

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: South Dakota Tourism Conference – Deadwood Day at the Capital.** This gathering will spotlight Deadwood's significance within South Dakota's tourism industry.
- **March 14: St. Patrick's Day – Bill Walsh Day** and a performance by the Singing Nuns. Celebrate Irish heritage and local traditions.
- **April 24: Arbor Day** – The community will plant 150 trees and dedicate a Liberty Tree, symbolizing our history, community unity, and freedom.
- **May 22: Save Our Tail Parade** followed by the dedication of the Dora DuFran statue, honoring an important figure in Deadwood's history.
- **June 8: Opening of the First Newspaper(s) Exhibit**, showcasing the early press that documented Deadwood's past.
- **June 14: Flag Day Activities at Outlaw Square and a Vintage Baseball Game** at Ferguson Field, featuring a traditional matchup between Deadwood and Lead.
- **July 2–5: Gold Camp Jubilee for the 150th Celebration in Lead**, including another Vintage Baseball Game at Mountain Top between Deadwood and Lead.
- **August 3: Recreation of the funeral of James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok**, reenacting a significant event from Deadwood's history.
- **September 11–12: Volksmarch from Lead to Deadwood** and dedication of the trail system, along with a **Chuck Wagon Cook-off and Community Picnic** for participants and residents.
- **September 24: Commemoration of the day Seth Bullock died**, reflecting on his legacy.
- **October 1: Dedication of the 150th Time Capsule** at the Adams Museum, preserving today's memories for future generations.
- **October 31: Trunk or Treat – Kidwied**, 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.
- **December 4: Community Christmas Gathering**, including a telegraph message from the Governor to mark the holiday season and the conclusion of the anniversary celebrations.

**Please note that all activities are subject to change.*