

Deadwood Events

Deadwood VFD Pancake Feed

March 10

St. Patrick's Day Weekend

March 15—17

Forks, Corks & Kegs

April 12 & 13

Stardust Fest

May 11

Hops & Hogs

May 17-18

Summer Kickoff Outlaw Square

May 24-25

Black Hills Motorcycle Show

May 25

Back When They Bucked

May 26

Mickelson Trail Marathon

June 1

Deadwood PBR

June 7 & 8

Wild Bill Days

June 13—15

Event dates subject to change*

The Irish & Two Bit, SD

Original story: Luck of the Irish: Stories of fortunes made and lost by South Dakota's Irish Immigrants by Ken Stewart for the Capital Journal

Two Bit, South Dakota doesn't sound like a kind of place that would attract much in terms of people or prosperity, but that it did. Named for a gulch that produced two bits—25 cents—in gold with every pan in 1877, prospectors found a good quantity of placer gold in the remains of an ancient river. The gold brought in a couple hundred miners, many of whom were of Irish descent.

Nestled along the gulch about two miles east of Deadwood, the placer gold was soon exhausted. The men were forced to start digging into the hillsides and going further afield in the hunt for elusive gold. Among these miners were men, women, and children from the Emerald Isle.

One of the most notable was James Hardin. James Hardin's family moved from Iowa to Two Bit in the 1870s. There they bought equipment to set up the area's first sawmill in 1878. They profited greatly producing lumber for sluice boxes, homes, mine shoring, and timbers. Like so many others, Hardin's father was lured into gold mining and staked two claims in Two Bit gulch. It was about this time that Jim Hardin ascertained that raising money through investors was a better way of making a living than digging in the ground. He proved to be brilliant in that field and became one of two Irish millionaires in the area.

A big, affable Irishman with a dynamic personality, Hardin soon found he was able to curry favor with just the sort of people he needed. Those with lots of money to spend. They proved willing to believe in his dream and heaped thousands of dollars on him to invest in his mine.

The Two Bit townsite Company was incorporated in the fall of 1897. By 1899, the town boasted a three-story hotel, Hardin Co. business office and a post office, which was a fine, two-story stone structure. Hardin secured a government assay office, a livery stable, a general store, and several fine homes for the Hardin family.



Photos of Hardin Homestead and Hardin mine shaft near Two Bit, SD

All in all, James Hardin employed many men throughout his years in various businesses. Most were of Irish decent.

Hardin's empire began to crumble in the early 1900s. His Hardin Standard mine had run out of ore. His other mines were found lacking in payable amounts of gold ore. Galena was in the doldrums in the 1890s. But good times were on the horizon.

Jim Hardin found himself without much of a future by 1900. His Two-Bit mines were failing or had failed. The market for pyrite was limited. Then he found a golden opportunity to return to wealth.

In 1897-98, a group of capitalists from the east formed The Galena-Union Hill Mining and Smelting Company. The management of this venture was Francis Grable, who turned out to be a con-artist. Gable stole huge sums and caused the Galena-Union Hill Co. (cont. on pg. 2)

Inside This Issue:

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Mark Your Calendar | 2 |
| Archival Anecdotes | 2 |
| The Irish & Two-Bit, SD (cont.) | 2 |
| City of Deadwood Job Openings | 2 |
| City Election Information | 3 |
| Deadwood History, Inc. | 3 |
| Chamber Corner | 3 |
| Trolley Schedules | 4 |
| Main Street Initiative | 4 |
| Important Numbers | 4 |
| Hours of Operation | 4 |



March 2024

Wednesday, March 13
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

4:00pm @ City Hall

Monday, March 18
City Commission Meeting

5:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, March 20
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

4:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, March 27
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

4:00pm @ City Hall

Sunday, March 31

Easter

April 2024

Monday, April 1
City Commission Meeting

5:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, April 3
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

4:00pm @ City Hall

Tuesday, April 9
Election Day

Wednesday, April 10
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

4:00pm @ City Hall

Tuesday, April 15
City Commission Meeting

5:00pm @ City Hall

City of Deadwood Job Openings

Patrol Officer, Lifeguards

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

(cont. from pg. 1) to collapse. When this happened, Jim Hardin swooped in and bought the wreckage. He named his new concern the Branch Mint Mining and Milling Company and again set off for a trip back east to recruit investors.

He was very successful and soon the company had 2,500 acres of mining claims and a 3-mile-long private railroad to haul the Hoodoo ores down to Galena to be processed elsewhere.

Harding spent money like a drunken sailor as he continued to build and equip the 900-ton mill. He spent \$500,000 in 1903 dollars on his new mine and mill complex. Plus, there was the continued drain on his treasury for wages and supplies. His frequent trips to the Deadwood saloons didn't help, where he bought round after round non-stop. Then it all came crashing down ... again.

In 1909, the Branch Mint Mining & Milling Company went into receivership. It had produced close to \$500,000 gold, not nearly enough to cover all its expenses. Hardin, as usual, had overextended himself.

He died penniless, in the Galena Hotel, where he lived for several decades with his wife. He is buried in the Two Bit Cemetery.



While it's still early and the weather is cold, summer will be here before you know it, and with it will come the 2024 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The City of Deadwood would like to remind any residents who wish to rent out their homes during the Rally that they may do

so from Monday, July 29 – Wednesday, August 14, 2024 only. The City of Deadwood does monitor, regulate, and enforce short-term rentals within the city limits. If you list with a third-party vendor, such as Airbnb, VRBO, Flip Key, etc., please make sure you block out all other dates and list it as a rally rental.

If you have any questions, you can view city rental guidelines at www.cityofdeadwood.com/planning/page/short-term-rental-information or call (605) 578-2082 for further information.

Anecdotes From The Archives

Seasonal postcards, as seen in this image, came into existence around the turn of the 20th century. It was quicker and cheaper to write a note on a postcard than write a letter. As a result, postcards became a popular form of communication.



Election Information for Deadwood Residents

There will be an Election for Two (2) City Commissioners on April 9, 2024. The polling place will be at the Deadwood City Hall (signs will be posted) at 102 Sherman Street, Deadwood, SD. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time on the day of the election. Please remember to bring a photo I.D.

City of Deadwood

THREE YEAR TERM FOR CITY COMMISSION
VOTE FOR TWO (2)

Sharon Martinisko Blake Joseph Todd Weber

Candidate Forum Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:00 pm Deadwood City Hall.



You are invited to the
Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department's

FREE ANNUAL PANCAKE FEED



Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Deadwood Fire Hall, 737 Main Street



Come out and enjoy scrambled eggs, yummy sausages
and the best Firehouse pancakes around!!

Free Smoke Detectors and/or Batteries for Those who Need Them.

Fire Truck Rides for all ages.

Drawings (Need not be present to win)

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK – CHANGE YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR/BATTERY!

"HISTORIC PRESERVATION THROUGH FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE SUPPRESSION"

In cooperation with *Twin City Hardware & M.S.Mail.*

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Neighborhood Council or participating in your Block Club? Benefits include social interaction with your neighbors and other residents, helping to plan events for your neighborhood and the community, having a say in how your neighborhood spends the \$1000 annual allowance, and promoting a sense of community. If you are interested in representing your neighborhood on the Neighborhood Council or you would like to participate at the Block Club level, you are invited to attend a monthly meeting. The Council meets on the first Thursday of the month at City Hall (please confirm that the monthly meeting will be held by calling 605-578-2082). We look forward to meeting you!

Deadwood History, Inc.

Preservation Thursday, March 21 @ 12:00pm— The 1862 U.S. Dakota War Through Sarah Wakefield's Eyes

Hear captivating stories based on "Beneath the Same Stars," a historical novel written by Phyllis Cole-Dai. The novel dives into Minnesota's 1862 U.S. – Dakota War from the perspective of Sarah Wakefield. Sarah was a doctor's wife who got caught up in the conflict. You will learn about a largely forgotten war that still haunts the Upper Plains. Homestake Adams Research and Cultural Center; 12:00 p.m.; free for members and \$5 for non-members.

Chamber Corner

Thursday, March 14

8 P.M. • **St. Panties Day** • Saloon #10: A fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Cover charge. Limited seating.

Friday & Saturday, March 15-16

St. Paddy's "PubPort" Shuffle: REGISTRATION on Friday: 5-9 P.M. • Outlaw Square

FREE Get your PubPort and start shuffling your way to participating locations around Deadwood. No purchase is necessary at the locations, but they'll likely have something you want! Go at your own pace and try to get all spots on the PubPort stamped. Return your PubPort to the registration tent at Outlaw Square by 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 for your chance at prizes. The more pubs you get stamped on your PubPort, the better chance you have of winning! Must be 21+.

SATURDAY, March 16

9am-2pm: **Eggs & Kegs: Breakfast & Brunch** • Deadwood Social Club (above the Saloon 10) • Must be 21+

11am-2:30pm: **Pub Crawl Registration** • Outlaw Square • Must be 21+ Arrive early to avoid the line! All registered crawlers should meet outside the Franklin at 2:15pm for a group picture!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!



City Office & Museum 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

10 AM - 4 PM Tues-Sat

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

The Brothel - Deadwood

Guided Tours from

11 AM - 6 PM Wed-Sat

Last guided tour at 6 PM

\$15 per person

(Must be at least 16 years old)

Historic Adams House

Closed thru March 2024

**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

10 AM - 4 PM Tues-Sat.

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

HAPPY
Easter



TROLLEY SCHEDULE - Winter 2023-24

| DAYS | NUMBER OF TROLLEYS | TIME RUNNING |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday through Thursday | 1st Trolley | 10:00 am to 10:00 pm |
| | 2nd Trolley | 10:30 am to 10:00 pm |
| Friday & Saturday | 1st Trolley | 8:00 am to 2:00 am |
| | 2nd Trolley | 9:30 am to 12:30 am |

THERE IS NO 24-HOUR TROLLEY SERVICE

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.**

Summer Hours of Operation beginning April

Effective April 2, 2024, the following locations will have begin summer hours of operation.

Homestake Adams Research & Cultural Center (HARCC)

Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Adams Museum - Tuesday-Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Days of '76 Museum - Tuesday-Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Historic Adams House - Tuesday-Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Brothel Deadwood - Wednesday-Saturday - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(Last tour is at 6:00 p.m.)

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