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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.

In preparation for our
upcoming Spring Rummage
Sale, we will **not** be
accepting rummage sale
donations starting March
12-25th. We appreciate
everyone who has donated
towards our sale!

March 2026

Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter

Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes February 9th, 2026



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

Visitors: Members Barb Sulzbach and Bob Jensen were also present.

Ways and Means: Building rental income for the month of January was \$512. February will be approximately \$165.

Director's Report: 15 new members joined the Senior Center in January. The February birthday luncheon had a great turnout and deposit was \$744. Eleven members celebrated their birthdays. The Song Circle on February 7th was fun, well attended and raised \$425. We received an allocation of \$2000 for the year from Lawrence County. Wednesdays from 9am-10am a representative from ATT will be available for tech help.

Old Business: Doug gave an update on the Steering Committee meeting that was held on February 5th and thanked the committee members for attending. Lots of good ideas were presented and various tasks were assigned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd.

New Business: Ginger informed the board that we received an updated invoice from 3Peak Architecture with an in-kind reduction of \$1000 for redrawing of floor plan for the new building.
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.

*Open to the public! Invite your friends!
Invite your neighbors, family, & friends!*

Heirlooms: Wisdom Writing Workshop



Sat. March 14th 10AM-12:30PM

Join SDSU Extension Gerontology Field Specialist Leacey Brown & South Dakota Humanities Scholar Molly Barari for a dynamic 2 ½ 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

Fundraising Breakfast

**SAT, MARCH 28th
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!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**MARCH 6th
at 11:30AM**

- ❖ Meal includes dessert & coffee for \$10.
- ❖ **Roses by Zonta** for all members who are Birthday honorees!
- ❖ Guest Speaker Zonta Club of Spearfish.
- ❖ 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!**



Fundraising Rummage Sale

**March 19th 8AM-3PM
March 20th 8AM-3PM
March 21st 8AM-NOON**

Caramel Rolls on Thursday, Pies & Coffee will also be available. Grab a ticket for our Quilt Raffle!

The Rummage Sales are one of our biggest fundraisers, & we are in need of volunteers! If you could help out, please sign up. There are many spots left to fill. Sign up is located in the Golden Age Hall. We couldn't do this without everyone pitching in thanks so much!



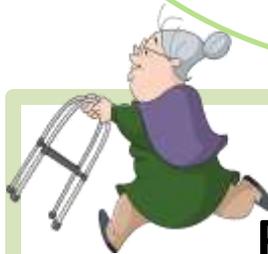
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Did you know?

NOW is the perfect time to join our Spearfish Senior Center. For \$35 your membership will be for the ENTIRE YEAR. With your membership there is an array of different activities you can partake in – line dancing, chorus, card playing, dominoes, Texas Holdom, mahjong, snooker, exercise classes, crafting, quilting, technology help, and much more! No extra costs for our normal day-to-day activities. We also have a lot of fun events scheduled such as seminars, live music, dances, luncheons, craft fairs, rummage sales, bakes sales, and numerous other special fundraisers. You also receive a free birthday lunch on us! Let our Executive Director Stephanie Crago know if you have any questions!



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!



Sound Circle March 28th 2PM-4PM

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.

SD Poetry on the Road Friday, March 13th 2-4PM

Bruce Roseland, Poet Laureate of SD, will read several of his poems. Poetry on the road is sponsored by SD State Poetry Society.

Members of the Society's Board of Directors will also share their poems. Poetry on the Road has begun its 3rd successful year of touring over

20 locations throughout the state. These events are free & open to the public. What makes Poetry on the Road exciting & different?

Each session features an open mic. Poets are encouraged to read their original poems, a favorite poem, or just enjoy listening. We have been honored to hear local poets from ages 4-

90's. The atmosphere is always welcoming & relaxed. Both first time readers & more experienced poets feel supported & inspired.

Hope you will join us – your story matters!



AT&T will be here on Wed. mornings 9AM-10AM to answer questions on your phone plans or answer your internet questions.

They are also great help with any tech questions. Stop by!



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Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures of events!



Fun time at the Non-Profit January Gone Fishin' Mixer last night! Vice President Taffy Tucker, Doug Schmit, & Carol Hess enjoyed seeing everyone. THANK YOU to Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce, Good Shepherd Free Clinic, Black Hills Area Community Foundation, and Northern Hills Training Center for hosting this great event. It was so nice to visit and chat with the 21 local Non-Profits that had a table at this great event!



Happy Birthday to ALL our February members!



In commemoration of America's 250th anniversary, the Spearfish Senior Center is donating 250 children's books throughout the community. Our nonprofit organization will be donating an assortment of books for all ages in several locations in Spearfish. This community service is our second project this year to celebrate America's Semiquincentennial. Pictured is Board Members Doug Schmit, LeRoy Lanphear, & Carol Vercoe with boxes of books being dropped off at Sowers & Son Dirty Laundry & Double Suds Laundromat both of Spearfish. If you know of a location that would enjoy some children books just let our Senior Center know.



We hosted another Souper Starz event which had our largest attendance yet - approximately 150 community members! We used up every chair we had on hand. While we enjoyed soup & dessert, 5 local nonprofits showcased their missions. Congrat's to Northern Hills Chinook Amateur Hockey for receiving the most votes. The event raised over \$4,000 for our local nonprofits. Your extra effort is part of what makes this community so special. Souper Starz is where small contributions add up to big impact - & you made that possible!



We had another successful blood drive with Vitalant! There were 24 donors. Thank you to Dorcie with Good Earth/The Food Junkie, Lynn with Lucky Strike Lanes, & Brea with Glow Tanning Salon for donating door prizes for this event! Special thank you to Jerri Kiefer for her help setting up this service to our community.

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!

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!

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 Tues. March 3rd 7PM

“Early Agriculture in the Spearfish Area” by Jeremy Smith. Open to the public. For more info 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 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 . **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 24th 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 March 30th 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:

Connie White, Kim Kody, Tina Benson, Kellie Eberlein, Kim Hepper, Shelly Maliske, Derek Besler, Diane Gates, Patricia Byrd, Mary Nelson, Kelly Roberdeau, Deborah Williams, & Doreen Meier.



Keep using your Safeway cards! Last month we made \$155 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.

Movie Day at Edgewood!

Monday, March 9th

We will have a bus pick people up at 12:15pm from the Senior Center. Popcorn & candy will be provided! Optional open-house tours available afterwards per request. This is a great time to say hi to our Edgewood friends! Sign up with Stephanie 605-642-2827.

Member Spotlight Pearl Swartz



Where did you grow up? Slim Buttes, Bison, Ft. Pierre. Moved to Spearfish in 1957 and love it here.

Past work/past highlights: Started at Dorsett Home, then at the hospital for 20+ years. Last years worked in physical therapy which I really enjoyed. I retired in 2004 and enjoy every minute of it.

Hobbies & Interests: Love to bowl and really enjoy playing dominoes – lots of laughter. Reading and hiking are also great.

Favorite activity at the Senior Center: Well, dominoes, and helping with the rummage sales.

Favorite Activities at the Senior Center: The people. They are wonderful and always make you feel welcome.

Senior Center President Message:

“Building for the Future”

Our campaign steering committee held its first meeting on February 5, 2026. The committee is comprised of Senior Center Board members as well as many of our community leaders. Doug Schmit is chairing the committee. Several approaches to fund raising were discussed and suggestions were made regarding how to attract donations.

And, oh, by the way – A very happy St. Patrick’s Day to you all. “St. Patrick’s Day is an enchanted time --- a day to begin transforming winter’s dreams into summer’s magic.”

Ginger Childers



Greeting cards for sale for 50 cents each! All occasions. Stop by and take a look at our Saint Patrick’s Day cards!

Scoreboard JAN 2026

- Whist:** Betty Weyrauch 52
- Hand & Foot:** Kayleen Cassidy 19,055
- 10 Point Pitch:** Phil Edwards 185
- Bridge:** Sharon Thorman 4,970
- BUNCO:** Len Bren 601
- Wed Pinochle:** Marla Loken 7,540
- Wed Mahjong:** Ruth Weiers 575
- Wed Mahjong PM:** Shelly Lecnher 600
- Texas Holdem:** Connie Wagner/Kathy Drentlaw 300
- Dominoes:** Ken Reeves 184
- Cribbage:** Marilyn Halse 78
- Thur Dup Bridge:** Judy Woodworth & Karen Carmichael 68.75
Mike & Betty Weiss 68.75
- Fri Pinochle:** Vera Gieser 7,300
- FRI Mahjong:** Mary Wilson 100
- Sat Dup Bridge:** Bill & Dianne Craig 81.00

COMING SOON...

AARP Smart Driver Course on Friday, April 17th **12:30PM-4:30PM**. The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Take the AARP Driver course and you could save on your car insurance. Contact your agent to see if you are eligible for an auto insurance discount. We hope you'll join us! Sign up by calling Steph 605-642-2827.

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

Thank you, Jodi Pickett, for providing free massages during our Vets Coffee in February. What a treat!

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