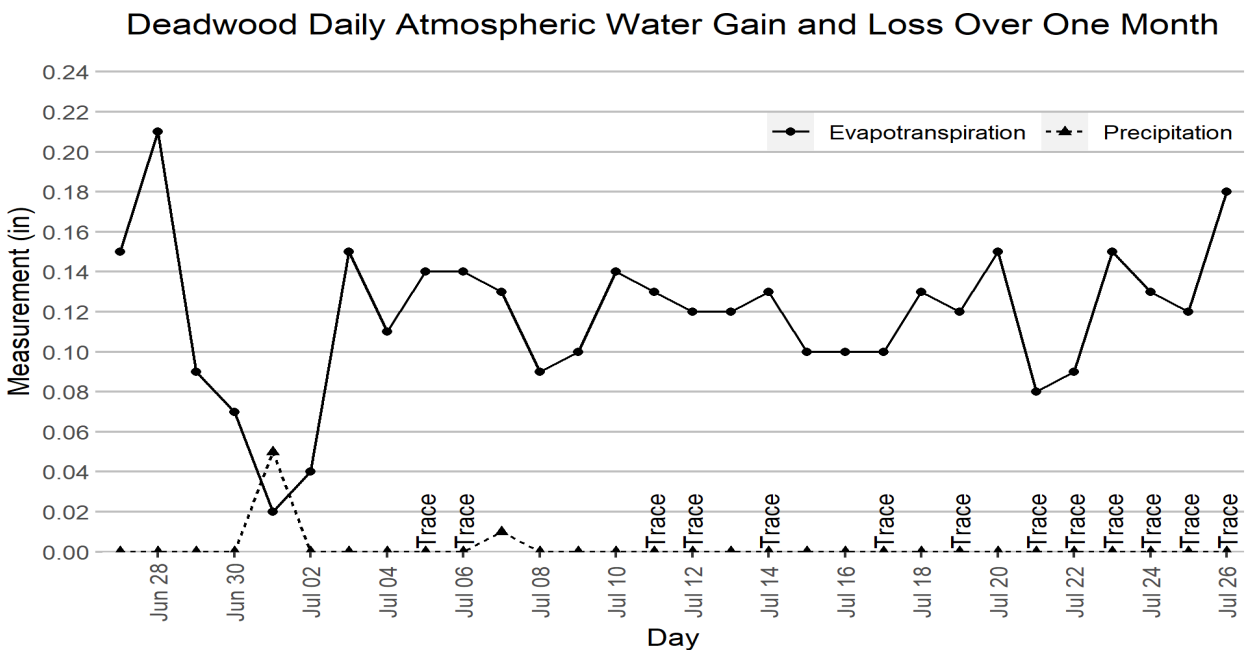


DEADWOOD DITTO

August 2021



Deadwood Food Coop	Orders due August 8th, Sunday by 5:00pm Distribution August 17th	place and time TBD
Third Saturday in September	Third Saturday of month Stay tuned!!!	Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	August 12, Thursday at 7 pm, Swisshome station (next to the Post Office)	contact Mona Arbuckle at sd.rfpd@gmail.com or call 541-964-3225 for current mtg info
Fire Prevention Presentation	August 14, Saturday Deadwood Community Center	See article
Mapleton Food Share- contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	August 8th, Thursday and August 28th, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact 541-925-3090	August 20th, Friday	11am-2pm
Deadwood Farmers Market	Parking lot of Deadwood PO	11am-2pm Sundays, June thru October
Deadwood Ditto info and deadlines	Editors- Jan Kinney and Helen Burruss. Printing- Kaki Burruss Delivery- Carina Robicheaux	The 26th of each month, with the goal of printing and delivery by the first of the month. Ditto url is- deadwood ditto@yahoo.com



Month	Total Precip	Notes
April	1.72"	Driest April in Oregon on known record
May	1.63"	Morning dew steadily decreased throughout the month
June	2.88"	Evapotranspiration gauge installed (10th of month) for dry season

Hello Deadwood! This month your regular rain report includes a new type of data, evapotranspiration (ET). I would like to explain a bit about what ET is and how it is used.

What is evapotranspiration?

Evapotranspiration is the inverse of precipitation: a measure of the water leaving from the ground into the atmosphere through evaporation from the soil & open water, and the transpiration from leaves of plants. Cool overcast days have less ET than hot dry days, much in the same way as your line-dried laundry dries at different speeds depending on the weather.

ET gauges have been in use in water management settings since 1984, and CoCoRaHS has been collecting ET data since 2009. We had the first to be installed in Oregon, back in 2012 when we lived up Stagecoach Road. From looking through the CoCoRaHS website, I see that since then

only two other ET gauges have been installed; one in Josephine County that is no longer reporting, and one that is currently in operation in Multnomah County.

How is ET measured?

The gauge is made of a reservoir capped with a ceramic head, covered by a green canvas that simulates the color of grass. There is also a wafer underneath the canvas that only allows water to leave the ceramic head, as heavy rain can push water into the gauge and mess up the data.

Measurements are taken by observing the level of water in a thin “sight” tube connected at the bottom of the reservoir, which runs up the outside of the gauge next to a ruler. Each morning we note where the level is, which will be lower than it was yesterday, and report that number on the CoCoRaHS website. The website calculates the difference from the prior day’s measurement, and that is what I report to you all on Facebook and in the monthly report here in the Ditto. ET data is collected during the growing season, or between the last and first frosts of the year.

How is ET data used?

ET data is collected in many fewer locations than precipitation or stream flow, but is an equally important part of the hydrologic cycle. ET data can help farmers calculate how much irrigation water they need to use, and firefighters estimate how dry the landscape is becoming. One inch of loss in the sight tube corresponds to one inch of water lost from the landscape.

You can learn more and view precipitation and ET data at www.cocorahs.org

Submitted by Aradia & Brandon Farmer

Deadwood Food Coop Standard Information

The Deadwood Co-op is a food buying club of Deadwood area members. Established in the 1970’s and run by volunteers, we bring natural, whole, organic, and local foods to Deadwood. We order six times yearly: Ordering information can be found in the Deadwood Trading Post under the Food Coop tab.

If you are a new member you will need the passwords to the catalogues. Contact Yvonne Pappagallo (541-964-5581) for those. Orders w/checks should be dropped off either at Kaki and Billy Burruss’s (in the red cooler in carport) or Yvonne and Harry’s mailbox @ 93159 Deadwood Crk rd

Swisshome/Deadwood Rural Fire Department News

On August 14, the Fire Department is planning a community informational presentation with a Q&A on wildfire prevention and protective measures. They are also working with Lane County Health

Dept to hold a COVID vaccination clinic. Details will be posted on the Fire Department FB page, Deadwood Outreach FB and flyers will be posted.

Submitted by Jim Yoe SDRFD

Advertisement

Dahlias For Deadwood
FREE to the community
Weddings, memorials, dinner-for-two,
birthdays
or just random cheer and beauty

Dahlias only last 4-5 days, so the blooms should be picked the day before your event. Bring your own vases or I can occasionally help with fabric decorated jars.

Call me after 9 am to arrange a cutting. Make a reservation for larger events. I am not a florist, so you will be choosing from dahlias available in my greenhouse. Dahlias bloom from now through first freeze, usually October. Please wear a mask.

Kaki Burruss
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Wildlife Corner

I am always amazed by the stories we make up when we are trying to make sense of something. This was demonstrated to me this morning. I was watering one of our small rhodies in the front “yard” when I saw a pile of elk poo.

Then I remembered the dog/cat/bird water bowl on the porch was tipped and dry. So I immediately jumped to the conclusion that the elk had actually been on our front porch trying to drink water. After all, the lilly had been stripped and was now just a bare stalk, so ipso facto, right?

When embellishing this story to my youngest granddaughter, a mischievous look passed over her face and she said “Well actually Jannie, I tipped that bowl over yesterday while watering and did not right it.” Oh well. It provided me with some entertaining moments. And reminded me, check your assumptions at the door!

Submitted by Jan Kinney

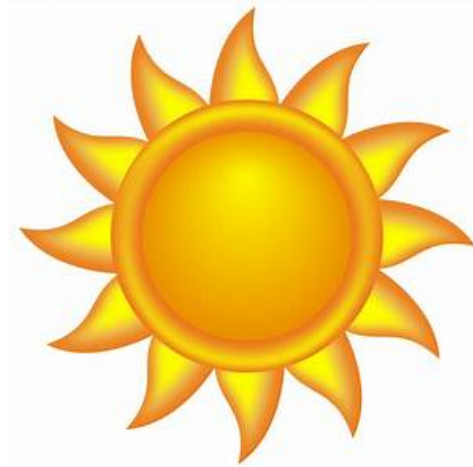
Deadwood Ditto Looking for Delivery Volunteer

Another transition is in the making here in Ditto land! Our faithful delivery person is ready to pass this awesome responsibility on to the next willing and able person. (must have car and know the route, once a month)

On behalf of the entire community I am offering thanks and gratitude to Carina Robicheaux for her steadfast commitment to the Ditto.

Currently Jan Kinney is the editor, Kaki Burruss is the printer and we need the third leg of the stool to step forward. Please email me (kinneyjan1@gmail.com) or call 541-964-3981.

this awesome community duty. The Ditto has been around for about 40 years, and there has always been someone to step up when change happens.



I am confident the next volunteer is ready, willing and waiting to step into

Follow Up of the (And Another) Perspective

The June 21st vaccination data from the Oregon Health Authority (<https://tinyurl.com/yeau543q>) looked like this.

ZIP Code	Vaccinated with at least one dose		Population (All ages)
	Percent	Number	
97430 (Deadwood)	58%	201	349
97480 (Swisshome)	40%	134	333
97453 (Mapleton)	50%	419	835
97412 (Blachly)	45%	234	518

This is the July 23 data.

ZIP Code	Vaccinated with at least one dose		Population (All ages)
	Percent	Number	
97430 (Deadwood)	58.7%	205	349
97480 (Swisshome)	45.0%	150	333
97453 (Mapleton)	53.1%	443	835
97412 (Blachly)	46.1%	239	518

Deadwood a gain of 4, Swisshome had a gain of 16, Mapleton gained 24 and Blachly Gained 5 new vaccinations.

Swisshome had a 15% gain and Deadwood almost made 1%.

I had originally written that we personally would like to see all 4 of our communities really stand tall and deliver. I think I mentioned 80%. Of course, 90% plus would be a great goal which would factor in the people who just cannot be vaccinated because of health reasons which are outside of the usual rationalizations.

- Deadwood could get 74 or 75 more vaccinated.
- Swisshome would need 116 more to get to 80%.
- Mapleton needs 225 more.
- Blachly would need 175 more.

I would think all this is a responsible goal? Something to think about, even if it is just my way of looking at this.

At a minimum we could shoot for the 70% vaccinated; which is, after all, If... "Home is where the Herd is" ... getting closer to Herd Immunity.

Congratulations to everyone for trying and also thank you for considering getting shot — it ain't always easy.

However, I did a 50 mile radius search for the availability of the vaccine and there are 50 places that offer that free service.

We do have a ways to go though **Our very very best thoughts to everyone.**

May all of you be safe and stay healthy.

One reference among many which openly discuss the differing opinions:

<https://tinyurl.com/yg6rgjlp>

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scooter@peak.org

COVID Stories For Perpetuity

In February of 2020, when we first began to hear of the spread of the new Coronavirus, Billy and I were in Austin, Texas caring for my sister who had just had surgery on her fractured wrist. We had been planning to fly home, but by March outbreaks of the virus were reported daily. They were largely centered around major airports like LA, Phoenix, and Seattle. In the second week of March, we decided to rent a car and drive home.

Today it's hard to imagine, with U.S COVID deaths at over 611,000, but in March of 2020 individual cases were being reported as they showed up in towns and cities. On our driving trip home, each morning my sister in North Carolina would scan the news for new cases. Then she would call me and we would plot our driving route for the day, avoiding cities and towns with reported outbreaks.

At that time, the emphasis was on wiping down everything. Our stops for gas, groceries and overnight stays became impossibly anxious attempts to keep everything surgically clean.

On March 15th, the day after arriving home, our son and his wife sat

with us on our couch and we eventually established our protocol for the virus. We would live alone. We would close our house to everyone, including family. If possible, we would not go into any public places. Any visiting would be done outside. Everything including mail and groceries would be quarantined and cleaned.

Other than the plumber, it was 15 months before anyone came into our home again.

In the meantime, we became very creative in adapting. My sister sent me her unused electric blanket in which we wrapped guests when they visited us outside in the rainy winter. Bags of groceries and unopened mail crowded the front hall. I played bridge online with my three sisters. My February birthday party was held outside around the fire pit under umbrellas. We ordered 50 pounds of oatmeal and bags of dried beans in case the supply dried up.

It was lonely, but we also discovered the pleasure of endless rows of quiet days and nights at home.
Submitted by Kaki Burruss

Deadwood Creek Services Update

We had a small but productive turnout last weekend for a workday on the playground and yard of the Community Center. The project is getting closer to being done. We still have a few things to do.

We are looking for some donations from the community.....we need more landscaping material, and would like some plants and trees to add to the grounds. If anyone can help or is interested in this part of the project of planting, please let us know.

The Center was cleaned By Maggie and Robert Muir and Danielle. They did a

great job. It was a huge job after being shut for almost a year and a half.

We hope to be able to open the doors for rentals and community events this month.

Third Saturday will return in September with Alder Street Band.

Please stay healthy and safe!

DCS BOARD

Danell Sundstrom

Kristi Guse

Mikelle Loar

Ami Levy

Submitted by Danell Sundstrom

New Curmudgeon

in grateful acknowledgement

it's a buck dancers choice my friend so
take my advice

put your money where your heart is and
put the rest on ice

everything of no value requires your
financial support. the good stuff is
free...in fact you already have it. your
distractions are a heavy toll on energy
both physical, financial and emotional.
we are always getting ready to live and
focused on that endless horizon as if the
next moment will be better than this one;
your waking time is a projection and
thus becomes your reality...a reality
based on what you drag

from one fractional time fragment to the
next; inventing as you go. as each
successive wave in the ocean affects
and is affected by the one before and
resolves back into the group
consciousness, so our lives proceed
and each decision you make has it's
irreversible impact. there is simply not a
thought without a consequence. as we
send these thought waves into the
seemingly endless cosmos they are like
a kind of music...a group effort if you
will. come hear uncle john's band
playing to the tide. he's come to take his
children home.....

Submitted by James Webb

