

Deadwood Ditto for August 2026

Send all submissions to Deadwoodditto2026@gmail.com

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
(No August) Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	Third Saturday of month Except July & August See article	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Deadwood Farmers Market	Sundays, June thru October	Post Office parking lot 11:00am-2:00pm
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 (but it's late this month, de to late breaking news)	Submissions due the 26th of the month to <i>Deadwoodditto2026@gmail.com</i> New!!	Editor Mark McNutt
Deadwood Community Action	Every two weeks on Mondays 5 to 7 pm	Contact Keith KeithST@peak.org

"All the News that fits" **Notes from the Editor** Mark S. McNutt

I am sure you are all being rather busy if I believe my own Astrological Overviews, (which are generally posted monthly at youtube.com/Aeriousnews after being filmed and edited by Kate Harnedy). For example, there are many newsworthy developments and announcements in this month's issue, and almost all of the content arrived significantly after the 7/26 deadline. But since we are a monthly newsletter for the community and there was nothing specifically time sensitive, I made the Editorial decision to delay formatting until **Kid's Camp** was over and our beloved **Marygold** and **Courtney** were rested enough to write and send in their articles, along with that news report about the **Fire Department** thru **Greg H**, plus everything else.

Please note that the Ditto Deadline is the **26th of the month** and content arriving after that may not make that issue. If you have anything very time sensitive, especially if it is for the first week of the month, it is best to send it to the **Deadwood Community Outreach** page on Facebook.

Thank you for your input, readership, and support, and I look forward to learning and growing in my Editing experience (and making my late Dad proud).

Deadwood Creek Services News for August **Camp Deadwood happened July 27-31**

This past week Deadwood Community Center hosted Camp Deadwood for local children ages 5 thru 12. It was a marvellous week with many very happy campers. Thirty three children attended from Deadwood, Swisshome, Mapleton, and along Hwy 36. There were a wide variety of activities including games, crafts, entertainment, reading plays with prop making and an afternoon swim at rock creek swimming hole. It was a joy to see the playground filled with young energy and high spirits. Many thanks and much gratitude to **Courtney Stone**, the instigator and **Kayley Bloom**, Camp Co-ordinator. **Amber Sparky** joined the team full time along with many other volunteers who participated in making the week long event a great success.

New Gates at the Community Center

DCS Board member **Marygold McNutt** added some gates to secure the grounds and keep the kids safe from the road. You may have noticed the large green farm gate installed on the north side of the building.

We have re-instated the cedar gate at the entrance to the deck. These gates now swing both directions, in and out. We have also added **attractive** four foot high child safe gates, very user friendly, to the main door as well as the nine foot wide double doors. This allowed for the doors to be opened while the kids remained safe and contained. They created a lovely environment for the kids and the future.

Third Saturday Returns with the Deadwood Resilience Kickoff and Cookout!

After a summer break, Third Saturday is back! Join us on Saturday, September 19, as we kick off another season of food, music, and community—and launch an exciting chapter for Deadwood. .

This year, **Deadwood Creek Services, Deadwood Community Action, and Siuslaw Vision are launching the Deadwood Resilience Collaborative**, thanks to a Community Transformation Grant from United Way of Lane County. Over the next two years, we'll be working together to strengthen emergency preparedness in our community through new communication systems, Community Center improvements, preparedness training, emergency response planning, food resilience projects, and much more.

September's Third Saturday will serve as our first Community Preparedness Training and the official kickoff to the project.

Schedule:

- **5:30–6:30 p.m. – Free Community Cookout**
- **6:30–7:30 p.m. – Emergency Preparedness Kickoff Presentation**
- **7:30 p.m. until late – Live music by Steel Wool**

Free Assistance Available for Riparian Restoration on Private Land

Siuslaw Watershed Council has access to grant funds through the Siuslaw Coho Partnership's focused investment partnership (FIP) award to assist private landowners with riparian restoration work for native fish species and other wildlife. This work is often completed at no cost to landowners and may include mechanical removal of non-native invasive plant species, revegetation with native plant species, exclosure fencing, and ongoing plant maintenance. Qualifying land must be within a riparian area (i.e., along a stream) and within the geography of the FIP award. Eligible watersheds include Lower Deadwood Creek, Upper Deadwood Creek, Upper Indian Creek, Triangle Lake, and Upper Lake Creek, as well as tributaries to the North Fork Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes.

Please contact project manager Britnee Church at britnee@siuslaw.org or 541-268-3044 to arrange a site visit.

Swisshome-Deadwood RFPD News

The Swisshome-Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District has exciting news to share about an upcoming project. First I'd like to share some notable upgrades and improvements we've made over the past couple of years.

In June of 2024 we purchased two 1,000 gallon Freightliner engines from a district outside of Yuba City CA. One is an '03 and one is an '04. These engines replaced a 1984 GMC 1,000 gallon engine and a 1996 Navistar 750 gallon engine. In February of 2025, Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority donated a 2015 Mercedes Sprinter van to us. This Sprinter van took the place of a 1996 Ford Econoline van and is used primarily to respond to medical calls. In June of 2025 we acquired an '05 GMC 3,000 gallon water tender with very low miles from Dale Township RFPD in Illinois. This replaced a 1984 GMC 3,000 water tender.

Besides upgrading a number of our apparatus to ones produced in this century, we have also increased the number of volunteers who are trained and certified to respond to medical calls. Medical calls account for roughly 85% of our calls. For many years the same four volunteers have responded to these calls. Last year we hosted an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course and added two more EMRs to our roster as well as training three volunteers from Lake Creek RFPD. We now have two EMTs and four EMRs to respond to our medical calls.

Every call we respond to requires us to be dispatched. For close to three decades we have been dispatched by the Florence Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) which is run by the City of Florence and managed by the Florence Police. In the past ten years, our dispatch fees have nearly doubled. It has become our second largest expense topped only by insurance. The cost sharing formula used by the Florence PSAP is not entirely based on call volume which has caused our dispatch fees to grow as the City of Florence has grown. Our last dispatch bill was over \$13,000 making our per call cost the most expensive of any fire district in Lane County. Every Florence PSAP stakeholder, except for the Florence Police, was interested in updating the cost sharing formula to a more equitable, use based formula. Because the Florence Police would not entertain this conversation the formula has not changed. Two years ago I started looking into switching our dispatch to the Central Lane Communication Center (CLCC). On July 15th we made the switch. CLCC is the fire and EMS dispatch for all of Lane County with the exception of Florence, Mapleton and Oakridge. We are very happy with the service we are getting and it is only costing us \$3,000 instead of over \$13,000. For the 911 user, nothing has changed. Call 911 if you are experiencing an emergency, your call will be routed appropriately.

Now for the big news.... Swisshome-Deadwood RFPD has been selected as one of seven fire districts and departments to receive a very competitive seismic rehabilitation grant through Oregon's Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program (SRGP). The grant award is for \$1,243,760 and will be used to make seismic upgrades to our Deadwood station on Highway 36. The building was constructed in the mid '60s, added onto in the early '80s. It has a number of design flaws and deficiencies. Modern fire station construction must meet the risk category 4 standard which is the same standard used for hospital construction. This is the reason for the high price tag. This will be a two year project with construction expected to be completed towards the end of 2028.

SDRFPD Board Meeting

The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold the Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, August 13th, at 7:00 PM, at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480.

(Editor's note- formatting failed repeatedly. Highlights are as follows-)

Old Business-CLCC Update, Grant Update/Committee, LGIP Update/CD Rollovers

New Business- Add Mariah Still to bank account.

Dear Neighbors #1

When I first moved to Deadwood in 1979, there was a concerted effort by folks to eradicate Tansy Ragwort from the fields and there also was a program that introduced the Cinnabar Moth to the area. Back in the day, we would clip the flower heads before they went to seed, bag them in a sealed bag and put them on the burn pile in the fall, which was a less labor intense way to deal with a large field full of them. In the last couple of years, we have seen an increase in the Tansy throughout the valley, and I would like to encourage you

to pull any and all you see! Thank you,
Elaine Pattison

Dear Neighbors #2

We recently completed a one acre logging, because we had Phalaenopsis Root Rot, destroying tree after tree. So we have a lot of fir on the ground which did not make the specs to be marketed, but would make fine firewood. You can come and fill up your pickup for \$35 or some good trade. We have a good amount of wood available.

Jesse

Hollo R19 Repeater Update

- The trial repeater is still up and running.
- The e-com team is working on the legal requirements between Franklin-Clarkson Timber Co., Campbell-Global, and our community.
- Blachly Lane will be able to plant a pole in the ground, 10% + 2 ft. A 50-foot pole will be 7 feet in the

ground and 43 feet above - to hold a really good antenna for the R19 repeater.

- A very dedicated trio from the valley is working on the equipment details for the repeater installation. They were involved in the Vida-McKenzie GRMS repeater station.

•Sub by Mr. B 541 999 6370

WESTERN HWY 36 TRANSPORTATION FORUM

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 27**

 5:30-7:30 PM

 **DEADWOOD
COMMUNITY CENTER**
91792 DEADWOOD CREEK RD
DEADWOOD, OR



5:30-6:15
Community discussion
about transportation
& the Lane County
Rural Shuttle Pilot

6:15-6:45
Dinner provided
Café Yumm!

6:45-7:30
Local Barriers,
Solutions and
Resources

 Questions or
accommodation needs?
Jo Rodgers
541-239-7282
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If the earth is dirt
And water is wet
Than I am fire
Burning myself on
Down

Is the direction
We all go
When we get too tired
Eventually making it
Six feet into the ground
If I've said too much
If it's not enough
Then call me a liar
Whatever went
Certainly came round
About face
Half circle
Wise words
Of your own choosing
If one was a better
Than one must always be losing
Your wrinkles told me it all
Last fall
Certainly, without certainty
If the globe is flat
And my minds grown dull
Then my belly ain't full
Please tell me where it's at:
Something truly meaningful.
-Justice Johnson

LOST HORIZON by James Webb

Golden grass on my skin
under a molten glow
I am floating
like a dream I've seen
Higher I go layer on layer
I am floating
over the edge
one more wave
I am sliding
closer.
I lean into the open door
no need to force it
every quiet part starts to gather light
no need to name it
Let go it gets bigger
turning slow
I move like mist on glass
you'll never know I'm here
barely touching
like silk against the night
skating across the dark edge
hold still hold still
we hover above what can't be said
I reach for you feeling your heat
barely touching
like dawn in a bowl
a luminous stream
no stress
just security
Lay me here
in the hollow air
I breathe out slow
open sky
Your shadow touches mine
echoes soft and wide
your sound silver in the air of my dream
stay here with me a little longer
A fragile thread holds us
we leave it behind, a faint gold light
as we trace the edge of the sky
a spiral of light swirls us upward
The sky holds still
color moving on it's own
I hold you in that fragile glow

stay a little longer oh, oh, oh
looking through the smoke
it was like a word you spoke
the light shines through me
as if I had no substance
Days go past in perfect lines
all the strength, all the weight
something slipped in time
it all gave way and you were gone
the pattern broken
Places only we would know
every silence speaks your name
do you feel me in your dreams
I can still hear your voice
come back to me
'til the sound of you returns
like a fire still burning
I told myself it was real
I told myself the pain would fade
but your shadow never changed
Take me with you
before the dawn breaks
every memory turned to gold
I heard your bark in the distance
one last horizon
if this is where the story ends
The silent stars fade across my bed
seeming distant now you're gone
not adding the aurora of body heat to
their luster
the final grace stolen by a hungry animal
Natures grace
Every moment finds itself
spread my soul across the sky
echoes of [tomorrow](#)
Beyond the dust the light will rise
shadows drip away
I hear the silent horizon
the future sound
Let the ocean rise
wash away what we cannot
Every fragment reappears
as they hold through the years
in the tides of space and time
Moonlight dancing on the waves
every memory dissolves

we are riders of the midnight sky
breaking through the edge of time
leaving all the past behind
In the darkness we ignite
turning shadow into light
reaching for the empty sky
every heartbeat amplified
Beyond the horizon we arise
burning brighter we will fly
in the dark where secrets lie
we are electric
becoming larger
than what we're running from
We are frozen light
we are cosmic
we are one
just before we fade
hearts beyond time.
Through the silence we can hear
something louder than our fear



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