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2026: A Combo of Celebrations for Community

The year 2026 will be one of great significance for the Lead community as four noteworthy anniversaries will be celebrated then. The first will be the quarter-millennial or 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of our nation, July 4, 1776. There will also be two sesquicentennials or 150th anniversaries. The first is that of the discovery of the Homestake lead by the Manuel brothers on April 9, 1876. The other will be for the city of Lead, which dates its founding to July 10, 1876. The final event will be the centennial or 100th celebration of Gold Camp Jubilee which was initiated in August of 1926.



Marking Achievements of Past Deserves a Present Bold Achievement

Such a combo of anniversaries for this community needs to be marked in a major way. What would be a more appropriate way of celebrating the great accomplishments of others than by having an accomplishment of our own labors? Without something grand that sets this celebration apart from our normal annual celebrations, the event will quickly fade from memory. Nothing makes a celebration more lasting than the creation of a monument.



The Perfect Monument

While other things most certainly should be considered, what would better crown the celebrations of the discovery of the Homestake lead, the founding of town, and Gold Camp Jubilee than the opening of the Black Hills Mining Museum's new facility at Gold Run Park and the commencement of major redevelopment in downtown Lead. It would be a fitting testament to these major milestones of the community!

Let's Push to Make It So!

All worthy accomplishments start with a bold vision. Any bold vision requires a workable plan. No plan gets enacted without **people**. **GOOD NEWS!** The greater Lead community has the people resources to enact its plans for this bold vision of a new museum facility. Furthermore, it is not impossible to have it ready by 2026, if there is a concerted effort. So, let's all work together to do just that.

Join 170 others who have given to make a difference with your own generous gift today!



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BHMM announces it has reached the Capital Campaign funding milestone of **\$100,000** in monetary and in-kind gifts and commitments! 

More progress will be reported soon so stay tuned. . .

Have Lead/Homestake ties and want to help with the New Facility project?

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Upcoming Museum **FUN**draiser!

The museum is partnering with Escape Room Parties of Gilmore, Iowa to host a mine-themed mobile escape room on Friday and Saturday, September 1st and 2nd.

The experience called “The Lost Mind Mine” will be set up at the Handley Recreation Center. Friday’s starting times are from 3 pm to 7 pm. Saturday times are from 1 pm to 8 pm. A session runs for 50 minutes with a maximum of 10 players per session. The cost is \$25 per player plus tax. **See our website to book.**

2023 BHMM Members’ Meeting Review



● Great Sponsors for a Great Cause

A big “Thank you!” to the sponsors of this year’s meeting: Adam’s Salvage, Recycling and Recovery; Mid Continent Testing Laboratories; Coeur Wharf; RCS Construction; Lynn’s Dakota Mart; and Dakota Gold.

● Weather Wanted Its Way

The meeting was postponed one week due to a snowstorm only to have another one begin shortly before the rescheduled meeting.

● Cheyenne Crossing Catered Dinner for 85

Chef-carved Sirloin and French baked chicken were the main features on Dave’s superb menu line-up that evening.

● Highlights from the Program

Gordon Phillips talked about the importance of membership. Sena Phillips did a dramatic reading of “Bobby Burns the Pack Rat.” Brian Tideman, COO of Pete Lien & Sons, spoke on the importance of mining.

● Getting Down to Business

Current board president Mike Stahl gave an update on the museum. Twenty people joined the ranks of the museum’s membership. Six new members were elected to the museum’s board of directors.