

DEADWOOD DITTO

FEBRUARY 2024



Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	February 17th, Saturday	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	February 8th, Thursday at 7 pm, Swisshome station (next to the Post Office)	Contact Mona Arbuckle @sd.rfpd.@gmail.com
Blood Drive, Mapleton High School Gym	February 15th, Thursday See article	9:30-2:30
Mapleton Food Share-contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	February 8th, Thursday and February 24th, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box-contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	February 16th, Friday	10am-2pm
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Deadwood Food Coop	Every other month Info available on Deadwood Trading Post under Food Coop tab	Yvonne Pappagallo contact yvonnpappy@gmail.com

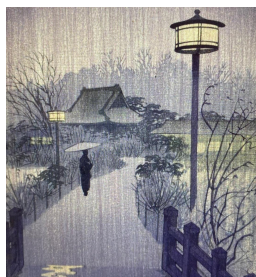
Deadwood Creek Services - Board and Annual Meeting Highlights

Thank you to all of the wonderful Deadwoodians that attended the Annual Meeting at the Community Center on January 5th. For the first time ever, the meeting was streamed on Zoom to ensure that folks unable to attend in person were still able to hear updates and contribute ideas. Presentations were shared from the Deadwood Food Co-op, Siuslaw Vision, Mapleton School District, Siuslaw Watershed Council, and the Deadwood/Swisshome Rural Fire Protection District.

The following are the formal votes that were approved by Deadwood members:

- **Public Internet Service at the Center will be continued through 2024**; we are open to feedback on improving that resource!
- The Board will be discussing options to **support local residents to Chip/Seal Upper Deadwood Creek Road** (an alternative to paving for narrow roads), acknowledging that the potholes, additional vehicle maintenance and difficulties with large vehicle access are an ongoing concern of Deadwood residents. Please join us on February 12th at 4:30pm at the Community Center to discuss and get involved in next steps!
- **A “Property Donation Committee” has been formed** to investigate the potential of a piece of land being donated to the Community Center by Elenora Kent, which would include access to Deadwood Creek right next to the Community Center. Potential barriers are insurance cost increases and the County fees required to transfer land ownership.
- **A “Grounds Improvement Committee” has been formed** to investigate the potential of installing a multi-sports court (pickleball and basketball, specifically) on the grounds of the Center. Long term, they will also be considering the potential of building a smaller version of a pavilion, which was originally designed in conjunction with the Fire Hall.
- Many thanks to Ami Levy for the past 4 years of service on the DCS Board of Directors; Jack and Jacquie Ortiz have joined the DCS Board in 2024! We would also like to recognize Bill Cirino for his commitment to serving as Building Coordinator for the Community Center, as well as Jan Kinney and Kaki Burruss for their dedication to providing the Deadwood Ditto for all of us!

Submitted by Courtney Stone



February rains

Remember as you're leaving

I could have loved you. *Submitted by Kaki Burruss*



Remember the sounds of the swaying willow
Let those whisperings be your pillow
We are well learned in the difference between a cry and a weep
Forget what yesterday brought and the frantic imaginings of tomorrow
We are only here now
Let go of the thorny bush and brambles of sorrow as
Clinging onto them doesn't help anyhow
Patience will climb the hill and rest when it is too steep
There is a time for everything
Now and then
Forget
Let the soft animal of your body fall asleep

Submitted by Justice Johnston



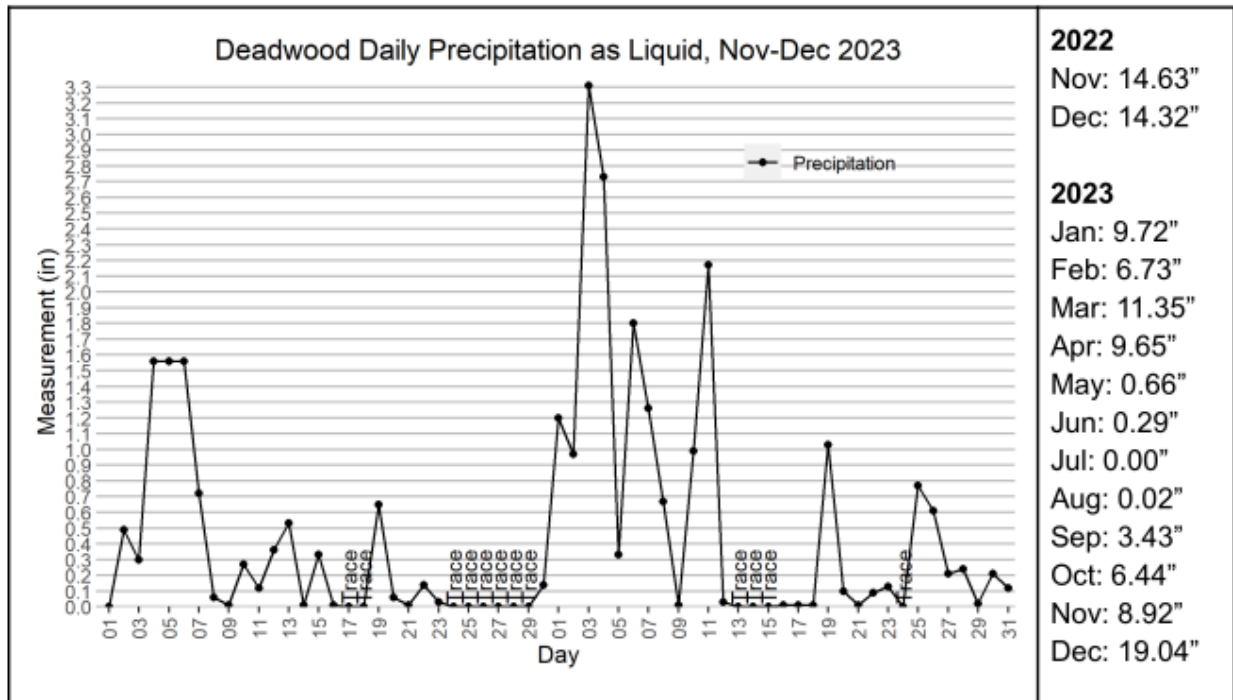
Third Saturday

Come out for 3rd Saturday! This month we welcome back to Deadwood... Skip Jones & The Spirit of New Orleans! Potluck dinner starting at 6:30, music at 7:30.

Skip Jones & his group, The Spirit of New Orleans, play a smattering of the great rhythm and blues hits of the '50s and '60s, as well as some great pop & rock organ classics of the '60s and '70's. Add to that a bonafide New Orleans piano boogie-woogie and the party follows!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZH7cMo6Db5E>

Submitted by Kate Harnedy



Where: Lower Deadwood Creek
Submitted by Aradia & Brandon Farmer



Moments of Pure Joy

The day begins with sitting in the hot tub (alone, at dawn) listening to the trees on the low ridges that surround our finger valley have their feathers ruffled by a mild wind from the south. Wonder what news the breeze imparts?

Then a long conversation with a friend which was the usual lively exchange of ideas, laughter and perspective.

And to top it all a walk along the road. This walk- skunk cabbage polking up from the swampy areas. Daffodils piercing the knotweed debris. The days don't seem as short or dark.....

Peeing on the side of the road and finding myself surrounded by golden crowned kinglets, hermit thrushes, black capped chickadees and pacific wrens.

Watching the dog chase the wind ripples across our temporal pond in the pasture.

Submitted by Jan Kinney



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 February 8th, 2024 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

Station 13

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*

"Ramblings: Not a Poem"

Dark. Absence of vision no devices working. An oil lamp glitters and flickers with lambent signals; oil is running low and that huge bottle for refill I bought, well my hands are too weak to open cap, so can't add more to all the beautiful glass lamps. Forgot - or didn't realize - these flashlights need charging; boxes of fresh batteries are no use. The silence is no longer my soothing companion. It is a vortex spinning into anxiety. Luckily I found the old battery radio although its sound is very fuzzy no matter where I place it or point the antennae. sigh. I did find NPR. What are they talking about? Two cats seem to cling to me closer even than usual. I noticed a dead mouse ceremoniously placed front to back, to a small toy mouse. How strange those tiny fur items next to each other on the floor in quiet embrace. Which cat placed death next to a fake companion? Touching and mysterious. My heart isn't in the mood for making elegant verse I need to keep it plain. On top of it, a whole day there was, without phone available - nothing but three beating hearts, two of them in natural coats. I think of the millions in this world who never have such safety as light, warmth, cover and food available. Certainly not electronic devices which don't work now. All the camping equipment which sensible rural people keep doesn't seem to be of use either. My propane stove top functions for cooking but there is no ventilation so don't dare leave it on. And besides the fuel was running low. Now I hear in a week, two more weeks of silence and oblivion. Coming soon to your own neighborhood. A wind and rain storm - possible floods and sliding mud hills. How to prepare for that? My food actually kept in freezer this last storm but more than a few days.....don't think so. Evenings still come soon; without electric again I will walk further etiolated - a phantom moving through familiar territory. As my mother would say 'think of all the starving children' when I wouldn't eat what she made for me.

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Walking between squalls
The jewel forest comes alive
Offers of pearled drops.

By Jan and Kaki



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Join us on Saturday, February 24th
from 11AM-4PM
in the Bromley Room
at the Siuslaw Public Library - Florence

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Submitted by Kate Harnady