



Countryside Support & Memory Center

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Happy 31st Anniversary, Countryside Thrift Store!

What began in 1995 with a simple question—*"Why don't we start a thrift store?"*—has grown into one of the primary ways Countryside supports local individuals and families. With the help of a grant from Piper Jaffray, the store opened in a small space with a big vision. No one could have imagined how it would grow or the incredible impact it would have throughout central South Dakota. From the very beginning, the goal was to create a dependable fundraising source for Countryside to continue providing care, compassion, and support to those facing cancer, memory loss, and end-of-life needs for generations to come.

Today, that vision is made possible by an amazing team of volunteers and staff. More than 80 dedicated volunteers generously donate over 1,300 hours each month, serving in countless ways. Some greet customers at the cash register, others prepare donated items, while many oversee specialty departments including jewelry, collectibles, linens, books, seasonal merchandise, and more. Their time and talents are the heart of our store.

Behind the scenes, our team of 30 full- and part-time staff members keeps thousands of donations moving efficiently from the donation dock to the sales floor. Every donation is sorted, cleaned, priced, and displayed with care. All electrical items and small appliances are cleaned, tested, and verified to be in working order before being offered for sale. It's a coordinated effort that begins early each morning and continues into the evening to keep quality merchandise available for our shoppers. Don't forget to stop in each Thursday through Saturday for our popular 50¢ color-coded clothing sale along with a variety of weekly and seasonal sales.

The community's generosity keeps this mission going. We gladly accept clean, gently used items that are in good working condition. Unfortunately, we cannot accept soiled or damaged items, large household appliances, mattresses, gasoline-powered equipment, or firearms. Review the donation checklist at www.countrysidesupport.com or call 605-945-0150 to ask if an item is acceptable prior to dropping off.

Countryside Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donations are accepted Monday through Saturday, 8:30-4:30 with no donations on Sunday or after hours.

Every purchase and every donation stays local, supporting Countryside's community programs which include Pennies for Robert cancer travel funds, St. Benedict's Guest House, caregiver and support groups, the Memory Center, and Avera@Home hospice support.

Thank you to everyone who has donated, shopped, volunteered, and supported Countryside Thrift Store over the past 31 years. Together, you've helped transform everyday donations into hope, comfort, and care for family, friends and neighbors. Here's to the next 31 years of making a difference—one donation, one volunteer, and one shopper at a time.



23rd Countryside Duck Derby in the books!

While Mother Nature gave us a beautiful day, we did have to pivot when easterly winds caused an alternate finish line. But with all our great volunteers we had fun and lots of smiles all around.

Shout out to our local business sponsors: Acrisure, Anderson Contractors, BankWest, Cone Ag, Inc., Cowboy, Country Stores, Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union, DEL SCHUH's Pro Painting, First Fidelity Bank, Guadalajara's, Jessica Hofmeister w/EXP Realty, Midwest Construction, Mike Hofmeister – Acrisure, Morris, Inc., Oahe Waters Acupuncture, Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, River City Chiropractic, SD Popcorn Company, SunMasters Auto Glass, LLC, Swenson & Cowan, DDS, PC, The UPS Store, Uecker Painting & Staining and Wheelhouse Plumbing.

Last Duck Auction bids went back and forth with a final bid of \$300 and Guadalajara Restaurant took home the Best Decorated Duck trophy.

Hats off to our racecourse volunteers for set up, tear down and wrangling ducks as they bobbed off track. How many of you can put duck wrangler on your resume? All ducks were netted and returned to storage to wait for duck derby 2027.

Thank you to: John Morris & family, Mark Morris & family, Julie Morris-Holter & family, Nancy Ronning & family, Dawn Morris, Tony and Jamie Farnen, Aaron Severyn, Brianna & Brian Uecker, Todd Schutzle, Scott & Bobbi Leiferman, Todd Leiferman, Mike Shaw, Karen & Wade Pogany, Mike Oakland, Colleen Winter, Becky Potrzeba, Monica Harding, Emily Johnson, Norm Weaver, Marcy & Tom Anderson, Karen Gallagher, Vickie Schumacher, Fern Barnett, Jackie Richey, Traci Glanzman, Judene Holden, Kali Uecker, Joe Hoffman, Rachael Stager, Erin Barnes, Sadie Goodman, Chuck Schlueter, Monica Vance, Paul Marso, Dakota Cruiser, DRG DJs Chuck Hanson & Justin Cowert, Business Event Sponsors, City of Pierre Parks & Rec & Pool Crew, Oahe Days Committee and all Adoption Donors for participating in the 23rd Countryside Duck Derby & Duck Pond!

Derby Winners

1st Place - Jessica Weitschat family

2nd Place - Joan Henderson

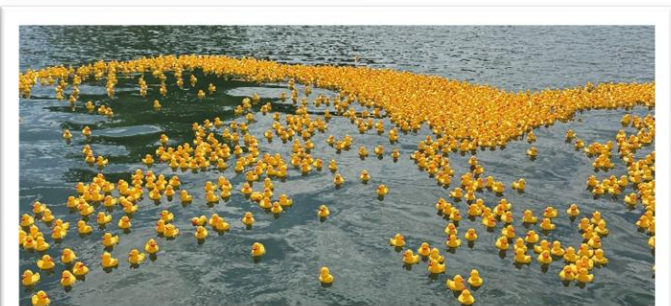
3rd Place - Debbie Mees

250th Place - Donut Shop

Last Place - Sick Breed MC

We have already started planning for next year!

See you in June 2027 for the 24th Countryside Duck Derby.



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.

Countryside Volunteer SUMMER POTLUCK

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

AT 12:00 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All volunteers - board members, newsletter, thrift store, fundraisers, OMA, etc. are invited to attend the potluck. There will also be door prizes.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share and we will provide the beverages and main dish.



Our volunteers are the heart of Countryside, and we can't wait to celebrate you! We invite all our amazing volunteers—including board members, thrift store volunteers, newsletter team, fundraising volunteers, Opening Minds through Art (OMA) volunteers, program volunteers, and everyone who shares their time and talents—to join us for our annual Summer Wrap-Up Potluck.

This special afternoon is our opportunity to say **thank you** for the countless hours, caring hearts, and unwavering dedication you give throughout the year. Because of you, Countryside is able to provide hope, support, and compassionate services to individuals and families facing cancer, memory loss, and end-of-life needs.

Bring a favorite dish to share, enjoy great food and fellowship, and let us celebrate **YOU**—the incredible volunteers who make our mission possible!



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SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

MAKE PLANS TO DRIVE/RIDE FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

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

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**PRAIRIE
ATV & CYCLE**



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?

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Website

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IN MEMORY OF...

Crayton Bouchie

by
Carol Butzman

Lois Kirschenmann

Roberta Cahall
Casey Kebach
Teresa Hatheway
by
Gary & Grace Schmitgen

Casey Kebach

AJ Lenz
Russ Hendrix
Sharon Ramse-Williams
Kathy Olson
Stan Kolbo
by
Paul & Dawn Marso

Audrey Hullinger

Judith Brost
by
Kay & Terry Moore

Carroll Hanten

Mary Lou Fennell
by
Gary & Sally Marrone

Casey Kebach

by
Robert & Roxann Thielen
Dorothy Smith
Linda Ott

Judith Brost

Casey Kebach
Carroll Hanten
George Rockhold
Peggy Laurenz
by
Norm & Joann Weaver

Mary Lou Fennell

Carroll Hanten
by
Anita Baker

Mary Lou Fennell

by
Mary Carter

Casey Kebach

Sylvia Moisan
Chuck Humphrey
Floyd Eliason
by
Char & Tam Gatje

Rod Hall

by
Chuck & Sandy Schlueter

Melinda Darland

Darren Chase
Drew Miller
by
Vicki & Chuck Nafus

Mary Lou Fennell

Drew Miller
Crayton Bouchie
Jeremy Thompson
Pearl Stone
Anna Mae Masteller
Beverly "Bev" Mickelson
Carmen Heyd
Joan Martell
Michael "Mike" McQuiston
by
Alan & Yvette Thomas

Karen Day

Carroll Hanten
Sylvia Moisan
by
Connie Colwill

Mary Lou Fennell

Michael "Mike" McQuiston
Clinton & Sharon Caldwell
Shannon Kulawik
Edwin "Eddie" Patzer
Vicky Hattum
AJ Lenz
Phyllis Fravel
Casey Kebach
Lois Kirschenmann
Ron Knecht
Clinton Schimkat
Rod Hall
by
Raymond & Maureen
Shepherd

Mike Shrader

by
Lynette Thum

AJ Lenz

Lois Kirschenmann
by
Julie & Fred Waxler

Edwin "Eddie" Patzer

by
James & Becky Patzer
Rollie & Anita Zastrow

Rev. Kenneth Newell

Sylvia Moisan
Mary Lou Fennell
by
Mike Boocock

Fabian Morin

Donald Bad Moccasin Jr.
by
Brenda & Kimberly Morin

Katie Schaack Olsen

Ken Schaack
by
Karon Schaack

Bruce Nelson

by
Terry & Tracy Laqua

In Memory of **Dottie & Randy Howe**

Mom, you have been gone for many years now, but the memories remain as vivid as ever. I still find myself thinking of things I want to tell you, stories I wish I could share, and moments I know you would have enjoyed. Knowing that Randy is with you again brings me a measure of peace. You were each other's greatest blessing for 45 years, and that love lives on in all of us who miss you.

-Love always, Jamie

In Memory of **Jan Kusser Talley**

On her birthday July 7th
For years you fought the "fight" with dignity and grace. Gone too soon but tucked in our hearts forever.

-Cindy

In Memory of **Gary Hoscheid**

On your Heavenly June 15 Birthday.
Today we celebrate you, your light, your laughter, and the love you pour into all of us. We love and miss you greatly, more than words can say. Until we meet again, we honor you today and always.

-Your loving family

In Memory of My parents' birthday

Ann Hasek – July 15th
Harry Hasek – July 23rd

I miss and love you so much!

-Karen Hasek

In Memory **Sonny**

Your kindness lives on through our children and grandchildren. What a wonderful quality you left them. I love you and miss you so much

-Charlene

In Memory of Our Mom **Pat Harding**

On her birthday July 14th
We love and miss you so much.

-Family of Pat Harding

In Honor of **Sue Burgard** Happy August Birthday!

-Steve & Julie Ellingson



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Donations: Trinity Lutheran Church Women, We Care-Dakotamart, Rich & Catherine Ness

Memberships: Carol Butzman, Donna Welch, Tom & Peggy Huber **OMA (Opening Minds through Art):** James Shekleton

Pennies for Robert: Ed & Sandy Jacobsen, Josie & Amber Johnson, Lilly Fonte, Monica's Greenhouse

THIS GIFT IS FROM:

Name _____

Address _____

FOR:

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| ☐ 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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