

Our Sisters  
**Donna Wyly Crow  
Stacy Small**

Mack & Karen Wyly

In Memory of  
**Sonny**

Your love brought light and joy into my life every day. My love for you will never fade.  
Happy Heavenly Easter!

Love always,  
Charlene



National Surveyors Week March 15-21

In Honor and In Memory of  
**Maynard Sommer, Launie Rheborg,  
Earl Glodt, Bud Hackett,  
J.C. Fleishacker, Jay Timp,  
Robert Whyte, James Kastner,  
Wally Larson, Cam Kuehl, Joe Piper,  
Clint Gregory, Don Jacobsen,  
& Dale Hartmann**

Robert Thielen Surveying & Mapping

In memory of  
**Todd Ramsey**

On your Birthday, April 2nd  
We love & miss you, Papa.

Gage, Berkley, Cort, Jasper & Josie

In Memory of  
**Pam Scarborough**

Remembering you on the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
(02-02-2022) of your going to be with the  
Lord.

I miss you so much.

Rosemary Rounds

In memory of  
**Todd Ramsey**

On your Birthday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
We love & miss you every day. You are  
forever in our hearts.

Pandora, Trista, Mike, Cody & Julie

In Honor of  
**Florence Bartlett**

Happy 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 9<sup>th</sup>!  
We Love you!

Brian & Kali, Rachael & Kids, Brianna,  
Georgia, Charles, & Missy Uecker

In Memory of  
My beautiful daughter-in-law  
**Courtney Paige Brozik**

On April 14, 2024

Marcy Fifield

In Loving Memory of  
**Mike Hawkins**

Forever missed but never forgotten.  
Happy Birthday on April 23<sup>rd</sup> Mike!

Love Mom, Kim, Amy, Risë, Nikki,  
Sarah

**Countryside's newsletter** is available anytime on our website at [www.countrysidesupport.com](http://www.countrysidesupport.com).



**Coming soon**, you'll be able to receive Countryside communications directly through email and text messages. Be sure to watch our Facebook page, website, and newsletter for details on how to subscribe so you never miss important updates, events, and opportunities.

As publication costs continue to rise, Countryside is making the move to digital communications—helping us save more resources to support our programs now and into the future.

**Countryside Support programs are made possible because of YOU—our generous community.**

Every donation, big or small, helps us continue providing comfort, care, and connection to those who need it most.

There are many meaningful ways to give:

- ✦ Memorial donations to honor a loved one
- ✦ Memberships (watch for updates this year)
- ✦ Thrift Store donations that turn gently used items into vital support
- ✦ Dakotamart Receipts
- ✦ Event participation
- ✦ Amazon & Walmart Wish List donations that give back while you shop
- ✦ Investments and bequests that create a legacy



Your generosity makes a difference today—and for years to come. Go to our website, [www.countrysidesupport.com](http://www.countrysidesupport.com) to learn more about donation opportunities and links to our Wish Lists.

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**Donations:** We Care-Dakotamart, First United Methodist Church, Teton River Traders, RAM Foundation

**Memberships:** Doug & Clarie Marsh, Mike & Ann Sines

**Pennies for Robert:** Josie Ucker

**St. Benedict's Guest House:** Merry Shepherd

**Memory Center:** Community Donor

**THIS GIFT IS FROM:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pennies for Robert<br>(Travel funds for cancer patients) | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Benedict's Guest House<br>(Lodging for cancer patients) | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freda's Story (booklet)                                  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> OMA (Opening Minds through Art) |

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