

# Deadwood Ditto May 2026

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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	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Deadwood Farmers Market	Sundays, June thru October	Post Office parking lot 11:00am-2:00pm
Soup and Games Night	Second Thursday	5:30 pm
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 <b><i>Deadwoodditto2026@gmail.com</i></b> 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

## **May 2026 Chronological Calendar includes...**

Sat May 2nd- Emergency Coop Meeting at Community Center (see article)

Monday May 11th- Deadwood Creek Services Board Meeting — 6 pm

Thurs May 14th- Soup and Games 5:30 pm

Sat May 16th- Third Saturday potluck and music with the **Beat Crunchers** (more details in article)

**And MAY DAY FUN RUN SUNDAY MAY THIRD 10 AM!!**

### **Notes From Ed (new!)**

Greetings from Mark S. McNutt, your new Editor. We are making some changes here, most notably that the old Deadwood Ditto inbox has been changed for the first time this millennium, from [deadwoodditto@yahoo.com](mailto:deadwoodditto@yahoo.com) to [deadwoodditto2026@gmail.com](mailto:deadwoodditto2026@gmail.com), for many seemingly obvious reasons. As of this issue, I will no longer be looking for content thru Yahoo, and any content sent there may go unread and unpublished. Welcome to the future! I look forward to streamlining content and format in the future.

*Special thanx to Marygold for her help and guidance in co-navigating Google Docs and saving me hours of frustration with this (again) large issue. She is a great asset to our community.*

#### In personal news...

I am recovering from a highly successful abdominal surgery at Riverbend in Springfield, thanx to my support team headed by surgeon Dr Huriye Aydinli, and many other caring caregivers. I was inspired to write a “haiku” to explain what happened, and here it is-

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Intense intestines

## **SAVE OUR FOOD COOP!!**

*We are just about to lose one of Deadwood's most beloved institutions: our Food Coop! Do you like good food at lower prices delivered right here in Deadwood? Please come to a short emergency meeting at the Community Center on Saturday, May 2, 4pm, and play your role. Together, we will save our Food Coop and save ourselves money, as well.*

Please RSVP Michelle X5621

# ***DCS Board Meeting 4/6/26***

Present: Marygold McNutt -convener, Mary Gibney -secretary, Grisha Stewart

Absent: Courtney Stone -treasurer, Danell Sundstrom, Kate Harnedy, Tom Clark

## I. Approval of agenda

Approved

## II. Approval of minutes

Approved

## III. Old business

### a. United Way Grants: holdover

b. Treasury report: (via email) included. MOTION 1: Recommend moving/keeping 12 months worth of expenses into Savings account as an Operating Reserve Fund - contingency fund in case of emergencies or we don't have fundraising income coming in (\$6120 for 12 months, already have \$927 in savings account) Those in attendance as well as Courtney and Danell via text AGREE. MOTION 2: Recommend moving \$3000 to savings as a "Capital Reserve" fund for major repairs/emergencies - roofings, HVAC issues, fire, etc. Those in attendance as well as Courtney and Danell via text AGREE.

## IV. Continuing business

### a. Building Committee: Maintenance budget proposal of \$740. MOTION 3:

Those in attendance as well as those absent via text and email AGREE. MOTION 4: Recommend locking broom and tool sections closet. Those in attendance as well as Courtney and Danell via text AGREE.

b. Mapleton Community Foundation : Deadline due 4/13 MOTION 5: Recommend applying \$500 for Kids Summer Camp. Those in attendance as well as Courtney via email AGREE.

c. Gutters: need repair. Recommend applying to Three Rivers in two parts for gutters and gravel in the basement. Marygold has an appointment tomorrow for estimate.

## V. New business

a. Spring Cleaning: April 12th 10-2. Janelynn donated a motion sensor light we will install.

b. 3rd Saturday: Sandy and Tchanan signed up for the main dish at the annual. Comfort food? El Borko! Is performing.

Next meeting May 11th 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned

## ***Compost Workshop & Soil pH Testing at Florence Food Share Garden***

OSU Extension Service is hosting a free compost workshop on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to noon. The workshop is open to the public and will be held in the production garden behind Florence Food Share at 2190 Spruce St. in Florence. The event will be outdoors and will be held rain or shine.

Oregon State University Extension Service Lane County Master Gardener volunteers will provide the training. This hands-on workshop is suitable for beginning to experienced composters. Topics will cover the basics of how composting works, which materials to use, and different methods and types of compost bins available. Bring your questions! Local Master Gardeners will be present to answer composting questions.

Soil samples for pH testing will also be accepted at the event. Cost is \$2 per sample, cash only. Bring 1 cup of dry soil for each sample (limit of three, please) in a plastic bag, labeled with your name and the sample location, e.g. blueberry bed. Test results will be available within two weeks.

For more information about composting and gardening, contact the OSU Extension Service - Lane County Master Gardener Plant Clinic at: 996 Jefferson Street, Eugene, (541) 344-5859, [lanemg@oregonstate.edu](mailto:lanemg@oregonstate.edu).

## ***Siuslaw Library Seeks Community Input at May Town Hall Meetings***

The Siuslaw Public Library will hold two town hall meetings May 8-9 to share community feedback gathered during the strategic planning process. Library staff have spent the last month asking community members about their hopes and dreams for the region.

For those in Upriver Siuslaw, join the Town Hall Friday, May 8, from noon to 2 p.m. for a provided lunch at the Mapleton Lions Gym, 88158 Riverview Avenue, Mapleton. Florence community members are invited on Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Florence library.

Dr. Audrey Barbakoff, the library's planning consultant, will give a short overview of what the library staff heard from the community through the community conversations and survey, and will invite participants to add to the information.

"This is a chance for our community to review what we've learned so far," said Library Director Meg Spencer. "We'll be asking, 'Did we get it right?' before we move on with our strategic plan." Community members will be invited to share additional feedback. The meetings are free and open to the public. No RSVP is required. Refreshments will be provided.

Learn more about the Siuslaw Public Library Strategic Plan at

<https://www.siuslawlibraryplan.org>, email [SiuslawLibraryPlan@siuslawlibrary.org](mailto:SiuslawLibraryPlan@siuslawlibrary.org), call

the library at 541-997-3132, or stop by the Florence or Mapleton locations.

## ***Rural Shuttle News from Mary Lou***

I rode the shuttle to Grocery Outlet. It's easy to schedule and costs only \$2.50 one way, \$5.00 round trip.

The shuttle runs on Thursdays. It goes from Deadwood Post Office to Florence. Regular stops are Mapleton, Grocery Outlet and Peace Harbor Medical Center.

If you live along Hwy 36 west of Deadwood, the shuttle will pick you up at your address.

For information or to schedule call: 541 682 3238

## ***The Tale Of Two Geese***

For years there were no Canada geese on Deadwood Creek, but two years ago a goose couple moved in. They are loud and lively, honking to each other, flying up and down the creek, sometimes circling over our pasture as they line up for their landing. This year another pair joined them. One pair appears to be nesting on the new gravel bar just down from the summer bridge.

Lou was on our side of the creek and running a burn pile in the early morning when the geese set up a ruckus. It was loud enough to wake me. Curious, Lou walked toward the creek to see what had set off the alarm. A gray fox streaked past him and disappeared into the brush. So that's it, Lou thought.

But two geese flew past Lou and down the creek at breathtaking speed, their calls loud and intense. Flying for their lives, for behind them flew an eagle.

As told to Kaki Burruss by Lou

## ***The Strange Case Of The Dog In The Night***

At 4:30 am I jerked awake. I realized I had been hearing a dog barking incessantly for a long time. Putting on my robe I wandered the house, trying to locate the source of the sound. It was very close and sounded like a small dog, loud and yappy. The barking was coming from the back of the house which faces the pasture. The sky was just beginning to lighten as I peered out the window.

Far across the pasture I saw a large dark unfamiliar shape. The shape turned and walked toward the house, after a few steps picking up its pace and settling into a trot. I walked out onto our deck which overlooks our pasture. Now the barking was coming from under my feet, loud and incessant.

The coyote, because by now I could clearly see the coyote shape and gait, stopped and looked at me. He was not particularly impressed. He was very large and darker than any I've seen in Deadwood. We stared at each other. After a few minutes considering, he turned and trotted across the orchard away from the house. The barking immediately stopped.

I wish now that I had gone then down below the house and searched for this brave little dog. But I am not an early riser and my bed called. Surely this presumed stray would still be in his sanctuary in the morning. But he was gone.

Kaki Burruss

## Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery News, April 2026

What are we doing with all of the little flags?

If you've visited the Deadwood Cemetery in the last few months, you've surely seen a lot of little flags in several areas. Specialists from CTCLUSI (the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians) have been working with us to use their ground-penetrating radar (GPR) machine to identify potential unmarked graves. Our fifth and final work session will happen in late April, at which we will ground-truth the suspected burial locations using a soil probe, mark those areas that seem to be 'occupied,' and remove the flags. Permanent markers will be placed as a final step. It has been an interesting learning process for all of us, as CTCLUSI staff have not used their GPR in this way before. Many thanks to Janet Niessner, Jesse Beers and Courtney Krossman from CTCLUSI!

Once the flags are removed, we will have our annual spring cleanup and first mowing in early May, and will announce the date with flyers and another newsletter. The DPC Board members and community greatly appreciate all those who help – either by picking up limbs, pruning, etc. on your own, or by volunteering in organized work days!



Visitors to the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery often remark about how pretty it is, and enjoy seeing the different flowering plants that change with the seasons. We continue to add to the Garden Path and Scattering Garden areas overlooking the river. Blooming among the more common daffodils, wood violets and snowdrops you can now see:

- Lenten Rose (hellebores) in white, light and dark pink – these bloom very early and self-seed; if you would like to take home some baby plants (we have lots!), they will happily bloom for you next winter & spring!
- Lungwort (pulmonaria) are lovely right now, with spotted leaves and flowers starting pink and turning to purple as they mature and the pH changes! The name comes from their medicinal use to relieve respiratory issues.
- Oregon grape (Mahonia aquifolium) is the state flower of Oregon, and is currently showing off its bright yellow, sweet-smelling yellow flowers atop glossy, spiky leaves.

Next to bloom will be trillium, chocolate lilies, Oregon iris, and of course lots of azaleas and rhododendrons!

Thanks to all who help keep the cemetery and community safe, clean and beautiful!

Welcome the **Beat Crunchers** back to Deadwood for Third Saturday on May 16th! Potluck dinner at 6:30, music at 7:30.

The Beat Crunchers from Eugene Oregon are fresh, funky, and live. They get the booty shaking and keep it shaking with their mighty Brazilian percussion and exuberant horns. The Beat Crunchers take you on a breathless tour of the world's best dance parties, Afropop to Balkan to Cumbia. This is a band that turns everything it touches to a divine rug-cutting boogie-down, be it a childhood cartoon theme song or a funk-ed-up Rachmaninov prelude. The Beat Crunchers resist boxes, and enable you lovely dancers to do the same.

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THIRD SATURDAYS WELCOMES  
TO DEADWOOD...

**MAY 16, 2026**  
DINNER AT 6:30PM  
MUSIC AT 7:30PM

**DEADWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER**  
4.3 MILES UP DEADWOOD CREEK ROAD

**Editor's Note-** Support Third Saturday, DCS, the Band, and the Community thru your generous donation at the Door. A \$10 donation only nets this 8 piece band \$1.25 per member, Pony up and boogie down!

## Grow A Row News From Jodi Gurtov

Our local Grow a Row to Share project has received a generous grant from *PeaceHarbor Community Collaboration Committee*. We are truly grateful as this grant will ease operating costs and help us expand Deadwood's neighbor to neighbor sharing of homegrown fruits and vegetables. Many thanks to Siuslaw Vision for providing expertise throughout the application process. Local residents who are interested in becoming either growers or recipients, please contact Jodi for details at 964-3223



# Notice of Regular Board Meeting and Budget Committee Meeting

The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold the Budget Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:30 PM, followed by the Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM, at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES and BILLS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

CLCC update

Director Opening

LGIP

### **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](mailto: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

## **RADIO B May '26**

***By James Webb***

The Name of The Game

A lot can be said with single syllable words as far as dynamics is concerned but nuance is harder to achieve, If you're not interested in nuance then you can stop here, I know there is one

person in this valley who understands art and the nature of it's ambiguity, as art must be, or it will not be, How else is each perceiver left to their imagination to have an individual experience of it, It is that individual experience that is the magic of art in any form and at once a requirement, Without ambiguity it is production, Does art have different levels of subjective experience,,without a doubt it does and that, once again, depends on the witness and makes it undefinable, Am I getting in too deep

already?// I'll make it simple: no ambiguity=no art, You see I just disqualified myself, So what if you can't understand it on any level? Surely someone must think they can, I ask myself if my writing is art, It is certainly ambiguous to some, Does that alone serve to qualify it, It is said that the appreciation of some music is dependent on a well practiced ear, This does not disqualify that which does not, and yet the degree of appreciation is certainly augmented by it, So as not to get in any deeper, let me say that well nuanced art has something to offer that is extraordinary and unique, Some do, some don't, It all hangs on the observer, Are you a qualified observer? The face of beauty can be but a moment suspended in the attention, a brief flurry of nervous reaction followed by a deep realization as something unnameable becomes a part of us, Our days are so densely populated with possibility that we must compartmentalize in order to progress, the average pedestrian is smashed between science and today's culture,,,technology on one hand, kpop on the other, At this point, everything appears to be on a scale of temporary but I keep a little energy left to indulge in vertiginous curiosity, Originality in arts and science enables human progress by extending the scope of reality, The time to care is now before it really doesn't make a difference, "There is no love of life without despair of life." A, Camus So What is the name of the game in case you haven't guessed it, The constant dialogue between reality and illusion, moderated by our use of language, reduced to a narrow value, Everything becomes peripheral, meaningful events

becoming meaningless, no impact beyond difficulties taxing the ability to continue whatever distracting venture we've set for continuance, The cord that binds us together, serving to keep us in balance, is not a fixed state or a battle of our differences, it is a state of grace, *enabled by respect, that keeps us steady but free, This ever present challenge of harmonious relationship providing the very glue that makes it work, Think what a mess would ensue if you didn't have to squeeze the tube to get that glue out, Friendship is one of the few things that give value to survival,,,the operational coherence of social life, We are the geologic layer of a present upon which the unwitnessed future will be built, That implies a responsibility, Society is a rickety scaffolding at best, Forever is highly individual.* "If immortality's price is agency's liquidation, I'd choose agency every time," *age is an interesting add on tacked on to the end of a word, it itemizes and makes it a thing host age, hom age, carn age, sew age, courage, baggage, postage, frontage, cottage, lineage, carriage, bondage etc. Ageing really alters things, As we celebrate (I did) Wm, Shakespeare's birthday on Apr,23<sup>rd</sup> we imagine what life must have been like in 1564,,,462 years ago,,,a day when the English language changed forever, He died on his birthday in 1616 after introducing over 1,700 new words to the English language,,,eyeball, bedroom, swagger, assassination etc,Not bad for one not embraced by the public of his time, Scarcely any works of literature are as timeless as his,,,and he wrote: "Love all, trust few, do harm to none,"*

# Register for Watershed Camp

Applications are open for the **Siuslaw Watershed Council's** 2026 free summer programming! Encouraging youth to explore and engage with the natural world around them, Watershed Camp and Advanced Watershed Camp are held at no cost to participants thanks to our partnership with Mapleton School District, our education program funders, and public donations.

- Watershed Camp (June 22nd-26th) is open to students entering 4th through 6th grade.
- Advanced Watershed Camp (July 31st-August 2nd) is open to students entering 7th through 8th grade.

Spots fill quickly, so sign up now for this exciting summer learning experience on our website at <https://www.siuslaw.org/watershed-camps>

# Community Gathering Scheduled May 18th

Join SWC at the Siuslaw Public Library with guest speaker Noa Meiri to learn about beaver in local ecosystems and hear SWC project updates from the field. No registration is required for this free event!

SIUSLAW WATERSHED COUNCIL

## Quarterly Community Gathering

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER

Noa Meiri, ODFW Biologist



Beaver and Their Role in the Ecosystem

SWC Project Updates

5/18/26 1:00-2:00pm

Bromley Room, Siuslaw Public Library