

## **Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce raffled \$12,500 for fundraising campaign.**

SPEARFISH, SD - Christy Finkbeiner won \$10,000 on Thursday, Sept. 27th from the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce Fundraising Raffle.

Finkbeiner of Spearfish, SD won \$10,000 after purchasing a \$50 raffle ticket on Tuesday, Sept. 25th. LeeAnn Triscori of Spearfish, SD won \$1,500, and Jeremy Schultes of Philip, SD won \$1,000.

The Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual fundraising raffle last Thursday. Over 500 tickets were sold. The winners were drawn at the September Gone Fishin' Mixer held at the the Black Hills State University Newman Center with co-hosts Phillips 66 Exit 14 and 8 and Killian's Food & Drink. Officer Dustin Bush of the Spearfish Police Department drew the winning names. The winners were not present.

The Chamber's fundraising efforts contribute to projects outside the membership base. The raised funds supplement programs, such as, promoting Live, Play, Shop Local Campaign, welcoming new residents and businesses, growing our future workforce, and serving as the voice of the business on the local, regional, and state levels.

Executive Director of the Chamber, Melissa Barth said, "the board of directors and staff are extremely grateful for everyone's support during our fundraiser. We all love what we do, and we couldn't do it without the support of the community."

Finkbeiner walked into the Chamber the next morning to pick up her \$10,000 check. She recently had repairs on the family ranch back by Isabel, SD. The money will help recoup some of those expenses, as well as, a nice dinner with her parents whom she is visiting next week. Chamber Board member, Chris Davis of the NHTC, called to sell Finkbeiner a ticket. The phone number was actually Finkbeiner's son. He relayed the message, and Finkbeiner came in with her grandson to support the Chamber. She said with a laugh, "Just because my son took the phone call doesn't mean he gets any." Finkbeiner retired in July from the Northern Hills Training Center after 10 years employment.

Triscori bought her ticket the Tuesday before the raffle when Tammy McDaniel, Office and Finance Coordinator of the Chamber, went to sell tickets at Black Hills Federal Credit Union. Triscori said the money is going towards her trip back to Ireland this summer. On day two of her trip to Ireland this year, they had to leave unexpectedly. She is excited to go back and explore the many castles.

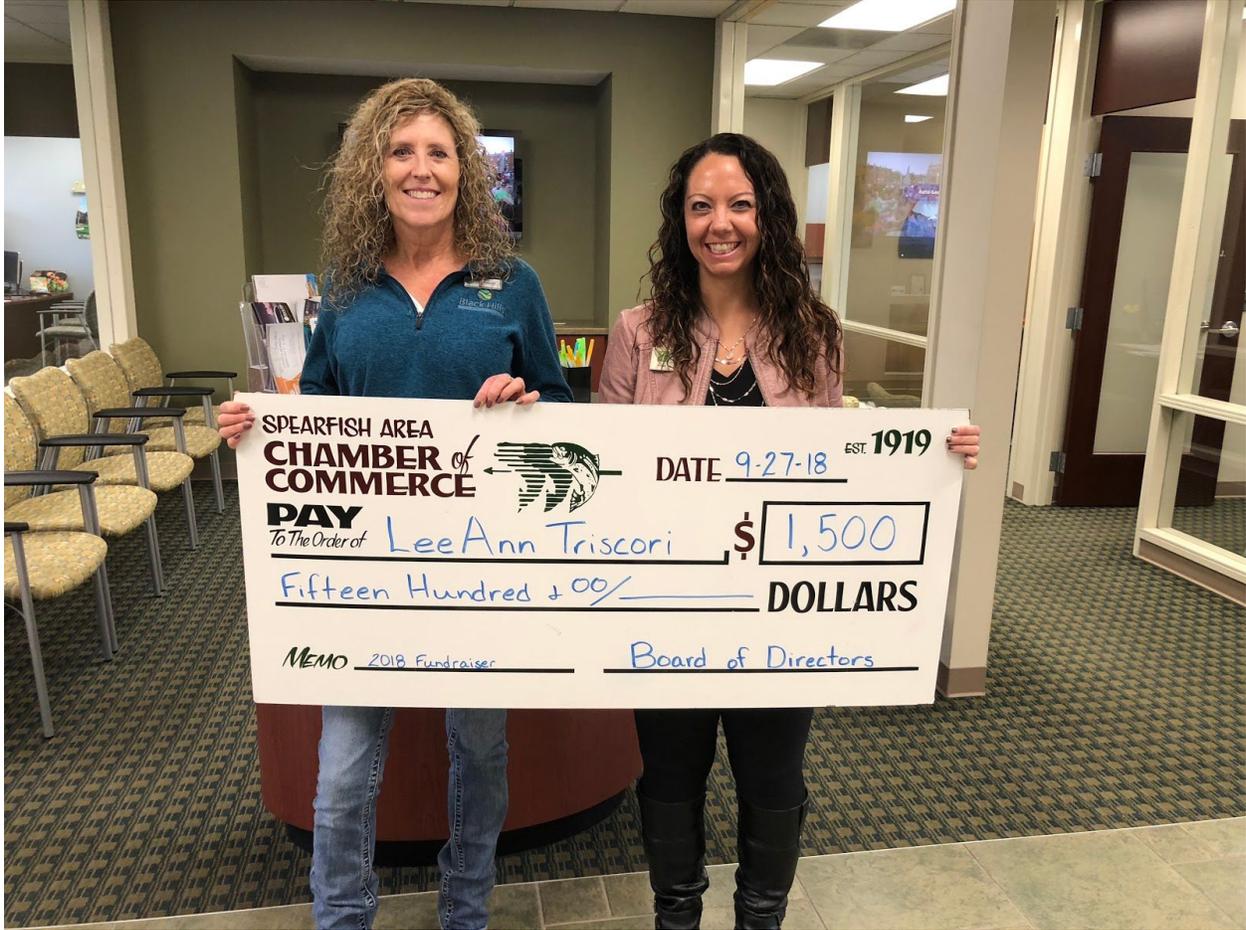
Schultes bought his ticket the Wednesday before the raffle drawing. He was in town for the ribbon cutting for Sandstone Senior Living. Schultes is part owner of the assisted living and independent senior housing, which recently joined the Chamber. Schultes is a former Spearfish resident, and he was the Administrator and CEO for the David M. Dorsett Healthcare Community for 11 years. He and his wife Holly are frequently in Spearfish and consider Spearfish home.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Chamber during the fundraising campaign.

Photo captions:



*Finkbeiner was awarded the check from Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chair Angie Black.*



*Triscori was awarded her winnings from Chair Angie Black of the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.*