

DEADWOOD DITTO

APRIL 2025



Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	April 10th, 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	April 10th, Thursday and April 26th, Saturday	10am-2pm
"What can I sell from my property" Workshop by Oregon Extension Agency	April 16th, Tuesday. Lane Community College, Florence	5:30pm - 7pm
Easter Thursday Gathering and Community wide celebration	April 17th, Thursday. Triangle Lake Memorial Church	6:30pm - 8pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	April 18th, Friday	10am-2pm
Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	April 19th, Saturday	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Mastering Grants Workshop. Presented by Siuslaw Vision	April 26th, Florence Senior and Activities Center	10am - 3pm
Deadwood Ditto deadwoodditto@yahoo.com	Submissions due the 26th of the month, with distribution very close to the first of the next month	Editor Jan Kinney
Deadwood Food Coop	Every other month Info available on Deadwood Trading Post under Food Coop tab	Yvonne Pappagallo contact yvonnppappy@gmail.com

THIRD SATURDAY

Third Saturdays welcomes to Deadwood...

SOUL VIBRATOR

**FEEL
THE
FUNK!**

APRIL 19, 2025

Dinner at 6:30, Music 7:30

DEADWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER - 4.3 MILES UP DEADWOOD CREEK ROAD



Come out for Third Saturday on April 19th! Community dinner at 6:30, music at 7:30. This month we welcome back to Deadwood... Soul Vibrator!

Soul Vibrator is an electrifying 8-piece funk ensemble that transcends musical boundaries. Led by front woman Samira Lobby and Guitarist and Vocalist Zev Kamrat who together have charismatic, soulful and versatile voices that guide the band through funky grooves and electrifying performances. Soul Vibrator is more than just a band; it's a multi-sensory experience. Their repertoire spans original compositions and funky reinterpretations of classics, ensuring an unpredictable journey from

high-energy dance tunes to soulful ballads, keeping the audience on their toes and leaving an indelible mark on the funk scene. Get ready to immerse yourself in the unique vibrations of Soul Vibrator! With a constantly evolving live show, their energy continues to draw crowds as they prepare for their third album to be released in the summer of 2025! See more at: soulvibrator.wordpress.com Submitted by Kate Harnedy



Mastering Grants: Tips, Tricks & Expert Insights

Make a Greater Impact—Learn the Strategies for Successful Grant Funding!

Join us on Saturday April 26th from 10am-3pm at the Senior & Activities Center in Florence Oregon for Mastering Grants: Tips, Tricks & Expert Insights, brought to you by Siuslaw Vision and Susy Lacer, Grant Professional Certified (GPC). These workshop sessions are designed to give Siuslaw region grant seekers practical knowledge on how to submit competitive, ethical grant requests. Doors open at 9:30, please arrive early to sign in, enjoy coffee and/or tea, and be ready for the workshop to start promptly at 10am!

Morning Session: Tips for Success - Best Practices for Grant Seeking

Lunch & Informal Networking

Afternoon Session: Ask The Grant Pro!

At only \$50, this opportunity is subsidized for Siuslaw region residents. Space is limited, register today! More information and registration is available at: <https://givebutter.com/mastering-grants-workshop>

Submitted by Kate Harnedy

AND... Learn what you can harvest and sell from your property in upcoming workshop with OSU Extension Service

Oregon State University Extension Service will be offering the workshop "What can I sell from my property?", an introduction to the kind of products landowners might be able to harvest and sell from the resources on their land, including agricultural products and value-added products allowed under Oregon's Farm Direct Marketing Law, and non-timber forest products such as greenery, foraged berries, firewood and maple syrup. This class is intended for anyone who is interested in growing and selling food or other commodities from their property but does not know where to start.

"What can I sell from my property?" will be held Wednesday, April 16, 2025, from 5:30 – 7 pm at the Lane Community College Florence Center, at 3149 Oak St, Florence, OR 97439.

This is a free class, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register or learn more, visit <https://beav.es/SellFlorence> or contact Carrie Mack at 541-237-6808 or carrie.mack@oregonstate.edu.



EASTER THURSDAY GATHERING-----A COMMUNITY WIDE CELEBRATION!

Join with your neighbors from through-out the Lake Creek Valley for a time of worship, teaching, song, food and sharing.

Thursday, April 17th. 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Triangle Lake Memorial Church

All are welcome, you are invited!

There will be three periods of music, with three periods of teaching by our three local Pastors on the topic of "Who Is This Jesus?" finger foods provided-----Questions?? Elaine Pattison 964-3049, Anni Thiessen 925-3333, Nancy Blackshear 927-3444

Thank you---Jesse & Elaine---



Swirling in the wind
Like a swarm of butterflies
My dahlia labels.

Kaki Burruss



Notice of Regular Board Meeting

The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting **7:00 PM on Thursday, April 10th, 2025** at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480.

The meeting agenda will include:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and BILLS: **PUBLIC COMMENT :** **TREASURER’S REPORT**

OLD BUSINESS: **NEW BUSINESS:** **CORRESPONDENCE**

Board-to-Board meetings
QRT
Budget committee
PSAP

SAFETY MEETING

Thank you!

On behalf of the communities we serve, **Swisshome-Deadwood RFPD** would like to thank **Western Lane Ambulance District and Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue** for the recent donations of a 2015 Mercedes Sprinter van and firefighting equipment. These donations will help us continue to protect our communities and will help us continue to help you when responding to medical calls.

Submitted by Mona Arbuckle

Correction notice

The minutes from the annual DCS meeting stated the Swisshome-Deadwood RFPD annual operating budget is \$19,000, which is incorrect; the correct number is \$90,000. The RFPD is also seeking budget committee members who meet once a year on the second Thursday of May via Zoom.

Note

Consider volunteering for the BUDGET COMMITTEE *Submitted by Greg Hertzbach*



DCS Meeting minutes condensed March 2025

Motion: Firehall to go in half of yearly cost of cameras and internet via an extender. All agreed. Jacquie Ortiz will step in as co-convenor. Support roles- will continue with community support for 3rd Saturday dinners.

Stefano would like to come back and perform a family friendly magic show Memorial Day weekend. Ideas of supporting Mapleton School culinary program for this event. The target is to support for land donation fees.

Resilience container: Our only uncompensated purchase is for the propane which could cost up to \$3000.

Next meeting April 7th at 6:00

For full minutes deadwoodcreekservices@gmail.com

Submitted by Mary Gibney

How does one express a chess game to an ant betting
a penny?
Or are the heavens empty? Long,
Long days;
But worthy days.
It's told me so
But in the loud silent darkness
I don't know.

As the sun begins to further glow,
the shadows grow
And for they tell me so.
So it goes.
How long that is my friend
I don't know?

By your new weary eyes,
What see you there?
Is it the soul?
Is it a six foot hole?
Or are the trees singing a timeless chant?
Is it god in all things, so plenty?
Eyes don't know.

None do I scold,
Some do I bemoan.
Come the ruthless cold
And be met with room to roam.
There is fiery snow,
Does it find a home?
Where that is I don't know?

Earth should not be sold
But it's currently on loan.
It is a story quite old.
But should we be feeling sorry?

I do not know.
During the night
we'll all lay down,

And let it go.
And never
Ever
Let our hubris show.
But does it have to be a tragedy?
I don't know.

So sing
Your playful song!
So sweet to join along.
The answer's no,
You ask me why that is
And my sister
I don't know.

They call it long
But oh so short
Yet longer so
That the shadows do grow
How long they will?
My brother
I don't know.

Haven't been here
at least too very long,
It's clear that love
and the sun
Are perennial.
Grass and one's heart
Will spring forth
My pale friend
When that is,
I don't know?

I am at least certain
It shall come to pass.
And love is patient
And I will trust the grass.

*Submitted by Justice
Johnson*



From Buson's Deathbed:

Winter warbler -

Long ago in Wang Wei's

Hedge also.

*Wang Wei was a Tang Chinese poet

Submitted by Kaki Burruss

Siuslaw Watershed Council Event

On April 19th SWC and MRT will be hosting our third annual Siuslaw Estuary Cleanup. Keep an eye on our website for more details and sign-up information in the following month. Thank you to County Transfer and Recycling for the donation of a dumpster to dispose of the garbage! *Submitted by Eli at SWC*



What if Soil Could Speak ...

It might say “please be gentle.” You do not need to till or plow me smooth. You do not need to shovel - just poke a small hole for your plant seed or start. Then surround with mulch for protection and moisture. At harvest do not pull your plant roots out, just snip at their base. Chop up the stalks and leaves (and yes, the weeds too) and lay it all back on your rows. Cover it with compost layers and let my world – the one below your feet - rebuild its nutrients. Please continue to feed and protect with mulch throughout the year.

Grow your soil to Grow your plants!

It's about 4000 miles from earth's core to the soil surface we depend on. That soil layer is typically less than three feet thick. Living soil makes ~~this~~ our planet habitable. Plants and animals die to get reworked into more soil, more plants and animals.

We can build that soil to grow our plants and feed our animals. Mix compost all year long to spread on your garden as plant food. If you spread mulch in early spring your garden might not need watering till July. Spread in early fall to protect your plants from freezing.

Use lots of brown matter – fallen leaves, straw, hardwood chips – to supply carbon. Use green matter – coffee grounds, grass clippings, food waste - (but proportionally less) to supply nitrogen. Read the experts, test the results and experiment with what works. Mixing your own compost brew will work better and be safer than artificial fertilizers. And a lot cheaper.

Spread and watch your compost brew disappear. The soil will settle and turn darker as the organic matter breaks down. The darker the soil the better. Half the decaying matter's carbon will stay in the soil for your plants to eat. Microbes and earthworms will work hard for you given the chance.

CARBON + SOIL = HEALTHY PLANTS

- To feed our plants, the soil must contain carbon.
- Disturbing the soil releases that carbon into the air.
- Cover the Soil to control temperature – not too hot, not too cold.
- Cover the Soil with organic material – compost or cover crops - to rebuild the depleted nutrients that our plants need.
- Hydrate the soil so water percolates through it not out of it. Encourage microbial life – the fungi threads, organic molecules and earthworms have a plan.
- Don't disturb except to feed the biological zoo below the ground. Give them food but don't micromanage. Let them work it out. Bacteria, fungi, algae, protozoa, nematodes and insects have been building soil for millions of years.
- Soil Health = Plant Health = Human Health

The goal of this first article is to start a discussion, provide a place to share information and methods and personal experience. We believe in soil health and know it goes way beyond dirt + water. Composting recipes, microbial inputs, natural fertilizers, natural pesticides - are all chapters (and books) of their own.

“Building your dream garden is as much about the art and craft of cultivating hidden soil life as it is about tending the plants we love.” David R Montgomery – The Hidden Half of Life

next month: **Micro Organisms & Forest Fertilizer**

Here are the books I have started with:

“Recognize that soil health is plant health is human health. Minerals, microflora, and phytonutrients are essential for human well-being... True regenerative farming improves plant and human nutrition does not fight nature – it aligns with nature.” Paul Hawken – *Regeneration: Ending the climate crises in one Generation*

“The Soil Zoo – the biology beneath your feet is teeming with life, the healthier the soil, the more diverse, complex, and interactive are its living components. It is important that the organic components of soil are understood and nurtured to pursue sound soil management which is mainly about making conditions as favorable as possible for these organism to flourish and thrive.” Howard-Yana Shapiro & John Harrison – *Gardening for the Future of the Earth*

“The prevalent method of compost-making is too complicated. You have to mix the ingredients, calculate green to brown ratio, build up a pile, adjust the temperature/aeration/moisture, turn, finish by spring and spread. There are other ways.” Youngsang Cho - *JADAM Organic Farming*

“Much like Anne’s cooking, improvising new dishes with the ingredients at hand, her mixing, stewing, and brewing of organic matter evolved. I wasn’t surprised when Anne’s organic matter fetish led to the harder stuff.” David R Montgomery – *The Hidden Half of Life* Submitted by Janylyn Marks

What if the Soil has a plan?

Fought pests on its own

What If ... It was easier ?
To clip instead of pull.
To toss on instead of away.

What If ... It took just a tweak ?
A shift in thinking.
A change in tools.

What if ... It was cheaper ?
To mix what we already have.
To build our own not buy.

What if ... The plants love it?
Their yield is greater.
Their nutrients are denser.

What if ... It took less time?
Needed less attention

Would the world listen?
Submitted by Janylyn Marks



Classifieds

Old Job SiteTrailer, (which we used 35+ years ago when we built our house), wood is rotting but axle (single axle), steel understructure, towing parts may be worth saving for reuse. Free to whomever wants to take it away. Submitted by Jesse and Elaine ---3049]



Free Dahlia Tubers
I have extra tubers to share. Call if you'd like some.
Kaki Burruss 541-964-3555

The New Curmudgeon

"Neglect not the gift that is within thee.

The poet who is "born and not made" works hard for what you consider their birthright. You have a moral wager to use and develop a talent. We live in eternal uncertainty, knowing only the truth of finitude, struggling to make each new day a new beginning. Soon we will experience the shameless lushness of a new leaf. We hope this relates to the social paradigm as well, the severity of our cultural moment all too discomposing. I am becoming more impressed with the finite smallness of our earthly endeavor as the scale of immensity becomes more apparent. Although the immediate situation seems unbelievably intolerant, it is not even a speck when projected upon the actual scale of being.. There must be an integration and cross-pollination of information effecting integrated wisdom greater than the sum total of bits of fact. Petty disputes between persons of egotistical nature, in sanctimonious piety, sucking the media dry of any real truth, will not cease. But the truth is ever incoherent as we struggle for permanence in a world where permanence is impossible. We are experiencing a phenomenon as much psychological as political. Everybody wants to stay within their comfort zone, spouting out a well rehearsed narrative to justify. Living with a continuous sense of unease identifies something less than fulfilling. Something meaningful is a concept for most people but requires a vision of doing something that matters on a scale beyond the material world. Social media is eating away at our personal identity, making us more vulnerable to depression and anxiety. The inequalities hardwired into our social mores do not let the organization of body and mind be freely developed and not subject to the rule of dogma or enforced designs. Hear the compliant choir's refrains. Possibility is a generator of power and a mobilized mind is the catalyst for informed and inspired action. The social chain is indomitable and the elevation of one individual affects the whole. "Language is not the content of thought but the vessel into which we pour the ambivalences and contradictions of our thinking." Intellect cannot be expressed in numbers. You cannot quantify general intelligence as there is no intellectual unit of measure. The measure of a life's work and purpose is beyond remuneration....there is no equation here. I'm asking (from the Bible) "what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? "Whew! We must be asking ourselves that question as we confront those who would hide behind the cloak of christianity yet have given their souls to that falsest of gods. Amazing still is that they have devoted followers. Whatever beliefs, values and bits of humanity defines what we mean by "soul", still it is a reference that is universally relevant. We work within that margin of difference afforded us between chance and our personal choices. Children are seeds for life and what grows from them reflects the health of the system from which they were harvested. This is a critical moment for that system. As history, with all its faults, should make clear. They must be able to think for themselves against an ethical background. Modern culture, and especially now, has lost it's reference to ethics and morality. The false sense of connection offered by social media has supplanted human connection with a technical interface. That very interface will be a factor in favor of those who wish to control by force. Being alive is not an easy assignment nowadays. Half the planet seems afire as wars rage and people die horribly, others handcuffed and sent to undisclosed confinements, or worse. All of this must cohere into this weird, weird world in which we must continue our single life. Still the trees blossom and the few remaining birds migrate into an increasingly unfavorable situation. They can't help it! Can we help it?

Submitted by James Webb



Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery – Spring is here!

The Board of the DPC thanks everyone who has cut or picked up branches, brushed off headstones or the Veterans' Honor Rock, pulled weeds, cleared the road, donated plants, etc – all these are valuable and appreciated!

Speaking of appreciation, the Veterans' Honor Rock boasts nearly 50 veterans' plaques honoring their military service! If you would like to honor a veteran, either living or passed, local or distant, we will be putting in another order and getting them mounted before Memorial Day. Plaques are just \$45 while this order lasts (we expect the next sheet will go up but don't know when or how much; Joe Mirvis, Custom Profile Engraving of Florence just charges his material costs – thank you, Joe!).

As Memorial Day approaches, the weather warms and grass grows, we will host another Cleanup Day or two before Memorial Day. We also welcome shade-tolerant flowering plants for the Garden Walk – please call or email Megan to discuss plants.

Please contact us at 541-964-3057 (Gerry & Brenda), 541-999-2209 (call / text Megan), or deadwoodcem@gmail.com if you'd like to participate, honor a veteran, or have questions or comments. Thank you for your support!

Submitted by Meghan Gerber



Comment On Proposed Changes to Forest Management Plan

A cool mist blurs the outlines of the trees cloaking the slopes surrounding my home of 41 years. In the dark winter mornings I hear the sibilant calls of the Marbled Murrelet as they fly to and fro from the ocean to their chosen nesting sites in the top reaches of the larger trees. Trees that are supported by the incredible array of mycelium, mosses, decaying vegetation, insects, invertebrates, and companion species that I cannot see. I hear the trucks hauling heavy road building equipment, gravel and despair grind up the little road in front of my house.

And I wonder, where will those logs go? Who will benefit from the profits? How much do we have to have? And how many generations of humans will be able to look out on a cool misty morning to see the hills cloaked in a truly healthy ecosystem? How long will the salmon, newts, wood ducks and swallows be able to adapt to a world that has been forever altered by one species intent on making more money?

Jan Kinney

A Member of The Public Who Lives in the Forest