

SPEARFISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

SPEARFISH DAY AT THE CAPITOL



Members of the SEDC Board and staff recently traveled to Pierre with other Spearfish business and community leaders. Advocating for our local businesses is an important part of SEDCs mission, and we were pleased to participate in this year's Spearfish/BHSU Day at the Capitol activities!



The 2024 SEDC Membership Investment Campaign is coming to a close. If you have not already renewed your membership, we would encourage you to do so soon so that you can continue to receive the SEDC newsletter, economic development updates, and other investor benefits.

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SPOTLIGHT



With the goal of keeping their offices local and their team reliable, Interstate Engineering's five founders created the company in 1976. Since opening their doors, the engineers and land surveyors of the company have diligently worked towards improving life in the places and communities they serve.

Interstate Engineering specializes in providing innovative, sustainable, high-performance civil engineering, surveying, and planning solutions throughout the Great Plains Region.



Interstate Engineering, Inc.
Spearfish, SD

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SEDC ATTENDS PHEASANT FEST IN SIOUX FALLS



As part of our ongoing outdoor product recruitment campaign, SEDC recently attended the National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic in Sioux Falls. The record-breaking event allowed us an opportunity to visit with dozens of outdoor product companies, including Spearfish's very own Alder Grove Dog Boxes.



**COFFEE WITH CODE
ENFORCEMENT**

March 14 | 7 AM - 8 AM
City Hall Council Chambers
Spearfish, SD
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**SPEARFISH SOUPER STARZ
DINNER**

March 19 | 6 PM - 7 PM
Spearfish Senior Center
Spearfish, SD
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**34th ANNUAL QUEEN CITY
BASKETBALL CLASSIC**

March 22-24 | All Day
Spearfish, SD
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**BLACK HILLS NATIONALS
TOURNAMENT**

March 29-30
Donald E. Young Center
1625 St Joe St.
Spearfish, SD
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**SPEARFISH AREA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY PRESENTS PHOEBE AND
THE GRIERS OF HOMESTAKE**

April 2 | 7 PM
Spearfish Senior Center
Spearfish, SD
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THE MORE YOU KNOW...

How to Conduct an Interview in 8 Steps

Indeed Editorial Team

Interviews can be an important part of the hiring process because they can help you get to know a candidate. You can use the interview meeting to determine if a person is a good fit for the open position. If you're a hiring manager or specialist, learning more about conducting effective interviews can be beneficial.

- Introduce yourself
- Have a quick chat
- Set expectations for the interview
- Use active listening skills to engage the candidate
- Gather important information
- Discuss your personal leadership style
- Let the candidate ask you some questions
- Discuss next steps and end the interview

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BY THE NUMBERS

SPEARFISH CITY REPORTS:

BUILDING PERMITS	2024	2023	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
New Residential	2	2	5	7
New Commercial	0	1	0	2
Total Permits	16	12	34	37
Total Dollars	\$1,510,027	\$1,487,409	\$4,129,273	\$5,296,089

SALES TAX	2024	2023	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
2nd Cent Sales Tax	\$523,119	\$440,752	\$994,455	\$920,938
Hospitality Tax	\$72,902	\$48,902	\$122,581	\$100,832

BUILDING PERMITS AND SALES TAX ARE BASED ON THE MOST RECENT CITY OF SPEARFISH REPORTS FROM FEBRUARY 2024

SD DEPT. OF LABOR REPORTS:

Labor Force	2024	2023
CITY OF SPEARFISH		
Total Labor force	6,674	6,437
Total Employed	6,563	6,335
Total Unemployed	111	102
% Unemployed	1.7%	1.6%

LAWRENCE COUNTY		
Total Labor force	14,308	13,790
Total Employed	14,036	13,549
Total Unemployed	272	241
% Unemployed	1.9%	1.7%

NORTHERN HILLS (BUTTE, LAWRENCE, MEADE, & PENNINGTON COUNTIES)		
Total Labor force	92,501	91,867
Total Employed	90,665	90,151
Total Unemployed	1,836	1,716
% Unemployed	2.0%	1.9%

LABOR FORCE DATA IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT SD DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & REGULATION REPORT FROM JANUARY 2024



IN THE NEWS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

[Spearfish Receives Grant Funding For Black Hills Airport - Clyde Ice Field](#)

[Spearfish CTE Center Nearing Completion](#)

[Good Earth Natural Foods Featured on NewsCenter1](#)

[Bandshell Project Set To Break Ground](#)

LEGISLATIVE:

[Governor Noem Signs E15 Fuel Tax Refund Into Law](#)

[U.S. Representatives Host Roundtable On Decreasing Sales Of Timber Industry In The Black Hills](#)

[National Leaders Concerned Black Hills Timber Production Is Not Going To Cut It](#)

[Johnson To Black Hills National Forest: Hit Your Targets Or Risk Mill Shutdowns](#)



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