



SEPTEMBER

Newsletter
September 2026

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SENIORS, INC.

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83864

Mon-Thurs 8:00-3:00
Fri 8:00- 12:00
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Mon-Thurs 8:00- 10:30 &
12:30 - 2:30

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 on-site and through home delivery as well as providing a gathering place and informational site for social, recreational, and wellness programs.

Need a meal delivered to your home or connecting elder services in the area? Call for more information!

Check out our website

www.sandpointareaseniors.org
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SANDPOINT AREA SENIORS PRESENTS



Watch seven acclaimed local artists create original works live while you enjoy an unforgettable evening of art, music and connection.

Art Alive is a fundraiser for Sandpoint Area Seniors. The evening culminates in a live art auction, with proceeds supporting Sandpoint Area Seniors and the programs that nourish, enrich, and connect older adults in our community.



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

4:45 - 8:15 PM



LITTLE PANIDA THEATER

PANIDA
THEATER



TICKETS: \$75

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ARTISTS

JEANINE ASCHE
SUSIE SNIDER
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PENNY OTTLEY
RANDY WILHELM
MARISNAH RUNGE

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Please welcome William Brasch to SASi as our new Development Director!

Hello SASi family and community,

I am excited and grateful to introduce myself as the new Development Director for Sandpoint Area Seniors. My family and I recently relocated to this beautiful community to be closer to family and to raise our children in a place where we can build lasting relationships and put down roots.

I am a Western Washington native and have spent my career focused on serving others. Most recently, I worked as a Development Officer for a nonprofit supporting at-risk and homeless youth. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue my nonprofit journey with SASi, serving another incredible and deserving population.

Service has always been a major part of who I am. As a Christian, I believe I am called to use my gifts to serve others and strengthen the communities around me. I have a deep passion for bringing people together, building relationships, and finding ways to help. My hope is to become someone in this community who is known, trusted, and always willing to lend a hand.

My journey to nonprofit work began with my first passion: food. From a young age, I dreamed of becoming a chef, which led me to Johnson & Wales University in Denver, Colorado, where I learned degrees in Culinary Arts and Culinary Nutrition. While I loved cooking, I discovered that what I loved most was the opportunity to care for people and bring joy through food. That realization eventually led me to pursue my Master's Degree in Business Administration and a career focused on serving others.

My greatest joy is my family. My wife, Hayley, and I are high school sweethearts, and together we are raising our five children: Liam (8), Magnolia (6), Poppy (2), Gideon (1), and Rosemary, our newest addition. While life is busy, we love spending time together exploring, creating memories, and enjoying the beauty around us. In my free time, I enjoy relaxing by the water, taking adventures with my kids, and exploring the amazing trails and outdoor spaces Sandpoint has to offer. I am excited to call this place home and look forward to connecting with many of you as we work together to support the seniors who have helped build this wonderful community.

Thank you for welcoming my family and me to Sandpoint. I look forward to meeting you!

William Brasch
Development Director



We had a great time at SASi Uncorked!



Kudos to the following for helping make this event successful.

Josh Midkirk (Tastevin Wine), Cathy Plank & Holland Stevens (7B Wine Club),

Lindsey Hughes, Robbie Gleason, Linda Zinn, Nikki Klein, Judy McComish, Weslie Kary, Russ Tomlin, Avi Vachon, Joann & Chuck Munch. Special thank you to everyone who attended and donated.



ANNUAL ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



September is the time for the annual election for the SASi Board of Directors! Currently, there are 5 positions open. If you are interested in applying or wish to nominate someone for consideration, please submit a Letter of Interest to Lindsey Hughes, Board President, by August 27th. In order to be an eligible candidate you must be 21 years of age and a Bonner County resident.

The election process is as follows:

- Thursday, September 10: A Candidate Forum will be held at 12 noon, immediately following lunch. Candidates will introduce themselves to SASi participants and respond to questions from the audience.
- Thursday, September 10 – Thursday, September 17: Voting open to any SASi participant. Complete and turn in ballot at front desk.
- Friday, September 18: Results will be announced at Board meeting 10:30

Felt Class

Join Rae Lin Aller
from Creations
making driftwood
birds Thurs Sept 3rd
at 12:30. Cost is \$10.
Call 208-263-6860 to
rsvp your spot.



Free Tech/A.I. Help

Lindy Flynn is hosting free general tech help here at SASi. Bring in your devices at a first come first serve basis. Lindy specializes in troubleshooting.

Next class will be Tue 9/15 & Thurs 9/17 12:30-2:30

SASi UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Bridge Tues 12:30
- Bunco Mon 12:30 – 2:30
- Fit n Fall Proof Mon & Thurs 3:00-4:00
- Music with Dan-o Mon 11:00
- Open pool table Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30– 10:30
- Piano music w/Richard Sandall Tues 11:00-11:30
- Pinochle Wed 9:30 –11:30 & 12:00-3:00
- Blood Pressure checks Thurs at 11:00 if EMTs are available
- **Do you have a game you like to play but need a bigger space to host? We have the space. If interested please call 208-263-6860.**

SAVE THE DATES

- Felt making class Thurs 9/3 12:30
- Old Time Fiddler Jam Sat 9/5 2:00-4:00
- Closed Mon 9/7 for Labor Day
- Geezer Forum Tue 9/8 2:30 at Marigold Bistro Cafe
- Board Elections
9/10 Candidate forum 12:00
9/10 – 9/17 Voting open
9/18 Results announced
- Live Art Show “Art Alive” at the Panida Sat 9/12 4:45- 8:15pm. See flyer.
- Tech Help Tue 9/15 & Thurs 9/17 12:30-2:30
- Board Meeting is on Fri 9/18 at 10:30
Open to the public.
- Birthday Thursday 9/24 at 11:30
50/50 Results announced
- Breakfast Fundraiser Fri 9/25 8:30 with reservations. \$10 charge
- Bingo Sat 9/26 Doors Open 12:30 Play begins 1:00
- Art Classes starting Wed 10/2 12:30– 2:30
More info to come

Board of Directors

President: **Lindsey Hughes**
Vice President: **Weslie Kary**
Secretary: **Judy McComish**
Treasurer: **Kellie Dryden**

Jane Evans
Robbie Gleason
Joann Munch
Sue Poppino
Linda Zinn

SASi Staff

Operations Manager & Meal Coordinator: **Jessie Vachon**
Development Director: **William Brasch**
Finance Manager: **Nancy Savage**
Administrative Assistant: **Arie Sykes**
Head Chef: **Brenda Curtis**
Sous Chef: **Lisa Tucker**
Custodian: **Brad Webb**
Nutritional Assistants: **Nova Dodd, Kristi Coldsnow**
Volunteer Coordinator: **Sue Poppino**

Senior Companion Program

The Senior Companions Program is a volunteer program that provides companionship and respite care to the elderly and disabled. Sponsored by Panhandle Health District, it serves the five northern counties: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, and Shoshone. It allows low income senior volunteers an opportunity to assist those who need minor help to continue living independently. Senior Companions visit clients in their homes, but it is not an in-home care program. We are always seeking volunteers to assist with companionship for this fun and rewarding program!

If interested in becoming a senior companion or are needing a companion please contact Dan Perry at 208-415-5177 or www.seniorcompanionsidaho.org

Alzheimer's Support Groups

For Families, Caregivers and Friends of those with Dementia, Alzheimer's, and memory challenges meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1 - 2:30 pm at the Marigold Bistro Meeting Room located at 414 Church St. Call Facilitator, Jan Griffiths 208.290.1973

SASi Dining Room Lunch

Lunch is served Mon-Thurs at 11:30

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

Lunch Price: Registered Seniors 60yrs and older: \$7 suggested donation. NON-registered and guests under age 60: \$10 charge (mandatory)

We have salad bar Mon- Wed at 11:00.

*Next breakfast is **Fri Sept 25th** at 8:30*



MONTHLY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Guest Chef
Wendy Franck
from the Hoot Owl

Last Friday of Each Month \$10 Per Person

8:30 AM All Ages Welcome!

Reservations are required and will not be accepted after 3 pm on the Thursday before breakfast. Please call (208) 263-6860 to make your reservation today. Limited Seating.

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Linda Davis 9/1	Caroline Morley 9/15
Winnie Bredy 9/1	Yvette Million 9/16
Jeri Jackson 9/2	Shawn Rowan 9/18
Walter McGervey 9/4	Elaine Farrar 9/20
Dan Haley 9/5	Val Griggs 9/20
Christine Moon 9/6	Judy Labrie 9/21
Shelley Munson 9/6	JJ Forster Webb 9/22
Ron Bricker 9/7	Gary Eastlund 9/23
Jeff Hazel 9/10	Bob Gooby 9/23
Myra Davis 9/11	JoAnn Sims 9/23
Brenda Stowell 9/11	Carol Brunkow-Anaya 9/26
Pamela Haussler 9/12	Gayle Williams 9/26
Ann Nichols 9/12	Robert Fontanilles 9/28
Janice Owens 9/13	Valerie Smith 9/28
Carol Smith 9/14	Julie Skinfill 9/29

SASi Wish List

Labels 1.75"x .5" PLS339	Fruit cups
Shipping Labels #ST18066	Store bought cookies
Address labels # 5160	Ground folgers coffee
Business cards ST12522 3.5X 2in	
Copy Paper 8.5 x 11	
Copy paper 11 x 17	
Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas themed disposable place-mats	
Scotch thermal laminating pouches 3mil letter size	
Individually packaged chips	
Individually wrapped chocolate candy for lobby	
Single size flavored coffee creamers	
Individually wrapped hot chocolate packets	
Individually wrapped apple cider packets	
Individually wrapped granola and fig bars	

KUDOS



- Linda Diffey for the chocolate.
- Patti Stark, Linda Diffey & Sally Sacht for helping with office work.
- Luther park & All Ways Caring for donating cookies.
- Anne Klein for the office supplies.
- Vicky Johnson for writing an article for us.
- Dana Dean for the food items.
- Congrats to our 50/50 winner Ted Farmin who won again.
- Bob Howard for the weather alert radio.
- Patti Stark for the office supplies, water, coffee & Spoons.
- Virginia Rowley for the fresh produce and eggs.
- Adele Martin for office labels.



SASi has an Amazon Wish List. You can find this on our website, search for "SASi Wish List" on amazon.com or type in <https://a.co/0haa9cf7>

Would you like to receive this newsletter *at home*?

Help us save paper and receive it free through *email*. Please provide your email address. Newsletters, menu, and activity calendar are also on our website at www.sandpointareaseniors.org We can mail it to you for \$24/year to cover printing and mailing.



Medical Equipment

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 and during business hours! *Mon-Thurs 8-10:30 am or 12:30-2:30 pm.*



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

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Support Sandpoint Area Seniors with a Yoke's eScrip community card.

- Visit Yoke's Market & request a Yoke's eScrip Community Card.

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Sandpoint Senior Center Inc Group ID# 500043338

SUDOKU

Fill the 9x9 grid so every row, column, and 3x3 box contains digits 1–9 without repetition.

For strategies on solving Sudoku, Visit Sudoku.org.uk. Level Hard

1						5	9	
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8			3					
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	1			4	9			3
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Kitchen Korner

We're Proud to Celebrate Excellence! ★

A huge congratulations to our incredible Chef Brenda Curtis, Sous Chef Lisa Tucker & Custodian Brad Webb for earning a Gold Star Award during our recent health inspection! 🌟

This achievement reflects the dedication, hard work, and commitment our kitchen team puts into maintaining the highest standards of food safety, cleanliness, and quality every single day.

We're proud to serve our community with care, and this recognition is a testament to the passion behind every meal we prepare.



Brenda Curtis, Brad Webb & Lisa Tucker



SASi crew having fun

Volunteer Sally Sacht and Nutritional Assistant Nova Dodd taking a break from all their hard work to sneak in a quick dance.



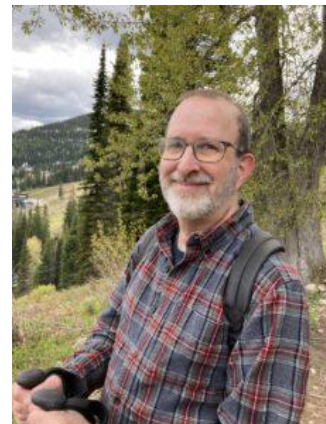
Sally Sacht & Nova Dodd
Picture credit Patti Stark

Geezer Forum

Please join Johnathan Peel from Family Stewardship Services at our Geezer Forum about money and estate management. He will be there to answer questions and give advice.

Tue Sept 8th 2:30 at Marigold Bistro/ Cafe

You can check out his website at www.FamilyStewardshipServices.com



Jonathan Peel, CPA

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We appreciate all of your contributions, any size!

Sandpoint Area Seniors, inc. (SASi) is funded primarily through grants and *your donations!* We receive only partial reimbursement from the Area Agency on Aging of North Idaho. This funding covers approximately 1/3 the cost of our nutrition programs. SASi currently provides approximately 2,300 meals a month, both in-house and home-delivered throughout Bonner County.

The Senior Center is a Center for Social, Health, Educational Classes, and Events.

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