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

Medical Equipment
Availability
Mon-Fri
9AM-Noon

**Spearfish Senior Center
Mission Statement:**

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

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In 2025, our Senior Center received \$741 through the Thrivent Choice[®] program — and that's worth celebrating! Thank you to those who have made contributions to our nonprofit through this program! Thrivent clients with membership: Don't forget to direct 2025 Choice Dollars[®] by March 31 at thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

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Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter

**Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026**

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

Visitors: Member Darlene Plunkett also attended the meeting.

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

Ways and Means: Building rental income for the month of February was \$512. March will be approximately \$600.

Director's Report: There are currently 507 **paid** members of which 74% are female. This is up from last year. The Zonta grant has been applied for again this year.

Old Business: The date for next Steering Committee meeting has changed to April 2nd from 11:30-12:30 at the Chamber of Commerce. The committee is working on creating a list of donor possibilities and exploring creative fundraising opportunities.

New Business: No new business currently.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane Rutherford, Secretary



Board Meetings are open to all Senior Center Members and are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 9:30AM.





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!*

Lucky at Games Celebration!



Friday, April 10th



Awards at 11:30am

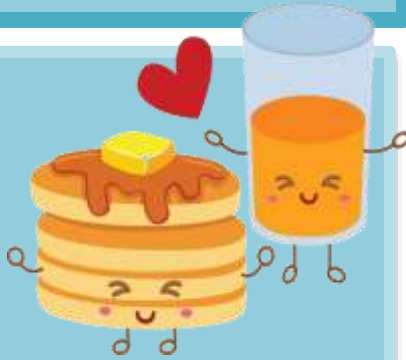
Potluck & Games to follow

ALL card player's welcome!

We will have a short awards ceremony for winners in each game. Please sign up for Potluck by April 10th. There is a food sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Golden Age Hall.

Fundraising Breakfast

SAT, April 25th 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! April 3rd at 11:30AM

- ❖ Meal includes dessert & coffee for \$10.
- ❖ **Roses by Zonta** for all members who are Birthday honorees!
- ❖ Guest Speake: **Stephanie Salazar with 605 Health & Life Insurance.**
- ❖ 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!**



AARP Smart Driver Course

Friday, April 17th 12:30PM-4:30PM

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Take the AARP Driver course & you could save on your car insurance. Contact your agent to see if you are eligible for an auto insurance discount. The AARP Smart Driver course, brought to you by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first & largest refresher course designed specifically for older drivers.

Sign up by calling Stephanie 605-642-2827.

For more than 40 years, millions of people have used this course to update their driving knowledge & skills so they can continue driving safely for as long as possible. The course provides a review of driving skills & techniques as well as strategies and tips to help you adjust to normal age-related changes that may affect your driving ability.



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Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the Spring Rummage Sale! Our sale was a big success, and it wouldn't be possible without everyone's help. Thank you to those who baked pies, & for Gloria Schmidt for donating the quilt for the raffle. Also, big thank you to all the people who help organize and go through rummage on a daily basis. Your hard work is so appreciated.!

We will be having a Rummage Sale meeting on Wed. April 8th 8:30AM-9:30AM where all volunteers are invited to help make our next sale even better! Next sale will be July 16-18^t 2026.

President's Message:

April arrives with the gentle hum of new beginnings—buds on the trees, sunlight lingering a little longer, and a sense that the world is stretching awake. It's a reminder that growth often starts quietly, but with care and intention, it blossoms into something beautiful.

This season, let's embrace that spirit of renewal. Reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while, join in a new and different activity, or simply take a moment to appreciate the connections that make our group so special. Every gesture, no matter how small, strengthens the bonds that hold us together. Here's to a month filled with fresh ideas, shared laughter, and the joy of seeing our Senior Center thrive.

With warm regards,

Ginger Childers



Did you know?

As of 3/6/2026 we have 507 current members. We continue to grow each month. 74% of our membership is women. We predominantly have more women than men when looking back through the years.

Senior Center Stats:

<u>Month/Year</u>	<u>Total # Members</u>	<u>%Women</u>
3/26	507	74%
3/25	499	71%
3/24	455	73%
3/23	446	70%

Tech Help with Lindsay Kline every Tues. 9AM-11AM

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!

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Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Friday, April 24th 10AM

Whether you have a passion for a specific charity, or you're beginning to think about leaving a legacy — please join us for the Charitable Giving and Your Financial Strategy presentation.

Presented by Megan Berberick a financial advisor with Edward Jones. Open to the public.

Save the Dates:

- ✓ Arby's Fundraiser 5/4
- ✓ Mother's Day Tea 5/8
- ✓ Mental Health Awareness 5/11
- ✓ Clean Eating Intro 5/22
- ✓ Quilt Show 5/29

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Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures of events!



We were over-joyed to have 28 Pinochle players on a Friday! Here is one of Marla's top hands during a game. We play Pinochle twice a week (Wed & Fri) we'd love to have you play with us!



Happy Birthday to ALL our March members!



Visiting Angels - Black Hills are always up for a good time. Our group had a great time naming some favorite tunes during the 'Name that Tune' event. Cinderella's song knowledge was top notch!!!

Thank you to Sherry McGuiness for your 10 plus years of service to our Senior Center's Duplicate Bridge Group! We have one of the largest Senior Center Bridge Groups in our area. Sherry has put in countless hours keeping this great group organized, items ordered, scores tallied, & food prepared. She has seen many changes over the years and seen this group through COVID. We thank our member Mary Samson who is willing to take over this big task as Duplicate Bridge Director. Without our dedicated volunteers we would not have such a thriving Senior Center!



Thank you Raven with Edgewood for sponsoring caramel rolls on Thursday. What a treat to stop in and receive a free roll!





Calling all quilters & bakers!!!

We are having a quilt show & bake sale on Friday May 29th 10am-2pm.

We are looking for members who are interested in displaying their quilt for the public to see during our show. If you would like to have your quilt featured, please call Stephanie 605-642-2827. We are also having a bake sale to raise funds during this event. We are needing people to volunteer to bring in treats the day before or morning of the sale. If you are willing to help with this event it is truly appreciated. Thank you!

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!

Carol Vercoe's 90th Birthday Party!
April 12th 2-4PM Queen Hall
We invite you all to celebrate with Carol & family. No gifts please.

Spearfish Area Historical Society Program

Tues. April 7th at 7PM

"Early Aerial Firefighting" By Paul Higbee

Open to the public. For more info call

605-641-8563

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.

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 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 for making this transportation opportunity available to our members!

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 & community services to celebrate America's Semiquincentennial.

April through July we will be telling 'The American Story' through art. Stop by to take a look at our display that will change each month! Big thank you to Mary Livingston for helping with this art project. Stay tuned for other fun events during this historic year of 2026.



America 250 The South Dakota Story By: Karen Holzer April 13th at 1PM

In honor of America's 250 years, Karen Holzer will share stories from SD & profiles of some of the people that have lived & experienced the state's journey during that time period. Fur traders, explorers, soldiers, housewives, businessmen along with so many more have been a part of our history.

She will tell how circumstances & choices have influenced their lives & subsequently have impacted South Dakota history. Karen is part of the Historically Speaking Speakers Bureau, sponsored by the West River History Conference.

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



**Monday, April 27th
11AM-12PM**

Lunch & Learn

Fall Prevention Seminar

**Guest Speaker: Britt Wickett with
Elevate Physical Therapy
Open to the public!**

Welcome New Members:

**Judy Berry, Bill Moths, Sarah &
Duane Caron, & Becky Crago.**



Keep using your Safeway cards!

Last month we made \$72 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.

*Answer on
back page!*

A Riddle to Solve

What is a 4 letter word

Occasionally it is a 12 letter word

Sometimes it is a 9 letter word

Never is it a 5 letter word.





Member Spotlight Penney Williams

Family Members: I have one son Blain, married to his wife, Brittany, with one granddaughter, Dakota, & their dog Daisy. They live in Orlando, FL, so I don't get to see them often, but we sure do use face time a lot.

Where did you grow up/Past Work: I was born in Pierre, SD in Jan. 1952. I lived there until I graduated from TF Riggs High School in 1970. I went to Northern State College for 2 ½ years & then decided to go to work. I worked for the SD Dept of Environmental Protection in Pierre. I worked at the State Theater & then Zesto in the evenings & on weekends. I moved to Brookings, SD & worked for Twin City Fan & Blower Co. making industrial fans. I was the only girl in the shop with 150 welders & painters. I unloaded the semis that brought in the supplies & equipment.

Hobbies & Interests/Highlights in Life: When I was in Brookings, I bought a hobby farm with cattle, horses, dogs, cats, pigs, chickens, rabbits, & guinea hens. Plus, a huge garden. When I was in Brookings, Blain was born Aug. 1985. Another interest was stock car racing on the weekends. My husband raced for several years. We traveled all over SD, Neb, Minn, Iowa, & sometimes Wyo.

Fun Fact: My son & I moved to Spearfish in 1990. We started fostering dogs from the Humane Society. We enjoyed that a lot & ended up keeping some of them. After we moved to Spearfish, I worked for BHSU Student Health Services for 28 years. It was a job that I liked very much.

Current Involvement at the Senior Center:

After a year or so after I retired, Cecelia Keller invited me to play cards. Now I play dominos and hand & Foot. I also help with the pricing of rummage sale items for the big sales.

Favorite Activities at the Senior Center:

My favorite would be cards, dominoes, and the rummage sales. My dad got me interested in auctions, rummage sales, and flea markets, when I was growing up, & I never have gotten over it.

Love Most about the Senior Center: I look forward to my days at the Senior Center. It is fun to keep in touch with everyone & visit & play games. I thank Cecilia for getting me started at the Center & getting me out of the house to be with new friends, & fun times.

NEW Greeting cards for sale for 50 cents each! All occasions. Stop by & take a look at our Easter cards!

Scoreboard FEB 2026

Whist: Betty Weyrauch 62
Hand & Foot: Pat Bundy 20,558
10 Point Pitch: Pat Bundy 191
Bridge: Bob O'Neil 4,430
BUNCO: Len Bren 645
Wed Pinochle: Cornelius Klein 6,580
Wed Mahjong: Jerene Lanka 500
Wed Mahjong PM: Laura Scholten 350
Texas Holdem: Kathy Drentlaw 325
Dominoes: LeRoy Lanphear 207
Cribbage: Tina Benson 56
Thur Dup Bridge:
 Sherry McGuinness & Linda Hughes 73.33
Fri Pinochle: Virgil Dodson 7,470
Fri Mahjong: Geney Holley 150
Sat Dup Bridge: Bill & Dianne Craig 69.79



We are saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend Darline Tinnell. Our condolences are with her family & friends.

**Need help with taxes?
BHSU might be able to help. Call to inquire
605-206-3814**

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Save the Date!

Lucky At Games Potluck & Awards April 17th 2026

Answer to riddle on pg. 8 is:
Word, Occasionally,
Sometimes, & Never.

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