

Deadwood Ditto April 2026

Calendar

Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	Second Thursday at 7 pm, Swisshome station (next to the Post Office)	Contact Mona Arbuckle @sd.rfpd.@gmail.com
Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	Third Saturday of month Next is 4/18	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
DCS Board Meeting	Once a month Next Meeting is April 6	Contact Marygold McNutt
Deadwood Community Action	Every two weeks Monday 5 pm	Contact Keith
Mapleton Food Share-contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	Second Thursday and Fourth Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box-contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	Third Friday	10am-2pm
Deadwood Ditto Distribution close to first of next month	Submissions due the 26th of the month to Deadwoodditto2026@gmail.com New!!	Editor Mark McNutt
Deadwood Food Coop	Every other month Info available on Deadwood Trading Post under Food Coop tab	Yvonne Pappagallo contact yvonnpappy@gmail.com

April Chronological Calender

DCS Board meeting.....Monday 6th at 6pm
Library Survey Deadline.....Monday 6th
Soup and Games Night.....Thursday 9th at 5.30pm
Mapleton Food Share.....Thursday 9th
Fire dept.meeting.....Thursday 9th at 7pm
Community Center WorkParty.....Sunday 12th 10am-2pm
 Spring Cleaning and Pot luck
DCA General meeting.....Monday13th at 5pm
 Including Blachly Lane Director's special presentation
Triangle Lake Food Share.....Friday 17th
Third Saturday Dinner and Dance.....Saturday 18th 6.30pm
Mapleton FoodShareSaturday 25th
Deadwood Ditto submissions due.....Sunday 26th
DCA general meeting.....Monday 27th 5pm

May Calendar partial

May Day Fun Run and plant swap.....Sunday 5/3 ,10am
FireDepartment budget committee meeting.....Thursday, 5/14

DCS Board Meeting 3/9/26

Present: Mary McNutt- convener, Mary Gibney- secretary, Danell Sundstrom, Grisha Stewart, Tom Clark

Absent: Courtney Stone- treasurer, Kate Harnedy

I. Approval of agenda- Approved

II. Approval of minutes

Correction of 2/9/26 item IX. Classified ads are up to 100 words and can be repeated bi- monthly.

III. Grant updates - United Way Emergency Preparedness and United Way Community Resiliency letters of enquiry to be tabled.

IV. Building Committee Report

Recommendations were made by Mary M. and Ami and included. We will table maintenance needs until a financial report is presented.

V. Community Work Day - Set for Aril 12th 10-2 with a potluck. Mayday will be 5/3. Grisha will post on Deadwood Outreach and the Ditto.

VI. 3rd Saturday

Coast Celtic will be performing. Mary McNutt is on the main dish. Mary G. will do set up.

VII. Financial Report - Not discussed or included

Next meeting 4/6/26

Meeting adjourned

-Submitted by Mary Gibney

News Flash!

Deadwood Ditto Purchased in Hostile Takeover

In an unexpected April 1st announcement, corporate superstar Jeff Bezos has announced that he is taking the funds from the sale of the Washington Post and also diverting additional funds to purchase Oregon's famed newsletter *The Deadwood Ditto* from local shareholders. This surprise announcement took many by surprise, including the newest Editor, Mark S. McNutt.

When asked for comment, Mr. McNutt quipped "I guess he likes to support space travels more than traditional star gazing Astrologers like me. I will miss all the perks that come with this esteemed position."

A team of high powered lawyers has been hired by the Ditto's staff's secret slush fund to decide this important matter in court. This will take many years, including appeals.

-submitted by MSM

In other NON-Fake News-

Hi neighbors! I am your real new Deadwood Ditto Editor beginning now and I look forward to fulfilling my monthly mission to bring you news and interesting tidbits from our woodland watershed neighborhood.

Thanks to Jan Kinney for her 7 or 8 years of service here, and meeting with me for the transition & support.

(My late Dad was an Editor so he's finally unwinding all that rolling over in his nearby grave that he has been doing of late. He had nearly drilled to China!)

A few updates and mostly reviews regarding our policies-

* We no longer mail the Ditto to non-locals, as it was determined that they could retrieve it online from the DeadwoodTradingPost.com/Deadwood-Ditto) This is not a recent change- yes, we used to do it, but not for a long time.

* Personal, professional service, and other appropriate ads are invited.

*Ads must be short, focused, and not take up a large space- No more than 100 words

*No more than every other month please

*No need for long winded resumes- if interested, they can contact you for your in-depth credentials. Keep it short & sweet.

*Traditionally, those who wish to make money from their Ditto Ad also contributed money to the cost of printing.

As a reminder, all submissions must be signed and any content that is deemed inappropriate for our local audience won't be published. Deadline is the 26th of the month. We intend to get it in the mail by the first of the month.

Please- black and white preferred, Color submissions become black and white. We love "camera ready" content.

Also, I would like to re-encourage one of my faves from the past- "How I Got to Deadwood" which are short submissions of personal stories from us locals. Send yours and we will try to publish one per issue- ideally not more than a half page. Speaking of which, this newsletter is mostly "short form" and I have found as a professional, that many present day readers cognate better with a half page, or one full one at most. Your input is always invited and important to share.

PS- I had trouble with loading visuals on this first issue- and I will learn.

New email!! send submissions to deadwoodditto2026@gmail.com.

The old one @ yahoo still works.

Deadwood Community Center Spring Work Party

Sunday April 12 ~ 10am to 2pm ~ Potluck

It's Spring Cleaning time, inside and out!

Our big goal indoors includes dusting and taking down the cobwebs, even up in the rafters, in preparation for future painting.

Please bring your long handled dusters and scarves to protect your hair.

Outdoors: de-cobwebbing, pruning and more.

A great chance to meet your neighbors and contribute to our center.

Thank you for your support,

DCS Board, MaryGold, Mary, Courtney, Danelle, Grisha and Tom.

May Day Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast

Plant Sale and Swap and Free Raffle Prizes

Sunday May 3 ~ 10am

Join our Annual Fun event at the Community Center.

Bring a prize to donate, pancake ingredients and yummy toppings.

See you there! (submitted by Marygold McNutt)



“Spring into Action” Supply Drive Supports Local Child Care Providers

This Spring, the Siuslaw Region has the opportunity to donate learning materials, cleaning supplies, and fun items to area child care providers and early learning educators. The Siuslaw Vision Child Care Working Group’s “Spring into Action” Supply Drive is gathering items to directly benefit our local children and their education. This is your chance to spread joy, foster creativity, and support the youngest minds in our community. The drive will run from Wednesday, April 1, to Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Child care providers Wildflower Montessori School, Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool, Little Blue Birds, Stepping Stones, Breanna Daycare, Head Start of Lane County, Mapleton Community Preschool, and in-home providers have created a list of their needs this spring.

Our little learners are the future, and providing them with the right tools early on can set the stage for lifelong success. Child care providers and early educators play a critical role in nurturing these tiny tots, and we believe every child deserves a bright and resourceful start.

We’re looking for a variety of school supplies to make their learning experience fun and enriching.

Here’s how you can contribute:

- Colorful crayons and washable markers
- Storybooks and picture books
- Child-friendly scissors and glue sticks
- Puzzles and educational games
- Sensory table items
- Construction paper and drawing pads
- Gift cards

People can donate by swinging by any of our collection centers in the month of April! We will have bins set up to collect your donations at Banner Bank, BeauxArts Fine Art Materials, Columbia Bank, First Community Credit Union, Fred Meyer, Grocery Outlet, the Florence Visitors Center, and True Value Hardware.

The Spring Into Action Supply Drive is hosted by the Siuslaw Vision Child Care Working Group and sponsored by True Value Hardware, Siuslaw Childcare Friends, the City of Florence, and Siuslaw Vision.

In addition to donating items, you can make monetary contributions directly to our local child care partners through links at <https://siuslawvision.org/childcare/>. Your financial support will provide essential resources, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive and grow. By extending your generosity in this way, you help build a stronger, more supportive community for all our little ones.

Together, we can make this Spring a magical one for our little stars. Your support means the world to us and to the children we're helping. Let's make a difference – one crayon at a time!

The Siuslaw Vision Child Care Working Group includes local child care providers, the City of Florence, Siuslaw Childcare Friends, the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, Lane County child care supporters, and community members. Learn more about the Siuslaw Vision's child care efforts at siuslawvision.org/childcare/. If you have questions, call the Siuslaw Vision at 541-590-2425 or email childcare@siuslawvision.org.

Comprehensive List of Donation Items:

Books – board books, picture books, multilingual, multicultural

Art Supplies – washable paint, finger paint, round sponge brushes, glitter paints, metallic gel tempera paints, Crayola crayons, Crayola Twistables Crayons, Crayola Twistables colored pencils, markers, dry erase markers, paper, gel pens, construction paper, pipecleaners, glue, glue sticks, stickers, googly eyes, seasonal or holiday-themed craft items, chalk, Ticonderoga My First Pencils, easel paper rolls, colored masking tape, Wikki Stix, popsicle sticks, pom poms, feathers, tissue paper, ink pads, plastic art trays,

Bulk Art Materials: glue by the gallon; kid-friendly play dough ingredients: cream of tartar, flour, vegetable oil, salt; food coloring

Sensory Materials - playdough, sand, rice, dry beans, corn kernels, PicassoTiles, HamiltonBuhl AudioStar Alpha 6 Station Listening Center

Infant & Toddler Supplies – unscented baby wipes and cloth bibs

Health, Safety & Sanitation – gloves, child-safe cleaning and disinfecting supplies, disinfectant wipes, antibacterial hand soap, unscented hand sanitizer, unscented tissues, paper towels, napkins, first aid supplies, bandages

Snack Items – crackers, cereal, pretzels, Goldfish, popcorn, graham crackers

Administrative Supplies – printer paper, staples, tape, teacher and staff wellness items, mesh zipper bags, small trash bags

Gift Cards – to local stores as well as online retailers

Program-specific supply requests available at siuslawvision.org/childcare

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## ***Earth Day Celebration Invites the Community to Miller Park in Florence***

Celebrate Earth Day in Miller Park with your community, Wednesday, April 22nd, from 3pm to 6pm. Enjoy free food, live music, art and other fun activities for all ages. Enjoy a day in the park! See your friends! Pop some bubbles! BYOF: bring your own frisbee!

Community groups and nonprofit organization are scheduled to appear with tables to meet the community. If you'd like to represent your group at the event, or have any questions, please contact the event organizer.

Fresh Pizza generously provided by Abby's Pizza! Organized by Florence ORganizes (FOR) with donations from community organizations.

If you'd like to volunteer for this event, or have a great idea of your own to contribute, send your ideas by email to: [bkvegan@gmail.com](mailto:bkvegan@gmail.com)

For free online signup, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/earth-day-celebration-in-miller-park-florence-oregon-tickets-1986014794713?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

## ***Siuslaw Public Library seeks community input on future plans***

The Siuslaw Public Library is asking for the community's help as they plan for the future this spring. Community members can take a survey about library services, attend a Town Hall about the community's hopes and dreams for the future, or participate in a conversation with library staff.

The library survey is open until April 6 on the library's planning website:

<https://www.siuslawlibraryplan.org/>

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and asks questions about your library use or non-use and what services you'd like to see in the future. For those who prefer a paper copy, surveys are available at the Florence or Mapleton locations. The survey is available in English and Spanish.

Also on the planning website, sign up to receive additional details about the planning process, including the times and dates of upcoming town hall events and the big reveal when the plan is complete.

"The library belongs to everyone," said Library Director Meg Spencer. "We need you to help shape the vision of what the next chapters look like for Siuslaw Public Library."

For more information, please email [SiuslawLibraryPlan@siuslawlibrary.org](mailto:SiuslawLibraryPlan@siuslawlibrary.org), call the library at 541-997-3132, or stop by the Florence or Mapleton locations.

## ***Blachly Lane Update***

Blachly Lane Electrical Coop has acquired the Monroe area for service.

Jeff Jones and Director(s) from BL will be providing information at the DCA Meeting on Wednesday 4/13 5 pm at Deadwood Community Center

## ***Goodwill Job Connection is Now Open in Florence***

I'm excited to announce that the Goodwill Job Connections has reopened in Florence Oregon. We are committed to helping others overcome employment barriers and become employable. We help with all kinds of barriers to employment. please stop by our office at 1310 Hwy 101 in Florence, inside the Goodwill Store

## **Third Saturday Event Invite**

Saturday, Apr 18, 6:30 PM

Third Saturday with **El Borko Surf** - April 18, 2026

Come out for Third Saturday -- our monthly fun and fundraising event for Deadwood Creek Services! Dinner at 6:30, music at 7:30. Your dinner donations go to sustain our community center, donations at the door go to the band. It takes a village to make this event happen - we appreciate your participation! This month we welcome back El Borko Surf!

More about EL BORKO ¡SURF! from Eugene Oregon

JACK KEROUAC MEETS SPONGE BOB ON GILLIGAN'S ISLAND.

Surf music from the past, present, and future. Songs for teenage werewolves and mad scientist surfer chicks. A double creature feature with an extra creature. Dramatic, energetic, psychedelic. Featuring Brook Adams & Ken Sokolov

<https://brookadams.com/el-borko-press>

<https://elborko.bandcamp.com/album/el-borko-surf>



# Notice of Regular Board

## Meeting

The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold the regular Board Meeting on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES and BILLS**

Budget Committee

Director Opening

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

CLCC update

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Medical Director

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](mailto:sd.rfpd@gmail.com).

### ***Why Would I Want to Be a Board Member?***

Your community needs you! We can't operate without elected board members who are willing to volunteer their time and talents

Serving as a special district board member is a way you can truly make a difference directly for your community

Joining a board helps you learn from the people around you, but also gives you the opportunity to share your knowledge and experiences with those same people.

Gain experience in government and leadership that can translate into other potential career or political opportunities

The Board is also looking for volunteers for the Budget Committee, which meets for about 30 minutes on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in Swisshome to review and approve the annual budget for the Department. If interested, please contact us at: [sd.rfpd@gmail.com](mailto:sd.rfpd@gmail.com)

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Biking up West Fork  
Robin burst forth from the ditch...  
Giving me goosebumps.  
Billy Burruss

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Memories of childhood Growing up during a world war gave me a basic sense of the mortality of mankind. My mom ran the local USO and my two older sisters were of courting age. Friends and acquaintances came and went with great regularity. There was both an airbase and a basic training center in our town so it was kind of an 'in your face" reality. Both my sisters married surviving servicemen after several misses due to combat casualties. I have the clock from a b17 which made it back from a mission over Germany with few survivors. One of those who didn't was the bombardier, my sister's fiance. A returning crew member who survived brought her the clock. Strange symbology there. The mortality rate in 8th airforce b17 crews was unbelievable. That was a righteous war fought against great odds. As I believe Winston Churchill said "a foe worthy of our steel" or something like that. Now it's our misfortune to be the aggressor whether we like it or not. How the pendulum swings. The German civilian population paid dearly as our carpet bombing killed them by the thousands in horrible firestorms that destroyed whole cities. Many of them may not have wanted that war. Fueled by massive propaganda campaigns, they were sucked into the conflagration. Does this seem somehow familiar? Our next door neighbor had three stars in her window. Her fourth son survived. He was my childhood hero and my midnight consultant in matters of car repair. I had the soapbox derby car from one of the others. It was close stuff. My Dad was the neighborhood air-raid warden whose job it was to ensure no lights were visible from the street. Everyone had "blackout curtains" I still have the .38 Smith he carried to persuade the more recalcitrant. Those of us in east coastal states were all aware of the German submarine threat as our merchant ships were sunk by the hundreds carrying war materials to Britain and eastern European allies including Russia. The Japanese were also occupying our northern territories in the Aleutians,

putting them uncomfortably close. Thus the blackout and school drills were felt necessary Now, as everything is happening on a world stage, we are made to feel fear again, but not so much from without. The invasion this time will not be made from boots on the ground but boots on the mind, with the same old propaganda methods plus high tech media making it tough to tell truth from lies. Like Lori Anderson said..."when justice is gone, there's always force" or something like that

-submitted by James Webb

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The day that fades  
 why should it be so  
 we call it existential  
 how cruel that word  
 as I create impossible music in my  
 dreams  
 vaporous and unsubstantial as it seems  
 how could we know  
 it was so instantaneous  
 there and not there superimposed  
 as through a frosted glass  
 it rose imperceptibly  
 the color of rusty orange  
 discordant and yet melodious  
 it had no end and no beginning  
 just there and moving, alive  
 something must come next  
 the concept of time demands it  
 -James Webb

everything has only the substance we  
 allow  
 and yet there was no next and before  
 only now a moving now  
 how can that be  
 go deeper, there is texture  
 moist and dripping  
 I did not feel it through the frosted glass  
 there was sound  
 it was just there  
 always rising, an endless refrain  
 backlit by a fading sun  
 we felt it but it had no words  
 a softness with an unexplained vibrancy  
 fading but ever present  
 where does it go when it goes  
 pianissimo