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Senior Center Hours  
Mon-Fri  
8:30AM-4PM

Medical Equipment  
Availability  
Mon-Fri  
9AM-Noon

We finished out the  
year with a total of  
603 members.

That is a FANTASTIC number  
& up from last year! We  
have high hopes for gaining  
even *more* new members  
throughout 2026. We  
encourage each & every one  
of you to invite your friends  
& neighbors to join our great  
organization. Memberships  
make great gifts for our  
senior friends as well!

# FEBRUARY 2026

## Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter



### Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026



**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, Maintenance Roger Buchholz 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:** Megan Berberick, financial advisor with Edward Jones, gave an update on our investments. Members Jim Haeder, Lucy McBride and Carole Dahl also attended the meeting.

**Ways and Means:** Building rental income for the month of December was \$840. January is expected to be approximately \$390.

**Director's Report:** Six new members joined in December. The Cookie Walk held on December 20th went very well and income was \$2880. There was a large turnout for the January birthday luncheon with a record number of members celebrating their birthday. Income was \$758. The next birthday luncheon will be Friday, February 6th. The Vets Coffee is going well and will continue the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30am.

**Old Business:** Doug gave an update on the Steering Committee and thanked the board members for their participation and input. The Steering Committee will meet once per month beginning in February.

**New Business:** Dennis discussed the advantages and possibilities of having a basement in the new building.

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.

*Happy Valentine's Day*





# 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.*

*Open to the public! Invite your friends!*

*Invite your neighbors, family, & friends!*



## Fundraising Breakfast

**SAT, FEB 28<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30AM-10AM**



**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!

**FEB 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM**

- ❖ Meal includes dessert & coffee for \$10.
- ❖ Roses by Zonta for all members who are Birthday honorees!
- ❖ Guest Speaker Leacey Brown with SDSU Extension
- ❖ 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!**

## SWEETHEART DANCE

### LIVE MUSIC BY THE MEDICARE SWING BAND!

JOIN US ON VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 2PM.

LISTEN TO THE BAND, DANCE, & ENJOY REFRESHMENTS. FUN DOOR PRIZES! FREE WILL DONATION AT THE DOOR. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. BRING YOUR SWEETHEART OR TAKE PART & FIND ONE! THIS EVENT IS MADE POSSIBLE IN PART BY THRIVENT.



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# SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

**MARCH 19th-21st 2026**

**19th 8AM-3PM**

**20th 8AM-3PM**

**21st 8AM-NOON**

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

**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@kliniketechconsulting.com](mailto:support@kliniketechconsulting.com)

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



## Sound Circle February 7th 2PM

Join us for live music & to raise funds! 100% of proceeds goes to our new building fund. Open to the public!

We will have a collection of local musicians playing various instruments. It will be a fun afternoon with music & friends. Light refreshments & coffee will be served.



## Medical Equipment Program Help Needed!

We are looking for a volunteer for Fridays 9AM-noon. We also need someone who is willing to fill in as needed. If you are willing to help with this important community service please let Stephanie know!

**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!**

## NAIL SPA DAY

**With MaryBeth Runnels, RN**

*Where beauty meets wellness!*

**Friday, Feb. 13th 9AM-4PM**

- Nail Trim only** - 10 min - \$15
- Quick & Ready Pedi** - 20 min. Includes salt soak, nail trim, cuticle grooming, moisturizing lotion, & standard polish - \$25
- Sleek & Steady Pedi** - 50 min. Includes salt soak, nail trim, cuticle grooming, callus treatment, exfoliating scrub, moisturizing lotion, & standard polish - \$40

**Call to sign up – spots fill up quickly! 605-642-2827**

IN LOVING  
*Memory*

**We are saddened to hear of the loss of our members Ann Froelich, & Richard Sleep. Our deepest condolences are sent out to both their families and friends during this time of loss.**

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Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures of events!



Monument Health had free health screenings available to the public during one of our fundraisers in December.



**Happy Birthday to ALL our January members!**



Our BUNCO group has the best of times every Wednesday morning! It's a simple & easy game to learn and we encourage you to join us! This is a picture of the group celebrating at their Bunco Christmas party. They even 'decorated' LeRoy all festive complete with a tree skirt and all! If you want to start your mornings out with laughter this group is for YOU!



**New Year Babies! Our Senior Center put together 2 baby baskets (one girl & one boy) for the first babies born in 2026. Each baby received a basket full of special goodies along with a quilt that was made and donated by one of our members, Sharon Brady. Pictured is board member Carol Hess, Vice President Taffy Tucker, and an OBGYN Nurse from Monument Health. Congratulations to the new bundles of joy and their families!**

This event is our organization's first community service for America250. Our nation's 250th anniversary will be on July 4, 2026. As the Semiquincentennial approaches, our nonprofit organization will be doing several NEW and fun projects throughout our community! For more information on what our state is doing to commemorate this historic event visit: <https://americas250th.sd.gov/>





**COFFEE FOR VETS!**  
*Social Coffee Hour*

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
Northern Hills Brick Factories' program is Tuesday, Feb 3, 7PM. Presenters are Richard Wells, Linda Wiley, & Marsha Moore.

**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**

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 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.



<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Board Members</b>
Ginger Childers, President	Doug Schmit Carol Hess
Taffy Tucker, Vice President	Dennis Dahl Marla Loken
Jane Rutherford, Secretary	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 & community services to celebrate this important milestone. **Our second community service is donating 250 children's books throughout the community! Our members will be donating an assortment of books for all ages in several locations in Spearfish. If you know of a location that would love some books just let us know! Stay tuned for other fun events during this historic year of 2026.**



**WHEN: Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

Educational Chat with the staff at Peaceful Pines at our Senior Center!



**Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 11AM-12PM**

## " Planning before a Crisis "

Join us for a **Conversation About Being Prepared**- When we talk about planning before a crisis, we're really talking about **peace of mind**. It means thinking ahead so that if something unexpected happens, you're not making big decisions during a stressful moment.

**Why Planning Ahead Matters**- Emergencies & sudden changes can happen at any age. Planning ahead helps:  
Reduce stress for you and your family, & ensures your wishes are known.

**Knowing Your Options**- Understanding what support is available *before* it's needed.

## Welcome New Members:

Marion Case, Jodi Pickett, Travis & Darlene Sears, Mary Ann Fisher, Carol McInerney, Sharon Hoidahl, Sandy Molitor, Tami Otis, June Apaza, Peg Wunder, Vicki Kapust, Jim Alcorn, Jackie Powers, & Ken Froelich.

## Youth Outreach

Our Senior Center has partnered with a local school that has youth wanting to play Cribbage & Chess. Dates & times will be vary so contact Stephanie for more information. Youth participating we will be in grades 8<sup>th</sup> – high school.



Keep using your Safeway cards!  
Last month we made \$214.50 just from people using their cards.

Every purchase helps!

**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 *Marie Anderson*

### Where did you grow up:

Germany (during WW II) in a small town in the Odenwald Hessen) Region. Happy memories of summers spent with my cousins at my grandparents farm. Riding on top of the hay wagons and even learned to milk the cows.

**Past Work/Past Highlights:** Started my working career as secretary in Germany. Did not get back to the work force until my husband and I returned to Germany. My last ten years of working were at the School of Mines in the ROTC department, a job a thoroughly enjoyed. Retired in 2004 and really enjoying retirement.

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading, volunteering, exercising and traveling. Could sit and read for hours, mostly mysteries. Enjoy volunteering at the Fish Hatchery and the Senior Center. Been giving tours at the Hatchery for 10 years, started after my husband died and I had plenty of time.

### Something we may not know about you:

Was a military wife for over 20 years supporting my husband and his career, which involved many moves, raising two sons during his overseas duties, and something that does not happen anymore, attending functions like afternoon teas with hat and gloves, New Years Reception with the same get-up, seems strange now. How times have changed. I have been to 49 states, missing Rhode Island. During my travels have visited about 36 countries, and there are still some on my bucket list.

### Favorite Activities at the Senior Center:

Being host at the front desk, visiting with members and help with the rummage sale as cashier.

### What I love about the Senior Center.

The Spearfish Senior Center is the first Center I am involved in and an excellent facility. Members make newcomers welcome and are sincere about it, at least that is the way I felt at my first visit. We also are very fortunate to have an Executive Director that puts her heart and soul in the job. A Great Place.

Greeting cards for sale for 50 cents each! All occasions. Stop by and take a look at our Valentine's Day cards. We will have St Patty's as well!

## Scoreboard DECEMBER 2025

**Whist:** Marla Loken 57  
**Hand & Foot:** Jerry Kimmel 18,590  
**10 Point Pitch:** Myrna Chewakin 195  
**Bridge:** Judy Woodworth 3,700  
**BUNCO:** Ping Ho 651  
**Wed Pinochle:** Jean Dirk 7,350  
**Wed Mahjong:** Renee Macer/Jeren Lanka 310  
**Wed Mahjong PM:** Laura Scholten/Janie Humbracht 450  
**Texas Holdem:** Meri Davis 275  
**Dominoes:** Ping Ho 151  
**Cribbage:** Jerene Lanka 55  
**Thur Dup Bridge:** Karen & Larry Patterson 65.83  
**Fri Pinochle:** Ken Reeves 6,280  
**Sat Dup Bridge:** Donna Hoy & Lucy Harvey 66.25

## Thank you to all our Breakfast volunteers!

We hope all of you enjoyed your free breakfast in January for paying your dues before Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. We also appreciate everyone who came & ate & supported our fundraiser. The breakfast raised \$343.

**THANK YOU!**

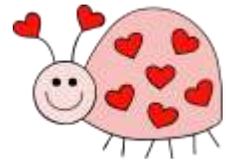
Thank you to Leo Nelson for donating one of his hand-crafted wood bowls filled with candy for a door prize during our fundraising Cookie Walk. Congrat's to Rita Baier for winning this special gift!



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