



Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a business or individual who has supported and contributed to the Spearfish community for over 20 years.

This individual has been a long-time supporter of the Chamber and a continuous member since 1991 - that is as far back as our digital records go, so he has probably been a member much longer. What started out as a one man show in 1982, his construction company grew and employed up to 50 local residents at one time and has a huge monetary impact on our community through donations and dedication to Spearfish. As if he wasn't busy enough, he then went into partnership to open the Stadium Sports Grill in Spearfish in the early 90s and later opened another location in Belle Fourche. And once a year, the Spearfish Stadium donates to the Lion's Pancake Breakfast fundraiser by literally turning the store over to the volunteers.

Countless hours and manpower have been donated to projects at the Chamber and around the entire community. He has supported many youth sports, numerous non-profits, St. Joseph's church, Black Hills State University, and much more. Gifts to BHSU have benefitted a wide variety of programs including all of the collegiate sports programs, rodeo, band and the Joy Proctor Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center.

Some additional projects that came to fruition because of this man donating time and resources include the scoreboards at most of the youth sports fields. Through his efforts and donations came the creation of the Legion Field known as the Black Hills Energy Complex and the Pope & Talbot sports complex. His dedication to community sports does not end there as he donated materials and manpower to build the new announcer tower for the field at State & Grant streets.

As a strong supporter of, and business owner in, Downtown Spearfish, once again time and resources are donated each year to decorate the large tree for the Holidays and to support Downtown Friday Nights.

With all this said, by far his family are his largest supporters and admirers.

Congratulations to Clair Donovan as the recipient of the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award.