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Senior Center Hours
Mon-Fri
8:30am-4pm

Medical Equipment
Availability
Mon-Fri
9am-Noon

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that Medical Equipment is
available. We have volunteers
available only during these
specified hours.

CLOSED Nov.
27th & 28th for
Thanksgiving
Holiday

NOVEMBER 2025

Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter

Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2025

Present: President Ginger Childers, Vice President Taffy Tucker, Secretary Jane Rutherford, Doug Schmit, Dennis Dahl, Marla Loken, Carol Hess, Carol Vercoe, LeRoy Lanphear, Roger Buchholz, Treasurer Alyce Harich, and Executive Director Stephanie Crago. 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: Steve Meeker with Crow Peak Consulting. Steve discussed the Feasibility Study and the results. Members Carole Dahl, Ken Kinghorn and Dale Donat also attended the meeting.

Ways and Means: Building rental income for the month of September was \$625. October will be approximately \$525.

Director's Report: 7 new members joined last month. There were 90 people for the birthday luncheon in October and 18 people celebrated their birthday. The new placemats have been printed. The last breakfast for 2025 will be served in October and begin again in January 2026. We received donations from two of our members to be put toward the new building fund. Our annual meeting and Turkey Dinner will be held on November 22nd.

Old Business: The board discussed repairing/replacing the floor in Queen Hall and postponed a decision until next month.

New Business: Dennis Dahl made a motion to remove Dennis Walkin's name from LPL Investments and replace with Stephanie. Marla seconded. All in favor. Doug made a motion to offer a \$100 Safeway gift card to Michael Kiefer as a "thank you" for mowing our lawn. Taffy seconded. All in favor. Stephanie requested a new, updated TV for Queen Hall.

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

*Limit of 4 rolls until 10:30am for take-out so we can make sure & have enough for everyone.

Open to the public!

Invite your neighbors, family, & friends!



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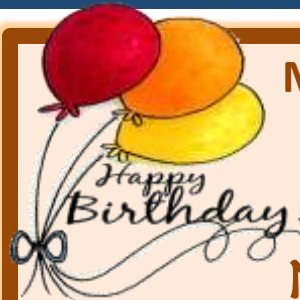
ANNUAL MEETING & TURKEY DINNER SATURDAY, NOV 22nd

Annual Meeting at 11AM
Meal to follow...



Turkey Dinner with all the fixings, coffee, & dessert for a donation of \$12. This is a great time to pay your annual membership dues, & vote for new board members.

We are needing volunteers for putting on this fundraiser; please consider helping. Call to sign up for the following jobs: set up, waitress, take down, clean up, & dish washing.
THANK YOU!



Make plans to attend the Fundraising Birthday Luncheon!

NOV 7th at 11:30AM

- ❖ **MENU:** Cranberry pecan chicken salad on croissant, mixed vegetables, & dessert for \$10 donation.
- ❖ Guest Speaker: Patty with Dakota at Home.
- ❖ Roses by Zonta for all members who are Birthday honorees!
- ❖ Free Perkins Pie drawing for B-day honoree
- ❖ Special Music by Ivan Kloefkorn & Arne Koski.
- ❖ Current members who celebrate a B-Day this month eat for **FREE!**
- ❖ Open to the public!



**Crystal Bowl Sound Baths
Hosted by Carol Morgan,
Certified Sound Practitioner**

Mon, Nov. 3rd at 1PM & Mon, Nov. 24th at 10AM

"My sound baths are a meditative experience where I use alchemy crystal bowls in conjunction with chant to bathe you in specific frequencies. My intention comes together with yours to create mental refreshment & the necessary space to heal & replenish."



CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE



SATURDAY NOV. 1st

9AM-2PM

**Caramel Rolls & Coffee served from
9AM-10:30AM**

**Jump start your CHRISTMAS
shopping, shop LOCAL, buy
something handmade from the
HEART ♥ & SUPPORT your
LOCAL SENIOR CENTER!**

Free admission – Open to the public!

**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!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the Fall Rummage Sale! The sale was a success and it wouldn't be possible without everyone's help. Thank you to those who baked pies. Big thank you to everyone who works in the back rummage room and helps organize and go through items on a daily basis. Your hard work is SO appreciated!!! Next Rummage Sale will be March 19-21st 2026.

Board Elections

The nominating committee has formed the ballot for Senior Center Board of Directors. We have 5 people running which include:

- Dennis Dahl
- Cindy Hadden
- Geney Holley
- Carol Hess
- Marla Loken

*Stop in to read
their bio's. Our
members will be
voting for 3 people.*

**Vote on November 22nd 9am-2pm at our
Annual Meeting /Turkey Dinner.** If you need to vote early, we will have ballots ready starting on Friday 11/1/25.

Hello/Goodbye to all our Snowbirds!

Hope you enjoy your warm winter-you will be missed! Remember to call the Senior Center to update your address if you have not already done so! See you in the Spring/Summer!



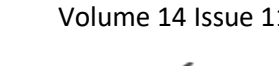
CONNECT THE



Coffee hour sponsored by our Senior Center for all veterans. This is from 8:30AM-10:30AM the 1st Wednesday of every month. Join us for this social hour and enjoy a free cup of coffee on Wed. Nov 5th. Open to all veterans not just members.

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November

A decorative graphic featuring a branch with autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, and several acorns, positioned behind the word "November".

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Senior Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm CLOSED Sat & Sun (Unless special event is scheduled)						1 Craft Fair & Bake Sale 9AM-2PM <u>Open to the public!</u>
2	3 8:30AM Exercise Group 1pm Sound Bath with Carol Morgan 1pmQuilter/Crafters	4 9:30-11AM Chorus 12:30-1:30pm Advanced Line Dancing 1:45-2:45pm Beginning Line Dancing 7PM Historical Society 'BH Expedition of 1875'	5 9AM Rummage Sale Meeting 10am Improver Line Dancing 11am-11:45am Challenge Routines 1pm Texas Holdem 5pm QH Rental MOH	6 9-10am Intermediate Line Dancing 10:30AM Full body Exercise w/Odessa 12:30pm Dominoes	7 Birthday Luncheon 11:30AM <i>Guest Speaker: Patty with Dakota at Home</i> Better Breathers 1:30PM	8 Queen Hall Rental
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Check out our Facebook page for more pictures of events!

NEW - Youth Outreach

Our Senior Center was contacted by a local school with youth wanting to learn how to play Cribbage & Chess. This opportunity will take place on a Tues & Thurs in November. Dates & times will be announced ASAP. The youth that we will be teaching are in grades 8th – high school. If you would be willing to teach one of these games, please let Stephanie know. We need at least 4-5 seniors who are willing to volunteer an hour for this great program.



Happy Birthday to ALL our OCTOBER members!

Wed. Nov. 5th at 9AM will be a rummage sale meeting. This meeting is open to all who volunteered during our sale. Please join us as we share input to keep our sales running smoothly.



**Let's meet
at Arby's
for supper!**

Don't cook, let's eat out on Monday **Nov. 10th between 4-7PM**. A percentage of sales will go to our Senior Center!

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. If you don't want to dine in, you can also go through drive through.

**November 17th is the Senior Center's
53rd Anniversary!**



**Our Senior Center is
hosting a Blood Drive!
Monday, Nov. 10th
12pm-4pm**

Let's save lives together! All blood types are needed. Please schedule your blood donation appointment online at www.donors.vitalant.org and enter the blood drive code:100562892. Contact Jennifer at jash@vitalant.org or 605-858-1158 (call/text) with any questions. Earn a \$10 gift card through the Donor Rewards Program. *Visit vitalant.org/ReferaFriend for details. For more information visit us at vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825. Because of you, life doesn't stop. GIVE BLOOD | vitalant.org



We are in GREAT NEED setting up tables & chairs & taking down for our fundraisers & events. If we cannot find people who are able to help, we may have to cancel some of our functions in the future. If you are able to help please let Stephanie know 605-642-2827.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS RENEWING THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026!

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!

If you pay your membership before Jan 1st 2026 you will receive a FREE Breakfast in January!

President's Message

November is a time to be thankful, remember good times, and embrace those who enrich our lives. I am thankful for a lot of things, but I am most thankful for all of you. Wishing you a Thanksgiving full of love and blessings. Happy Thanksgiving!

Ginger



Tech Help with Lindsay Kline every Tues. 9am-11am. Free for Senior Center members!

For more info you can contact Lindsay directly at 605-644-6684 or email her at:

support@klinetechconsulting.com

Thank you, Lindsay for volunteering your time to our organization!

Board of Directors

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

Board Members

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

Alyce Harich, Treasurer
Stephanie Crago, Executive Director

Historical Society meeting 11/4/25 7PM.
Program is 'BH Expedition of 1875' by Bill Coburn. Open to the public!

Rummage Sale Meeting

Wednesday Nov 5th 2025
9AM Queen Hall

Anyone who helped with the rummage sale is invited to come & discuss all things related to the rummage sale to help us improve!



Medicare Part D Plan Enrollment Assistance

SHIINE volunteers will assist Medicare beneficiaries with prescription drug plan comparisons, FREE of charge, and information needed to make informed decisions and/or enroll in a new plan.

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Scoreboard SEPT 2025

Whist	Irene Zacher & Betty Weyrauch	46
Hand & Foot	Tony Brunette	18,400
10 Point Pitch AM	Betty Weyrauch	206
10 Point Pitch PM	Sherry Crowder	179
Bridge	Joan DeWall	4,660
BUNCO	Della Hall	773
Wed Pinochle	Phil Edwards	8,000
Wed Mahjong	Jerene Lanka	250
Wed Mahjong PM	Toni Thorman	650
Texas Holdem	Becky Loll	275
Dominoes	Ruan	280
Cribbage	Jean Dirk	73
Thur Dup Bridge	Mike & Betty Weiss	70.00
Fri Pinochle	Ping Ho	7,440
Fri Mahjong	Sheila Kenny	800
Sat Dup Bridge	Bill & Dianne Craig	68.06

SENIOR CENTER CURRENT NUMBER OF PAID MEMBERS AS OF 10/24/25:

578

AMAZING! We just keep growing each year!



Keep using your Safeway cards! Last month we made \$115 just from people using their cards. Every purchase helps!

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. 3% 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.

Welcome New Members:

Marti Collins, Bill & Carol Coburn,
Doug Markworth, & Cecilia Percy.

SPEARFISH SENIOR CENTER MISSION STATEMENT:

The Spearfish Senior Center is a non-profit organization committed to providing recreational, social, and educational opportunities for adults over fifty years of age.

Member Spotlight

November 2025

Send a note to someone you love!

Jane Nichols

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, Weight training at the Spearfish rec center, hiking in the hills, x-country skiing, & line dancing.



Family Members: I was raised in a family of 15 children, 3 boys and 12 girls (Catholic). Now you know why I talk so loud. I was the 9th child. There are 12 of us remaining. My oldest sister is 76 years of age, & my youngest sister is 53 years old. My only remaining brother lives in New Hampshire, one sister in Minnesota, me in South Dakota, & the rest in North Dakota. My Father turned 100 years old on October 22, 2025. My Mother passed away in June of 2022 at the age of 94. I have one son Alex who lives in Maui (42 years old & single), & 3 children & 7 grandchildren acquired through marriage. My husband Mark passed away in 2010. I am currently in a relationship.

Where did you grow up: I grew up on a farm 10 miles South of Dickinson, ND. We were dairy farmers, so essentially the family was tied down with milking cows. We did not venture too far from the farm, so there were not any family vacations. Summers were spent haying, weeding garden, hoeing trees & butchering chickens. For recreation we hung out with the neighbors, swimming in the creek in summer, & ice skating in winter. One of my brothers did not like onions, but loved mashed potatoes, so essentially meals were onion-less & 2 out of 3 meals a day would be mashed potatoes. Males received preferential treatment. Back then there were not any SUV's or "Soccer Mom" vehicles so a station wagon was our mode of transportation.

Past Work or Past Highlights: I went to the University of ND for 1 year and spent another year at a business college in Grand Forks, ND. In late 1979 I moved to Gillette, WY to work for Pacific Power & Light, a coal-fired Power Plant 5 miles East of Gillette. I had various positions during my 39 years with the company. I started out as a laborer, then moved up to the Operations dept, then transferred to the Electrical Shop in 1995 as an electrical apprentice. Four years later I was a Power Plant Electrician. I retired in Feb 2019 at 60 years of age.

Something we may not know about you: I skydived when I was 21 years of age right here at the Spearfish Airport. We had to practice 'rolling' all day (wanted you to know how to roll as you hit the ground) because the wind was not right for skydiving. So we FINALLY jumped out of the plane at dusk. I couldn't really see where to land so I ended up in a field not too far from the airport. That was also my first time in an airplane. I always tell people you would've jumped too if you saw the condition of the plane...just kidding.

Current Involvement in the Senior Center: I teach an Improver line dancing class on Weds mornings & help out with rummage sales.

Favorite Activity at the Senior Center: Line Dancing

What do you like most about the Senior Center: The members who always greet you with a BIG smile!

Need Greeting Cards?
Check our assortment of greeting cards! Cards are available for a donation.
Stop in & take a look!

Christmas Cookie Walk
will be on Saturday Dec
20th 8AM-11AM. We
will be selling cookies
by the pound. We
welcome cookie
donations leading up to
this date, & we have
freezer room if needed.

THANK YOU!



**Looking for a place
to hold your
meeting or event?**
Our building can be
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Annual Meeting/Turkey Dinner NOV 22nd



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of pictures & updates posted!

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