

Deadwood

Ditto

October 2018



Calendar

October 7	March for Immigrant Rights
October 11 10-2	Mapleton Food Share
October 12	Meet Caddy McKeown
October 19 11-2	T-Lake Food Share
October 20	Third Saturday
October 27 10-2	Mapleton Food Share
October 27	Halloween Party

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH AT 7PM
HALLOWEEN
AT THE DEADWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

\$10-15 ADMISSION
\$7 TACO BAR

PROCEEDS BENEFIT SWISSHOME DEADWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING TAKATU BOOSTEP
80S FUNK & JAZZ FROM ANOTHER PLANET

COME IN COSTUME AND GET YOUR FREAK ON!

Contempt, n. The feeling of a prudent man for an enemy who is too formidable safely to be opposed.

Connoisseur, n. A specialist who knows everything about something and nothing about anything else.



How I came to Deadwood

by Carina Robicheaux

As a misanthropic teenager I used to study topographic maps of the Cascades. I'd see an isolated valley, far from any human habitation, and fantasize about what it would be like to live somewhere quiet, away from the insanity of humanity. I think it started then.

I visited Deadwood for the first time in 1996, as an optimistic college student. My roommate at Evergreen had created an independent contract to study intentional community, but she didn't have a car. Since I was in the process of dropping out, and did have a car, together we road tripped through Washington, Oregon and northern California visiting intentional communities. Since Alpha appears at the top of the list in the Communities Directory, naturally it was one of our stops.

Maybe '96 was a good year for Alpha, or maybe I was just blissfully oblivious. The magic of the place swept me away; the misty hills, big garden and beautiful stony hippies...it was utopia. I thought "I could live here forever!!"

But life had other plans for me; marriage, divorce, living off grid on a sailboat in Key West, surviving my father's suicide, experiencing hurricane Katrina, being professionally successful as a landscape designer and having the house, the car, and

all the nice things good little capitalists dream of. Including crippling debt.

One day I looked around, and realized how lonely, boring and empty my life was, despite all my nice things. So I left. I quit my job. I declared bankruptcy, sold what I could, and bought a \$700.00 Katrina flood van, which I outfitted to live aboard. I called my mom and told her I was moving to a commune.

Now, most people's parents would not be thrilled that their 35-year-old daughter had thrown away her career and decided to live in a van, down by the river, on a commune. But not my mom. She said "I've always wanted to live on a commune! Let's go do it together!"

So I drove my van from Louisiana to Seattle and helped her sell the house. The city had grown, and was swallowing my rural childhood home whole. In 2009 we road tripped through Washington, Oregon and northern California visiting intentional communities.

We had visited Alpha in 2008, and my utopian visions were shattered. It was a dark time, with death, theft, and drug addiction some of the main themes. In 2009 it seemed some of that had passed. Alpha had a new, hopeful crew who cared about the farm. Due mainly to financial considerations, we made a rational decision to move to an arid, expense-sharing community near Hood River. Rational decisions aren't the same as good decisions, and once that community revealed itself to be a sexually predatory cult of personality I decided I had to go to Alpha, regardless of its issues.

I held my breath as my heavy old van rolled slowly across the decrepit bridge, wondering if it would ever leave... (continued on next page.)

How I Came to Deadwood (continued)

It rained for a solid month that June, and I lived in my van in the parking lot. But it smelled like life!! Mist cavorted in the hills, grass by the creek grew chest high, and on some days, when the wind was just right, you could smell the sea. The people there, those flawed, beautiful humans, became my family. I was home.

The most solid truth I've found is that the only constant is change.

That is exponentially true at Alpha. My utopian ideals were shattered one after another, and my family left one by one. Mom was in the right place at the right time to purchase the magical spot of Earth we now inhabit. We left Alpha and, with lots of help from our friends, built a house together. In this green valley, far from the cities, it smells like life. The mist dances in the trees, and when the wind is just right you can smell the sea.

I now believe it's impossible to escape the insanity of humanity. We each carry it within us. But at least here in Deadwood the population density is lower, and most of the people, most of the time, are not violently insane. Generally quite the opposite. I mostly enjoy our collective flavors of crazy. Alpha had its problems, but the rhetoric was gold; we are all just reflections of each other, for good or for ill, and we must live the future we see.

[Uncle Keith's Komer](#)

I firmly believe that the women's movement to advance the needs of girls and their education has been a good thing. I also saw, and sometimes hear others allude to it today, that our culture made a huge mistake by not tending to the needs of boys as well. And we are paying, and will continue to pay, a desperate price in the years and decades to come.


Deadwood Raincheck

Sept. 1—26, '18	1.2
Sept. 1—30, '17	2.6
Sept. 1—30, '16	0.8
Sept. 1—30, '15	0.7
Sept. 1—30, '14	1.2
Sept. 1—30, '13	12.9
Sept. 1—30, '12	0.1
Sept. 1—30, '11	0.9
Sept. 1—30, '10	2.8
Sept. 1—30, '09	0.9
Sept. 1—30, '08	0.5
Sept. 1—30, '07	3.3
Sept. 1—30, '06	0.9
Sept. 1—30, '05	1.4
Sept. 1—30, '04	4.5
10 year Sept. aver.	2.4
Days Sept. with at least some sun	25 of 26
some rain--	8 of 26
Farmers Almanac for Oct temp ½ deg < average rain 1" above average	




Saturday October 20th, 2018
 Third Saturday Dinner & Dance welcomes back to Deadwood...

STEEL WOOL BAND



Acoustic Rock Reborn
 spinning on the edges of funk,
 classic rock, and traditional mbira music



Dinner for sale starting at 6:30, music at 7:30
Deadwood Community Center
 4.3 miles up Deadwood Creek Road in Deadwood Oregon

Come out for 3rd Saturday October 20th - we welcome back to Deadwood STEEL WOOL! Dinner for sale starting at 6:30, music at 7:30. Featuring Tim Mueller as songwriter, lead vocalist and guitar player; TR Kelley (Babes with Axes) on bass and vocals, Nel Applegate (Mudzidzi) on mbira, djembe, percussion and vocals, and Randy Hamme (Raventones) on drums, this Eugene band moves the heart and soul with stories of truth and joy and love and loss, and catches fire with three part harmonies, the haunting mbira, inventive bass lines, danceable grooves and world beat percussion.

-submitted by Kate



Advance

LCC Florence Center is offering a free class to help community members become more comfortable reading and writing documents that are required in the workplace. This 4-session class will offer both group and individual instruction to include how to comprehensively read employment contracts and safety and equipment manuals and notices; assistance with writing resumes, job advancement requests and accident reports, and help with speaking professionally on the job (for example, presenting a report or requesting time off). All reading/writing levels are welcome. The class will be held Thursdays, Sept. 27 - Oct. 18, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. While there is no cost to attend, registration is required. Please call 541/997-8444 to register or stop by the center at 3149 Oak St. in Florence.

Park Dedication to Mary Lou



Photos by Kate Harnedy

Classifieds and News

Need to buy: Trailer, tag-a-long (no 5th wheel). Good shape, around 30-foot, no leaks! Call 541-747-4041 or 541-999-1166

-submitted by Steve C

(The new word is that Steve/John/AKA can be released when we have everything in order here. So what we are looking for is a trailer to borrow or buy, something that is good in the weather, not had weather damage, has working appliances to live in. We are looking to obtain this ASAP so that it can be inspected from the parole officer from Eugene. So this is to get him home ASAP

If this is a loaner we are looking to use it until we can find another one to buy. needs to have everything working.

thanks for all your help and ideas.

Warmly,
Sharon And Steve/John/AKA)

Editor's note:

There's a very interesting article on VICE.com about Steve that includes quite a bit about Deadwood. Google "John Forbis" and "VICE" to find it.

Reminder

You can find online copies of the Ditto, updates on Third Saturday, and other useful local information at the Deadwood Trading Post.

See updates on www.DeadwoodTradingPost.com

Help Needed

We have a meal planned for the upcoming third Saturday, but we are looking for volunteers for November and the rest of the winter. We need people to cook, serve, and clean up. Let's make this happen, people!

DCS Annual Meeting

Sunday November 11

Potluck at 5pm. Meeting starts at 6pm. Come hear what's going on in our community, vote for DCS board members, and pick up your Deadwood Birthday Calendar!

If you would like to run for the board, or have an item to add to the agenda, please contact Carina, DCS Convener, at #3015 or ridethewave1220@gmail.com

-Submitted by Carina

Farmer's Market News

We love our Farmer's market so much we've decided to keep it going later into the season! As of October 21, the market will move inside, to the community center!

Since days are getting shorter, market will open at 11am, and run until 3pm.

Hope to see you there!

-Submitted by Carina



Caddy McKeown

*Deadwood Townhall
Meeting*

Friday October 12 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Caddy McKeown, our State Representative, will be coming to the Deadwood community center on Friday October 12 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm for a townhall, as part of a “ whistle stop” tour. Bring your questions! Refreshments.

-submitted by Maryanne Fazio Fox



March for Immigrant Rights!

Saturday, October 6th at 1:15pm. Meet at the Methodist Church of Florence. You are encouraged to bring beautiful bold signs and banners, with expressions such as: "Love Thy Neighbor" "Make Empathy Great Again" "We are All Human Beings" "Reunite Immigrant Families" "Refugees Deserve Freedom Here" "Immigration is the American Way" "Release Detained Immigrants" "We are All Immigrants" "Practicing My Faith" etc. Let's make this a positive, peaceful action!

Quakers from Willamette Quarterly Meeting are organizing an interfaith rally in Florence in solidarity with the Rural Organizing Project's March from Sheridan to NORCOR.

WORK AVAILABLE

Local help is available: garden work/fall & winter prep, weeding, harvest trimming, animal care, overnight pet sitting, horse care/exercise, stall/barn cleaning, office help, editing, typing, eco-friendly housecleaning, organizing, dump run assistance, tractor work, fence repairs, babysitting, errands, grocery shopping, landsitting, etc. Have truck to help with jobs. Stellar references. Contact Sequoyah #5838 in Deadwood
or Sequoyahwalkingfeather@gmail.com

Thank you.

Sequoyah

Siuslaw Watershed Council News

October/November 2018

This fall, we're working with our partners at the Siuslaw National Forest and the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians to place large woody debris (trees) throughout ten miles of streams in the North Fork Siuslaw watershed. We'll be using a helicopter to pick up whole trees and fly them in to remote areas to enhance stream habitat for salmon. We'll be placing them in the stream in log jams which help trap gravel for spawning salmon and support the development of pools and

calm water areas which benefit juvenile salmon as they're growing throughout the year. You may see and hear a helicopter in the area with trees hanging from the helicopter this fall.



Nostalgic Campaign Slogan:

Vote Republican—It's easier than thinking!

-submitted by Steve



Siuslaw Play Day

Siuslaw residents of all ages invited to a play day

Siuslaw Vision invites community members to attend a fun, free event to experience and celebrate parks and recreation activities, on Saturday, October 13, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Siuslaw Play Day events will be held at multiple locations around Florence, including Rolling Dunes Park, Miller Park and the Florence Senior Center. All events are free and open to the public.

Siuslaw Play Day features several recreation activities and includes both instruction and hands-on play.

At Rolling Dunes Park, on 35th Street in Florence, John Griffin, U. S. Pickleball Association ambassador, will provide four, 30-minute pickleball clinics with instruction beginning at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. The clinics will each be followed with pickleball play time. All ages are welcome. No experience is necessary and all equipment will be provided.

Mary McNutt, certified yoga instructor, will offer Yoga for Vitality classes at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Street. This class will be suitable for all ages; session time is still being finalized. No experience is necessary. Participants should wear comfortable clothing; yoga mats will be provided.

Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association will be holding multiple soccer games at Miller Park as part of their fall season, beginning at 8 a.m. and playing through 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to observe soccer games and cheer on the players.

Jenga will be lead by Siuslaw Vision volunteers at Miller Park, near the basketball court, from noon to 2 p.m. Participants will

get to “build their own parks & rec,” one Jenga block at a time, by writing on a block what they would like to see in recreation amenities and activities for the Siuslaw region. All ages are welcome and no experience or equipment is necessary.

Stephanie Sarles, Siuslaw Vision coordinator, invites local residents to come and enjoy Miller Park and its amenities. “Pack your own picnic and meet a new friend, or bring some sports equipment and challenge your neighbors to a friendly pick-up soccer or basketball game,” she said.

Siuslaw Play Day events will wrap up with Vision volunteers handing out free gingerbread cookies to attendees from noon to 2 p.m. at Miller Park. A short survey will be available, in digital and paper form, to gather input from participants about what programs and facilities are desired for parks and recreation services in the region.

This community event is free and all residents are encouraged and invited to attend. “Siuslaw Play Day is just that,” said Kaye Wheeler, committee chair for the event and the Vision’s records support specialist. “It’s a day to come out and have fun with your family. Maybe learn a new sport, catch up with your neighbors, and enjoy a free cookie!” Future Play Day events are being planned for other communities in the Siuslaw region.

For more information, contact siuslawvision@gmail.com or 541-590-2425.

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