

The HISTORY of Spearfish, SD

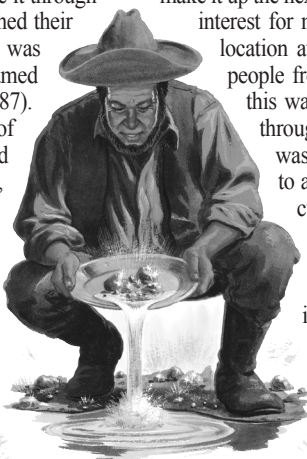
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The history of Spearfish, South Dakota is filled with tales of Indians, gold fever and explorations of unknown territory. A new way of living was founded when the tiny settlement of Spearfish was established. People learned to enjoy the quiet atmosphere and the clean reputation of a new and prosperous city. Spearfish started small, but little did it know that it would soon become the center of commerce and community in the Black Hills.

Spearfish's history does not begin with its establishment in 1876, but with the thrilling story of seven men who entered the Black Hills to find more than their share of excitement. In 1833, a band of men, led by Ezra Kind entered what was to become Lawrence County territory in search of gold. It seemed the band had discovered gold and were headed home when they were attacked and killed by Indians. One of the men made it through the first attack and quickly etched their story on a piece of rock which was later called the Thoen Stone (named for the man who found it in 1887). The stone told of their discovery of gold and the attack by Indians. Had these men made it back to their home, the rush to the Black Hills may have begun many years earlier. Ezra Kind was the only one to have survived the attack, but it is assumed that he was later killed by more Indians.

Gold fever brought more men to "dem der hills", but many, like Ezra Kind and his men, were run off by Indians. The first non-Indians to actually settle in the land near the Spearfish River were led by two men,

Alfred Gay and J.E. Smith. These men were credited with having begun the settlement of Spearfish, Dakota Territory. Spearfish was named for the river that gave the city its life supporting water. The river was given its name by the Indians who loved to spear the fish in the crystal clear waters. In 1876, the township of Spearfish had officially begun.



Although it was the gold that brought men to Spearfish, it was not the gold that kept them there. The settlement was soon to be seen as a center for commerce and community. The setting was ideal. The river provided a water supply and irrigation for farming. It was a quiet atmosphere moved away from the tawdry reputation of such cities as Deadwood, Lead and Center City. It became obvious that Spearfish would be the city to clean up the reputation of the Black Hills. In 1876, the first building was erected. It was a log cabin that started a trend for more and it soon became apparent that Spearfish was going to grow and would need protection from the Indians. A stockade was built and it protected the people of Spearfish from attack during the winter of 1876-1877. In 1877, the Sioux title brought an end to Indian hostilities and Spearfish could concentrate on growing.

In 1877, the first store was opened and also a United States post office. These were followed by a sawmill, blacksmith shop, livery stable and law office. By the 1890 census, the population of Spearfish had grown to 671. Because of this growth, Spearfish seemed a perfect place for a Federal Fish Hatchery. The fish hatchery, now known as DC Booth Historic Fish Hatchery, was completed in 1899 and has since then supplied millions of trout to the Black Hills waters. Also in 1893, a railroad was built through Spearfish Canyon for the purpose of bringing ore to mines for processing, but it soon became an outstanding scenic attraction in the Black Hills. The railroad was once said to need no fuel because the hills made the track so winding the train could roll down one hill and still have enough speed to make it up the next! Spearfish seemed to be a place of great interest for many, the beautiful scenery and its ideal location at the base of Spearfish Canyon brought people from all over the country, and because of this was petitioned in 1897 to build a roadway through Spearfish Canyon. When the road was completed in 1930, it became known to all that Spearfish was on the way to great cultural and economic growth.

In 1883, the Spearfish Normal School was established. Now known as Black Hills State University, the school is a major employer of Spearfish residents and has been a great asset to Spearfish.

1906 brought the establishment of Matthews Opera House, the center of entertainment in Spearfish. The opera house stands today and is still as enjoyable as ever. Josef Meier brought the Black Hills Passion Play, a play portraying the last seven days in the life of Christ, to Spearfish in 1938. A large outdoor amphitheater was built to hold the play's large cast of local townspeople.

Spearfish has a great reputation for its importance as an educational, agricultural and commercial center. It is now home to many annual events which bring people from all over the country.

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BIG WIN PLATTERS


All Stadium Big Wins served with your choice of one side item.

MACHO BURGER PLATTER **\$24.50**
Where's the BEEF? You just found it. This burger is piled high with two 1/2 pound patties, layered with American cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, pickle and onion. You won't go away hungry!

 **CHIX** **\$14.25**
We use tender chunks of chicken marinated in the Stadium's Secret Sauce, breaded and deep fried to a golden brown. Served with your choice of honey mustard, ranch, or barbecue sauce and Texas Toast.


CHICKEN STRIPS DINNER **\$15.25**
Tender chicken breast strips breaded, deep-fried to a golden brown, and served with your choice of honey mustard, ranch, or barbecue sauce. Served with Texas Toast.

FISH BASKET **\$15.95**
A generous portion of battered fish and choice of side. Served with tartar sauce.

 **GRILLED SHRIMP** **\$22.95**
8 Grilled shrimp with garlic, lemon pepper, or Cajun seasoning. Served with Texas Toast, choice of side and a salad.

SHRIMP PLATTER **\$17.75**
Breaded butterflied shrimp lightly fried. Served with Texas Toast.

HOME RUN SALADS

 **STADIUM SALAD** **\$16.50**
Crispy green garden salad topped with a generous portion of your choice of our Stadium Beef Tips, Chix, or Hot Chix, cucumbers, tomatoes, croutons, carrots, eggs and onion.

GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD **\$15.55**
Iceburg lettuce topped with tender chicken breast, cucumbers, tomatoes, red onion, croutons, eggs and carrots.

CHEF SALAD **\$15.95**
Turkey, ham, cheese and eggs top this bed of lettuce with cucumber, tomatoes, red onion and croutons.

SPINACH SALAD **\$14.00**
Fresh spinach greens, red onions, fresh mushrooms, hard boiled egg, and crisp bacon served with poppyseed dressing on the side.
Add... **Chicken or Beef Tips**

HECK STACK **\$15.55**
What the hay is a Heck Stack you ask? Well, we start with Fritos corn chips, smothered in John's chili, layered with lettuce, cheese, and tomatoes. Served with ranch and salsa.

ULTIMATE TACO SALAD **\$15.95**
Crispy fried sun dried tomato shell served with your choice of seasoned ground beef or chicken, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, black olives, and scallions.
Substitute... **Beef Tips for \$3.00**

CRISPY CHICKEN AND BACON SALAD **\$15.95**
Our version of a cobb salad. Crisp greens and fresh spinach topped with our homemade chix, bleu cheese crumbles, smokey bacon, hard boiled egg, tomatoes and black olives.

FAJITA SALAD **\$15.95**
Your choice of grilled chicken or steak, tomatoes, green peppers, onions & cheese on fresh iceberg lettuce. Served with crispy tortilla chips.

BACON CHEESEBURGER SALAD **\$15.95**
Iceburg lettuce, topped with a 6 oz. burger, shredded cheese, diced tomatoes, onion & pickle. Served with ranch on the side.

Salad Dressings:
Ranch, Bleu Cheese, Italian, French, Honey Mustard, Thousand Island, Poppyseed, Sweet Chili, Fat Free Ranch, Raspberry Vinaigrette, Balsamic Vinegar

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TAILGATE SPECIALS

All meal selections include choice of soup, garden salad, tater tots, french fries, kettle chips, steamed broccoli, potato salad, cottage cheese, fruit, or coleslaw.

Upgrade to sidewinder fries for \$1.00, a big house salad or sweet potato fries for \$1.75, onion rings, or cheese balls for \$2.25.

1/2 LB. BURGER \$14.50

We use choice lean burger served with lettuce, tomato, red onion and pickle.

Add... **Cheese - \$1.25, Bacon - \$1.95, Mushrooms - 75¢**

FRISCO MELT 1/2lb. beef or chicken \$16.25

This new addition starts off with a juicy burger topped with bacon, Swiss cheese, and tomato. We serve it on grilled Texas Toast with a side of Thousand Island for that extra zing.

BLEU CHEESE BACON BURGER 1/2lb. beef or chicken \$16.95

A juicy burger blasted with steak sauce and topped with melted bleu cheese, smokey bacon, lettuce and tomato.

BLACK JACK BURGER 1/2lb. beef or chicken \$16.95

A burger seasoned with Cajun seasoning and topped with pepper-jack cheese, sliced bacon, sour cream and green onion.

PATTY MELT 1/2lb. beef or chicken \$14.95

Lean ground beef served on rye bread with grilled onions, Swiss and American cheese.

WESTERN BURGER 1/2lb. beef or chicken \$15.95

Lean ground beef topped with BBQ sauce, Swiss cheese and a crispy beer battered onion ring.

HALF PINT BURGER \$8.50

1/4 lb. burger for the light eater.

Add... **Cheese - \$1.25, Bacon - \$1.95, Mushrooms - 75¢, Make it Deluxe - \$1.00**

STADIUM CHICKEN SANDWICH \$14.50

A tender chicken breast grilled or lightly fried to perfection and served on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomato, onions and pickles.

Add... **Cheese - \$1.25, Bacon - \$1.95**

THE BIG DOG \$8.30

This is not just your ordinary dog! Ball park hot dog served on a fresh bun with onion on the side.

Add... **John's Homemade Chili and Cheese - \$2.95**

The Stadium Sports Grill is proud to help support our community and athletic programs in many ways. Some of the organizations we are honored to contribute to are:

Green and Gold Booster Club, American Legion Baseball, Black Hills State University Athletics, Spearfish Adult Softball, Youth Softball, Spearfish Spartan Booster Club, and Mitey Mite Youth Football

SLAM DUNK SPECIALTIES

All meal selections include choice of soup, garden salad, tater tots, french fries, kettle chips, steamed broccoli, potato salad, cottage cheese, fruit, or coleslaw.

Upgrade to sidewinder fries for \$1.00, a big house salad or sweet potato fries for \$1.75, onion rings, or cheese balls for \$2.25.

HAM & CHEESE MELT \$10.35

Grilled ham with Swiss cheese on a hoagie bun.

FRENCH DIP \$14.25

We pile thinly sliced roast beef high and serve it on a sourdough hoagie bun served with au jus for dunkin'.

Add... **Cheese - 75¢, Bacon - \$1.50**

PHILI STEAK SANDWICH *Try it with Turkey!* \$16.55

Thinly sliced roast beef, grilled onions, mushrooms, green peppers, and Swiss cheese served on a sourdough hoagie bun.

Make it a Dog Pile Dip by adding extra cheese and bacon for \$2.25

BAJA TURKEY CLUB \$15.95

Sliced turkey, smoked bacon, tomato, pepper-jack cheese and chipotle ranch loaded up on grilled Texas Toast.

KNUCKLE SANDWICH \$14.25

This one will knock you out! Tender chicken strips, bacon and cheese served on a hoagie bun.

HOT KNUCKLE \$14.25

Tender strips of chicken, ham and cheese topped with hot wing sauce. Served with ranch or bleu cheese for dipping on a hoagie bun.

TEXAS TOAST BLT \$12.50

We start with lots of bacon, lettuce and tomato piled high on Texas Toast and served with mayonnaise on the side.

Make it an Ultimate by adding ham, turkey and cheese for \$2.95

TEXAS TOAST GRILLED CHEESE \$7.25

An American Classic: What more needs to be said?

Add... **ham for \$2.00**

TURKEY BACON RANCH WRAP \$15.95

Thinly sliced turkey, peppered bacon, shredded cheese, tomato, spinach and ranch on a tomato wrap.



STADIUM WRAP \$16.25

You asked for it you got it! A generous portion of your choice of Stadium Beef Tips, Chix, or Hot Chix, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, cheddar jack cheese, and ranch dressing, served in a garlic herb wrap.

FAJITA WRAP \$16.25

Grilled chicken or steak, lettuce, tomatoes, green peppers, onions and cheese topped with our homemade ranch dressing in a garlic herb wrap.

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU WRAP \$15.95

Grilled ham, chicken and sauteed mushrooms, topped with Swiss cheese and our special honey mustard dressing in a tomato wrap.