

# Deadwood Ditto

April 2021



Siuslaw Watershed Council mtg	March 31st, Wednesday 5:30-7:30	Must register to attend @www.siuslaw.org
Deadwood Food Coop	Orders due 4/18, Sunday Distribution 4/27 Tuesday	Drop orders at either Kaki and Billy's in the red cooler located in the carport, <b>or</b> Yvonne Pappagallo's mailbox 93519 Deadwood Crk Rd. P/U TBD
Deadwood Swisshome Fire Dept Board mtg	April 8th, Thursday at 7 pm,	Virtually meeting, contact Mona Arbuckle @sd.rfpd.com
Mapleton Food Share- contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	April 8, Thursday and April 24th, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact 541-925-3090	April 16th, Friday	11am-2pm

## **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 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. April orders due on Sunday, April 18th. Distribution is currently scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th. The distribution dates and places sometimes change, so watch your email for updates from Yvonne.

## Deadwood Creek Services (DCS) April Report

The Community Center will remain closed at this time until further notice. We hope it can be available for events and rentals beginning in June. This will depend on safety and county regulations and guidelines. We will continue to discuss this at our upcoming meetings and will keep the community posted.

The playground construction will continue in the next few months as the grant funds need to be used by June. Part of the next step of this project will include cutting and removing some of the Alder trees that occupy the area of the playground.



*Submitted by Kaki and Billy Burruss*

We want to provide a safe environment and protect the new structures from damage.

The DCS Board will communicate through the Deadwood Outreach Page on Facebook and the Ditto about upcoming work days for this project. Please contact a board member if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help.

We truly hope to gather as a community again soon.

Happy Spring!

*Submitted by Danell Sundstrom*

### DCS BOARD

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"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." - William Shakespeare  
Sub. A.K.A. (Steve Forbis)

## **Fiber Farm**

**A reprint from a Viewpoint/Opinion article published in the Eugene Weekly April, 2008.**

Intensive tree farming is poisoning Lane County

Densely filling every acre with Douglas fir, growing the trees as quickly as possible and then harvesting at the most profitable moment is intensive forest management's focus. Since after 30 years, dollar growth exceeds tree growth, many plantations will be harvested before they're 40 years old. Today, with wood chips worth as much as saw logs, fiber farming will lead to even quicker rotations.

Tree farm manipulators can't wait for the spear-shaped Doug fir seedlings to grow up through the brush. Neither does this business tolerate other kinds of trees competing for space and sun. Consequently, growing and harvesting these teenage monocultures relies on chemical poisoning and fertilizing. Lots of it.

While chemicals may speed seedling growth, they can't save these compacted Doug fir colonies from fire. Dense, homogenous tree plantations ignite and burn far easier than older structurally diverse forest stands. Ironically, while promoting thinning public forests for fire resistance, industry continues to plant flammable fiber farms! When these plantations burn, rain flushes chemical residuals downstream with top soils.

The same herbicides used to speed seedling growth damage the soil fungi that enable trees to assimilate natural nutrients. Studies have documented second-decade growth losses within intensively treated sites. Growth can also be thwarted by native pathogens like Swiss Needle Cast, a normally endemic fungus that blights fir monocultures at epidemic levels. With millions of coastal acres now infected, the state and industry have considered treatments with fungicides like Bravo, toxic to fish in even micro amounts. How would large scale spraying affect prime salmon streams?

Salmon runs are already affected by other forest pesticides. In his report, "Diminishing Returns: Salmon Decline and Pesticides.", Dr. Richard Ewing details the effects on salmon caused by sub-lethal concentrations such as damage to their immune systems and negative effects to their food supplies. No wonder. The forest is the "womb" of the salmon. Poison the womb, you poison the salmon.

Ewing says that "Scientists, policy makers, and interest groups have thus far given insufficient attention to the role that pesticide contamination of our watersheds may play in salmon decline." Indeed, even environmentally based reports like one by Pacific Rivers Council, "Preventing Salmon Extinction, Forest Practice Guidelines," ignore salmon declines due to pesticides. Collateral damage from forest poisoning continues to reduce crucially important honey bee and bird populations and will inevitably cause further ecosystem failures.

The scale of this methodical forest poisoning is huge. In the late 1990's while directing Public Interest Forestry, we did a coarse screen survey of herbicide use in Lane County. Between November of 1997 and October of 1999, pesticide notifications were filed with ODF for 140,000 acres! Federal forest managers use comparatively little pesticides in Lane County, so nearly all reported use was on private lands. Some acres were treated partially: others will receive a half dozen poisons three times or more within the decade under one notification. Correlated with recently harvested and replanted acres, this tally is a reasonable indicator of current chemical use.

Since Lane County has 788,000 acres of private forestland (568,000 acres of it owned by industry), this implies that 9 percent of Lane's private forest may be poisoned in a single year. With a pound of chemical concentrates and gallons of "inert" mixer commonly sprayed on each acre, perhaps 30 tons a year of pesticides, plus their chemical diluents, are spread annually across our watersheds.

In our survey, two timber companies emerged as giants of forest poisoning: Roseburg Forest Products, which treated 42,000 acres, mostly in western lane's Long Tom and Siuslaw River drainages: and Weyerhaeuser Company, which treated 39,000 acres, mainly in eastern Lane's Mckenzie, Willamette and Row River drainages. Both companies are known within forestry circles for having a "pure plantation fetish" and going to chemical extremes, regardless of costs, to achieve this dubious goal.

These enormous chemical expenditures pose a serious threat to our quality of life and the publicly owned resources within the private forest: water, fisheries and wildlife. Considering the funding and political weight of chemical companies like Monsanto, it'll be a long while before these issues are thoroughly researched or aired. Oregon's industry-dominated Forest Practice Act not only fails to guard us or the forest from poisoning, it condones chemical use with it's "growth goal."

How can we protect ourselves and our forest resources from fiber farming folly?  
*(Authored by Roy Keene, a real estate broker and private timberland restoration specialist, this was the first of a two part article.)*

*Submitted by James Webb*



## Veterans' Memorial in Deadwood

After \*some difficulties\* in 2020, the Veterans' Memorial in Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery will soon be getting planted, carving finished, medallions & plaques mounted, and accepting donations to honor military veterans, whether here or elsewhere, living or deceased. 3"x5" plaques will be sold to show Vets' names and service info. Email [deadwoodcem@gmail.com](mailto:deadwoodcem@gmail.com), or stop by and get a form from the brochure box at the Cemetery. Thank you for helping us honor our veterans!

### Blooms and Native plants

Isn't it delightful to see the buds breaking and spring blooms everywhere! What are your favorites? I have become a big fan of Hellebores after placing several at the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery's garden walk, which overlooks the river and mountains. Last year we planted 6 or 8 hellebore bulbs, which put up a few pink, white and purple flowers. This year they have already been putting out lots of blooms for a month! Also, if you have never noticed the sweet-scented yellow blooms of Oregon Holly, please stop by to enjoy several overlooking the riverbank, donated & planted last year by Kaki Burrus (also a group is at the east end of the parking area). Thank heaven that big broken limb just missed them!

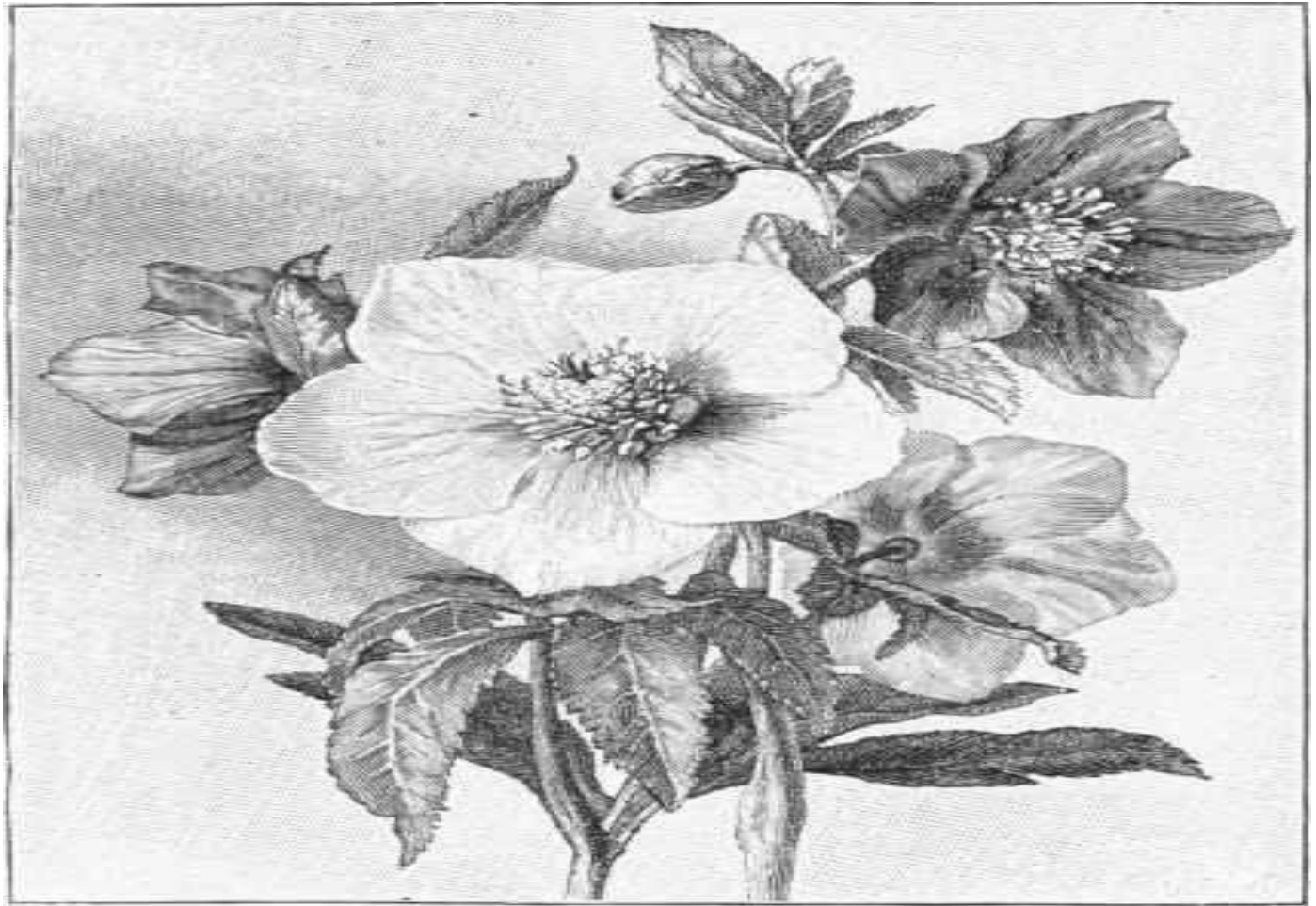
Please stop by and enjoy the peaceful sitting rocks and ever-changing blooms, on the right of the log fence as you drive in. Across the parking area... some folks think graves are spooky, but most think ours are beautiful and interesting, with headstones dating back to 1889 and rhodies, azaleas, lilacs, iris, little native chocolate lilies and many more flowers blooming throughout the year.

Our regular spring cleanup is planned for May 15 (rainout date 5/22), but help is welcomed any time you see limbs down, blackberries, English ivy or other noxious weeds to be removed, etc. Headstones can be cleaned with water and a soft brush or wooden scraper - but PLEASE don't use metal, soap, bleach, moss killer, etc. as they can damage the stones over time. If you're not sure, contact Gerry Burnett, Megan Gerber or any of the DPC Board members.

We would welcome plants that you think would thrive in our shade garden, help ASAP with a small stacked rock wall, as well as help with weekly watering during the summer! If you would like to contribute plants / time / thoughts, take a few buckets of mulch, or ask questions, email Megan at [deadwoodcem@gmail.com](mailto:deadwoodcem@gmail.com), or call / text to 541-999-2209. Thanks!

BTW - I just heard about a local landscaping job; contact Megan for more info.

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, ... noble, ... right, ... pure, ... lovely, ... [or] admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things... [and] put [them] into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9 (NIV)*  
Submitted by Peg/Megan Gerber



### **the new curmudgeon**

onward ever almost  
we read what we are as much as we are  
what we read. our mind is our single  
most ferocious frontier of resistance to  
inequality and injustice. but faith  
requires doubt just as light requires  
shadow. yet anger may be the deepest  
form of care. try beginning the day not  
with a to do list but a not to do list, giving  
a moment outside the time bound world  
of the hamster wheel of busyness and

the hedonic treadmill of achievement.  
nell mezzo in the midst of everything.  
camus used to tell himself "live to the  
point of tears" as an invitation to the  
deep privilege of belonging. nell mezzo  
del cammin de nostra vita.....when i had  
journeyed half of our life's way, i found  
myself within a shadowed forest, for i  
had lost the path that does not stray.  
dante's inferno canto 1. we all perish in  
our own world and are compost for



worlds we cannot yet imagine. we, all of us, have less time than we think. what we refuse and what we accept are based on who we perceive ourselves to be. we are much more intrigued with illusion than with reality. we are using weak science as it has always been used....to lend false credibility to an idea that we want to believe for other reasons....for instance, the basic moral syllogism of anti-vaccination as a political stance claiming to protest the capitalist forces behind modern medicines. have gratitude for your lessons in any form. wrong turns teach us the right way. "trying on the utmost,/the morning it is new, is terrible than wearing it/ a whole existence through". emily dickinson.

we find our capacity for perspective constricted by the stranglehold of our cultural moment. "there are more things likely to frighten us than there are to crush us; we suffer more often in imagination than in reality". seneca is it de facto or de jure? "those who prefer their principles over their happiness, they refuse to be happy outside the conditions they seem to have attached to their happiness". a.camus how we view and inhabit what we consider to be our personality will govern our path. "we are all navigating an external world- but only through the prism of our own minds, our own subjective experience...the majesty of the universe is only ever conjured up in the mind". rebecca elson "the fool, with all his

other faults, has this also, he is always getting ready to live". epicurus "the greatest obstacle to living is expectancy, which hangs upon tomorrow and loses today" seneca. all this makes life seem tougher than a 50cent steak but as sparafucile probably said=a sharp knife is better than vodou. but there's art. and what makes art, in almost any form, special is that within it's boundaries open times and spaces different from measurable time and space. poetry, that lovely backdoor to consciousness, bypassing our habitual barricades of thought and feeling to reveal reality afresh. that's good for some frissons=a psychophysiological response of transient paresthesia. a rush!

*Submitted by James Webb*

This one runs on the fat  
and saves you  
money.



This one runs on money  
and makes you  
fat.



www.4efunny.net

*Submitted by Kaki and Billy Burruss*

## Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Department News



I'm proud to report that we have returned to full operations now that Lane County dropped out of the "high" COVID hazard category. Our volunteers have received vaccinations for COVID, and we are ready and able to provide the Swisshome-Deadwood community with fire protection and emergency medical services.

On March 20th we conducted a joint "burn to learn" training event in Swisshome with Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue. Our training that day included the controlled burning of a donated house. It was an excellent opportunity for our volunteers to gain first-hand experience in structural firefighting.

We have been fortunate to gain three new volunteers since we restarted training drills in the first week of March, and we are always looking for more recruits. Volunteers do not need to be frontline firefighters - any skills that can be helpful will be gratefully accepted.

Fire District Board meetings continue to be held monthly on the second Thursday. For now we continue to hold them via Zoom and interested community members can contact me or they can contact Mona Arbuckle at [sd.rfpd@gmail.com](mailto:sd.rfpd@gmail.com) for meeting information. We also have upcoming board director elections and need volunteers for the budget review committee in the next few months.

*Submitted by William (Jim) Yeo, Chief*



Siuslaw Watershed Council's  
Virtual Watershed Community Meeting

March 31st, from 5:30-7:30 PM on Zoom.

Lamprey are fish (really!) that live in most Siuslaw streams and rivers, yet many of us may never have seen one. Though not highly visible today, lamprey have played an important ecological role in rivers and streams for millions of years, and an important cultural one in the Pacific Northwest and the Siuslaw for millennia. Join us in our Zoom-based meeting, where we will welcome a panel of guest speakers and a film, all bringing a wealth of knowledge about lamprey's (very) long history and work currently being done to support lamprey recovery:

Ralph Lampman, Pacific Lamprey Project Biologist, Yakama Nation Fisheries

John Schaefer, Tribal Biologist, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

Paul Burns, Fisheries Biologist, Siuslaw National Forest

Film: "The Lost Fish", Produced by Jeremy Monroe, Freshwaters Illustrated

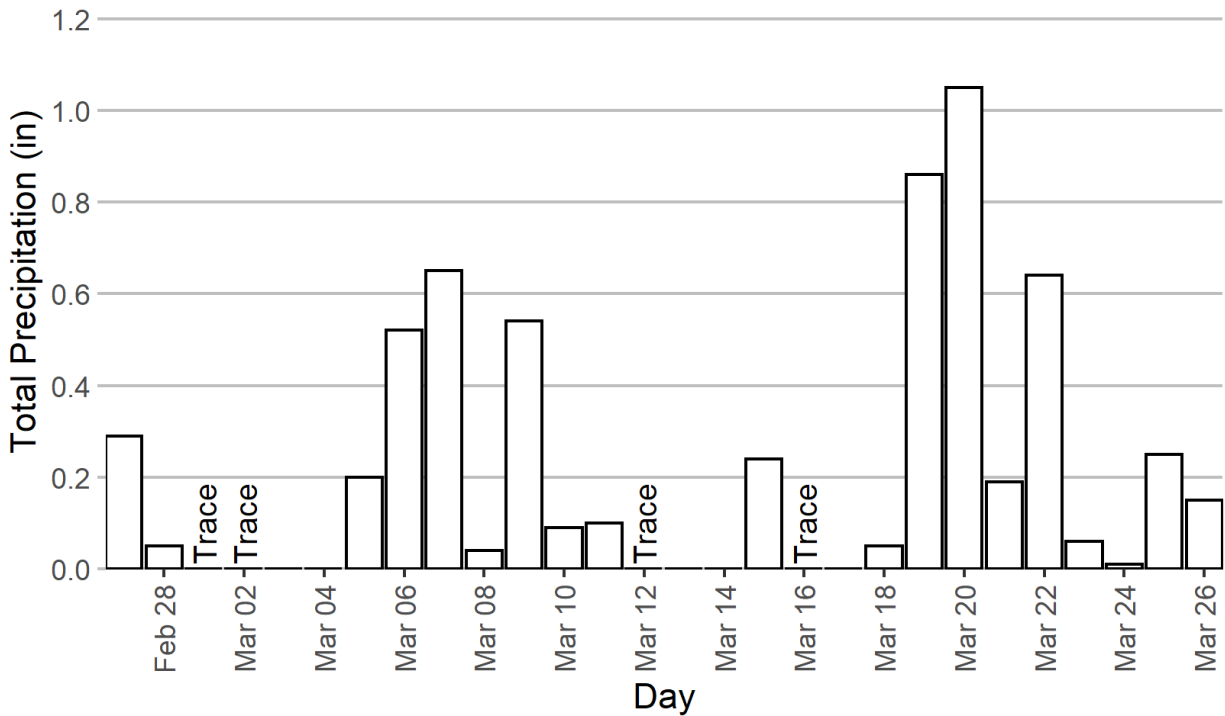
**Register** on the Siuslaw Watershed Council website-

[www.siuslaw.org](http://www.siuslaw.org)

*Submitted by Mizu Burruss*



## Deadwood Daily Rainfall Over One Month



Month	Total	Notes
December	14.19"	Pineapple Express from the 19th-22nd dropped 7.09"
January	16.84"	Atmospheric River from the 12th-13th dropped 6.28"
February	11.83"	Fewer days of constant rain, more days with bursts of rain

### Rain Station Details

**Where:** downtown Deadwood/Colley's Bend

**When:** every 24 hours, (usually) at 7am

**How:** a calibrated funnel and tube measured and emptied manually

*Submitted by Aradia Farmer*

Silence and shadows

Still and grey

Is this really how we pray?

Quiet has its place

After the end and before the start

A deafening loudness is found in

Purity of heart

*Submitted by Justice Johnson*

Laughter and tears serve as testimony

to the sanctity and the pain of being

When I shout

The echo welcomes me

A holler to the hills is a wish to be free

Give to the earth my body breath and

blood She gives back to me

## **SIUSLAW PUBLIC LIBRARY TO OPEN FOR BROWSING APRIL 1**

The Siuslaw Public Library District has announced that in-person browsing hours will begin on Thursday, April 1.

“Now that Lane County is moving into moderate risk, we’re excited to welcome the public back,” said library director Meg Spencer. “You can browse the shelves again and select your own items to take home. We even have new touchless self-checkout stations!”

No appointment is required for browsing. The Florence location will be open Monday-Thursday 11 AM – 2 PM and Friday 11 AM – 6 PM. Weekend hours are expected to be added soon.

The Mapleton branch will be open for browsing on Thursdays, 12-5 PM. Due to the small space, patrons in Mapleton will be limited to one individual or family group at a time. Public computers are not available at this time.

Patrons of all ages are welcome in the library. Face masks are required for anyone ages five and older. Anyone not able to wear a face mask can be accommodated through the library’s curbside pickup program.

Libraries are classified as retail space by the State of Oregon, meaning that the same Covid-19 restrictions apply to libraries as stores. Patrons can enter the building and select items for checkout, but the community space functions such as meeting and study rooms, work tables, seating, children’s play area, etc., will not be available. Public restrooms will also be closed.

The library will continue to offer other services:

Curbside pickup: Monday-Thursday 11 AM – 2 PM, Friday 11 AM – 6 PM. Call to place requests Monday-Friday 10 AM – 1 PM, or submit through our website any time.

Item returns: Same hours as curbside pickup in the front lobby. Items are quarantined for 24 hours before check-in.

Computer appointments: Monday-Friday, 11:30 AM and 5 PM. Call to reserve a one-hour appointment; walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Library cards: Patrons who applied for a temporary card during the closure, or who want to get a new card, should come to the library lobby during browsing hours, with photo ID and proof of current local address.

Reference services and questions: Library staff answer calls and respond to emails Monday-Friday, 10 AM – 6 PM.

Library programs will continue to be virtual only. Storytime with Miss Gayle is every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 AM on the library’s Facebook page. Book Brunch, the monthly book club for adults, is the second Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM on Zoom. Follow the library on social media for special program announcements and more. Learn more:

<https://www.siuslawlibrary.info/browsing-faqs>.

Contact the Library. Phone: 541-997-3132. Email: [ref@siuslawlibrary](mailto:ref@siuslawlibrary)

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If you have questions call 541-964-3981