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

**Medical Equipment**  
**Availability**  
**Mon-Fri**  
**9am-Noon**

**CLOSED DEC.**  
**25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>, &**  
**Jan 1<sup>st</sup> for Holidays**



## DECEMBER 2025

### Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter



#### Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**Present:** President Ginger Childers, Vice President Taffy Tucker, Secretary Jane Rutherford, Dennis Dahl, Marla Loken, Carol Vercoe, Doug Schmit, Carol Hess, LeRoy Lanphear, 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:** Member Carole Dahl also attended the meeting.

**Ways and Means:** Building rental income for the month of October was \$655. November will be approximately \$300.

**Director's Report:** Five new members joined in October. The November birthday luncheon was good and had a great turnout. The Craft Fair and Bake Sale went well. The new placemats were printed and are now being used. The Vets Coffee will continue the first Wednesday of each month. There will be no monthly breakfasts in November or December. We will resume our monthly breakfast again in January 2026.

**Old Business:** Taffy made a motion to replace the flooring in Queen Hall. Carol Vercoe seconded. All in favor. The work will begin on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The LPL Investment account was updated.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Marla to upgrade Alice and Stephanie's computers. Taffy seconded. All in favor. A new 55" TV and soundbar was purchased for Queen Hall. Carol Vercoe made a motion to move money set aside for the building fund to a current CD for the building fund. Carol Hess seconded. All in favor. Ginger recommended putting a "Campaign Steering Committee" together for our new building.

The Board then moved to an Executive Session.

The Board then returned to its Regular Session.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane Rutherford, *Secretary*



**Board Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 9:30AM.**  
**Board Meetings are open to all Senior Center Members.**



## CARAMEL ROLLS & COFFEE SOCIAL HOUR

**Thursdays 8:30-10:30AM**

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

**NO ROLLS on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> or Jan 1<sup>st</sup> due to Holidays**

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## COOKIE WALK

**SATURDAY, DEC 20<sup>th</sup>**



Doors Open at 8AM  
Will sell until 11AM  
(or until we run out!)



We are in need of people to bake one batch of decorated Christmas cookies or candies (keep in mind that chocolate chip, rice crispy treats, etc. do not sell well at the Cookie Walk). Please deliver your cookies/candies by 2pm Friday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. We also take donations if you do not wish to bake. All help with this fundraiser is appreciated!  
**THANK YOU!**



**Make plans to attend  
the Fundraising  
Birthday Luncheon!  
DEC 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM**

- ❖ MENU: Beef stew, cornbread muffins, dessert, & coffee.
- ❖ Special Entertainment: Senior Chorus
- ❖ 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 & are entered in a FREE Pie Certificate donated by PERKINS!**

We are looking for people to call to remind people of Cookie Walk & to see if they will be able to bake cookies this year. If this is something you could help with, please let Stephanie know! We also have other volunteer opportunities for the Cookie Walk, please let us know if you would like to help with this fundraiser. **THANK YOU!**

Would you like the monthly newsletter e-mailed to you? If so, e-mail us at  
[srcenternewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:srcenternewsletter@gmail.com)





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**Monument Health will be available on Saturday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 8AM-10AM for FREE Health Screenings to the public. Stop by and get your health assessed!**



**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](mailto:support@klinetechconsulting.com)  
Thank you, Lindsay for volunteering your time to our organization!

**Not only does our Senior Center Chorus sing here at our Center, they also sing throughout the community! Below is their schedule.**

**Tues., Nov 18- Elder Wisdom, Spearfish High School, 6PM**  
**Fri., Dec 5 - sing at Senior Center Christmas Luncheon 11:30**  
**Thurs., Dec 11 - Our Savior Lutheran Church, 11:30AM\***  
**Thurs., Dec 11 – Edgewood Senior Living, 2:30PM\***  
**Mon., Dec 15 - Peaceful Pines, 2:30PM**  
**Tues., Dec 30 - Choir Holiday Party**

**\* two performance in one day**



Lennis Larson had a creative time with Wendy at the Traveling Art Party. These Art Parties are a great time to try something new!



**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!***

**Congratulations to our 3 Board Members who were re-elected for 2026:**

**Dennis Dahl, Carol Hess, & Marla Loken.**

**We want to thank everyone who ran for the Board of Directors. All were great candidates. We are so thankful to have people willing to run on the board for our organization. Our Board members are the guiding force for this dynamic organization. Their services ensure our Senior Center stays active!**  
**Thank You!**

IN LOVING ♥  
*Memory*

We are saddened to hear of the loss of Mary Opstedahl, Donna Bowman, & Eileen Nichols. Our deepest condolences are sent out to their families and friends during this time of loss.





# Senior Center Hours:

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December 2025

Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures of events!



Surprise guests during caramel rolls to play us their harmonica's! Recognize them?? (Arne Koski & his son Bob Koski) ☺



Happy Birthday to ALL our NOVEMBER members!



Sip-N-Paint pARTies on the Go with Heidi! Our next canvas paint class is scheduled for Thurs Dec. 4th at 1pm. Call to sign up 605-642-2827.



6 **THANK YOU, Mark Meyer with Spearfish Insurance Brokerage for treating us all to caramel rolls!**



**LeRoy Lanphear reeling in some great deals during our Rummage Sale!**



**Our Senior Center had a very successful first blood drive!**

**We had 28 donors register at the blood drive & 24 were able to donate successfully.**

- 3 were first time donors!
- 21 whole blood
- 2 power red aka doubles = 4 units
- 1 plasma

**Our goal was to collect at least 24 units & we collected 25 Red Cell units + 1 plasma! Such a great blood drive!**

**It was a great opportunity to partner with Vitalant to help save lives. BIG thank you to our member Jerri Keifer who helped set up this important event. Also, big thank you to Lindsay Kline who donated a gift certificate for tech help, and the Stadium in Spearfish for donating a gift certificate.**

## **Thank you to all our Turkey Dinner volunteers!**

We appreciate everyone who helped make this fundraiser possible! We had a great turn out! Cooking all those turkeys & preparing all the sides is NOT an easy task. Special thanks to all the cooks including Taffy Tucker & French Bryan who cooked all the turkeys. Thank you to Karen Buchholz for managing all the fixings for the meal. Thank you for all the kitchen & dining room helpers, decorators, AND the people who set up ALL those tables and chairs! Lots of work! We have had lots of compliments on how delicious the meal was. Great job, & again,  
**THANK YOU!**

### **Spearfish Area Historical Society Program**

Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00pm is the SAHS program, "Origins of the Northern Hills Gold Rush," with Chris Hills. The program is at the Spearfish Senior Center. This is open to the public with membership available. Questions, call 605-641-8563.

**Arby's Fundraiser raised \$262.21  
Thank you to everyone who dined out  
to benefit our organization!**

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 you will receive a FREE Breakfast on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026!**

**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!**

**No Activities in the Queen Hall  
due to new flooring being put  
in from Dec 8<sup>th</sup>-Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank  
you for your cooperation!**

**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.



### **Board of Directors**

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

### **Board Members**

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

Alyce Harich, Treasurer  
Stephanie Crago, Executive Director



## Dementia Dialogues hosted by: Highland Senior Solutions 'Watch Party'

Join us for a *free* 5 module educational series designed to help community members & caregivers to better understand Alzheimer's Disease & related dementias (ADRD).

This will take place **5PM-6:15PM** on **Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup>**. Reserve your spot! Call Karli at 605-269-4426.



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#### Open Enrollment Period:

October 15 - December 7

#### Help is Available:

Available most Monday mornings  
**Monday, October 14**  
**Through Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

To schedule an appointment, please call

**Ida Marie Snorteland 605-642-5123**

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## President's Message:

As we close another year and welcome the warmth of the holidays, I want to take a moment to honor each of you.

This season is a time for reflection, gratitude, and connection. Whether you are surrounded by family, friends, or neighbors, please know that you are deeply valued.

May this month bring you peace in your heart, joy in your days, and an abundance of hope for the year ahead.

On behalf of the Senior Center, I wish you a Merry Christmas, a joyful holiday season, and a New Year filled with health, love, and prosperity.

Warmest regards,

Ginger



## Welcome New Members:

**Penny & Richard Lensegrav, Joseph & Janet Miller, Eddi Chaffee, Natalia Alsup.**

## 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 Tues & Thurs in Dec. Dates & times will be announced ASAP. The youth that we will be teaching are in grades 8<sup>th</sup> – 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.



**SAFeway**

**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.





# Member Spotlight

*Sheila Kenny*

**Family members:** I am the oldest of four children. Three girls and 1 boy. Born into an Irish Catholic Family in 1950.

**Where did you grow up:** I was born in Los Angeles, CA at the Queen of Angels Hospital in downtown Los Angeles. That hospital was founded in 1926 by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart and closed in 1989. The building was then used as a movie set by the local film industry and then bought by the Assembly of God church. It still exists today and is now known as the Dream Center addressing homelessness, hunger and addiction.

I grew up in North Hollywood CA, a new suburb of Los Angeles. My Grandfather was a Banker and Real Estate Developer and built and sold all of the houses on our street, about 20 homes. Every time he came to visit, he would take the time to go to each home and talk with all of the homeowners. I attended St. Patrick's catholic school and church about a 4 block walk from home.

**Past Work/Past Highlights:** My family moved to Maryland in 1968 (my father worked for the Federal Government) and I got a job at the Library of Congress where I microfilmed old newspapers. I remember reading actual coverage in one of the U.S. papers of the Lindburgh flight. And then, I was a back- office tech in ophthalmology/optometry for most of my working days.

**Hobbies:** My current hobbies are line dancing and Mahjongg. In the past, I was an avid tennis player and then more recently, pickleball. AND, I just started taking piano lessons having never played an instrument before.

**Something we may not know about you:** I took a motorcycle riding class at age 60. I was the oldest in the class and NEVER thought that I would pass. Owned 3 different motorcycles and joined a CA women's motorcycle group. Never give up. Also, I attended the Woodstock Music Festival in 1969. (Maryland, remember?)

**Current Involvement in the Senior Center:** I teach and participate in line dance classes and play Mahjongg.

**What do you like most about the Senior Center:** I love seeing all of the people at the center. Smiling faces. A big family of friendship. Hugs to all.

December 2025

We have LOTS of NEW  
Holiday greeting cards! All  
different sizes, wording, etc!  
For a fraction of the price in  
the stores. Take a look!

## Scoreboard OCTOBER 2025

Whist	Irene Zacher	53
Hand & Foot	Vina Dodson	15,300
10 Point Pitch	Becky Loll	171
10 Point Pitch	Vina Dodson	157
Bridge	Lucy Harvey	5,660
BUNCO	Jan Bergstrom	654
Wed Pinochle	LeRoy Lanphear	6,790
Wed Mahjong	Jerene Lanka	600
Wed Mahjong PM	Laura Scholten	850
Texas Holdem	Becky Loll/Connie Wagner	200
Dominoes	Ping Ho	189
Cribbage	Leo Nelson	94
Thur Dup Bridge	Sherry McGuinness & Linda Hughes	66.50
Fri Pinochle	Jean Dirk	7,260
Fri Mahjong	Geney Holley	450
Sat Dup Bridge	Bill & Dianne Craig	67.00

**SIP N PAINT**  
**with Heidi**  
**Thurs, Dec**  
**4<sup>th</sup> at 1PM**



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