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

Medical Equipment
Availability
Mon-Fri
9am-Noon

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DEC 31st & Jan 1st

**This will be your last
newsletter if you have not
paid your membership dues
for 2026. Please double
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JANUARY 2026

Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter

Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes December 8th, 2025

Present: President Ginger Childers, Vice President Taffy Tucker, Secretary Jane Rutherford, Dennis Dahl, Doug Schmit, Carol Vercoe, Carol Hess, LeRoy Lanphear, Treasurer Alyce Harich, and Executive Director Stephanie Crago. Marla Loken was 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.

Ways and Means: Building rental income for the month of November was \$50. December will be about \$375.

Director's Report: 6 new members joined in November. Our next birthday luncheon will be the 2nd Friday in January due to the holidays. Our campaign, "Building for the Future" kickoff will follow after lunch at 1:00pm. Approximately 157 people plus volunteers were served at our annual Turkey dinner and deposit was \$2038. Our next monthly breakfast will be January 24th and at no charge to those who pay their annual dues before January 1st. We received a grant from Pioneer Bank for transportation. The Vets Coffee will continue the first Wednesday of each month and invite all Veterans to join us.

Old Business: Queen Hall flooring is being installed from 12/8/25 through 12/16/25. Dennis made a motion to raise the rental rate for the use of our kitchen from \$75 to \$100. LeRoy seconded. All in favor. Dennis also made a motion to raise the rental rate for Queen Hall from \$200 to \$250. Taffy seconded. All in favor. Ginger announced that Doug Schmit will be the chair of the Steering Committee for our new building.

New Business: An update was made to the checking account with First Interstate Bank. Taffy made a motion to remove Bonnie Manning, Virgil Dodson and Roger Buchholz from the account and add Doug Schmit, Ginger Childers and Stephanie Crago. Carol Vercoe seconded. All in favor. Taffy made a motion to update Edwards Jones Investments account with direct deposit and remove Roger Buchholz and add Stephanie Crago. Carol Vercoe seconded. All in favor. Doug Schmit, Alyce Harich and Stephanie Crago will now be on the account. Dennis Dahl, Carol Hess, and Marla Loken were re-elected to the board. Taffy made a motion to continue with our current officers on the board. Doug seconded. All in favor.

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 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 Jan 1st

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Member Appreciation Breakfast

SAT, JAN 24th

7:30AM-10AM

**FREE to members who paid their dues
BEFORE Jan. 1st!**

MENU: Pancakes, sausage patty, scrambled eggs
OR Biscuits with sausage gravy, scrambled eggs
served with coffee & orange juice. \$10 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!
JAN 9th at 11:30AM**

- ❖ Meal includes dessert & coffee for \$10.
- ❖ Roses by Zonta for all members who are Birthday honorees!
- ❖ Special Music by Ivan Kloefkorn, Arne & Bob Koski.
- ❖ Members who celebrate a B-Day this month eat for **FREE & are entered in a FREE Pie Certificate donated by PERKINS!**
- ❖ Open to the public!


"BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE" Campaign Kickoff Meeting

After a long year, we are now ready to announce
and unveil plans for raising funds to build a new
Spearfish Senior Center facility.

*Please join us on Friday, January 9, 2026
at 1:00 pm for some really exciting news!*





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We are hosting another Vitalant Blood Drive!
January is National Blood Donor month.
Friday, January 23rd
Time: 10AM to 2PM

Chance to win one of 26 \$500 Rewards gift cards,
 opt-in required!* Make an appointment at
 vitalant.org with blood drive code: 100562892 or
 call 877-25-VITAL or use this website. We will have
 door prizes for those who give blood.

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

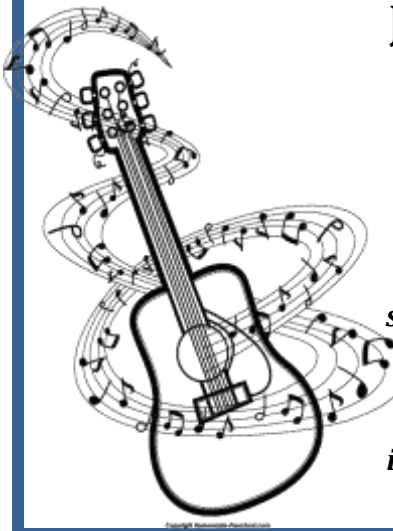


For more info you can contact
 Lindsay directly at 605-644-6684 or
 email her at:

support@klinetechconsulting.com

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

Join us for some Pretty Little Ditties with John Dale **Friday, Jan. 30th at 1:30PM**



John Dale applies his distinctive and melodic style to several different eras and genres of music dating as far back as 1926. Playing the same classical guitar since 1996, John's focus on tone, timbre, and precision is sure to please even the most particular of music aficionados. John reigns-in his technical playing regularly, leaving some meat on the bone for listeners who crave well played simplicity. His performances are dynamic, and no two performances of a song are exactly the same. In his own words, "I rehearse to improvise." John has played live for thousands of people here in the Northern Hills, is known as a musician's musician, and what he wants most is to just encourage everyone to dust off that instrument (if necessary) and to make some music! Free will donation at the door. Light refreshments & coffee available. 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!

**Bee Keeping & Local
 Honey Tasting with
 Spencer Hupp!**

**Friday, Jan. 16th
 10AM or 1PM**





**Learn about bee keeping, benefits of
 bees & honey. Taste different types of
 honey. Free event, open to the public.
 Must sign up for either the 10AM or
 1PM – sign up sheet at front desk.**

IN LOVING ♥
Memory

**We are saddened to hear of the loss of Lifetime Member, Paul
 Swisher. Our deepest condolences are sent out to his family and
 friends during this time of loss.**

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Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures of events!



Donna McLaughlin having fun during our Turkey Dinner Fundraiser.



Happy Birthday to ALL our DECEMBER members!



Busy volunteers Jerri Kiefer, Lila Bliss, & Ping Ho taking a minute to enjoy our fun decorations!



⁶ Roger Buchholz showing his latest woodworking project to our coffee group during caramel roll Thursday.



Our Chorus singing at the D.C. Booth House.

Heirlooms: Wisdom Writing Workshop

Sat. Jan. 31st 10AM



Join SDSU Extension Gerontology Field Specialist Leacey Brown & South Dakota Humanities Scholar Molly Barari for a dynamic two and a half hour workshop blending reflection, creativity, & resilience.

Through guided writing activities & thoughtful discussion, participants will explore the growth, wisdom, & perspective that come with aging. Brown and Barari foster an engaging learning environment that encourages participants to embrace their lived experiences. The workshop also highlights how writing can support coping during challenging times. Open to the public. RSVP by calling Stephanie 605-642-2827 or email sscdirector@rushmore.com

COFFEE FOR VETS!

Social Coffee Hour



1st Wednesday of every month. Free coffee & treats for all veterans. Open to the public. Join us from 8:30AM-10AM.

Thank you for your service!

Spearfish Area Historical Society Program

Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00pm is the program, "Dr. Townsend, Founder of Social Security," with Wayne Gilbert. The meeting is at the Spearfish Senior Center, 1306 Tenth Street. The public is invited. Membership is available. Questions, call 605-641-8563

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!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO RENEWED 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!

Membership dues are \$35 for the year
Lifetime Membership is available for those
over the age of 65 for \$350

Thank you to Pioneer Trust Bank & The Clarkson Foundation for granting us another year of funding for people who ride the bus. If you would like to use the 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 & from the Senior Center. We thank Pioneer Bank the Clarkson's for making this free transportation opportunity available to our members!

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 Carol Hess
Dennis Dahl Marla Loken
Carol Vercoe LeRoy Lanphear

Alyce Harich, Treasurer
Stephanie Crago, Executive Director

AMERICA 250 Years in the Making!



On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause & reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, & look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation & beyond! We will be doing several activities to celebrate this important milestone. Our first one is presenting a baby gift to the first baby girl & boy born during this historic year of 2026! THANK You to Sharon Brady for making 2 of the cutest baby quilts to go towards this project. Stay tuned for other fun events during this historic year of



WHEN: Tuesday Jan. 20th 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:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Here's to another year of proving that age is just the number of candles on the cake — and we're not counting! May your 2026 be filled with laughter, good company, & just enough mischief to keep life exciting. Happy New Year to you all!



Ginger

Welcome New Members:

Laceta & Albert Setera, Carol Morgan, Bill Coburn, Scott Stampe, & Keith Schultz.



SAFeway

Keep using your Safeway cards! Last month we made \$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. 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.

Youth Outreach

Our Senior Center has partnered with a local school that has youth wanting to play Cribbage & Chess. This opportunity will take place on Thursday afternoons in Jan. Dates & times will be vary so contact Stephanie for more information. Youth participating we will be in grades 8th – high school.





Member Spotlight

Jan Just

Past Work/Past Highlights: The majority of my professional life was spent teaching math to high school students & loving it. I retired from teaching in 2014 & never looked back. Now I am loving retirement.

Where did you grow up: I grew up on a small farm in the northeastern corner of South Dakota, near the little town of Veblen. Our family raised mostly small grain & hay; I remember shoveling oats into the auger to bin & rolling hay bales to be stacked. I'm also remembering that my older sister & brother did way more farm work than I did! At various times our farm had cattle, pigs, chickens, but always a dog & cats. During one stretch we had nine milk cows (all named, of course), & I swear my body still has the fat cells it gained from eating an abundance of food made with cream & butter.

Hobbies: My main hobby is reading, mostly mysteries. I could very easily be a slug! Thank goodness for the Senior Center & Rec Center, where attending fitness & line dance classes gets me off the couch and keep me active. My husband, Terry, & I enjoy traveling, most often by taking guided tours. We've gone on trips both here in the States as well as overseas. Our very first motorcoach tour in 2007 was a 17-day trip to Nova Scotia. We loved it so much that we intend to repeat that same tour again next summer.

Something we may not know about you: In 2023, I & four family members took an ancestral trip to Norway. A very special memory includes sauna time with my sister, Kay, & daughter, Gabrielle, in Reykjavik while on our journey to Oslo. While traveling around Norway, the adventures of hiking Pulpit Rock in Rogaland County and kayaking to Seven Sisters Waterfall in the Geiranger Fjord were unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime experiences. The absolute best part of the trip, however, was spending the one-on-one time with family.

Favorite Activity at the Senior Center: I grew up in a family that played Whist during the long winter evenings, so the Monday Whist card playing is what initially drew me to become a member of the Senior Center. Then several years ago while wintering in Arizona I discovered line dancing. I'm thrilled that our Center offers the different levels of line dance instruction for our enjoyment.

What do you love most about the Senior Center: What makes the Spearfish Senior Center so remarkable are all the people involved. We have a super executive director, dedicated board members & so very many talented volunteers. We are surely blessed to be offered so many different activities to participate in which offer us opportunities to interact with others.

January 2026

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

Scoreboard NOVEMBER 2025

Whist: Marla Loken 51
Hand & Foot: Jerry Kimmel 16,300
10 Point Pitch: Myrna Chewakin/Phil Edwards 184
Bridge: Bob O'Neil 6,270
BUNCO: Alex Domkowski 634
Wed Pinochle: Eddi Chaffee 7,730
Wed Mahjong: Debbie Plocek 875
Wed Mahjong PM: Shelly Lechner 650
Texas Holdem: Becky Loll 350
Dominoes: Larry Jahner 243
Cribbage: Jean Dirk 73
Thur Dup Bridge: Mike & Betty Weiss 63.50
Fri Pinochle: Betty Weyrauch 7,286
Fri Mahjong: Geney Holley/Sue Retzlaff 150
Sat Dup Bridge: Mike & Betty Weiss 72.00

Thank you to all our Cookie Walk volunteers!

Thank you for the bakers, shoppers, & helpers who made this fundraiser possible. It was a great day!

THANK YOU!

Emmy Rollin will be celebrating her 90th Birthday here at the Center on Sat. Jan. 24th from 1PM-4PM. Her family invites everyone to stop by!

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Save the Date!
Campaign Kickoff Meeting Jan 9th 2026

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