

DEADWOOD DITTO

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Reflections on the Back-to-the-Land Movement in Europe & The US West	Friday December 1st Potluck at 5:30, Presentation at 6:30	Deadwood Community Center, 4.3 Miles up Deadwood Creek Road in Deadwood Oregon
Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	December 16th, Saturday	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	December 14th, Thursday at 7 pm, Swisshome station (next to the Post Office)	Contact Mona Arbuckle @sd.rfpd.@gmail.com
Mapleton Food Share- contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	December 14th, Thursday and December 23rd, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	December 15th, Friday	10am-2pm
Deadwood Ditto deadwoodditto@yahoo.com	Submissions due the 26th of the month, with distribution close to the first of the next month	Editor Jan Kinney kinneyjan1@gmail.com
Deadwood Food Coop	Every other month. Info available on Deadwood Trading Post under Food Coop tab	Yvonne Pappagallo contact yvonnppappy@gmail.com



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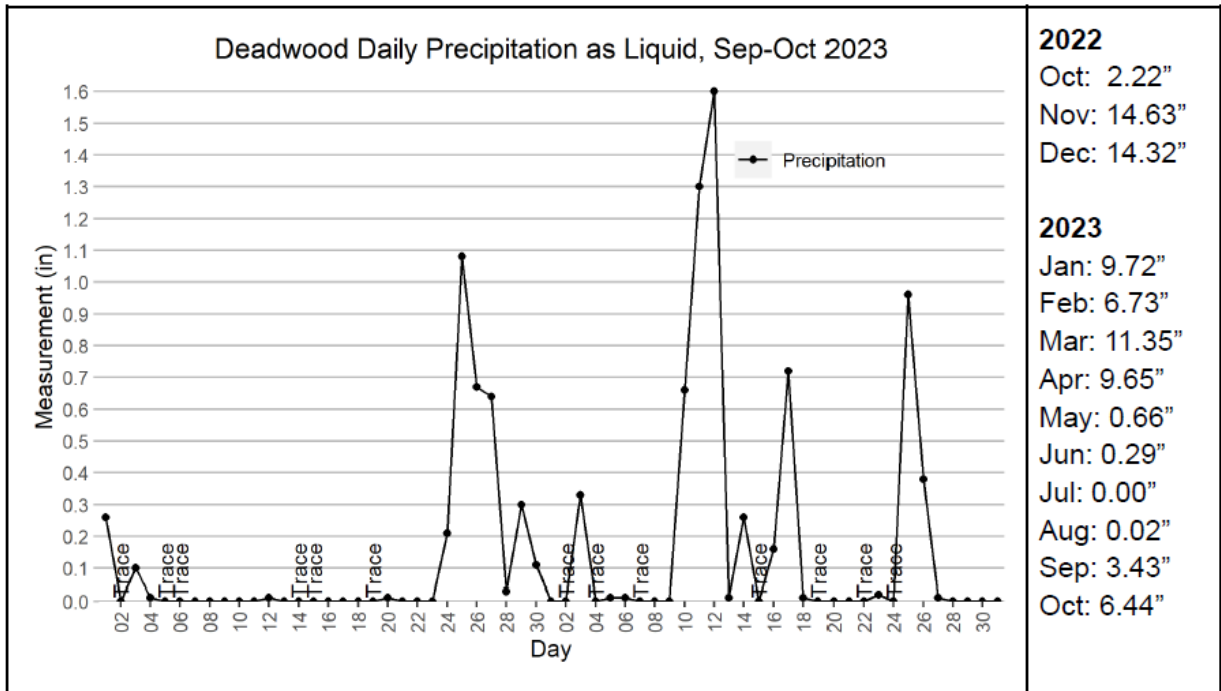
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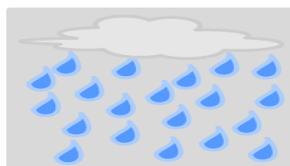
Come to the Deadwood Community Center Friday December 1st for a presentation and community conversation about the Back-to-the-Land Movement, comparing the BTL movements in the United States (the US West) and Europe (French Pyrennes.) This presentation features members of the BTL Project and Counterculture History Coalition - including European sociologist Paolo Stuppia (Phd, Political Science, Paris France), Cultural Anthropologist Brian Hill (Denny California) and photographer and community archivist Kate Harnedy (Deadwood Oregon.)

Submitted by Kate Harnedy



Where: Lower Deadwood Creek

Submitted by Aradia & Brandon Farmer





FREE Native Plant Ordering Opens on Black Friday

SWC's annual Native Plant Distribution (NPD) program will begin accepting online orders on Friday, November 24th. Streamside and lakeside landowners within the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes watersheds are eligible to receive up to 300 free native trees, shrubs, and forbs for planting in riparian areas. Visit siuslaw.org/npd to learn more about the program and submit your order. Distribution day is February 3rd.

Double-Impact Donor Opportunity - \$10,000 Match!

As Giving Tuesday comes to a close, we are grateful for the support the Siuslaw Watershed Council receives every day. Our volunteers work hard and ask for nothing in return. Our donors keep the lights on and make our restoration and education programs possible. Our program participants motivate us and remind us of our purpose. We are excited to announce that an anonymous donor, who wishes to encourage greater giving to the watershed, has offered to match today's donations, as well as those through the rest of the year!

From now until December 31st, this generous supporter will match up to \$10,000 in donations!!

Your \$50 donation is now worth \$100 to support youth ecology field trips. Your \$500 donation will now contribute \$1000 to the distribution of native plants in Florence and Mapleton to Blachly and the Lorane Valley. Much of our restoration work is funded through grants, but the daily expenses of running our organization depend on community support. The match donor has requested that their funds be allocated to general operating expenses. However, you are welcome to designate contributions to any particular program or cause you see fit to support. You can use the link below to make a [quick and easy donation](#) via credit card through PayPal, or mail a check to PO Box 422, Mapleton, OR 97453. If you would like to give in another fashion, please call executive director Tim Moffett at 317-395-4870.

We hope you enjoy the holiday season and we thank you for making SWC part of your community!
****Update: As of this morning, we have received \$1,102.53 in donations and raised a total of \$2,205.06 through the match! Submitted by Tim Moffett**



THE NOUMENON: A PERSONAL INTERPRETATION WITH ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

“Immanuel Kant first developed the notion of the noumenon as part of his transcendental idealism, suggesting that while we know the *noumenal* world to exist because human sensibility is merely receptive, it is not itself sensible and must therefore remain otherwise unknowable to us”

The Noumenon is the potential reality underlying what our sensory system perceives, by which senses we are geared to receive input from the stimuli around us and whereby we develop a unique impression of our life on earth. However without a recipient, what is left is simply the *potential* of our ‘physical’ world. This world of vastly differing and challenging sensory systems in all the flora and fauna that inhabit planet earth, is full of receptive life. We interpret what exists via those systems, and this becomes (once more) our Umwelt. There is no light except as it presents for our eyes and those of other animals. Light is not a ‘thing’. The energy of those small photons creates a condition which we call ‘light’ because that is how we experience these photons. Nor is there darkness except as absence of light. The same goes for other stimuli. Ears and eyes and the other senses are the receptors for most of earth’s animals. There are no mountains nor seas nor any of the complex manifestations of existence, without its life forms as witness. Everything lives in a *potential* ‘reality’ which simultaneously manifests through observation. This is a known in Quantum physics. However, in whatever state we find the outside world when we are present, the changes therein continued invisibly without us. So dust continues to form on our furniture, buildings continue to decay, leaves fall in autumn without witness; and nature changes constantly, *within its own laws*. However, they are all a potential for our experience when we are present. Mini sections of the world and its creatures spring into being when perceived. When that sinks in deeply as I move through life, I realize that in its own way it is all a ‘virtual reality’. (When actual VR is used, it is reality twice removed). Like everything else, pain and joy exist in our brains/minds, and our lives revolve around those experiences.

So where do the mountains and sea and all other physical manifestations ‘go’ when they are not perceived? All this exists intangibly, in the noumenon, evolving according to an inherent capacity, available to be ‘materialized’ when there is a being to experience it. The experience of identifying something or some being depends on there being a sentient recipient. And it becomes that being’s own reality via their perceptions. Whatever form of energy exists in the universe, that energy remains a constant. All of it remains a potential. Consciousness is not within us; we are within It. The question of how an Ultimate Consciousness, (assuming there is such a condition), manifests, has presented many theories for humans; religious and philosophical as well as scientific. Where it comes from, how it evolved, and the question of whether it was always there, or not, cannot be answered. We live our lives according to our belief systems and unfortunately it is those very systems, mostly the religious ones, which have caused wars throughout the centuries. Wars have always been fights over territory, but ultimately and basically, they are clashes over religion in all its forms. We do not seem to be able to save ourselves. In some primordial way, many people witness what is ‘other’ as potentially threatening.

The perfect anodyne to personal suffering whether individual, social, economical, medical, political or other has always been elusive, and attempts at success have taken many forms. It seems inevitable that the various paradigms into which modern religions evolved, were born to fulfill the need for existential answers as well as for everyday survival, as had pagan beliefs in prior times (some of which early beliefs stayed incorporated in various symbolic forms in the major religions). The later organized religions eventually hardened into places of esurient power, the holders of which accepted confusing written, coded content via the famous holy books, with their many additions, contradictions, and deletions, and the consequences of which choices are accepted today. Some religions became *equated* with law; they were the differing moral underpinnings of older, and some current, cultures. The ever-present striving for power

was an inescapable partner in the creating of organized religions, which also still act as governing laws in many countries, as they were presented from time immemorial by past rulers.

In order to live in true freedom, it is imperative that no single or combined religion has immunity, and thereby is able to create our country's new laws or eliminate existing, uplifting, democratic ones. We can see the dangerous conflation of religion and law seeping brazenly in here, in this country. We are in for a rough ride, until people learn to benefit from their own beliefs, without imposing them on others.

Living in all this beauty of planet earth, loving in all this beauty, touching occasionally on the numinous, reaching for a peaceful existence, there are still too many people who have not evolved beyond the dangerous impulse to kill and maim. And so it continues....with most people following the teachings of their specific but conflicting religious beliefs and morality, often hating 'the other' with destructive force. Whatever happened to the possibility of 'live and let live'? Conflict appears to have been inescapable, being the creatures we still are. But does it need to have such a paralyzing form? Does hope - can hope persist? For myself, having lived nine decades on this earth, it is the most important question.

yvonne de miranda (c) November '23



Third Saturday

3rd Saturdays
welcomes back to Deadwood...

THE KUSH BAND

December 16, 2023

COMMUNITY POTLUCK at 6:30
MUSIC following at 7:30

Please bring labeled potluck dishes,
donations for performers and Deadwood Creek Services

DEADWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
4.3 MILES UP DEADWOOD CREEK ROAD

Come out for 3rd Saturday December 16th! This month we welcome back long time Deadwood and Florence area favorites - THE KUSH BAND! Potluck dinner at 6:30 (please bring a labeled potluck dish and donations for DCS and the band!) Music at 7:30.

THE KUSH BAND have been rocking stages for decades, bringing good time party dance music, with originals and covers of rhythm & blues and soulful rock! They're known for playing various venues on the Oregon Coast and The Deadwood Community Center. THE KUSH BAND has been instrumental in establishing 3rd Saturdays as the fun filled, dancing good time it is, so come out, welcome them back and show them some gratitude!

Featuring:

Kenneth "Sunny" Sundstrom - vocals, guitar

Frank "Harpo" Welles- vocal, harmonica

Marc Barnum- bass

Mike Phillips- drums

Submitted by Kate Harnedy

The New Curmudgeon

Thoughts on community and what it takes to make it work

writing the new curmudgeon is like tossing wildflower seeds into the wind not knowing the type of soil in which they will land or what bloom they will foster. Some may bloom many civilizations later in minds of different experiences...for after all, we are stardust and that is what survives. We're in a bit-blown wind but we dare not look away from our broken reality. It may be that the things you find most disagreeable are complementary (being of complementarity). In the quantum world contradiction and truth are near neighbors. in the yin yang symbol, its aspects are equal but different, each contains and is contained within the other. To do full justice to reality, we must engage it from different perspectives. That is the philosophical principal of complementarity. It is a lesson in humility that quantum theory forces to our attention. Complementarity is both a feature of reality and a lesson in wisdom. Failure can be a springboard for growth and for stretching our abilities. We thrive on challenge. the hand you're dealt is just a starting point for development. We live in a gasping world, "the interrogation of our relationship with the planet and other species" a dire necessity. We must exploit our capacity for shared purpose, as we confront the biggest ever challenge facing the planet and all it's species and systems—the perfect storm of the climate emergency, mass extinction and an unprecedented global pandemic. We humans have choices. We make thousands of them every day. If you had a shitty day, it's most likely your shit that made it so. The fault and the solution is ours. From julius caesar "who among us can admit that the problem is us". Intelligence is one thing....smart is what you do with it. we don't want to forgive ourselves. We don't want to lose our own private hell, it gives us license to complain (p and m). here's two good one's back to back : "our life is what our thoughts make it" "don't believe everything you think". When we're young, our particles sing with the electric cohesion of youth and health...at the end we're shuddering with defiant disbelief (that this is all). How can a creature that will certainly die have an understanding of things that will exist forever? Our atoms, temporarily borrowed, do belong to everything and everyone, just as now we inhale the same oxygen atoms that gave energy to khengas khan. We tend to equate the way people live with the way they (should) die. if you're a good person you shouldn't have a bad end. We choose our attitude. Our life is our choices, tsuris is a given. Frustrations hold no power where fun and pleasure reign supreme...don't we wish. "The opposite of good is good intentions". we perform acts enabling us to become better versions of ourselves. Our terms of endearment are the delicate threads woven into the tapestry of a close bond between people, the foundation for trust and understanding, moderators providing a framework to navigate the intricacies and nuances of a cherished relationship. They hold the power to heal wounds, restore balance. Love is a dance of vulnerability and resilience. It is in embracing the fragility that we discover the profound strength. It is in its very fragility that love gains it's power, for it asks us to put our hearts on the line, to open ourselves completely, trusting in our ability to heal and grow together. Imagine drifting in a realm where time holds no power. In this world of uncertainty, we have found solace in each other, imagining eternities that have yet to be written. The cold winds of the outside world fan the flickering brilliance of a deep relationship where time ceases and eternity is found in the caress of a single kiss. As this year folds onto itself and the comforting blanket of darkness envelopes us with a hush and a rustle of feathers, an entire lifetime seems to have come and gone. Here we are you and me, all of our relatives, each of us a trembling totality hungering for absolutes in a universe of relatives, permanence in ceaseless change. From these hungers we construct the elements of our lives...art, music, poetry, mathematics, loves.

Submitted by James Webb



Notice of Regular Board Meeting

The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold the regular Board Meeting at **7:00 PM on December 14th, 2023**, at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480.

The Board meeting agenda will include:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and BILLS

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy Review 2.2-2.11

NEW BUSINESS: (none at this time)

CORRESPONDENCE

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

This notice is provided in accordance with ORS 192.640(1)

Regular meetings of the fire board are held at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Swisshome fire station unless otherwise posted. **Requests for accommodations can be addressed to sd.rfpd@gmail.com.**

Notices of future meetings will be posted at the following locations:

- Swisshome Post Office
- Deadwood Post Office
- Sdrfpd.org
- Deadwood Ditto

Submitted by Mona Arbuckle



Deadwood Creek Services

Events:

Deadwood Creek Services Board Meeting - 6pm-7:30pm at the Deadwood Community Center
Third Saturday, December 16th - Potluck at 6:30 and Music at 7:30p - Deadwood Community Center

Deadwood Creek Services Annual Meeting, January 5th - Potluck at 5pm and Meeting at 6pm -
Deadwood Community Center

Dear Deadwood Community,

Look in the mail for your 2023 Annual Letter, read it online at

<https://www.deadwoodcreekservices.org/#AboutUs> or pick one up at community center events!

As we approach the end of the year, it's time to come together for our **Annual Meeting scheduled for January 5th at 5 pm at the Community Center**. This meeting provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the year's achievements, hear from local community organizations, and make plans for the coming year. Potluck starts at 5pm and the meeting will begin at 6pm - see you then!

Agenda Items - Your Input Needed: Your ideas are crucial in shaping the agenda and discussions for the Annual Meeting. Whether it's a suggestion for a community project, a concern to be addressed, or an idea to enhance Deadwood, your input is what guides our work!

To add items to the agenda, please contact Courtney Stone by emailing deadwoodcreekservices@gmail.com or calling 720-427-3330.

Third Saturday Dinner and Potluck - December 16th at 6:30 pm: Before the Annual Meeting, mark your calendars for the Third Saturday Dinner and Potluck on December 16th at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy the last dance of 2023!

Call for Donations: Please consider making an end of year donation to Deadwood Creek Services by mail at PO Box 12, Deadwood, 97430 or via PayPal at www.deadwoodcreekservices.org.

See you soon and happy December!

Courtney Stone, Deadwood Creek Services Convener



Lane County Zone 5 Gravel Road Blading

Lane County Road Maintenance is split up into 5 geographical zones. Zone 5 encompasses many areas including: Florence, Mapleton, Dunes City, Swisshome, Five Rivers and the Deadwood area. This zone has 7 full time personnel that have 215 miles of roadway they are responsible for maintaining. Of those 215 miles, 67+ miles are gravel roads, all of which require the use of zone 5's one grader. There tends to be a misconception that grading is a simple, quick process. However, for every 1 mile of gravel road graded, the operator actually travels 5 miles. This is due to the multiple passes it takes to successfully grade a gravel road. To put it in perspective, that is over 338 miles that we travel to complete our 67+ miles of road. This is best case scenario. Sometimes, it takes up to 7 passes with the grader, due to factors such as excess leaf build up on the road. In these cases, that can result in our 1 mile of road equating out to 7 actual miles and thus turns our 67+ miles into a daunting 469 miles total. That would be the same distance as if you were to drive from Deadwood Cr, Oregon to Vancouver, BC. With that said, on average, one grader can complete 3 miles of road a day. As you can see, grading is not as quick and simple of a

process as many believe. Due to the staggering number of miles of gravel roads we are responsible for, the limited number of personnel we have, and with only one grader, we have created a grading cycle for our Zone 5 roads. However, even with that in place, there are often barriers that arise that prevent us from grading at times.

Conditions that stop grading cycles include:

- **RAIN**- On average Mapleton gets 79 inches a year (although it is not uncommon to see over 100 inches). Due to the amount of sediment and fines on the existing road as well as in the rock, when grading in the rain, the road quickly becomes "soupy" and the rock easily segregates. The result is that the fines & sediment run into nearby streams and rivers impacting water quality. Same goes if we grade the road on a sunny day, but the following day has rainfall. This is because the road has not had enough time to set up/become compacted.
- **SNOW**
- **ICE**
- **Personnel Shortages/Equipment breakdowns**
- **Emergencies**- (Slides, failed culverts, trees down blocking roads etc.).

Grading Cycles:

We have roads throughout our zone that run North, South, East and West. We try and grade our roads in a cycle that is the most efficient, and where we can get the most miles graded, with the least amount of travel time between roads. Below is an example of the order of roads we would grade, if we started with Ten Mile Cr Rd on our rotation. As you can see, it is not feasible to jump between roads just to address potholes. For example, it would not be feasible if we are on Big Cr. Rd in our cycle, to jump over to Richardson Upriver to respond to potholes. If we did this, we would drastically increase our travel time and greatly decrease our number of graded miles per day. Although we understand maintenance issues such as potholes and wash boarding are frustrating to those residing on our gravel roads, we also must be able to justify our use of County resources and personnel, which is why we created the grading cycle. This way, it is fair to every resident living on one of our gravel roads, and shows the public we are not misappropriating County resources on exuberant travel times, and prioritizing some roads over others. There are residents on all these roads, and we want to treat everyone the same with our service.

Road Name & Mileage:

Ten Mile Cr 8.3
Big Cr 9.00
Baker Beach Rd .480
Mc Crae Rd .159
Maple Cr Rd 3.6
Siltcoos Station Rd 2.8
Fiddle Cr Rd 4.7
Block Rd .159
Portage Way .800
North Fork Siuslaw Rd 3.8
Thompson Cr 4.8
West Fork Indian Cr 3.3
Deadwood Cr 4.5
Upper Deadwood Cr 1.9

Bassonette Rd .57
Steinhauer Rd .82
Deadwood Loop .50
Alexander Rd .540
Stagecoach Rd 7.00
Richardson Upriver 5.3
Bernhardt Cr Rd 3.6
Duncan Island Rd 1.03
Total Miles: 67

Dust Oil Grader cycle:

Dust oil is an added luxury that the Lane County provides to minimize dust infiltration to residents that live on our gravel roads when the budget allows. This operation takes place in early June at this time we will travel our roads and produce a berm of rock that you see along the edge of the road when doing this it allows the Lignosulfonate of the product to adhere to the base of the road instead of the loose rock if the berms weren't pulled. If applied to the loose rock the product will not hold throughout the season with the amount of traffic the road accumulates.

Late September you will see the grader pulling back the dust oil berms before the leaf fall accumulates on the road to minimize time and integrity of the road. If the berms aren't pulled in prior to the leaf fall this will cause soft spots in the road which lead to deterioration of the road structure.

The Florence crew takes a lot of pride in serving this geographical area of Lane County's roads and our number one goal will always be the safety of the traveling public. With that said, there is only so much we can accomplish without your help. Below is a list of things you can do to help keep your road in good repair in between our grading cycle.

Things to do to minimize potholes and keep roads in good condition:

- SLOW DOWN
- Don't drive in same tracks (but keep on your side of the road).
- Don't spin out on gravel
- Drive Slow through pot holes if you can't avoid them safely.
- When wash boarding is forming traffic is driving way to fast.
- Minimize trips.
- Slow Starts and Slow Stops
- SLOW DOWN

Submitted by Elaine Pattison

Editors Note

Hello Ditto readers. I am writing to ask you to give myself and DCS feedback about the Ditto. How relevant is it to you? What do you think about the size of the articles? Any thoughts about the formatting? We are now trying out a new printing space. It costs money! Between 50-70\$ a time, depending on the size. So come to the annual meeting prepared to make your opinion known!

Thanks a bunch. It is an honor to serve the community with this 50 year old publication.

Jan Kinney

