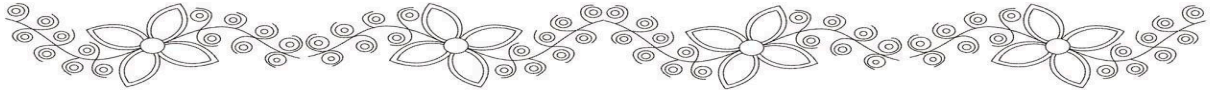


DEADWOOD DITTO

DECEMBER 2025



Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	Regular event rescheduled to Third Saturday in January 2026	
Siuslaw Watershed Council Native Plant Distribution order form available	December 2, Tuesday	On the Siuslaw Watershed Council website- see article
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	December 11, 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 11, Thursday and December 27, Saturday	10am-2pm
Deadwood Holiday Bazaar	December 13, Saturday 11am-3pm	Deadwood Community Center
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	December 19, Friday	10am-2pm
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 kinneyjan1@gmail.com
Deadwood Food Coop	Every other month Info available on Deadwood Trading Post under Food Coop tab	Yvonne Pappagallo contact yvonnpappy@gmail.com

Deadwood Holiday Bazaar Returns

Saturday, December 13, 11am-3pm

Deadwood Community Center

A popular event before covid, we are bringing it back!

Shop locally this year for your hand crafted holiday gifts.

Support local artisans.

Enjoy lunch and snacks by the fireplace.

Call to Crafters

To register for table space (provided) please contact Cindy Curry roseac@yahoo.com

See you there! Submitted by Mary McNutt



Support Mapleton Youth

Afterschool Sports

With Your \$.10 Bottle Drop Returns

Two Ways to Donate:

Get Green Return Bags and stickers from Lou Burruss by

calling 541-964-3981 or emailing at

burruss@Mapleton.K12.OR.US

OR

Go to your account at BottleDropCenters.com and donate your balance to Mapleton S.D. Youth Sports.

Submitted by Kaki Burruss



Submitted by Heidi Sundstrom

The New Curmudgeon

Choice

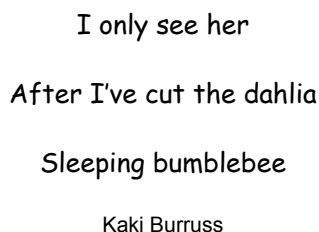
We have no choice...we must choose to survive. The nature of choice has made humanity the ruler of the world, as distinct from "lower" life forms that rely more on instinct, an onboard guidance system not well designed to evolve at the present pace of Earthly degradation we have generated. As species of all forms are rapidly vanishing in a world of reckless techno superiority, few of us are truly cognizant of the horrific impact this will have on future generations of humans. We survive because we have them. Nature does not respect "good" or "evil", only balance or imbalance. Time is only relevant as a construct by which humanity navigates its tremulous path. Other life forms, not constrained by the rigidity of this lifestyle, are yet swept along by the fluctuations imposed upon them. If we were less concerned with social imaging and performative selfing we might come to terms with how we want to live with the complexity of others....a reflection of ourselves. Choice is a motion not to despair but to live in harmony with time and nature. Time supports the possible and guarantees the next great astonishment. "There is nothing you must do to belong". The most profound experiences of our lives are unphotographable, untickable and irreducible to representation in image or gesture. We are injurious without apparent cause, the unsupported depredations of our acts may represent how life betrayed our wishes. There will always be the existential loneliness of being ourselves, inside the cage of complaint. As humans, we have the power of change.

I was allowed, again, by the open hand of the moment, a recent awareness of the fragility of life and the little parts that are constantly in motion to continue its presence. It was

interesting to consider them departing, and not too slowly, but slow enough to allow for the awareness of it. There are certainly parts that can be spared but as certainly there is one that cannot.

The digital world has become a risky and unsettling place to be. The reduction of data to "0" or "1" is so exclusive as to confirm a total loss of character. We hear the compliant choir's refrain...but it's so cheap. In anisotropy the direction of flow either is or isn't. To create a reality based on such a principle denies the isotropic world, a system undaunted by the weight of "truth". There is no way to secure living against loss...no defensive attitude to save you from the corrosive attacks of change, to morph the cry of being into a song. We only have the now...and that dependent on a ferocity of trust in the size of time. Is it day following night or night following day...a variation on the wineglass attitude test. Is the blouse half buttoned or half unbuttoned....perhaps somewhat dependent on the motive of the dreast. We have choice, limited by time and flesh and the wild necessity of being. Unfortunately power, not peace, has been the pinnacle of our humanity so far. We are forced to walk warily among our own kind, relics from a stone age that never quite left. Few things are more seductive to us than a ready opinion and that's where I'll leave it with you. Politics is downstream of culture so to influence the one we must change the other. We are an unnecessary eccentricity of nature, a continued beginning, changed by the soft modulation of belief, living a brittle illusion. Impossibility is but an idea, not a fact. It represents the limits of our perception and understanding. Time respects the possible. Can we achieve the impossible without rejecting reason? The great charity of time is that feelings change and through feelings we will make change.

Submitted by James Webb



Deadwood Creek Services Board Meeting Minutes

Next meeting 12/08/25 6 pm Submitted by Mary Gibney

December Third Saturday Dance & Potluck – Cancelled

Our December 20 Third Saturday Dance & Potluck is cancelled this month. With the holidays and several board members away or committed to family activities, we're taking December off to prioritize rest and time with loved ones.

This is only a one-month pause. **The rest of the Third Saturday season will continue as planned in 2026**, and we look forward to gathering again in the New Year.

We'll still be out and about in December, though — look for us at the **Deadwood Holiday Market on Friday, December 13 from 10a-4p. We'll have the Annual Birthday Calendar available for sale**, with all proceeds supporting Deadwood Creek Services.

Thank you for understanding, and we're sorry for the inconvenience for anyone who had planned to join us this month. We'll see you again soon: Third Saturday returns in January, and don't forget our Annual Meeting on Friday, January 30 from 5-9pm. Join us to celebrate this year's accomplishments and shape our priorities for the year ahead.

Oral History Project Seeking Photos

We're seeking photos for the Oral History Project from people's early years in Deadwood! From those who were born here to those migrated here later in life, everyone has a unique story. If you have a photo of yourself from your early time here in Deadwood, please email to katehphoto@gmail.com, along with a few sentences about the photo (year, location, etc.) Photos and text will be included as part of the Deadwood Oral History Project.

Submitted by Courtney Stone

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FREE NATIVE PLANTS



The Siuslaw Watershed Council is providing free native plants for riparian (waterside) planting in the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes areas. Planting trees and shrubs cleans the air we breathe, improves water quality, creates wildlife habitat, and soothes the soul!

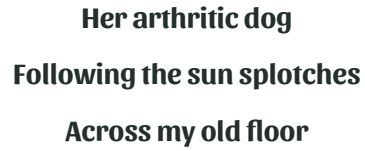
Orders are available to all streamside and lakeside community members in the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes watersheds!

Funding provided by the Jill Heiman Fund, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Oregon Wildlife Foundation, Cascade Pacific Resource and Development, and Private Donors.

Order forms go live on Tuesday, December 2nd. The link can be found on the Siuslaw Watershed Council's Website.

Our Native Plant Distribution and other programs are funded in part by donations, and from now until December 31st, donations will be matched up to \$20,000 thanks to two generous donors! You can donate to keep NPD going at <https://www.siuslaw.org/donate>

Submitted by Eli Yeager



Kaki Burruss



Notice of Regular Board Meeting

The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold the regular Board Meeting on Thursday, December 11th, at 7:00 PM at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and BILLS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

TREASURER'S REPORT: OLD BUSINESS; SWOT

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Submitted by Mona Arbuckle

Editors note- This is the space where the Mapleton School Calendar would be. There were some “technical” issues, so you can look forward to next month!

Jan Kinney