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Spearfish, SD 57783
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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.

Reminder, we will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on 5/25/26



MAY 2026
Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter

Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2026

Present: President Ginger Childers, Vice President Taffy Tucker (via telephone), Secretary Jane Rutherford, Dennis Dahl, Marla Loken, Carol Vercoe, Carol Hess, LeRoy Lanphear, Doug Schmit, 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.

Ways and Means: Building rental income for the month of March was \$660. April will be approximately \$165.

Director's Report: 5 new members joined in March. The deposit for the April birthday luncheon was \$604 and 11 members celebrated their birthday. The rummage sale in March did very well. We received \$1000 grant from Walmart. A \$400 grant was submitted to Zonta. A grant to Deadwood Mountain Grand was also submitted. A Spring clean-up day was held and 18 members from our choir washed windows, painted the sheds and did general clean-up. Thank you to all who helped. Still seeking volunteers to help with the medical shed equipment on Monday and Friday from 9:00-12:00.

Old Business: Doug gave an update on the Steering Committee. He thanked the committee members for attending the meeting on April 2nd and stated that lots of good ideas were brought forth as well as compiling a list of donor possibilities.

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.

Calling all bakers! We are needing baked items for our bake sale during our quilt show on Friday, May 29th! Please bring in your goodies the day before or by 10AM on Friday the 29th. We appreciate your help with this fundraiser!





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!*

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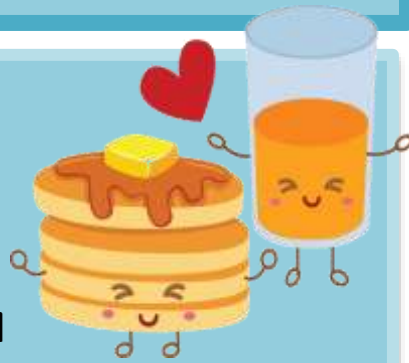
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Fundraising Breakfast

SAT, May 23rd
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!
May 1st
at 11:30AM



- ❖ Meal includes dessert & coffee for \$10.
- ❖ **Roses by Zonta** for all members who are Birthday honorees!
- ❖ Guest Speaker: **Karli Jewett with Highland Senior Solutions.**
- ❖ 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!**

Mother's Tea Party on May 8th

You are cordially invited, Tea & refreshments in honor of all our mothers on Friday, May 8th at 1PM. Senior Center Chorus will be performing. Party Hats are not required but encouraged! Free will donation at the door. Open to the public. Invite your family, neighbors, & friends!





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Supporting Mental Health: Caring for Ourselves & Others

Monday, May 11th 1:30am-2:45pm

Loss of loved ones, loss of health, & loss of “life as we know it” challenges us as we move into our senior years.

- Explore beliefs & perceptions about mental health
- Discuss how to be aware of those who need an ‘ear’
- Be empowered to say something – “it takes a village”
- Identify community resources for help
- Explore self-care tools

Small changes can make a big difference! Invite your loved ones.

Brought to you by the Lawrence County Coalition.

Quilt Show & Bake Sale

Friday, May 29th

10AM-2PM

Free Admission



We invite the public to browse an array of quilts & quilted items made by our members or their family. This is a great time to see the talents of many of our friends!

We also welcome you to purchase items from our bake sale during this special event. **100% of proceeds goes to our building fund!**

If you'd like to enter your quilt, please call **Stephanie 605-642-2827**. We still have some spots open. We are also needing items for our bake sale. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser!

**Let's meet at
Arby's for
supper!**



Don't cook, let's eat out on Monday **May 4th anytime between 4-7PM**. A percentage of sales will go to our Senior Center! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. If you don't want to dine in, you can also go through drive through! Stop by!

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!

Estate Planning Q & A

with Attorney Mike Porter from Faith Mountain Legacy Services, Prof. LLC

Friday, May 15

10AM-11AM

Do you have questions about the need for a Will or the benefits of a Trust or, questions about Durable Powers of Attorney or Living Wills? Would you like to know more about the Probate process in South Dakota?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions or simply want to know more about Estate Planning in general, then please plan to attend.

Free & open to the public!




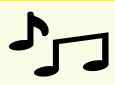


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Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures of events!



Jodi Pickett, Licensed Massage Therapist with **The Massage Way** in Spearfish gives free mini massages to our veterans the 1st Wednesday of the month during our Vets Coffee. Next Vets Coffee will be on 5/6/26 starting at 8:30AM.

We thank her for volunteering her time and talents to our veterans!



Happy Birthday to ALL our April members!



America 250 SD program by Karen Dahlgren 'The South Dakota Story'. Celebrating America's journey through the past 250 years. Special guests **Spearfish American Legion** with a Pledge of Allegiance program. Geraldine Warner VFW volunteer also showed us her **America250** themed hat



Congratulations to our year end champions!

Pictured from Left to Right:

Front row - Sharon Thorman - Duplicate Bridge, Barb Sulzbach - Bunco, Ping Ho - Pinochle, Dominos, & Top Hand, Mahjong - Geney Holley

Back row - Donna McLaughlin - Duplicate Bridge, Becky Loll - Texas Holdem, Whist - Marla Loken



We loved hosting another year of **Spearfish Souper Starz!** Together, our community helped raise more than \$8,000! Funds that went directly to local nonprofits making a real difference in the Spearfish area. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped set up, clean up, and manage the kitchen during this big event!

**"Growing old is mandatory, but growing up is optional."
-Walt Disney**

Celebrate the gift of getting older with gratitude (and a sense of humor). It's no secret that aging can be challenging. It comes with a lot of life changes. Wasn't it just yesterday that you were doing handstands or running up the stairs? But despite the changes it brings, the truth is that getting older is a gift, and one that not everyone is given. A good attitude makes all the difference in enjoying it. Embrace the process of aging to help celebrate your golden years with grace, gratitude and good humor. Engaging in some of our fun Senior Center activities is a great place to start!
-Ginger

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!**

We received a Grant from **Zonta** again this year! This Grant makes it possible for us to buy roses each month for our Birthday honorees at our luncheons! **Zonta** supports our wonderful community in so many ways & we appreciate their continued support to our Senior Center.

Spearfish Area Historical Society Program
Tues. May 5th at 7PM
"Establishing Black Hills Towns 150 Years Ago" By Dr. David Wolff.
Open to the public. For more info call 605-641-8563

Clean Eating Intro with member, Tina Bensen
Friday May 22nd
9:30AM-10:30AM

Clean eating is a lifestyle approach focused on consuming whole, unprocessed or minimally processed foods in their natural state, such as vegetables, fruits, lean proteins, and whole grains, while avoiding refined sugars, trans fat, and artificial additives. Open to the public.



NEED A RIDE?

We have vouchers to ride the bus to our Senior Center and back home for our members. Stop into the office to pick yours up! Thank you to Pioneer Bank for sponsoring this transportation opportunity for our seniors in the community!

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

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



Would you like to learn more about your community?

The Spearfish Police offer you a chance to “Ride Along” with them and see what Spearfish looks like from their point of view. Our Center is hoping to find a couple of our members who are willing to do a ‘Ride Along’ with a Spearfish Police Officer. The application is simple and is available at our Senior Center. Big thank you to Mary Livingston for helping with our America 250 activities and events! Stay tuned for other fun events during this historic year of 2026...



THANK YOU TO THE SENIOR CHORUS MEMBERS!

18+ members of the chorus joined together to clean our windows, paint outdoor sheds, pick up branches bag up blown trash, and so much more. They now challenge the **LINE DANCERS!** Will they accept? 😊 If you know of a group willing to help us with the up-keep of our building and lawn please let us know.
THANK YOU CHORUS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

Live Music! May 16th 2PM-4PM



Join Us for an Afternoon of Music & Community! Come enjoy live singing & music featuring talented local musicians playing a variety of instruments—all while supporting a great cause. It'll be a fun, relaxing afternoon filled with music, friendship, & good vibes. Cookies & coffee will be served.

100% of proceeds go toward our New Building Fund. Open to the public!

Safeway Gift Cards

Our Senior Center is registered to earn 5% of all sales at Safeway for gas, pharmacy, & groceries! To participate you must pick up a reloadable card from Stephanie. The card has no cost. Before you begin shopping at Safeway take your card to Customer Service or a cashier & tell them you would like to put money on your card. You may load up to \$500 at a time. Shop & use your card as payment. It's easy & adds up fast! They also make great gifts & still give back 5% to our Senior Center!

Welcome New Members:
Violet Lyons & Rita Shewmake.



Peaceful Pines is hosting ‘Bus Bingo’. Sign up to ride the bus to Peaceful Pines and enjoy an afternoon of playing BINGO! They will bring you back to the Senior Center when Bingo concludes. Sign up 605-642-2827.





Member Spotlight Margaret Kleinsasser

Family Members: I have a daughter Shelly (husband Doug) a son Calvin (wife Kelli) and a son Mike (wife Calley) & 6 grandkids.

Where did you grow up/Past Work: I grew up on a farm South of Pukwana, SD. Went to a country school for 8 years & graduated from Chamberlain High School in 1965. Went to BHSU for 2 ½ years & then moved to Valetine, NE, then to Winner, SD, & then back to Spearfish, SD. I worked in a bank, a school system, & at BHSU for 30 plus years.

Hobbies & Interests/Highlights in Life: I never really had any hobbies until my second marriage when riding motorcycles, drag racing, & building up old cars. We even went to the stock car races in Rapid City & Gillette, WY. After I retired, I worked out of Jeanie’s Pet Grooming for 10 plus years. That was one job I liked. We did cats, dogs, birds -they couldn’t talk back to you, but they let you know if something was bothering them by biting or scratching.

Current Involvement at the Senior Center: I play Hand & Foot, 10 Point Pitch, & Dominos. I also help with the pricing of rummage sale items for the big sales we have 3 times a year. We also have a free coffee and cookies for the Vets once a month which I help with.

Favorite Activities at the Senior Center: My favorite would be playing cards, dominoes, and rummage sales. Penney Williams & I also serve lunch at auctions.

Love Most about the Senior Center: I love seeing all the smiling faces at the Center. Hugs to you all.

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

Scoreboard MARCH 2026

- Whist: LeRoy Lanphear 56
- Hand & Foot: Jerry Kimmel 19,905
- 10 Point Pitch: Myrna Chewakin 205
- Bridge: Lucy Harvey 5,660
- BUNCO: Cindy Hadden 732
- Wed Pinochle: Phil Edwards 7,630
- Wed Mahjong: Janie Humbracht 500
- Texas Holdem: Cindy Hadden/Connie Wagner 150
- Dominoes: Gloria Hunt 212
- Cribbage: Jean Dirk 42
- Thur Dup Bridge: Bob Geroch & Mary Samson 73.61
- Fri Pinochle: Lauren Gieser 7,380
- Sat Dup Bridge: Mike & Betty Weiss 63.58



In search of a lawn mower for this summer. If you are willing to help with keeping our lawn mowed or weed eating, please contact Stephanie. We would love to have a couple people sign up to take turns to help with this ongoing maintenance. We so appreciate everyone who has helped thus far!

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Summer Rummage Sale July 16-18, 2026

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April Newsletter

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