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MARCH 2025

Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter



Spearfish Senior Center
Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2025



Present: President Ginger Childers, Vice President Taffy Tucker, Secretary Jane Rutherford, Dennis Dahl, Marla Loken, Carol Vercoe, Doug Schmit, Treasurer Alyce Harich, and Executive Director Stephanie Crago. Carol Hess and LeRoy Lanphere were absent. The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Visitors: Jim Haeder and Dennis Walkins. Dennis, on behalf of the Historical Society, made a proposal to sell the projector screen in the Queen Hall from the Historical Society to the Senior Center for \$100. Taffy made a motion to purchase the screen, Marla seconded. All in favor. Jim presented a proposed plan for a new building.

Ways and Means: Building rental income for the month of January was \$395. February projected to be approximately \$465.

Director's Report: 7 new members signed up last month. We served 75 people for the February birthday luncheon and had 14 people celebrate their birthday. Income was \$527. Our January breakfast was huge, 123 people were served and deposit was \$430. 115 people attended Souper Starz in January and \$3,225 was raised for non-profit organizations. The last Souper Starz for the season will be held on March 18th. Medical equipment is going well and continues to be busy. We received a \$2,000. grant from Lawrence County.

Old Business: Doug reported that Dakota Insulation has not returned his calls and there is no estimate at this time to repair the insulating roof/ice buildup issues.

New Business: Doug reported that rejuvenating our maple wood floors has been looked at and no work is recommended at this time. A bid from The Goat Lawn Service LLC was received for removal of snow from the roof when it snows as well as removing snow from walkways and doors. Taffy made the motion to accept the bid. Doug seconded. All in favor. Member Alan Loken offered to remove built up snow and ice from the back parking lot when necessary. Dennis made a motion to offer Alan a Lifetime membership and bill the Senior Center for his services. Carol Vercoe seconded it. All in favor.

The board then moved to an Executive Session.
Meeting adjourned.

Jane Rutherford, Secretary



BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 9:30AM.
BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS.



CARAMEL ROLLS & COFFEE

Thursdays 8:30-10:30AM

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MONTHLY FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

**Saturday, MARCH 22nd
7:30am-10am**

MENU: Pancakes, sausage patty, scrambled eggs OR Biscuits with sausage gravy, scrambled eggs served with coffee & orange juice. \$8 donation.

Our breakfasts are open to the public, please bring your friends, family, & neighbors to this great fundraiser! Monthly breakfasts are a great opportunity to volunteer here at the center. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen Buchholz or Stephanie!



Make plans to attend the Fundraising Birthday Luncheon!

**MARCH 7th at
11:30AM**

MENU: Corned beef & cabbage, cornbread muffins, & dessert. \$8 donation for meal includes coffee!

- ❖ Guest Speaker: Amy Titjen with BH Energy Assistance Program
- ❖ Roses by Zonta for all members who are Birthday honorees!
- ❖ Special Music by Ivan Kloefkorn & Arne Koski.
- ❖ Members who celebrate a B-Day this month eat for **FREE!** Open to the public!

Northern Hills Retired School Personnel (NHRSP) meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 1pm here at our Senior Center. This is a great meeting open to anyone who retired from working in schools. They have a topic for each meeting and get together for a great social hour.

March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Reminder:

If school closes due to **INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS** the Senior Center is **ALSO CLOSED**, or if school starts **LATE**, the Center also opens **LATE**.

Also, beware of snow and ice in the parking lot! The parking lot has areas where when snow melts it turns to **ICE** overnight—be very careful! We do our best to keep sidewalks clear but ice in the parking lot does happen.

Please use extreme caution.
Everyone be safe this winter!



ART PARTY

Art & Crafts with the Wild Rose Traveling Art Shop: Friday March 21 from 10:00am-12:00.

Learn to make easy no sew Fabric Flowers and use them to make either a brooch or a wreath. \$20 per person to cover supplies. Please sign up by March 17th by calling Stephanie 605-642-2827.



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

MARCH 13th-15th 2025

13th 8AM-3PM

14th 8AM-3PM

15th 8AM-NOON



Quilt Raffle, Caramel Rolls on Thursday, Pies & Coffee will also be available.

The Rummage Sales are one of our biggest fundraisers, and we are in need of volunteers! If you could help out, please sign up. There are still many spots left to fill. Sign up is located in the Golden Age Hall. We couldn't do this without everyone pitching in!



**Crystal Bowl Sound Bath
Fri. March 21st at 2PM**

Hosted by: Carol Morgan certified Sound Practitioner. Carol's in-person practice has been experienced in Crete, Norway, England, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, Costa Rica, Bermuda, Sedona (AZ), Texas, California, South Carolina, North Dakota, and the Black Hills (SD). Take advantage of this opportunity to experience what a Sound Bath is right here at our Senior Center!

Tuesday, March 4, the Spearfish Area Historical Society's program is, "Elmore in Spearfish Canyon presented by Randy Hedge. The program begins at 7:00pm at the Senior Center. This program is open to the public. Please join us. Questions, call 605-641-8563



With deepest sympathy we announce the passing of our member Darlene Hoon. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.




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CLOSED Sat & Sun



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Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures of events!

Walking Club



Are you getting Spring Fever yet? Would you like to get in some Nature Walks this summer? Maybe tour a flower farm or a vegetable garden?

We want to offer a Walking Club to our members. Sharyl Jasper, former hiking group leader, has volunteered to assist with getting this Club started. In a Club, participants have input and assist with leading walking groups, planning outings, and managing the Club. If this interests you, please plan to attend the start up meeting on Tues. **MARCH 11th at 11AM.** If you cannot attend the meeting, let Stephanie know of your interest and provide contact information. We will get back to you.

Our first walk will be in early to mid-April. It will be light and local - and have benches along the path!! Now that's a great idea.



Happy Birthday to ALL our FEBRUARY members!



THANK YOU TO OUR LIFETIME MEMBERS

Janet Baker
Alietha Balo
Marilyn Breidenbach
Peggy Brengle
Diane Bryan
Roger & Karen Buchholz
Terry Cargin
Jim & Janice Clarkson
Daniel Crain
Dennis & Carole Dahl
Virgil & Vina Dodson
Alex Domkowski
Gerald & Beverly Draine
Loretta Endres
Billy Evans
Bonnie Fugate
Dora Jean Garlick
Mary Goehner
Jim Haeder
Marilyn Ham
Alyce Harich

Calvin & Mary Hayenga
Carol Hess
Stacey Hess
Arlene Hindbjorge
Ping Ho
Jane Holstein
Janie Humbracht
Peggy Humbracht
Harry & Gloria Hunt
Terry & Susan Hupp
Paul Jensen
Johnny & Shirley Johnson
Delores Johnson
Karol Johnson
Susan Johnson
Janelle Jones
Mary C Jones
Joe Jorgensen
Donna Juran
Lennis Larson
Alan & Marla Loken

Kathy & Kelvin Lower
JoAnn McCollam
Edith Miles
Arna Montgomery
Patricia Mundt
Carol Nicholas
John Opstedahl
Leo Orme
Dixie Parker
Karen Paycer
John Pochop
Debbie Plocek
Wilson Potterville
Janice Rowett
Harlan & Barb Schmidt
Audrey Schnabel
Kathleen Schneider
Randi Smith
Darlene Swartz
Paul & Mimi Swisher
Sharon Thorman

Joanne Vigoren
Connie Wagner
Sharon & Jim Walker
Pauline Wednt
Delcinne Wientjes
Jerry & Beverly Willer
Sherry Williams
Mary Wilson

Lifetime Membership is available for those 65 and over for \$300. This is a great investment, and a great donation to our Senior Center. Plus, you never have to pay your dues again! Lifetime Memberships make great gifts for family and friends. Give the gift of memories and friendship to those you love.

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025!

As many of you know, our Senior Center is non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. We strive to keep the cost of our membership at a minimum. The money from annual memberships supports our many projects & programs which do not create revenue on their own. Your support of our Senior Center means so much to us all! Thank you to everyone who continues to be a member!

Membership dues are \$35 for 2025. Annual Membership is from Jan-Dec 2025.



If you would like to use the Prairie Hills Transit bus to attend one of our events, please let Stephanie know. We have vouchers you can use to pay for your bus fee to get to and from the Senior Center. We thank Pioneer Bank & Trust for making this free transportation opportunity available to our members!

Discover a great dance experience!

Introduction to today's social square dancing. March 3rd 6:30PM at the Spearfish Senior Center. Sponsored by Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club of the Black Hills. All ages Welcome! FREE 12-week course. Casual attire, fun time, bring a friend, great exercise! This is a great way to meet new friends.

**For more info contact:
Kayleen Cassidy 605-645-2388
or Barb Johnson 605-641-5789**



Dakota Daughters – Wounded Knee Massacre, 1890 (Chautauqua) Presentation through the SD Humanities Council

Friday, March 28th 1PM

Join us for a FREE presentation that is open to the public. Dakota Daughters commemorated the 130-year anniversary of the December 29, 1890, Wounded Knee Massacre in 2020. Now, they look to the future of 2025 and beyond. They have made it a priority to tell this story throughout South Dakota by relaying historical information in an interesting, thought-provoking, entertaining and memorable way. The Dakota Daughters hope when people see their play, they will realize that although we all are unique – such as skin color, cultures, beliefs – deep down we are not all that different. Mitakuye Oyas'in – “We are all related.”

Looking for a place to hold your meeting or event? Our building can be rented for a reasonable fee. Contact the office to reserve a date!

Welcome New Members:

Susan Ames, Nancy McGuines, Glen & Connie Nicholas, Kandace MacKaben, Jane White, Michelle Hoffman, & Karen Holzer.

Board of Directors

Ginger Childers, President
Taffy Tucker, Vice President
Jane Rutherford, Secretary

Board Members

Doug Schmit Carol Hess
Dennis Dahl Marla Loken
Carol Vercoe LeRoy Lanphear

Alyce Harich, Treasurer
Stephanie Crago, Executive Director



WHEN: Tuesday March 18th 6-7PM

WHERE: Spearfish Senior Center

A community crowdfunding dinner
Open to the Public

How it works:

1. \$10 gets you soup and a vote. \$5 for students and children! Come eat dinner & support the dreamers in our community.
2. Listen to local people present about their dreams that need funding.
3. Each presenter has up to five minutes to share their ideas, nonprofit, business, etc.
4. The presenter with the most votes wins all of the money collected at the door!

President's Message:

"Volunteers, A Work of Heart"

I want to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who so selflessly pulls kitchen duty!

We've lost count of how many years that Roger and Karen Buchholz have been hosting our monthly breakfasts. They get up before sunrise to make this happen. And thank you to all of the volunteers who work this event.

Thanks to Carol Vercoe and her team for making magic happen on Caramel Roll Thursdays! This has become one of the largest income generators that our center has!

I also want to say a huge thank you to Taffy and French for the wonderful birthday luncheons that we all so enjoy! They have a super team of volunteers who help pull this off.

And, we can't forget "Cookie Connie" Hyde. I personally partake of freshly baked yummy cookies every chance I get.

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone and may the Luck O' the Irish be with you.

Ginger Childers

Interested in learning how to knit or crochet?



Yvonne Ficek is a certified instructor willing to give lessons to our members! If there is enough interest, lessons will start in April. Call Stephanie to sign up for this great opportunity! 605-642-2827

TECH HELP FOR SENIORS AVAILABLE:

- ❖ Every Tues in MARCH 9AM-11AM with Lindsay.
- ❖ Tues MARCH 4th 1-3PM with Bennett – must be signed up for this session (605-642-2827)



Keep using your Safeway cards! Last month we made \$455 just from people using their cards!! THANK YOU!!!

Safeway Community Giving Cards are FREE! Cards can be loaded with any amount up to \$500 & refill when needed. The card can be used to buy groceries AND gas. 5% of purchases made at ANY Safeway or Albertsons using the Community Giving Card is then returned to the Senior Center. This is a great fundraiser for our Center. The cards make great gifts!



Member Spotlight

*Carma Lee
McGrath*

Where did you grow up?

On a farm 1 ½ miles out of Wolsley, SD. Went 12 yrs at Wolsley School.

Education: 1 year at Northern University (state teachers when I went), 2 years at St Luke’s to become a Registered Radiologic Technician.

Family Members: Siblings: Edward & Lillian, Norman Eugene, Verda Marjorie, James Edward, Marilyn Ann; all deceased. Gerald Melvin and I are left.

Past Work: X-Ray Tech in Calif, Iowa, Deadwood, Lead, & Gillette. Worked for American Greetings, Crossing Guard, Aide to Trainable Mentally Handicapped. Server at different restaurants here in the Hills, Worked in insurance and Greentree/Conseco for 5 years. I always said it was a good thing I wasn’t a man because I like to change jobs every 9 months or 2 years – ha 😊

Hobbies/Interests: Music, playing cards, and my sweet dog Sadie who is 14 years old.

Current involvement in the Center: I Volunteer on Wednesday mornings as a Greeter/Helper. I play Whist, Pitch, Pinochle, and Bridge. I attend some of the breakfasts and luncheons. Used to help with baking and serving food in the kitchen.

Favorite activity at the Senior Center: Playing cards & volunteering.

How long have you been involved at the Senior Center? Since I moved to Spearfish in 2006.

Something we may not know about you: Too racy to tell – ha! 😊. Love to travel- been to Alaska, Hawaii, Tokyo Japan, Hong Kong China, Israel, Jordan. Used to sing at weddings and funerals. When I was 16, I won a music contest taking me to Ames, IA to Intual Wallther League Convention. Sang to 2,000 people. Won a lot of superiors in music.

What do you love most about the Senior Center: Card playing and love making friends and having friends.

MARCH 2025

INFORMATION REGARDING FREE TAX PREPARATION

Unfortunately, Black Hills State University will not offer tax preparation through the VITA program this year due to lack of staffing. There are two options in the area through Western South Dakota Community Action (still under the VITA program).

Call to make an appointment:

- Joe Castle in Lead call (605) 545-4156 (meets at Hearst Library in Lead)
- Judy in Belle Fourche call 1-800-327-1703 or (605) 348-1460 (meets in a satellite office in the basement of First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche, and there is an elevator.)

The VITA program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

Scoreboard JAN 2025

Whist	Betty W/Phil E./LeRoy L	44
Hand & Foot	Jerrilyn Brunette	17,750
10 Point Pitch	Phil Edwards	167
Bridge	Donna McLaughlin	5,240
BUNCO	Cindy Hadden	715
Wed Pinochle	Betty Weyrauch	7,620
Wed Mahjong	Jean Wallerstein	760
Wed Mahjong PM	Shelly Lechner	520
Texas Holdem	Connie Wagner	225
Dominoes	Debbie Plocek	142
Cribbage	Wendy Mayer	68
Thur Dup Bridge	Darleen Plunkett & Mary Ann Kortmeyer	65.00
Fri Pinochle	Jeanne Decker	7,620
Fri Mahjong	Sheila Kenny	670
Sat Dup Bridge	Jim Hoff & Judy Woodworth	70.00

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