

Hi, all:

We decided to take advantage of the great weather and will rake the area south of the new fence and plant grass seed **today**. Still making progress! If you care to join us, we'll be there approx 10-2 (lunch break at noon at Dwd Store) – gloves and rakes welcome. **Sorry about the short notice!** If you can't come today, we're planning a regular cemetery work day on Saturday May 14, with mowing, pruning, weedeating and grave-cleaning planned.

Here's the **text of an article** we have in the local (Swisshome, Deadwood) papers, and will put out more as the times approach...

The Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery continues to make improvements to the grounds to honor our ancestors. We are once again applying for a grant to place headstones on unmarked or poorly marked graves – if you know of **poorly marked or unmarked graves**, we want to hear from you! Please email dwilbur@casco.net or call 541-964-3345 ASAP- thank you.

As we are a non-profit, all-volunteer cemetery, families are encouraged to maintain their loved ones' sites, but we recognize that it's not possible for everyone. So we are organizing another mowing / **Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 14** (two weeks before Memorial Day Weekend). Weedeaters, pruning shears, rakes and wheelbarrows are welcome – and don't forget your gloves and drinking water! Trained volunteers to help clean headstones will also be on hand – buckets, gentle soap & soft natural brushes are welcome – NO wire brushes, pocket knives or harsh chemicals, please.

On Memorial Day 2015, the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery hosted a very successful **Pioneer Heritage Day**, featuring food, Civil War artifacts, uniforms and a reenactment of the first burial in 1883. It was such a hit that we want to do it again! We will once again provide drinks, hot dogs and chili, and welcome potluck sides and/or desserts. This year we hope to feature pioneer and local Indian heritage, and will also honor the first Civil War veteran buried in DPC. If you would like to be involved in this year's festivities on **Memorial Day, 5/30/16**, please email to dwilbur@casco.net or call contact Johnnette or Megan at Don Wilbur's, 541-964-3345.

AGAIN, if you know of unmarked graves and haven't already discussed it with us, please let us know – email is best!

Thanks all; enjoy this GORGEOUS spring weather!! (Like we need to be told!!)



By the way, I compiled this email list of folks we know in or interested in Deadwood... if you want to ADD or UNSUBSCRIBE from this list, please reply – thanks!

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