

Deadwood's Sesquicentennial 1876-2026

A Year of Celebration

Deadwood is commemorating its 150th anniversary with a full year of exciting events and activities. Below is the schedule of activities planned throughout 2026, honoring the city's rich history and vibrant community.



Schedule of Activities*

- **January 20-23: SD Tourism Conference** – Deadwood Day at the Capitol. This gathering will spotlight Deadwood's significance within South Dakota's tourism industry.
- **February 12: Preservation Thursday** – Featuring Mike Runge & Zach Lampert
- **March 14: St. Patrick's Celebration** – Bill Walsh Day, parade, & performance by the Singing Nuns. Celebrate Irish Heritage and local traditions.
- **March 19: Preservation Thursday** – Featuring Joyce Jefferson
- **April 9: Preservation Thursday** – Featuring Donovin Sprague
- **April 9: Discovery of Gold in Lead** – Proclamation
- **April 24: Arbor Day** – The community will plant 150 trees and dedicate a liberty tree, symbolizing our history, community unity, & freedom.
- **May 7: Preservation Thursday** – Featuring Justin Koehler
- **May 22: Save Our Tail Parade** – Dora DuFran dedication statue will go up in August, honoring an important figure in Deadwood's history.
- **May 27: Lead-Deadwood Base ball and Softball Opening Ceremonies**
- **June 8: Opening of the First Newspaper(s) Exhibit** – Showcasing the early press that documented Deadwood's past.
- **June 14: First Vintage Base ball Game & Flag Day Activities** – Flag Day ceremony at Ferguson Field, featuring a traditional match-up between Deadwood and Lead.
- **June 17: Flag City USA**
- **June 19: History on the Lawn** – Featuring Chris Wimmer
- **June 19-21: Wild Bill Days** – Celebrate the life of Wild Bill Hickock with Old West demonstrations and reenactments, free live music, a vendor fair, & a Father's Day Hike.
- **July 2-5: Gold Camp Jubilee** – 150th celebration in Lead, including another Vintage Base ball game at Mountain Top Field between Deadwood and Lead.
- **July 4 & 5: Red, White & Mr. Wu's** – At Mr. Wu's
- **July 17: History on the Lawn** – Featuring Paul Hedren: Sitting Bull's War
- **August 3: Re-creation of Funeral of James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok** – reenacting a significant event from Deadwood's history.
- **August 28: History on the lawn** – Featuring J.J. Kent

- **September 11-12: Volksmarch** from Lead to Deadwood, with dedication of the trail system, along with a **Community Picnic and Chuckwagon Event** – The Volksmarch and Chuckwagon Event are both **ticketed**.
- **September 24: Commemoration of the day Seth Bullock Died** – Reflecting on Seth's legacy.
- **September 24: Preservation Thursday** – Featuring Dr. David Wolff
- **October 1: Dedication of the 150th Time Capsule** – At the Adam's Museum, preserving today's memories for future generations.
- **October 1: Preservation Thursday** – Featuring Jeff Barnes
- **October 31: Trunk or Treat & Kidweird** – A festive Halloween event for children and families.
- **November 1: The 37th Anniversary of Legalized Gaming in Deadwood**, celebrating an important milestone in the city's modern history.
- **November 5: Preservation Thursday** – Featuring Kevin Kuchenbecker & George Milos
- **December 4: Community Christmas Gathering**, including a telegraph message from the Governor to mark the holiday season & the conclusion of the anniversary celebrations.