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820 Main Street Sandpoint, ID 83864

Senior Center: 208-263-6860

The Sandpoint Area Seniors, Inc. strives to address food insecurity and social isolation among the most vulnerable members of the senior community in the Bonner County area. We do this by providing nutritious meals both onsite and through home delivery as well as providing a gathering place and informational site for social, recreational, and wellness programs.

Need daytime elder care or a meal delivered to your home?

Call for more information! Check out our website

www.sandpointareaseniors.org



Introducing The Corner Kitchen

Hello SASI!!! I am Chef Brenda from deep in the heart of Texas. I have been a Chef since 2012 and I am trained in dietary restricted diets. My passion comes from taking fresh, raw ingredients and turning them into delicious dishes. Allow me to also introduce everyone to Sous Chef Linda from right here in majestic North Idaho. Her greatest strength is her creativity which allows her to make some fantastic meals and baked goods. So when you sit at one of our tables and that plate gets placed in front of you, just know that it's the best of what happens when the North meets the South!

We love to create delicious meals for you. But we also want you to know that everything that comes out of our kitchen is made with an eye on healthy living. We

love to use the freshest tender proteins and things like salt and oil term effects if consumed we have added to our changes already, such as desserts, and some



ingredients possible like tasty bright crisp greens. Limiting which can have negative longin larger amounts. Now that staff you have seen some making our own breads and changes you have yet to see...

Just wait until you see what we have planned for you when breakfast returns this month.

Do you have a favorite dish, recipe or dessert? Would you like to see us try our hands at recreating it to share with everyone? Either stop and have a conversation with one of us or fill out one of those handy dandy comment cards that are on the tables and we will work your suggestions into our monthly menu. Also, check out our monthly SASI Newsletter where you'll find a recipe or two that we have to share with all of you.

Alright friends, we've reached the end. It's time to ring that dinner bell and welcome you to The Corner Kitchen.



Recipe for Love

1 cup of Romance
1 spoon of Humor
2 mugs of Joy
1 big cup of Respect
3 little spoons of Trust
1/2 mug of Sharing
2 cups XL of Tenderness
and 3/4 cup of Patience...



Sandpoint Library Outreach Program



Andrea Evans is the Outreach Coordinator at EBCL and the library is making great effort to get the word out in the community about what she has to offer.

Below is a summary of what she has been up to for the last 6 months since beginning this effort:

She began a bi-weekly visit to the Senior Center on Wednesdays.

She visits the Woodland Crossing and 6th Street Senior residential apartments every other Friday.

She just launched the every other Friday at The Bridge Assisted living with other assisted living facilities on the radar.

She began looking for Homebound residents in the community via the home delivered meals program at the Senior Center by distributing flyers in the meal deliveries. This effort hasn't produced the outcome we were hoping for so she is hoping that an article in the Reader and in the Senior center's monthly newsletter offering Outreach services to the Homebound would be beneficial.

Homebound could be anyone suffering from a medical condition, loss of mobility and unable to make it to the library. Including new moms, patients recovering from surgery or anyone with permanent physical disability or chronic illness. <u>Andrea is eager to meet them and bring materials to their home - anywhere within the library district.</u>

Outreach will come to you!! We offer books, tech help, movies, cd players and even have mobile

hot spot available. Feel free to contact Andrea at andrea2ebonnerlibrary.org or

(208) 263-6930 ext 1281









\$2 billion to make our region better.

People in Eastern Washington and North Idaho are expected to leave \$42 billion by 2029 to beneficiaries upon their deaths, according to a study by Locus Impact Investing commissioned by Innovia Foundation. If just 5% of that "wealth transfer" were transformed into local philanthropy, we would invest \$2 billion back into our communities.

Our potential to benefit our region through end-of-life gifts can be found in our homes and real estate, personal belongings, investments, business holdings and elsewhere

That's the power to make dramatic improvements in areas vital to our region's future.

Come join the senior center on Thursdays at 9:00am for board and table games. We have Cribbage, Scrabble, Rummy, Rummikub, Monopoly, Dominoes, Yahtzee, puzzles, and many more. Bring your friends and your own games too!

Are you looking for assistance with shoveling your sidewalk or driveway? Here are some things to know before signing up to be paired with a volunteer through "HELP A NEIGHBOR BE A NEIGHBOR."

- You must have no resources (financial, friends, or family nearby) to assist you with snow shoveling.
- It is required that you live within Sandpoint City limits to be paired with a volunteer.
- You may not be paired with a volunteer immediately. Assistance requires a volunteer to sign up in your area.
- You must be at least 60yrs old or have a disability to qualify for



Contact Community Resource Envision Center (208) 920-1840 for more information





Do you need crutches, a walker or a bath seat? We have numerous items available for check-out! Bring us your gently used medical equipment as long as its clean! Thank you for your support.



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At Onsite for Seniors, you can be certain that your loved one is well cared for in a fun, stimulating, and safe environment. For more information or to schedule a visit to our fa-

cility, please call Marie at (208) 651-9060. Your first visit is free! Open Mon-Fri.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Art Classes- Wed 3:00
- **Board Games Thurs 9:00**
- Library every other Wed 11:00 1:00
- Bridge Tues 12:00
- Bunco Mon 12:30-1:30
- Cribbage Thurs 9:00-11:00
- Fit 'n Fall Proof Mon & Thurs 3:00
- Board Meeting is on Friday 2/17 at 10:30am. Open to the public
- Blood Pressure checks Thurs at 11:00 if EMTs are available
- Free chair massage by appt Wed 2/8
- Bingo Fundraiser 2/11 lunch at 12:00. Play begins 1:00
- Historic "sing-a-long" Thurs 2/16 12:00. Roy Rogers & Dale Evans
- Old Time Fiddler Jam 2/25 3:00
- LHG Herbal Night-Sun 2/26 3:00



Volunteer drivers needed! For more information call 208-263-6860 Alzheimer's Support Groups for Families, Caregivers and Friends of those with Dementia, Alzheimer's, and memory challenges will now be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1 - 2:30pm at the Tango Café Meeting Room (We are in the back part of the meeting room with the divider) of the Columbia Bank Building located at 414 Church St.

Call Facilitator, Jan Griffitts 208.290.1973



We are excited to announce the arrival of Delilah!

Delilah is Gordy's first grandbaby.

Born January 1st 2023

Our dining room is open!

Carry out meals are NO longer available. Sorry

As always, please call the day before or no later than 9:30 the day of Mon- Thurs to reserve your meal.

Friday Breakfast reservations need to be made no later than Thursdays at 3:00pm

Thank you for your consideration.

Bonner Partners in Care 2101 Pine St. Sandpoint, ID 83864



Did you know that the Bonner Partners in Care offer free health screenings on the first Tuesday of every month?

Care is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis and the doors open at 5:30 so patients are encouraged to arrive by 5pm.

Have you moved or changed phone numbers?

PLEASE make sure we have your correct information!

Like us on Facebook!

https://www.facebook.com/SASiSeniors/

Hindsight

I said to you, "Oh, please be mine;
Be mine forever, Valentine."
I must have seemed like quite a fool,
Although I thought I was being cool.

I swore that we would never part,
As I put my hand upon my heart.
Had I been thinking with my head,
I probably would have fled instead.



BIRTHDAY

Kathy Osborne 2/6

Gary Pietch 2/16

Norma White 2/6

Bruce Shelly 2/19

Rick Bivins 2/9

James Mendenhall 2/19

Jan Stolz 2/11

Olivia Papa 2/19

Vivian Borgardus 2/11

Jan Griffitts 2/25

Kevin Henshall 2/12

Katie Moore 2/26

Suzi Yeagar 2/13

Betty Whipple 2/15



🧩 SASi Wish List

Volunteers for dining room help.

Need volunteer drivers Mon-Fri.

Your ideas for activities you'd like to see here.

Menu ideas for Lunch and Breakfast

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Get Free at-home Covid-19 tests

Residential households in the U.S. can order two sets of #4 free at-home tests from USPS.com.

https://special.usps.com/testkits

Thank you everyone for all the generous donations that we have received in response to our holiday letter fundraiser.

Thank you Juliet for once again offering free haircuts in January .

Thank you Nick Johnson for clearing ice and snow to help create more parking spaces.

Thank you Christopher Lunde for having your second grade class from Waldorf School visit the senior center for a musical presentation!





Are you a solo ager and would like some assistance at home or maybe someone to visit with? If so, then please call the PHD's Senior Companions Program. A senior will be assigned to assist with light chores, errands, appointments, and/or playing games 2-3 hours per day, 2-3 days per week.

Please call Dan Perry at 208-415-5177.

This program is completely free of charge.



Tax Return help this year will not be hosted at the Sandpoint Senior Center. They will be at Sandpoint Library starting Feb 6th—April 12th Mondays and Wednesdays on a first come first serve. Sandpoint library is located at 1407 Cedar St.

They can be reached at (208) 263-6930 for any questions

Thank you generous supporters!! Find names and logos from donor organizations at www.sandpointareaseniors.org/community-support/

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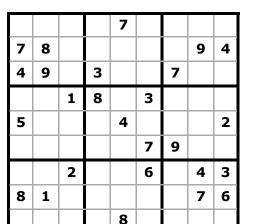
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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so each row, Column and 3-by-3 box (in bold

borders)

Contains every digit from 1-9. For strategies on solving Sudoku, visitSudoku.org.uk. Level :moderate



SASI SPOTLIGHT



Once again, we are going to begin spotlighting our seniors. We are starting this month with spotlighting **LOLA RAINEY.** Lola recently celebrated her 90th birthday. We interviewed Lola and would like to share that interview.

Lola was born in Spokane and resided there until she was five years old, when the family moved to Priest Lake. Lola attended school in a one-room school house until she graduated from the 8th grade. During the last two years in grade school, she rode her horse to school and she was the only student in her 8th grade class.



In order to attend high school, Lola had to board with a family in Priest River, as her family lived forty miles from there. Lola graduated in 1950 and then returned to Priest Lake where she worked in her family's gas station and grocery store. She met her first husband who was in construction and they married in 1953. Lola remained at home while raising three children, Mark, Dell and Susan Hatch. When they became teenagers, Lola decided to obtain her real estate license in Priest Lake. Her husband joined her in the company.

In 1969, she married Erval Rainey. He worked at Northern Lights and they moved to Sandpoint that year. Lola stayed in the real estate field and in a few years, started her own real estate company, Kaniksu Realty. After five years, she sold the company and retired in order to travel with Erval when his work took him to such places as New Orleans, Washington DC and Philadelphia.

Lola and Erval began attending the Senior Center more than 15 years ago. In retirement, Lola took up bridge and golfed. She has a passion for arrowhead hunting and antiquing. Erval was helped during his journey with Alzheimer's by attending the Senior Center and Lola benefited from the support group and the wonderful friendships she started there.

Lola has been blessed to have family close – her daughter in Hope, her son in Coeur d'alene and another son in Canada. She is also blessed with two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Lola says that one of the best parts of coming to the Senior Center is the socialization. Add to that the amazing people and food and Lola said she doesn't know what she would do without the Senior Center.

Loris Michael, Board Member



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