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Spearfish, SD 57783

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www.spearfishseniorcenter.com

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

Medical Equipment
Availability
Mon-Fri
9AM-Noon

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

We are in need of pies to sell during our Fundraising Rummage Sale. Please bring in your pies before NOON on Wednesday Oct 14th. We are also looking for people willing to bring in baked goods for our Bake Sale during our Craft Fair on Sat. Nov 7th. Please bring baked goods by 2pm Fri. Nov 6th. Anything from cookies, bars, cakes, pies, etc sell very well at our Bake Sale! You can either individually wrap items or we can sell them as a whole or bulk bag. We will price them as they come in. **Thank you!!**

OCTOBER 2026

Spearfish Senior Center Newsletter



Spearfish Senior Center Board Meeting Minutes Sept 17th, 2026



Present: President Ginger Childers, Secretary Jane Rutherford, Dennis Dahl, Carol Vercoe, Doug Schmit, LeRoy Lanphear and Executive Director Stephanie Crago. Vice President Taffy Tucker, Carol Hess, Marla Loken and Treasurer Alyce Harich 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: Spearfish High School Class of 1966 and Black Hills Community Foundation. A check in the amount of \$10,066.00 was donated by the Class of 1966 to the Senior Center for our building fund.

Ways and Means: Building rental income for the month of August was \$130. September will be approximately \$650.

Director's Report: 6 new members joined the Senior Center in August. The luncheons continue to be well attended. Our placemat program has brought in \$5000 so far with several new advertisers. We are still seeking volunteers to help with our medical equipment shed.

Old Business: Doug gave an update on the Steering Committee meeting and informed the board that we have received a \$100,000 grant from Lawrence County and \$100,00 from the City of Spearfish with funds being allocated towards our new building.

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!

Fundraising Breakfast

SAT, Oct 24th

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!

Spearfish Insurance Brokerage



Deborah Meyer

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When Things are Changing**

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Medicare Experts in Spearfish

- Medigap Plans
- Advantage Plans
- Drug Plans
- Dental & Vision



Birthday

**Make plans to attend
the Fundraising
Birthday Luncheon!**

Oct 2nd at 11:30AM

- ❖ Meal includes dessert & coffee for \$10.
- ❖ **MENU:** pulled pork, side, & dessert.
- ❖ Roses by Zonta for all members who are Birthday honorees!
- ❖ **Guest Speaker:** Ida Marie Snorteland with The Senior Health Information & Insurance Education (SHIINE).
- ❖ Special Music by Ivan Kloefkorn, Arne & Bob Koski.
- ❖ Members who celebrate a Birthday this month eat for **FREE** & are entered in a **FREE Pie Certificate donated by PERKINS!**
- ❖ Open to the public!

Fall Fundraiser Rummage Sale

Oct. 15th 8AM-3PM

Oct. 16th 8AM-3PM

Oct. 17th 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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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, Oct.
23rd
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!

2027 Medicare Updates



Have a caramel roll on us &
visit our table for Medicare info

Thursday, October 1 at 8:30am
Spearfish Senior Center



Spearfish Insurance Brokerage
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SD DROP

SD Deaf Resource &
Outreach Programs

Using Cell Phones with Hearing Loss

Join us Friday, October 9th from 9:30-10:30

A team from SD Deaf Resource & Outreach Programs (SD DROP) will train on the basics of using a cell phone including sending text messages, adding contacts & apps, using email & automated assistants (like Siri), & connecting hearing aids & other devices with Bluetooth. Potential for additional sessions with more advanced topics based on your feedback.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for Medical Equipment Helpers on some Fridays from 9AM-NOON. If you would like to help with this important service, please let Stephanie know. This is a great volunteer opportunity to serve our community & help so many people!



Pioneer
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Estate Planning Seminar

Sponsored by:

Pioneer Bank & Trust

Thurs., Oct 29th 4PM

Free & open to the public!

Learn more about planning for your future, protecting your assets, & creating a plan for the years ahead.

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Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures of events!



Birthday table – Karen Buccholz & Alyce Harich during caramel roll Thursday.



Happy Birthday to ALL our September Birthday members!



Thank you also to Insurance Jig with Megan Bergan for sponsoring rolls!



Edgewood making our Thursdays EXTRA sweet sponsoring rolls.

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!

Board Elections for 2027

The nominating committee is forming the 2027 ballot for Senior Center Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for the board, please let us know ASAP. **Voting will be on November 21st 9am-2pm at our Annual Meeting & Turkey Dinner.** If you need to vote early, we will have ballots ready starting on 11/9/26.



The Cowboy Kingston's Saddle Pal & Folk Music



**Friday, Oct. 9th
2PM-4PM**



Join us for live music! Refreshments & coffee will be served. Open to the public. Free will donation going towards the new building!

**Thank you to the Brost
Family & Common
Grounds for the donation
of sweet corn!**



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!

President's Message:

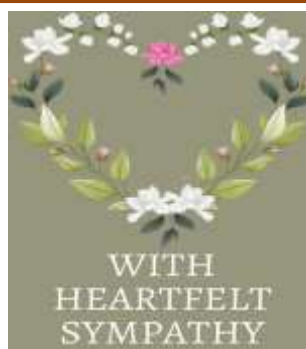
Before the pace quickens toward the holidays, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the dedication, creativity and heart that each of you brings to our Center. Your efforts are the foundation of our success.

As I write this, our "Building for the Future" building fund has surpassed \$1,000,000.00!

This is comprised of "monies received" as well as "monies pledged". You will recall that we officially launched the campaign in January of this year. So, look at what has been accomplished in a short nine months. The next time you see our Campaign Committee Chair, Doug Schmit, be sure to thank him for his time and leadership and congratulate him on reaching this milestone.

A heartfelt thanks to each of you and wishing you a fun Halloween. Watch out for the goblins.

-Ginger Childers



We are saddened to hear of the loss of our member Jim Hoff. Our deepest condolences are sent out to his family & friends during this time.

Board of Directors Board Members

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		



Make The Right Call.

The Senior Health Information & Insurance Education (SHIINE) program provides free, unbiased information so you can get the most benefits out of Medicare. SHIINE is administered by the SD Department of Human Services Division of Long Term Services & Supports, & we're a federal funded program through Administration of Community Living.

October 15-Dec 7, 2026: Change your Medicare health or drug coverage for 2027, if you decide to. You can join, switch or drop a Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare drug plan, or switch to Original Medicare during this Open Enrollment Period each year. Call local volunteers for more information on SHIINE. Ida Marie Snorteland 605-642-5123 or Dixie Parker 605-644-6785.



SD Poetry on the Road Fri., Oct 30th 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. This event is free & open to the public. 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!

Acoustic Jam Session October 24th 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!



The Empowered Caregiver Series -Supporting Independence

*An educational program presented
by the Alzheimer's Association*
Fri., Oct 30th 9:30AM-10:30AM.

A person living with dementia often wants to stay independent for as long as possible. Caregivers can learn how to balance safety & manage expectations to support independence at every stage of the disease. Visit alz.org/CRF to explore additional caregiver info.

SAVE THE DATE Craft Fair & Bake Sale Sat. Nov. 7th from 9AM-2PM

Welcome New Members:
Margaret Anderson, Matthew &
Stacy Goodman, Ron Ackerson,
Keith Hepper, & Stan Triplett.

Member Spotlight

Penny Brown



Family Members: I have been married to Jim for 51 years. I was previously married and had 2 sons who Jim adopted soon after we married. Our sons are Chris and Jaimes both of whom live in the Denver area. We have 4 grandchildren from 18-22- Luke, Alexandria, Sophia, & Collin.

Where did you grow up? I grew up on a farm near the small town of Renwick in north central Iowa. I graduated from Boone Valley High School, then graduated from the University of Iowa College of Nursing. As a junior in college, I joined the Navy. Because of the Vietnam War all services had a shortage of nurses so they would finance 2 years of education in return for time in service.

Past work or past highlights in life: I was a Navy nurse stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, then Guam, Marianas Islands. My 40 years of nursing included a variety of jobs—staff nursing, supervision, in-service education, teaching in a community college, & diabetes care manager for Kaiser Permanente. I was a certified diabetes educator & held American Nurses Association certification in continuing education.

Hobbies/Interests/Groups you belong to: We enjoy travel & have been fortunate to have traveled to every state except Hawaii most of the Canadian Provinces, & 18 other countries. I am a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Previously have been a member of Soroptimist International, Sigma Theta Tau nursing honorary society.

Something we may not know about you or fun fact: I married a man who is an avid baseball fan who tells people he married me because I was the only woman he met who understood the infield fly rule. We have seen baseball games in every major league ballpark, & I spent years on Little League fields doing everything from being team mother to work in the snack shack to being league president.

Current involvement of the Senior Center: I play Hand & Foot, attend the Monday exercise class, & help with the summer rummage sale. Previously I served 2 terms on the Board of Directors & have helped serve at monthly luncheons, breakfasts, & rally breakfasts.

Favorite activity at the Senior Center: Hand & Foot, although I do enjoy the rummage sale just because the people are so interesting. I can't tell you how many times I've commented about something I thought would never sell & it's gone in the first few hours.

What do you love most about the Senior Center: The people. Everyone has an interesting story.

Scoreboard AUG 2026

Whist: Linda Jones 52

Hand & Foot: Jerrilyn

Brunette 20,350

10 Point Pitch: Becky Loll 184

Bridge: Darleen Plunkett
5,540

BUNCO: Marti McAmis 594

Wed Pinochle: Phil Edwards
7,940

Wed Mahjong 1PM: Laura
Scholton 500

Wed Mahjong 5:30PM: Lisa
Gibbons 500

Texas Holdem: Connie Wagner
225

Dominoes: LeRoy Lanphear
183

Cribbage: Marilyn Halse 61

Thur Dup Bridge: Mary
Samson & Bob Geroch 71.53

Fri Mahjong: Geney Holley
520

Fri Pinochle: Norine Franke
6,910

Sat Dup Bridge: Bill & Dianne
Craig 68.81

Please note:

The card game 500 has been added to Mondays at 1PM and Whist has moved to Thursdays at 1PM. We are looking for more players to play 500 and are willing to teach!

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Save the Date!
Fall Rummage Sale Oct15th -17th



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of pictures & updates posted!



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