

# October

## Deadwood Events

### Wild West Songwriter's Fest

October 12-14

### Northern Hills Polar Plunge

October 21, 8am-3pm

Outlaw Square

### Deadweird

October 27-28

### HALLOWEEN

October 31

### Deadwood VFD

### Chili Feed

November 5

### Big Whiskey Festival

November 23

### Community

### Christmas Tree Lighting

December 1

### K9 Keg Pull

January 27

Event dates subject to change\*



## October 8th declared Jerry 'Arthur' Pontius Day

Jerry Pontius started volunteer service with the Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department in 1963. He has served as a firefighter for 60 years, where he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the department, handling finances and membership records more than once. During his time as a volunteer fireman he spent much of his time promoting teamwork and cooperation. Following in his father's footsteps, Jerry served as Fire Chief for Deadwood from 1971-1975 with distinction. He served in all capacities within the Fire Department, doing anything from washing dishes to fixing equipment, putting his engineering knowledge to use. Not only has Jerry served 60 years on the Deadwood Fire Crew but he continues to serve the Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department. At 80 years young, Jerry is still going strong.

Jerry has seen many changes over the years, from the years of wearing old WWII gas masks to the present day SCBA breathing apparatus. The fires that stick out the most for him are the Deadwood School fire and the Syndicate fire. Jerry spent long hours at both. He proudly recalls the professionalism shown by not only the DVFD, but also the state boards he served on.

Mayor Dave R. Ruth, Jr. proclaimed October 8th as Jerry 'Arthur' Pontius Day. The Mayor and the entire City of Deadwood staff would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to Jerry and his entire family for his service and their sacrifice during Jerry's many years of service to the community of Deadwood.

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## Burlington & Missouri Roundhouse Unearthed



In September staff from the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center and Historic Preservation Office worked together to locate the remains of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Roundhouse, constructed in 1895 (today's Sherman Street parking lot). Armed with a backhoe, pick, shovel and trowels, archaeologists located and identified both exterior north and south walls, a partial floor, and corner of the roundhouse.

Research by city staff identified the year of construction and demolition. In June of 1895, the B & M Railroad Company began laying out a five stabled roundhouse.

Upon its completion, the roundhouse cost \$10,000 to construct (\$365,507 today's value). The B & M Roundhouse was in service for 57 years until October 31, 1952 (cont. pg. 2)

**DEADWOOD**  
1876  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
**Mark Your Calendars!**

**October**

October 8 thru 14  
**Fire Prevention Week**

October 9 - Monday  
**Indigenous Peoples' Day**  
City Offices Closed

October 11  
**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting @ 4pm**

October 16  
**Deadwood City Commission Meeting @ 5pm**

October 18  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 4pm**

Mid October  
**Yard Waste Dump Closes**

October 25  
**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting @ 4pm**

**November**

November 1  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 4pm**

November 2  
**Deadwood Neighborhood Council @ 4pm**

November 6  
**Deadwood City Commission Meeting @ 5pm**

November 8  
**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting @ 4pm**

Friday, November 10  
**Veterans Day**  
City Offices Closed



**NOTICE**

The Deadwood Public Works Department reminds you that cars need to be removed from the street during snow removal. Residents will be notified of street cleaning via CodeRED and/or street posting one day in advance. If your car is not removed prior to snow removal it will be ticketed and towed. Sidewalks need to be cleared within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. Failure to clear your sidewalk will result in it being cleared by a contractor hired by the city. Those fees will be passed on along with a \$50 administrative fee. Snow should not be shoveled or blown into the street after the street has been cleaned.

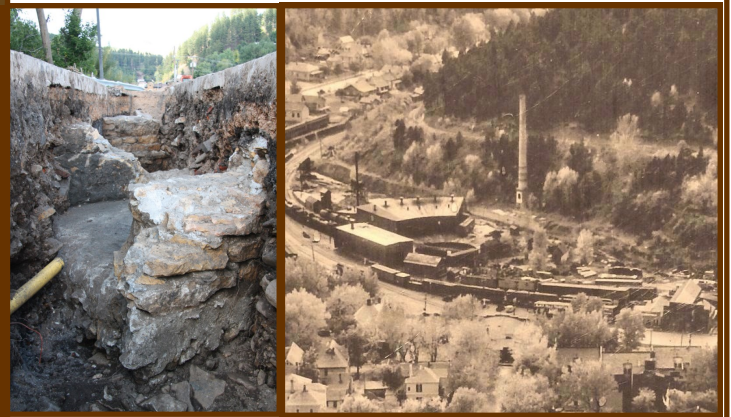
The Public Works Department appreciates the cooperation of the citizens to assure our streets are passable and our sidewalks are safe. If there are questions, please feel free to contact us at 578-3082.

Please sign up for CodeRED Public Notification System at [cityofdeadwood.com](http://cityofdeadwood.com).

Thank you for your cooperation.  
City of Deadwood Public Works

**B&M Roundhouse** (cont. from pg.1)

when it was dismantled. According to the newspaper, diesel trains had replaced steam locomotives and there was no need for the building. Interesting to note was the large amount of silts deposited against the south wall. This may have been deposited during the May 1904 flood that ravaged Deadwood Gulch and took out bridges, buildings and sections of track. A file report will be submitted to the City of Deadwood discussing the project and the archaeological findings. Once this portion of the project has been cleared, work will commence on replacing the retaining walls along Whitewood Creek.





## City of Deadwood Job Openings

**Rec Center Receptionist, Street Equipment Operator/Laborer, Patrol Officer, Lifeguards.**

Visit <https://www.cityofdeadwood.com/jobs> for more details on each position.

## **Deadwood History Inc. Events**

### **October 12: Preservation Thursday: *Prostitution in the American West: Brief Notes on a Long History***

History is all about stories. Whose stories do we tell? How do we tell them? Especially when it comes to a topic like prostitution, where the seller is often cast as either a harlot or a victim, how do we tell stories about those individuals who sold sex for a living? In American lore, men went west when gold was discovered to find adventure and seek their fortunes. They saw opportunity for land, wealth, and independence. What we often don't hear is that women went west for the same reasons, not as wives or daughters, but as fortune seekers themselves. Except the fortune they were seeking wasn't embedded in veins in mountains but in the pockets of the men who literally struck gold - and they earned their wages by selling sex. Women and sex work were an integral part of how the American West was built. Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Kayla Pritchard from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology will focus on Deadwood, but she will also highlight other interesting stories and women from the region. Homestake Adams Research and Cultural Center; 2:00 p.m.; free for members and \$5 for non-members.

### **November 2: Preservation Thursday: *From Problem to Prizewinning***

An exterior support ring for the polar neutrino experiment, known colloquially as the Davis ring, is visible to all who drive by the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center in Lead. This ring is merely one section of a 100,000 gallon tank that was placed at the 4,850 level of what was then the Homestake Mine. Just as this structure is one piece of the much larger solar neutrino experiment, so too, was Ray Davis only one of the scientists involved in this multidecade experiment. The presentation by Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center Director Kelly Kirk will explore the partnership between John Bahcall, Ray Davis, and others, a collaboration that eventually led to a Nobel Prize and a place in physics history. Homestake Adams Research and Cultural Center; 12:00 p.m.; free for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

## **Chamber Corner**

### **October 12: Deadwood Chamber Mixer at Deadwood Mountain Grand**

We invite you to join the Deadwood Chamber for an after-hours mixer at Deadwood Mountain Grand located at 1906 Deadwood Mountain Drive, Deadwood SD 57732 from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, October 12. All are welcome!

### **October 12-14: Wild West Songwriter's Festival**

Dubbed one of the "best live music festivals for fans" and one of the "top ten songwriter's festivals you don't want to miss", the three-day event will feature FREE performances by songwriters that have produced or co-written hits for artists such as Keith Urban, Miranda Lambert, Dierks Bentley, Reba McEntire, Linda Ronstadt, Faith Hill, Kenny Chesney, Garth Brooks and many more.

### **October 27-28: Deadweird**

Come celebrate Halloween in Deadwood. Deadweird is a little crazy, a little spooky and a WHOLE lot of fun! Make plans for the 11th annual Monster Ball on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 with a live band and dancing; and the annual Costume Contest with more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes for the best costumes on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023. Both of these events are FREE, so come in costume or just come to watch – it is quite the sight!

### **October 28: Trunk or Treat – All Ages Welcome**

Enjoy family-friendly trick or treating in Deadwood on Saturday, October 28 outdoors at the Days of '76 Event Complex – Trunk or Treat – All are welcome! Treats from trunks of vehicles will be served from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Deadwood Chamber is looking for individuals and businesses that would like to give out candy at the Days of '76 Event Complex for Trunk or Treat. Call the Chamber at (605) 578-1876 to sign up.

### **October 31: KidWeird Halloween event**

**NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources** will hold the 22nd annual KidWeird Halloween event in the Deadwood Mountain Grand Event Center again this year, October 31st from 5 – 8PM. There will be costume contests & prizes (<12 years of age), also a haunted house, candy giveaways and games. Of course, as always, the event is free to all. Invite your friends. The more the merrier and scarier. For more information, or if you would like to be a sponsor or volunteer, call 605-5781401.

### **Haunted Tours of the Broken Boot Gold Mine - For ages 12 and older October 20 - October 31**

Take a spooky tour by candlelight, 300 feet under the surface in a 143 year-old, historic mine. These haunted house-style Halloween tours of the Broken Boot Gold Mine are only available October 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. Ages 12 and up; \$10 per person; Walk up tickets only.

## Hours of Operation

### Deadwood City Hall

8 AM - 5 PM (Mon - Fri)

### Deadwood Public Library

10 AM - 6 PM (Mon - Thu)

10 AM - 5 PM (Fri)

12 PM - 4 PM (Sat)

### Deadwood Public Works Office

7 AM - 3:30 PM (Mon - Fri)

### Lead-Deadwood Landfill

8 AM - 4 PM (Mon - Sat)

### Lead-Deadwood Sanitary District

7 AM - 3 PM (Mon - Sat)

### Deadwood Recreational Center

5 AM - 7 PM (Mon - Fri)

7 AM - Noon (Sat)

(Closed Sundays)

### Adams Museum

9 AM - 5 PM Daily\*

Suggested donation: Adults \$5,  
Children 6-12 \$3, Children 5 and  
under free

### The Brothel - Deadwood

Guided Tours from

11 AM - 6 PM Daily

Last guided tour at 6 PM

\$15 per person

(Must be at least 16 years old)

### Historic Adams House

9 AM - 4 PM Daily\*

Last guided tour at 4:00p.m.

Admission: Adults \$12, Children 6-12  
\$5, Children 5 & under free

### Homestake Adams Research &

### Cultural Center (HARCC)

10 AM - 4 PM (Mon - Fri)

### History & Information Center (Depot)

8 AM - 5 PM Daily

### Welcome Center

8 AM - 5 PM Daily

### Days of '76 Museum

9 AM - 5 PM Daily\*

Admission: Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5  
Children 5 and under free

### Deadwood Fire Department

8 AM - 5 PM (Mon - Fri)

### Deadwood Police Department

8 AM - 5 PM (Mon - Fri)

### Lawrence County Courthouse

8 AM - 5 PM (Mon - Fri)

### Deadwood Chamber of Commerce

8 AM - 5 PM (Mon - Fri)

\*Group tours available with  
advanced reservations



## TROLLEY SCHEDULE - Early October 2023

DAYS	NUMBER OF TROLLEYS	TIME RUNNING
Sunday through Thursday	1st Trolley	8:00 A.M. to Midnight
	2nd Trolley	9:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M.
Friday & Saturday	1st Trolley	8:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M.
	2nd Trolley	9:30 A.M. to 12:30 A.M.

*Winter Hours begin when KOA closes for season, TBD*

**THERE IS NO 24-HOUR TROLLEY SERVICE**

*Schedule will be followed as closely as possible. Delays may be caused by staff shortage, weather, traffic, construction, equipment failure, etc. A third and fourth Trolley will operate during special events. Thank you!*

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Deadwood City Hall (605) 578-2600

Deadwood Planning & Preservation Office (605) 578-2082

Deadwood Public Library (605) 578-2821

Deadwood Public Works Office (605) 578-3082

Deadwood Recreational Center (605) 578-3729

Deadwood Fire Department **Non-emergency** (605) 578-1212

Deadwood Police Department **Non-emergency** (605) 578-2623

Lawrence County Dispatch (605) 578-2230

Lead/Deadwood Regional Hospital (605) 717-6000

**Deadwood City Commission** meets the **first and third Monday at 5:00 p.m.**

**Planning & Zoning Commission** meets the **first and third Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.**

**Historic Preservation Commission** meets the **second and fourth Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.**

## Winter Hours for Deadwood History, Inc. Sites

Beginning 10/1/23, Deadwood History's Adams Museum, Days of '76 Museum, and Historic Adams House will be open from 10am to 4pm, Tues. thru Sat.

The Brothel Deadwood will offer tours from 11am. to 6pm, Wed. thru Sat. All properties will be closed during winter holidays. However, The Brothel Deadwood will be open on New Year's Eve.

The Homestake Adams Research and Cultural Center (HARCC) is open from 10am to 4pm., Mon. thru Fri. and closed on winter holidays.

## MAIN STREET INITIATIVE

Meets as follows:

**Main Street Initiative** - 3rd Wednesday - Noon - Welcome Center - Ken Gienger (605) 639-3004

The Committees meet as follows:

**Promotions Committee** - 1st Tuesday - 1:00 p.m. - Desirae Van Roekel (605) 222-1354

**Design Committee** - 2nd Tuesday - 3:30 p.m. - Kevin Kuchenbecker (605) 578-2082

**Economic Restructuring Committee** - Tuesday Before MSI Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - Emma Garvin (319) 540-0083

**Organization Committee** - 3rd Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. - Ken Gienger (605) 639-3004

**Recreation Committee** - 1st Wednesday - 3:00 p.m. - Kevin Wagner (605) 645-8789

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**