



Countryside Support & Memory Center

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

Phone: (605) 945-0827

June 2026

Students Turn Compassion into Action

For the past 13 years, Kennedy Elementary students have shown our community what truly caring means through their annual “Kennedy vs. Cancer” fundraiser. K-5 students work together to raise money for local cancer patients and families. Some of the individuals they are helping may be neighbors, friends, classmates’ family members, or even people they may never meet. These students understand the importance of standing beside others during difficult times, with kindness and compassion through action.

These students remind us that you are never too young to make a difference. Their generosity, determination, and big hearts are an inspiration to our entire community. Year after year, they continue to show that real superheroes do not always wear capes — sometimes they carry donation jars, organize lemonade stands, break into piggy banks and simply choose to help others. Kennedy’s students are shining examples that superheroes come in all sizes.

Kennedy vs Cancer surpassed their goal of \$7,500 with a grand total of \$9,540.11 donated to Countryside Pennies for Robert cancer travel fund program. Congratulations Kennedy staff, students and their families.



Read about Kennedy vs Cancer: <https://www.keloland.com/news/capitol-news-bureau/each-may-kennedy-students-raise-money-against-cancer/>

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 | 605-945-0827

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.

JUNE is National Cancer Survivor Month

June is National Cancer Survivor Month, a special time to recognize and celebrate the strength, resilience, and courage of cancer survivors in your family and our community. Every survivor's journey is unique, shaped by different experiences, challenges, and victories. Along the way, each person relies on a unique support system of family, friends, caregivers, healthcare professionals, or fellow survivors. This month, we honor not only those who have faced cancer with determination and hope, but also the many individuals who have walked beside them. Together, we celebrate stories of survival, the power of support, and the inspiration survivors bring to our community.

You can honor those survivors on the Countryside Cancer Survivor Honor Wall on our [website](#). Submit their first and last name by calling 605-945-0827, email info@countrysidesupport.com, or use this [form link](#) to submit.



You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face.
— Eleanor Roosevelt

Summer Sunshine has its Benefits

When skin is directly exposed to the sun, the body makes vitamin D. That is why it is often called the “sunshine” vitamin. Based on findings reported in National Institute of Health-supported research and publications, here are some benefits of sunshine when exposure is moderate and balanced with skin-cancer prevention measures:

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| Produces Vitamin D | Increases Alertness and Energy |
| Strengthens Bones and Teeth | May Lower Blood Pressure |
| Supports Immune Function | Supports Heart Health |
| Improves Mood | May Improve Mental Performance |
| Regulates Sleep | Enhances Overall Well-Being |



Important Note

The NIH also emphasizes balancing the benefits of sunlight with the risks of excessive UV exposure, including sunburn, premature skin aging, and skin cancer. Moderate exposure and appropriate sun protection are important. No more than 15-20 minutes of direct sun exposure daily is recommended. After that, apply a generous portion of sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30 and UVB/UVA protection. And remember the hat, sunglasses and protective clothing, too.

Save
the
Date



September 12th



October 3rd



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Newsletter Questions?

Q. If I have more than one memorial gift do I need to send in more than one check?

A. One check or online donation will work for multiple requests. (Example, memorials, membership...) Please mark which area the donation is for.

Q. If I submit a memorial will you notify the family?

A. Yes, you will receive a thank you from us and we will notify the family. If you know the family address, please provide with your submission. If you do not need a thank you, please let us know to save on postage.

Q. How do I know if I have missed the deadline for the next newsletter?

A. The deadline for the next newsletter is in the donation box on the back page. With the delay in mail delivery, allow a few extra days for your submission to get to us in time. We do our best to process all requests up to printing.

Q. Why are some of the memorials in a box?

A. If you add a message in your memorial gift, we put the information in a box. This can be a birthday or anniversary memorial, a thank you or an "in honor" message.

Q. I have a donation to Avera@Home Hospice can I send it to Countryside?

A. Yes. We code those donations in a separate account and forward each month.

Q. How can I make sure my donation is processed correctly?

A. Please print names to help make sure spellings are correct. Include a phone number in case we have a question, who to notify with their current addresses and mark where you'd like your donation to be applied.

Q. How do I let Countryside know I'd like to get my newsletter via email or look at it online?

A. If you are currently on the mailing list, please use the link above to sign up for a digital newsletter only option, or call us at 605-945-0827 and we will help with your request.

Q. How much is a membership?

A. Currently there is no set amount for membership dues. We are currently developing a few options for donors to choose later this year.

We make every attempt to publish your information correctly – If there is an error, please let us know at 605-945-0827.

Find Countryside Support information online at:

Website

www.countrysidesupport.com

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Instagram

[countryside_support_pierre](#)

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF...

In Memory of
Marrietta Catlin
On her birthday June 4th

-Ron Catlin & Family

In Memory of
Marrietta Catlin
Who left us 8 years ago on June 22nd
We miss you every day.

-Ron Catlin & Family

In Honor
Michael H. & Marilyn A Shaw
Their memory lives on forever in our
hearts! We miss you

-Nancy, John, Hans, Peter & Nathan

In Memory of
Sonny
You faced so many challenges in your
lifetime. I always respected your quiet
strength. I miss you more every day and
will always love you.

-Charlene

In Memory of
Marlin Scarborough
It's been 39 years since your passing. We
still love and miss you so much.

-Rosemary & Family

Father's Day
In Memory of my Father
Duane
You've been gone so many years, but
the memories remain.

Miss you still.

-Cindy

In Memory of my Mother
Mary
Happy Heavenly Birthday on June 22nd
Never forget your birthday celebrations
with Kusser clan.
Always Special.

-Love Cindy

In Memory of
My special angel
Carol Jones
July 1st Birthday

-Dick Jones

In Memory of
Shirley Fosheim
Happy Heavenly Birthday on
June 26th. So thankful for all of the
memories I have. Love and miss you
always

-Arlyne Markwed



In Honor of
The Bride & Groom
Marcia & Mike Mullins
In celebration of their wedding on
June 20th



Father Hal Barber
Scott Wallace
by
Nancy Bloom

Duane "Sub" Sommers
Edwin "Eddie" Patzer
by
Dale & Donna Gohl

Melinda Darland
by
Anita Baker

Chuck Humphrey
Dean Gretschmann
Rose Marrington
by
Alan & Patsy Winters

Chuck Humphrey
by
Family & Friends
Don & Shirley Sandal

Chuck & Karen Humphrey
by
Sandy & Chuck Schlueter

Kermith & Florence Edge
by
Sharon Stone

Crayton Bouchie
by
Karen Lindbloom

Karen Day
Helen Stahl
Robert Kneip
Melanie Bauer
Carl Rathbun
Elaine Yackley
by
Kent & Crystal Kinkler

Sharon Vockrodt
Calvin Hanneld
Esther Harmon
by
Margaret & John Ellefson

Darren Chase
by
Denette Becker
Ruth & Mark Smith

Dana Sindelar
Scott Wallace
Riley Novak
Jerry Boring
by
Lynell Asher

Drew Miller
Edwin "Eddie" Patzer
Chuck Humphrey
Dean Gretschmann
Riley Novak
by
Paul & Dawn Marso

Melinda Darland
Tom Askew
by
Bev Badger

Dan Boyd
by
Sally Boyd

James L. Kennedy
Sharyl Glader
by
Mike & Mary Ann Eichelberg

Sherry Foss
Beverly Jennings
Sylvia Moisan
Sr. Sandra Meek
Chuck Humphrey
Drew Miller
Vi Allison
Doug Fischer
by
Pat & Holly Hoing

Crayton Bouchie
Darren Chase
Dan Boyd
Margaret Kirschenmann
by
Dale & Joyce Tipton

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF...Continued

Pat Diedrich
Renee Baade
Sylvia Moisan
Lucille Ebert
Chuck Humphrey
Dean Gretschmann
Doug Fischer
Judy Simon
Melinda Darland
Casey Kebach
Mary Lou Fennell
by
Patti Petersen

Sr. Sandra Meek
Chuck Humphrey
Sylvia Moisan
Ronald Knecht
Brenda Bak
Peggy Laurenz
by
Seb & Carol Axtman

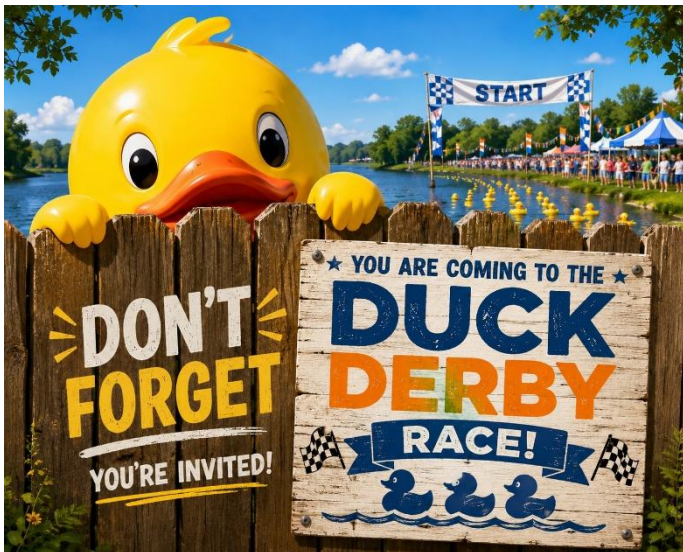
Peggy Laurenz
Joan Russell
Kent Adney
Doug Fischer
Margaret Mertz
by
Joel & Carol Gengler

Drew Miller
Danny Bergeson
Shane Cronin
Beverly Jennings
by
Janice Bergeson



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched,
they must be felt with the heart.

—Helen Keller



SATURDAY, JUNE 20th

Kids Duck Pond 10am – 5pm

Last Duck Auction 11:00am

Race Starts at 11:30am

Fun for the whole Family!

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St. Benedict's Guest House: Lona & Patrick Tibbs

OMA: Carrie Lolley

THIS GIFT IS FROM:

Name _____

Address _____

FOR:

☐ As needed	☐ Avera @ Home Hospice	☐ Memory Center
☐ Pennies for Robert (Travel funds for cancer patients)	☐ St. Benedict's Guest House (Lodging for cancer patients)	☐ Membership
☐ Freda's Story (booklet)		☐ OMA (Opening Minds through Art)
		☐ Honor a Cancer Survivor

In memory/honor of: _____ Notify: _____

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This newsletter contains donations processed through June 1st. The approximate cutoff for the July newsletter will be July 1st.

Donations can also be made by credit card or Venmo on our website www.countrysidesupport.com, or you may call the office with your credit card information 605-945-0827.