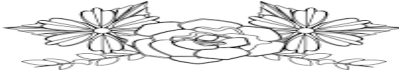


DEADWOOD DITTO

March 2024



Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	March 16th, Saturday	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	March 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	March 14th, Thursday and March 23rd, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	March 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 Order due- March 17th, Sunday Order pick up- March 26th, Tuesday	See article Info available on Deadwood Trading Post under Food Coop tab	Yvonne Pappagallo contact yvonnpappy@gmail.com

Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery News

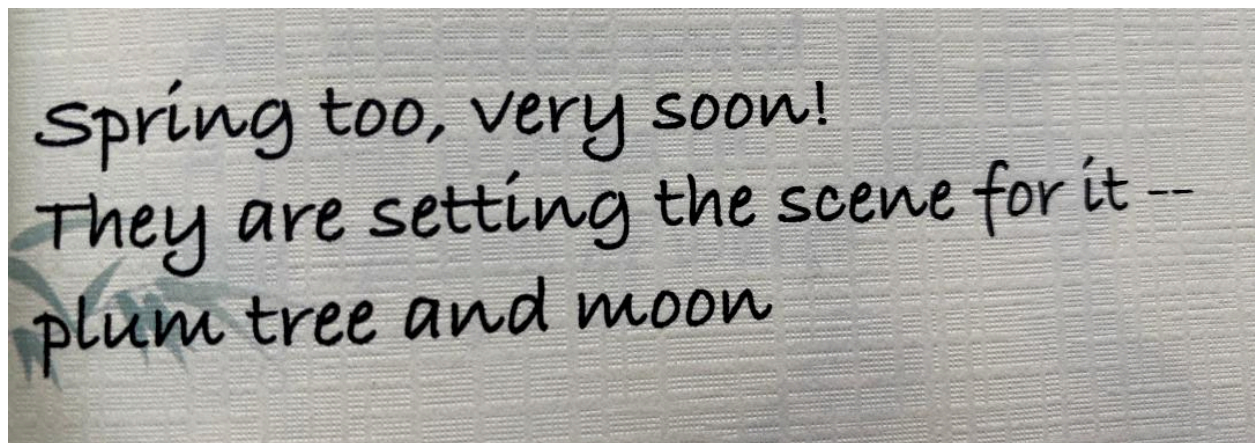
Storm Recovery - We hope most of you have gotten cleaned up and recovered from the ice storm's damages, outages and closures. The Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery received minimal damage other than a fresh green carpeting of branches & limbs! A couple of our rhododendrons got broken down, but it's encouraging to see Snow Drops and Lenten Roses (hellebores) blooming amid the limbs on the Garden Walk (river side of the driveway)!

Clean-up Day - On Saturday, April 6 we are planning the first of a few work days this year, focusing mostly on cleaning up, piling up and burning the limbs – Gerry Burnett's tractor will do the heavy lifting, and volunteers with gloves, rakes, pitchforks, pruners and saws are certainly welcome, starting around 9am. If the weather is too bad, we'll try for 4/13. If you want to help but can't make it on those days, donating an hour or two piling up limbs where the tractor can get them is a great help, as is cleaning your loved ones' graves. In May we'll have our regular mowing day, plant more flowers, plus possibly clean more headstones (no metal or harsh chemicals!), and hopefully erect a storage shed later this spring.

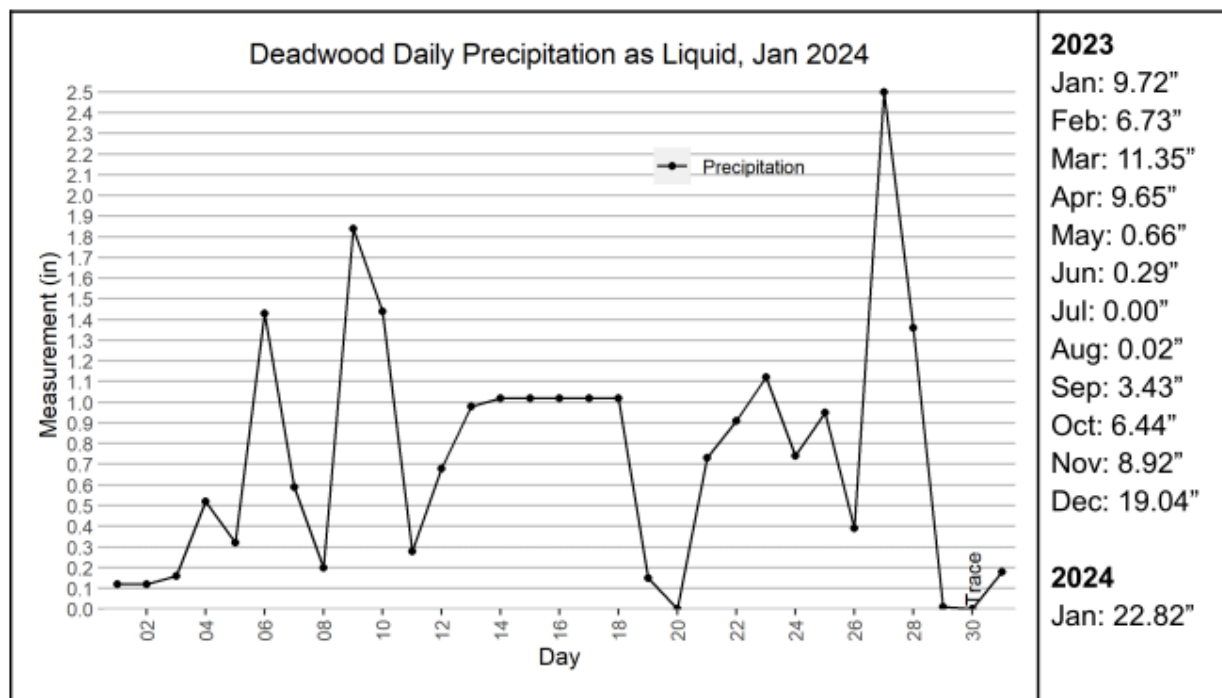
Burial Options – As many people try to lower their impact on the earth and shrink their 'footprint,' DPC is also seeing a trend away from traditional burials – in favor of more urn burials, ash scatterings and green burials (no embalming or casket). Please contact us if you'd like more information about these options – email deadwoodcem@gmail.com, call / text Megan at 541-999-2209, or call Gerry / Brenda at 541-964-3057.

Thank you for supporting your community cemetery!

Submitted by Megan Gerber



Haiku by Basho
Submitted by Kaki



Where: Lower Deadwood Creek

Submitted by Aradia & Brandon Farmer



Deadwood Food Coop

Hi all!

Please make your check out to Yvonne Pappagallo, the bank will no longer cash any checks made out to Deadwood Food Co-op since we don't really qualify as a business or nonprofit.

For those of you who would like to drop your orders off at the Community Center you can, there is a old black mailbox inside the door on the left, it sits on the bench, otherwise there is still the drop off at Kaki & Billy's if you are closer to their place 91538 Deadwood Creek Road. The red cooler in their carport is the spot to drop off your order before 5:00 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2024. If you live further up Deadwood Creek you can drop your order off in my mailbox 93519 Deadwood Creek Rd before 5:00 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Make sure there is the original order and 1 copy of your order. You can download the Food Coop Order Form on the Deadwood Trading Post website or use the online order form.

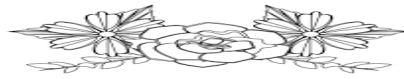
Also the login for Hummingbird has been changed to yvonpappy@gmail.com the password remains the same. We will be doing a produce order this month..

Food distribution will still be at Denice and Chuck's house.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 541-964-5581 or 541-999-0729.

Please put the above dates on your calendars.

So far 2024 has been an adventure! Stay safe! *Submitted by Yvonne Pappagallo*



When I think of it innocently, Death is a deli counter take-a-number machine.

We are all nervously pretending we aren't in line. Folks white knuckle grip the ticket while pretending that the number doesn't exist.

Some people even argue with each other about what sandwich they will get to eat. So much so that they forget to enjoy the company in the line and realize that we all are in this cosmic restaurant together.

But when your friend gets called up to make an order, there's an eerie silence that reminds me of the feeling of looking at photos of people you don't know from 100 years ago. One does not want to forget. Because all you're left with are voicemails you forgot to delete and photos and if you're lucky, smells. But smells fade off clothes and eventually you forget the combination of cigarette smoke and body odor that smells like sweet red onions and freshly dug dirt.

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Submitted by justice johnson



Third Saturday

A poster for the 3rd Saturday event featuring the band Soul Vibrator. The background is a photograph of two band members singing into microphones. The text is overlaid on the image.

3rd Saturdays
welcomes back to Deadwood...

Soul Vibrator
Electrifying Funk & Soul

March 16, 2024

COMMUNITY POTLUCK at 6:30
MUSIC following at 7:30
Please bring labeled potluck dishes, donations for performers
and Deadwood Creek Services

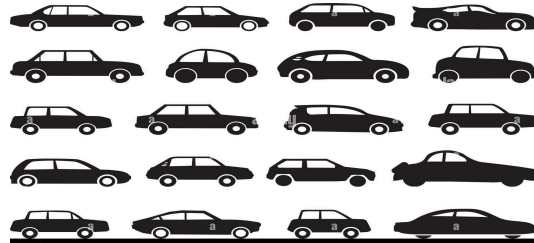
Come out for 3rd Saturday! This month we welcome back to Deadwood... Sou Vibrator! Potluck dinner starting at 6:30, music at 7:30.

SOUL VIBRATOR is truly one of Oregon's finest, an incredible funk band homegrown in Eugene! Originally a jam-band centered around funk music, Soul Vibrator is a group of artists who pride themselves On their genre-infusing musical endeavors and all around creativity.

Sign of the times

Eugene used to have 4 DMVs, now they have 1 ... 🤨

Submitted by Michelle Holman

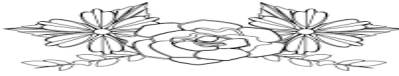


The New Curmudgeon

You==unrepeated in any past configuration of matter and unrepeatable in any future. It is delusional to think of oneself as a unit, whereas we are a manifold world of personalities, each adapting to the situation it confronts, constellating at any given moment into a transient totality, only to reconfigure for the next set of expectations. And yet it is the only place where our physical and social realities converge to offer us a focused view of the universe. This illusion of personality allows us to construct that we are the same person who was born blah, blah, blah, so many years ago, despite a lifetime of physiological and psychological change. Interoception is the embodied construction of emotion which the brain interprets, using concepts derived from past experience, to shape the psychological landscape of being, using these learned frames of reference to make sense of the beehive of reality. Past experience, organized as concepts, lead to predictions and we feel what our brain tells us is predicted. This challenges the concept that emotion is triggered by outside events. You can change the way you perceive something by reexamining the predictions and beliefs shaped by past experience and culture. experience is always lensed through our interpretations of meaning. Without these concepts from your past, all sensory input would be meaningless, you are an active constructor of your emotions. We are architects of our own experience. There is no biological imprint of any emotion. any universal aspects of emotion are not due to shared wiring but to shared concepts. This points to a shared history among all earthly inhabitants. The ability to form concepts that make our physical sensations meaningful is the universal part. "Emotions are not reactions to the world, they are your constructions of the world". *I.F. Barrett* We learn about human behavior, pathology and cognition by studying insects, blurring the usual boundaries between "us and them". Our genetic similarities are 80-90% cats, dogs, rats and cattle, slightly less with chickens and 40-60% with various insects. we have shared genetic memories, survival instincts that have evolved from common ancestors, millions of years ago, not just megafauna but microbial forms as well. We are connected at an astounding level with species that are going extinct every day not only through the loss of their physical presence and DNA but also their memories. It's like a part of us dies along with them. Our bodies are composed of trillions of cells, many of which are evolutionary descendants of primordial single-celled organisms. We are a creation of our microbiomes, bearing, in physical form, deep memories of life on earth. These organisms share genetic material- memories of past experiences among themselves, and the global population may exist as one organism. "I do not contain multitudes. I am multitudes.I am the manifestation of a conversation among microbial lives,- who are in conversation with everything else. The microbiome, a single -celled organism of which our body hosts tens of trillions, communicate with each other using what is now called quorum sensing and communicates with the cells

that make up our bodies through languages constructed of molecules that cross all our protective, self defining boundaries". *David Waltner-Toews*. To understand our relationship we need a better facility with multispecies languages. They don't communicate with sound language but through a language formed by whatever means they use to interact with their neighbors. Language being a very inclusive term here. If we begin where we are and grope into the universe beyond us, we do not discover a final theory of everything, "We create the universe as much as it creates us." Steven Hawking

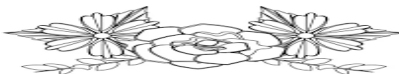
Submitted by James Webb



"...as time goes by"*

Sounds muted by isolation are
reminders of forgetting
and the interior waves that follow
move to a point of peripety.
What memory does, confounds
the vaporous spirit in its attempt
to reconstruct the elaborate structures
of timeless moments.
Here lives only the solitary heart
in its brave continuance.
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*from the song by that title



We are not 'ethereal' creatures - or ARE we?

All life forms are configured to experience density and to act upon it, within it, around it in every way in every act, as it acts upon us, within us and outside us. It is always there, from the pleasurable to the intensely painful, from what is considered beautiful to what is considered ugly, from the useful to the useless, from the natural to what we create ourselves, and this is our condition from the beginning of our lives to the end. We know this world and ourselves primarily for the 'things' and beings in it. And we dream of things that are not. And so we perceive of ourselves as part of that world of density and mass, and we must live our lives as such,, or we perish.

Yet, "every human on planet Earth is made up of millions and millions of atoms which all are 99% empty space. If you were to remove all of the empty space contained in every atom in every person on planet earth and compress us all together, then the overall volume of our particles would be smaller than a sugar cube..."*.Of course the weight of that hypothetical cube would be beyond enormous. It might even make its way through the earth to the opposite pole and 'drop' into the sky on the other 'side' of our sphere. 😊

There are arguments against this kind of speculation, for 'empty' is a relative word. Nevertheless, atoms do have primarily empty space, and that in itself remains stunning. Of course this would not apply to humans only, for if humans are 'empty' then this concept must stretch to everything else in the world, at least to some degree, however we may experience it all.

When it comes to observations that are relatively arcane, there is always room for objections. Yet considering this "emptiness" as a scientific fact in and of itself, if not in comparison to larger realities beyond this planet, which can never be known for a multitude of reasons, we should be marveling daily about every single experience of our lives. For in this, our unique reality, we *almost* do not 'exist' except as consciousness. What we experience through our senses as conscious entities however is a great drama - our internal theatre, opera, film, literature, art and science, and the whole process of our individual lives melded into our actions and thoughts over lifetimes can make living wonderful or miserable. Usually both.

The question is, why would conscious beings who can think and choose, whether ethereal or massive beings, make the awful choices many do? Why is this still a world of violence and cruelty so much of the time? We have evolved to develop empathy and compassion (some other animals have apparently done so as well). Is this selective? Does it benefit evolution? What is the ongoing inner process that creates violence - a violence experienced by millions of oppressed people continually, whether individually or via their cultures, nations, beliefs? If this was once simply a survival instinct or primarily that, it certainly doesn't need to be so in these times. How have those extreme 'survival' genes persisted in such large population numbers? Violence has not been "needed" for thousands of years. We clearly still have a terribly long journey ahead, if we can make it.

There is no time in this life to be unkind. One knows that more deeply as the years pass. We have our chance to bring small and large joys to those around us, and most people do have that inclination. I must try to remember that the majority of humanity has evolved with compassion and empathy..

Wishing all a safe and healthy, happy New Year, although it will be belated, by the time the Ditto appears again.

Yvonne de Miranda. 1.1.2024

*a condensed composite of various published statements.



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 Thursday, March 14th, 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, 3.1-3.12

Station 13 update

Formation documents

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

