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City Newsletter

October 2025

Deadwood Events

Wild West Songwriters Festival

October 16 - 18

Deadweird

October 24 - 25

Daylight Savings Time

November 2

VFD Chili Feed

November 2

Big Whiskey Festival

November 8

Community Christmas & Tree Lighting

December 5

Holiday Ho Ho Horseshoes

November 15 - December 30

Red Dirt Festival

January 10 - 11

Pro Snowcross Races

January 23 - 25

K9 Keg Pull

January 24

Event dates subject to change

VINTAGE BASE BALL IN DEADWOOD

While our nation commemorates its 250th anniversary in 2026, the Northern Black Hills - particularly the communities of Deadwood and Lead - will be marking their 150th anniversary of establishment.

As part of planning for the community's year-long celebration, an idea was brought to light to host a city wide baseball game. This however, would not be any ordinary game of baseball but rather in conjunction with sesquicentennial celebration, organizing and playing a vintage baseball game using 19th century dress, equipment and rules.



Known as Vintage Base Ball, communities across the U.S. have formed and played the game mimicking the rules, dress, and equipment of the game that occurred in America over 160 years ago! As part of this exhibition, the game of base ball will rekindle the friendly rivalry between Deadwood and Lead. Using the rules printed in the 1886 Spalding's Base Ball Guide - *Playing Rules of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs*. Two vintage base ball games will be played at the Ferguson Football Field in Deadwood on Sunday, June 14, 2026 and Mountaintop Field, in Lead, on Sunday, July 5, 2026.

Event organizers decided on using 1880s rules due to the significance of this decade in the development of the Northern Black Hills Baseball. In 1885, Pennsylvania native and major league base ball playing, Charles Maskery, arrived and played for the Deadwood Metropolitans base ball club. Through their efforts, the first recorded base ball tournament was held at the Deadwood Driving Park during the Harvest Festival.

In order to make this event successful, the communities are looking for volunteers to play. Volunteers will need to commit to leading and playing 1886 rules and wear the period correct uniforms.

Please contact Michael Runge (Deadwood) at 605-578-2082, or Robin Lucero (Lead) 605-584-1401 to volunteer and participate.

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Courtesy of Deadwood History, Inc.





Mark Your Calendars!

OCTOBER 2025

October 13



Wednesday, October 15

Planning & Zoning
Commission Meeting
4:00 @ City Hall

Monday, October 20

Deadwood City
Commission Meeting
5:00 @ City Hall

Wednesday, October 22

Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
4:00 @ City Hall

NOVEMBER 2025

Monday, November 3

Deadwood City
Commission Meeting
5:00 @ City Hall

Wednesday, November 5

Planning & Zoning
Commission Meeting
4:00 @ City Hall

Thursday, November 6

Deadwood Neighborhood
Council Meeting
4:00 @ City Hall

November 11

CITY OFFICES CLOSED
VETERAN'S DAY

Wednesday, November 12

Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
4:00 @ City Hall

SETH BULLOCK STATUE UNVEILED

A crowd gathered on September 23rd, 2025, for the dedication and unveiling of Seth Bullock's statue in front of the Bullock Hotel. The new bronze honors the legacy of a key figure in law and as a prominent businessman in Deadwood Gulch, and stands as a permanent reminder of the values that have shaped this community for generations.

The statue was created by a Deadwood native and sculptor, Edward Hlavka and was funded by The City of Deadwood, the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission, and the Legends of Deadwood Public Art Initiative. This sculpture is more than just a beautiful piece of art; it's a powerful communication device that reflects the highest values of our community. Seth Bullock reminds us that our collective identity is built on the hard work, courage, and perseverance of those who came before us.



CALL #988 ; YOUR STORY ISN'T OVER YET

In honor of Suicide Prevention Week (Sept 7-13), Lead-Deadwood students painted with chalk on the Deadwood City and County sidewalks in support of Suicide Awareness. Thank you for joining us in helping and supporting friends, family and the community!
It's Okay to Not Be Okay!





DEADWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

End the school day doing hands-on activities, art projects, and science experiments. Play with friends, get messy, and be silly.

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Library staff member picks up from elementary school
- Snacks provided
- Guest Presenters from around the Black Hills

ENROLLING NOW FOR FALL 2025
Programs start September 8th

Fill out a registration form and bring it to the Library - 435 Williams Street.

Questions? Contact the Deadwood Public Library @ 605-578-2821 or email DeadwoodLibrary@outlook.com.

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Deadwood Library After School Program

Stop by the library to fill out a registration form and enroll your kiddos now!

2025 FALL After-School Programs

K - 2nd graders: Mondays from 3:00 - 4:30p.m.

3rd - 5th graders: Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:30p.m.

Early Childhood Development Classes from Elementary School

Thursdays from 9:30a.m. & 1:00p.m.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK OCT. 5-11, 2025

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CENSORSHIP is so 1984

READ FOR YOUR RIGHTS

ALA.ORG/BOOKS

George Orwell's cautionary tale 1984 serves a prescient warning about the dangers if censorship. this year's theme "Banned Books" reminds us that the right to read belongs to all of us, that censorship has no place in contemporary society, and we must defend our rights.

DEADWOOD HISTORY INC.

Paranormal Investigations of Adam's House: October 10th, 11th, 17th, & 18th - Join us for paranormal investigations with Deadwood History, Inc. and Black Hills Paranormal Investigators. Participants will search for paranormal activity in the Historic Adams House using a wide variety of tools from the BHPI team. Investigations are at **6:00, 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30p.m.**; Tickets are \$35/person and limited to 24 people/investigation.

Learn the Technique of Headstone Rubbing at Mt. Moriah: October 18th - Join us for a unique activity exploring the historic cemetery. Participants will learn techniques and etiquette of headstone rubbing while discovering stories from Deadwood's past. Meet at Days of '76 Museum; **12:00p.m. - 2:00p.m.**; FREE for grades K-6, space limited.

Preservation Thursday: Dark Winter - The Pursuit of Justice for Murderer George Sitts - November 6th - Journalist Tim Velder will present the gripping true story of the December 1945 murder of a St. Paul, Minnesota, liquor store clerk and the subsequent nationwide manhunt for the suspect, George Sitts. Velder will trace the dramatic sequence of events - from the initial crime, capture, and conviction, to Sitts' daring escape in January 1946 and the ensuing chase through the Black Hills and into Wyoming that left even more tragedy in its wake. Drawing from more than 35 years of research, including newspaper accounts and first-person stories, Velder brings this incredible chapter of history to life. Located at the Homestake Adams Research and Cultural Center (HARCC); **12:00p.m.**; FREE for member/\$5 for non-members.

Learn the Art of Paper Quilling: November 15th - Kids in grades K - 6 are invited to learn the delicate art of paper quilling at this fall-themed crafting program. Participants will create festive autumn designs using rolled and shaped paper. Days of '76 Museum; **10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.**; Please call (605) 578-1657 to register. Space is limited.

CHAMBER & OUTLAW SQUARE

WILD WEST SONGWRITER FESTIVAL

October 16th - 18th

Dubbed one of the "best live music festivals for fans" and one of the "top ten hits for artists"!

For information and artist bios, visit the events webpage wildwestsongwriters.com



DEADWOOD HALLOWEEN

Events for Under 21

Enjoy family-friendly trunk or treating on **Friday, October 31, 2025**, from **4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.**

at the
Days of '76 Event Complex

TRUNK OR TREAT - ALL ARE WELCOME!

City Offices & 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 - Fri)

Deadwood Recreational Center

5 AM - 9 PM (Mon - Fri)

7 AM - 5 PM (Sat)

(Closed Sundays)

Adams Museum*

9 am - 5 pm Daily

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

The Brothel - Deadwood*

Guided Tours

11 AM - 5 PM Daily (Friday-Saturday)

\$15 per person

(Purchase tickets DeadwoodBrothel.com
or (605) 722-4800)

(Must be at least 16 years old)

Historic Adams House*

10 am - 4pm Daily

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

Days of '76 Museum *

9 am - 5 pm Daily

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

Homestake Adams Research &

Cultural Center (HARCC)

10 AM - 4 PM (Mon - Fri)

Closed during Winter Holidays

History & Information Center (Depot)

8 AM - 5 PM Daily

Welcome Center

8 AM - 5 PM Daily

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.
605-722-4800



DEADWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. CHILI FEED

Join in on the fun with the
Volunteer Fire Department
Community Chili Feed!
Sunday, November 2nd, 2025
from **12:00 - 4:00p.m.**



TROLLEY SCHEDULE - Winter 2025

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.
	3rd Trolley	5:20 P.M. to 10:20 P.M.

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

City of Deadwood JOB OPENINGS

Recreation Center Life Guards

www.cityofdeadwood.com/jobs
for more details on each position.

Lead-Deadwood High School Activities

OCTOBER 11: ALL DAY
Oral Interpretation @ LDHS

OCTOBER 13: ALL DAY NO SCHOOL
(Native American Day)

OCTOBER 14: 5:30pm - 7:30pm
LD School District Board Mtg

OCTOBER 17:
END OF 1ST QUARTER

OCTOBER 20:
MS/HS Picture Day (Retakes)

OCTOBER 23: 3 Hour Early Out
Parent Teacher Conferences
1pm-7pm

OCTOBER 24: Professional
Development Day
(NO STUDENTS)

OCTOBER 25: ALL DAY
Knowledge Bowl @ LDHS



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 the City at a rate of \$150/person/hour or 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 605-578-3082.

Please sign up for CodeRED Public Notification System at cityofdeadwood.com.

Thank you for your cooperation.

City of Deadwood Public Works



MAIN STREET INITIATIVE

The Committees of the Main Street Initiative meet as follows:

Promotions Committee - 1st Tuesday - 1:00 p.m. - Remo Addington (605) 591-2711

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

Main Street Initiative Committee - 3rd Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. - Tom Koth (605) 530-2795

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

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

