

DEADWOOD DITTO

July 2021



Deadwood Food Coop	August- dates to be announced	
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	July 8th, Thursday at 7 pm, Swisshome station (next to the Post Office) or on line	Contact Mona Arbuckle if you want to attend sd.rfpddd@gmail.com
Mapleton Food Share- contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	July 8, Thursday and July 24th, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact 541-925-3090	July 16th, Friday	11am-2pm
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.

DCS Update

The playground project is nearing completion and we will be ready to open the Center after that for rentals and events.

We will not be having a gathering for the 4th of July but hope to in the near future. We will keep you posted on events to come. We are planning to resume Third

Saturday in September with Alder Street Band. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Center soon.

The board will also be looking for 2 members to join.

Have a happy and healthy summer!

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Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept News

It looks like we're in for a long, hot fire season this year throughout Oregon and the rest of the western States! Now more than ever I need to ask everyone to be very conscientious about following the burn restrictions put out by ODF and Lane County. The Swisshome-Deadwood Fire District has a very dedicated group of volunteers who will leave their homes at a moment's notice to fight fire, but we are few in number and large or multiple fires will overwhelm our resources quickly. We are fortunate to have a great partnership with Siuslaw Valley Fire in members can always reach me at sdrfpd.chief@gmail.com with any questions.

Florence, but we can't assume they will have resources to spare if we get another extreme weather event like last Labor Day.

I've placed wildland fire information and promotional materials from the Office of the State Fire Marshal in the Deadwood and Swisshome Post Offices that are free to anyone, and community members can always reach me at sdrfpd.chief@gmail.com with any questions.

As always, if anyone would like to volunteer to serve with the Fire District in any capacity, we would love to have new recruits!

Be safe, and be well,

William (Jim) Yeo
Chief
Swisshome-Deadwood RFP

COVID PERSPECTIVES

"SLICES OF SUNSHINE AND LIGHTENING"

Being human means being bi-polar to one degree or another. We live in light and dark. We sit on a see-saw much of the time. We are predator and prey. We hunt and are hunted. We love and hate, cry and laugh, survive or wither, accept or reject the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune..." (Hamlet') except that our rejection doesn't work in this case; it's not a choice. Humans and surely other animals are configurations of intense complexity. Human emotions can soar and crash. There are people who live on an even keel. I have known only two.

Both lightening and sunshine expose the setting.

It all has to do with what is going on 'outside' and inside of us. No one can define all the triggers for these feelings or even locate them for certain. We are an amalgamation of unknowns, both as separate beings, and together. How does each of us handle this new frightening global event which cannot be traced fully

(yet?). It is good to be calm - to find ways to enrich the hours alone. It is good to meditate and heal oneself. It works for a while. It is good to speak to others optimistically. We know that negatives work cruelly in our bodies and minds. But so does denial. Yes it is a delicate balance indeed. A new vocabulary is required.

The contemporary western obligation for emotional survival is to stay positive. What the hell does that mean? Shall we, those who are still healthy, deny the darkness and pain and fear of others who have succumbed to disease, while waiting for it to possibly envelope us as well? Shall those affected by the loss of family and friends be told to "hang in there"? We cannot even face them in our social distancing. We cannot hold or console anyone for fear of contamination. Such a conglomerate of varying emotional weights and values is required. There is no recourse to community strength as we have known it. We watch videos of musicians playing their instruments in separate chambers (chamber music?) creating a

whole symphony or opera. A different kind of unity. We are grateful for their effort and moved to tears by

Our language to each other is tentative although some people remain strong and optimistic. Words of all kinds are thrown around. Let's toss in the mixed metaphors, why not? and the banalities, the recent popular cliché (wait, that's a tautology isn't it?). Let's take all our words and feelings and mix them in "that inverted bowl we call the sky" (Rubaiyat/Omar Khayyam: popular wisdom of the 50's). There will be

the beauty. It helps. But how weird it feels. It is the natural expressed unnaturally.

anarchism of language because no other format will do. It is now a long-distance mode of comforting others, not to mention our own isolation. I shall continue writing, to comfort myself, as always.

[This is part of an introduction to a second volume of essays]

submitted by Yvonne R. de Miranda

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AND ANOTHER....

Being reminded by community members that we just came through what first seemed like a long cold SARS-Cov-2 pandemic, a sort of war waged on all of us, makes us reflect a wee bit on where we have been. We are fortunate to be more isolated than those who continue to work on the front lines to provide a safe barrier from which we can safely navigate. The total medical community, the entire education force, the timber community, the entire government team and everyone of those city/town/village workers who labored to provide safe services to all of us are remembered. To these folks we owe so much. To mention just a few our rural mail folks, Fred Meyer and Safeway staff who did our shopping and brought the food to the

car, we are grateful for their services. We also have those who travel a little longer and bring us UPS and FedEx, we want the best for them. Multiply this by several orders of magnitude and the year actually went by really fast. We did endure being somewhat separated from immediate family and electronically connected to the rest of the second family; those routine doctor visits really changed. We just did not feel comfortable exposing them to what we might get before receiving the front line defense of a pair of covid 19 vaccinations. That seemed like a long time ago. Getting on with a new-normal certainly puts things in a new perspective. We are discovering things about ourselves. When we did drive

through the line at the Lane County Event Center to receive our first vaccination of two was a satisfying accomplishment. We had waited for what seemed at the time a very long and patient wait. Getting the second shot in the arm felt as though we had passed the immediate test and given what we know, we had leveraged the best possible outcome for us and our loved ones. After the two weeks passed we realized that we had met one of the obligations to our family, to the community and finally to our State. Oregon deserves to get way higher than a 70% total vaccination and the sooner the better for everyone. Since I trust the science my hope is that we could hit 85% just to show the world that we can. We can, all it takes is to give the best that you have. This way we can be more assured that we are further protecting those who cannot receive the vaccinations from the 10 years of mRNA research. From that and the data that we provide to our leaders we are participating in the front line of defense for the future. That is what has made the last year shorter for us. We seriously are trying to contribute to a safe state of affairs for the succor that surrounds all of us. I thank Jan for waking us up. I had to look that word up and it brought me back to the beginning of all of this where I thought we were a little bit lost. Even getting the mail from the rural box was laced with some uncertainty, we just didn't know what we had entered into. It

was called a pandemic and that is a serious word which deserves more than a casual look. The word endemic is easier to feel good about and locally we can all pitch in to make it turn out for the better.

Some of the more articulate in our community stand ready to investigate where we have been and where we are going as a community. The way is there and hopefully we get to at least the minimum standards for a safe time which is upon us right now. There will be a winter and it is fast approaching. The Delta variant may like colder weather.

Before a copy and paste of the data and web reference let me conclude by saying a special Thanks to Jan. You made me think. To the dedicated pair of OHA staff Steph and Craig I am indebted, may you be safe and stay well, to Ann who wanted the shot before we knew there was one -- well, we are thankful. To me -- who couldn't get any Purell hand sanitizer so he got a gallon of Aloe Vera and alcohol and ... well, we can order on Amazon now -- any one want some Aloe? No one around here said that I was a competent chemist.

Respectfully,
Leslie and Mercedes (Ann) Benscoter
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(Our special thanks to the Pioneer/Peak Team who have kept us connected -- and to all the community who are always there to help when needed.

Siuslaw Vision Team seeks new members

Siuslaw Vision is looking to add new volunteer members to the Vision Team to begin serving in August and help move forward the goal of building a better community together. We would love to have representatives from Deadwood and other upriver communities.

Siuslaw Vision is a grassroots effort to enhance opportunities for residents living in the western Lane County area, including Florence, Dunes City, Mapleton, Deadwood and Swisshome. The Vision was created following two years of input from over 1,200 local residents. It focuses on six inclusive elements, all centered on the people of the Siuslaw region: Working People

(jobs and the economy), Happy People (health and human services), Educated People (lifelong learners), Connected People (infrastructure and public services), Creative People (arts and culture), and Active People (recreation and the outdoors).

For more information, please visit www.SiuslawVision.org, or contact Stephanie Sarles at vision@siuslawvision.org, or 541-590-2425



Classifieds

Help wanted: housekeeper/personal assistant, two - 4 hour shifts per month @ \$15/hr. For more info email Gina Yeo at: entropy_conservancy@protonmail.com.



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 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 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 541-964-3555

Summer Update & Bylaws Revision

June 28, 2021

Dear Watershed Community Members,

We hope you have enjoyed the emergence of the summer and all the plants, fish and wildlife that comes with it! Our small group of committed staff have been very busy with restoration projects, partnership meetings, grant management, job postings, and organizing community meetings. This year has posed challenges to offer all the activities we have in past summers. We are so thankful to all of you for your patience and support during this time! Our Board continues to assist staff with capacity and look forward to improving the function and health of the Siuslaw Watershed Council.

As we mentioned to Watershed Community members in an [April 27th letter](#), the Board has identified that our bylaws are in need of an update. Late last year we identified several key issues related to Board capacity and sought to address those; however, we missed a key amendment clause in the bylaws and were unable to formally adopt bylaws amendments after our January meeting. This mistake led to a deeper discussion by the Policy and Bylaws Committee. The result is a more comprehensive review of the bylaws. For transparency, we are providing our bylaws revision as one [Clean Bylaws Draft](#) and one [Track Changes Bylaws Draft](#). We are not perfect, but we do believe that we have made clarifying and sensible changes to the bylaws. We have also updated the bylaws in substantive ways like Board composition and addition of goals to align with current SWC strategies.

We ask that you take the time to review the updated bylaws, which have been posted for a review period of 30 days, prior to the July 28th meeting. They have been posted on the [SWC website](#) for your consideration. If you have major concerns, or even see small typos, please reach out and let us know. The Board will be bringing a motion to adopt the new draft bylaws at the July meeting. We value your participation in this process, and hope that you plan to attend the July meeting. All members are eligible to vote on the bylaws. Please make sure that you have paid your 2021 dues prior to the July 28th meeting, as voting requirements in the current bylaws require payment in order to be considered a current member and for your vote to be counted. If you have questions about your membership

status, please call or email Mizu Burruss at coordinator@siuslaw.org or 541-268-3044, Christina Ward at financial@siuslaw.org, or 541-590-5707.

Please help us finalize a lasting change to support a healthy watershed and stronger community here in the Siuslaw! We look forward to seeing you at our July 28th meeting! Please look for the meeting announcement in the coming week.

Respectfully,

Margaret Corvi, Board President

Mizu Burruss, Executive Director

Memories



submitted by Linda Kanter