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<u>Deadwood</u> <u>Events</u>

Deadwood PBR June 7 & 8 <u>Wild Bill Days</u> June 13-15

Classic Car Auction June 15

Wild Deadwood Reads June 15

L-D Girls Softball Tourney June 14-15

First Day of Summer June 20

SD Game, Fish & Parks Summer Trek June 21-22

Deadwood Shrine Circus June 22

Monsters of Destruction June 29

Independence Day Parade July 4

> <u>3 Wheeler Rally</u> July 7-12

Deadwood Community Picnic July 14

Event dates subject to change*

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Tootsie is Back!

She was a young, very young, female all alone in the rugged Black Hills. The poor little orphan could not take care of herself and she had nothing to her name. As if all this wasn't bad enough, there was also a bounty on her head. No, I'm not talking about some vixen outlaw or some wayward soiled dove or even a cast off urchin. I'm referring to Tootsie, the small coyote pup that Ollie Wiswell stumbled upon one spring day in 1947.

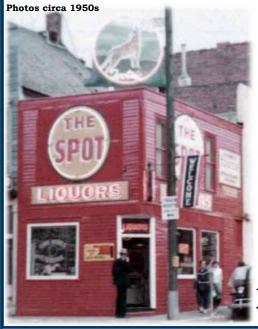
Probably the last thing Wiswell was expecting to see, or wanted to see, while leisurely exploring in the Custer Peak area was an orphaned coyote pup. His surprise discovery turned out to be Tootsie's lifesaving ticket to fame and good fortune.

In 1947, and other years, there was a bounty on coyotes. The State of South Dakota considered them to be a predatory animal and a threat to livestock. As attractive as the bounty money may have been, Ollie was too softhearted to take the necessary action to collect.

He gave the adorable little pup to Fred and Esther Borsch, who named her Tootsie. The Borsch's lived in Galena and owned the Spot Liquor store, located on the corner of Main and Lee Street in Deadwood.

Fred and Esther soon found out that coyotes are quite vocal animals, one of the most vocal in North America, in fact. Fred encouraged Tootsie's howling proclivity, so much so that he began to sing along to her howls. With a bit of practice and some gentle persuasion, it was not long before Tootsie could change the pitch of her howl to match that of Fred's singing. The singing duo even cut a record titled South Dakota Tootsie.

Tootsie was a regular at the Borsch's Spot Liquor store. She could be found hanging around the place on any ordinary day and often gave unsuspecting customers quite a startle. An



attractive and colorful sign, featuring Tootsie, stood as a sentinel on the store's roof for years. She and Fred frequently appeared in the Days of '76 parades, other parades in the area, and special events. She was such an appealing, talented, and unusual animal that she gained popularity with people all across the state of South Dakota. As testament to this, Governor George T. Mickelson proclaimed the coyote the state animal in 1949.

Eventually her popularity grew beyond the confines of Deadwood. This coyote, who came from humble and uncertain beginnings, was now rubbing elbows or haunches perhaps, with political dignitaries. Fred took Tootsie (cont. pg. 3)

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June 2024

Wednesday, June 12 **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

4:00pm @ City Hall

Monday, June 17 **City Commission Meeting** 5:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, June 19 **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting** 4:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, June 26 **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting** 4:00pm @ City Hall

July 2024

Monday, July 1 **City Commission Meeting** 5:00pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, July 3 **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting** 4:00pm @ City Hall



Wednesday, July 10

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 4:00pm @ City Hall

Monday, July 15 **City Commission Meeting** 5:00pm @ City Hall

<u>City of Deadwood</u> **Job Openings**

Patrol Officer and Lifeguards Visit https://www.cityofdeadwood.com/jobs for more details on each position.

Treasures, Trash for Cash Event

Monument Health in Deadwood is organizing the Annual Citywide Yard Sale, "Treasures, Trash for Cash". The event will take place Saturday, June 15th, from 7 am-2 pm for the residents of Deadwood, Central City, and Lead.

This one day event is a simultaneous yard sale that gives residents, organizations and businesses the opportunity to increase their potential customers by having a coordinated date and advertising campaign. Maps with addresses and site locations will be printed by Black Hills Pioneer and available the week of Saturday, June 15th, 2024. It's a great way to turn others "trash" into your "treasures".

Black Hills MONUMENT HEALTH

News From The Neighborhood—Rodeo Style

The area now known as the Deadwood Rodeo Grounds was once part of Deadwood's First Ward. The Deadwood Amusement Park (today's Rodeo Complex) was added in 1915. The existing Grandstands were built by the Juso Brothers beginning in December 1936, using Black Hills timber from President Franklin Roosevelts' WPA, during the Great Depression. The neighborhood was home to a railroad yard, a bottling company, swimming pool, and farmlands. It grew into a lovely place to live, some on the hill, but mostly on the flat. The Rodeo Grounds Neighborhood Block Club was the second block club in town. Originally started with a land dispute, we developed into one of the largest clubs in town. Throughout the years, we have continually decorated our light poles in red and white, a throwback to originally being called Candy Cane Lane. The last few years we have also decorated our bridges with candy canes. Another staple is our well attended Christmas party. Sometimes it is difficult to get people to meetings, but we keep on trying. An important part of our neighborhood is our apartments, both Copper Key and McKinley apartments. Another controversy that brought our people together was the State's idea to remove our stoplight at McKinley and Main. We were very pleased to have won that issue. Sometimes controversy brings us together and sometimes just being neighbors brings us together. Anyone wishing more information on our club, contact Rhonda Brunson 353-5660 or Sandy Glover 641-0298.

Happy Retirement Commissioner Todd! Thank you for your years of service to the City of Deadwood!



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Tootsie sign today!

(cont. pg. 1) on a ten-state tour that included a stop at the White House, where, it was said, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were captivated by her. Sadly, Tootsie passed away in 1959 following surgery to remove a tumor. She was buried behind the Borsch's cabin in Galena.

However, her Deadwood Legacy remains alive today thanks to funding from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission.

The original sign that featured Tootsie, and was such a landmark element for years on Main Street, was recently restored and once again stands on the roof of the soon to be opened, Tootsie's Taproom, which resides in the building that was once home to the Spot Liquor store.

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Deadwood History, Inc.

June 17-21—Summer Camp Series Deadwood History, Inc. and the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission will host a series of summer camps for area youth. The Summer Camp Series kicks off with Nature Exploration Camp where campers will explore nature and learn about birds, plants, bees, trees, and wildlife. Students will enjoy hiking and exploring the great outdoors during this five day camp. Nature Exploration Camp is for students going into grades 4-6. This camp takes place on June 17-21 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members. Reservations required.

Introduction to Archaeology Camp is for students going into grades 1-3. Campers will learn how to set up a dig site, proper tool handling, how to identify and map artifacts, the importance of record keeping, and how artifacts are stored. This experience promises to spark the child's curiosity about the past and provide a unique opportunity for them to learn about different cultures and archaeological techniques in a fun and educational setting. Introduction to Archaeology Camp takes place on June 26-28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members.

Family Fun Tuesdays—DHI hosts a family friendly event on Tuesday afternoons during the summer. On June 11, Natural History Native Grasses will explore grasses native to the Black Hills and plant grass seeds in a container that children can take home. DHI will feature Hidden in the Midden on June 18. Learn what an archaeologist does and dig through a midden (an old garbage pile) to unearth a variety of artifacts that will help solve puzzling questions. On June 25, Hides, Horns, and Hooves will allow kids to dig into an old trunk that has a variety of hides, horns, and antlers that can be touched and examined. These events take place at Deadwood Outlaw Square following the Shootout; 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. These events are free.

Chamber & Outlaw Square

Outlaw Square Monday Movie Night It's that time of year again – our Summer of 2024 Monday Night Movie Night is set!!! Big Thanks to our Sponsor Bluepeak and our fun partnership with Marco's Pizza, who is delivering pizza parties yet again!!! Bring on Summer! June movies are: 6/10 movie Bee! - 6/17 WONKA - 6/24 Finding Nemo

Outlaw Square Summer Concert Series We are happy and excited to announce our Wednesday Night Free Summer Concert Series for 2024! Free live music on the Sue Lundberg Memorial Stage with a food truck on site, along with Sergeant Poppers and city-wide open container events taking place. Shows start at 6:30 pm. June concerts es are: 6/12 Glenn Miller Orchestra - 6/19 Mark Joseph & American Soul - 6/26 Space Monkey Mafia - 7/3 Zeona Road

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 - Fri)

Deadwood Recreational Center 5 AM - 7 PM (Mon - Fri) 7 AM - 5 PM (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 <u>Days of '76 Museum *</u> 9 AM - 5 PM Daily

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)

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



Sunday, June 16, 2024

TROLLEY SCHEDULE - Summer 2023-24

DAYS	NUMBER OF TROLLEYS	TIME RUNNING	
Sunday through Thursday	1st Trolley	8:00 am to Midnight	
Friday & Saturday	1st Trolley	8:00 am to 2:00 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.



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