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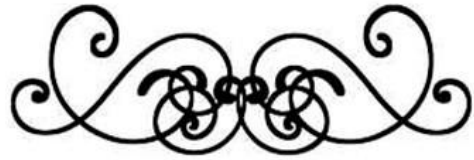
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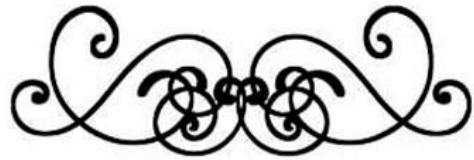


This is the most beautiful place on earth. There are many such places. Every man, every woman, carries in heart and mind the image of the ideal place, the right place, the one true home, known or unknown, actual or visionary.

-Edward Abbey



Dec 5	Watershed Council Potluck
Dec 12	Mapleton School Board Meeting at 6 PM
Dec 12	Forest Management Plan Meeting at Big Bear Camp
Dec 13	Mapleton Food Share
Dec 15	Third Saturday
Dec 16	Holiday Market
Dec 21	Triangle Lake Food Share
Dec 22	Mapleton Food Share



Triangle Lake Food Share hours are 11-2 PM at 20280 Blachly Grange Drive

Mapleton Food Share Hours are 10-2 PM at 10718 Highway 126

Along with the Mapleton Schools Calendar featured every month here in our beloved Ditto, the calendar can be accessed on the Mapleton School District website anytime. http://www.mapleton.k12.or.us/?post_type=tribe_events

Looking forward to seeing you at a Mapleton School event!

-submitted by Michelle



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-From *Nine Princes in Amber* by Roger Zelazny



A Message of Appreciation

Deadwood Community Services (DCS) would like to thank Ms. Lela LaJoie of Greenleaf. In the last issue of the Ditto, we requested a list of things that we need for the kitchen at The Deadwood Community Center. At our last DCS meeting we discovered a box on the back porch that contained nearly all of the items we requested, along with a very kind note from Lela, who wrote "I have often thought I should become a more active part of my community. I figured a good place to start would be filling a need that I am able to." This is exactly the sort of thought and gesture that makes us happy to live in this community. Thank you so much!



In a Dream

Crickets tell the turn to autumn
 Bird calls in the woods are few
 Sunlight slants at such an angle
 Sparkling on the morning dew
 Days are shorter
 Nights are cold
 Leaves are turning all around us
 First to yellow then to gold
 Harvest offers crops abundant
 Plums, tomatoes, piles of squash
 Soon the rains will be upon us
 Then the fields will be awash
 Turning, turning through the cosmos
 Earth repeats her path each year
 Only in a different place
 Many million miles from here
 With the ancient song of seasons
 Nature weaves her want in time
 In time the dream comes around us
 Lulling us to sleep sublime

-James Webb



How I Came to Deadwood

I grew up in Medford, the daughter of inspired and crazeball beatniks. I often longed for a “normal” home in those days, but right after graduating from Medford High and moving to Eugene to attend UO, I realized how fortunate I was to grow up in that “colorful” home environment.

On my way to law school, I met Richie, renounced town life, and moved to Deadwood. I was 23 with virtually NO skills to apply to country life. One of the first people to get me going here was Velma Wills. She gave me cuttings from some of her plants and sent me off with instructions to “make it happen.” Over the years, she and countless others were instrumental in my on the job training. I owe a big debt of gratitude to my early teachers: Richie, Velma, Carl Finseth, Tchanan, Johnny (when he tried to give me a pointer on how to use a draw knife, I told, “I’d rather do it wrong, than do it your way...”) among others...

We started out in a teepee. (No, the Native folks of this valley never lived in teepees, only young wide-eyed white kids did that.) When the rains started that fall, we bought an intact school bus, took out the seats and made a home. Two years later, we moved into a “palatial” 10x55ft, 1953 model “New Moon” trailer, where we lived with two kids for eight years,

the last two spent building our still, not-as-yet finished, but very comfy house. We had another kid along the way, and are still fortunate to live in this space that serves us so well. All three of our kids went to Mapleton Schools K-12. And yup, I’m still on the school board ...

It’s some 40 years later and I’m still here with a few more tools in my tool basket. Ever grateful to live in a community of so many skilled, talented and big-hearted people. And nope, I’ve never looked back to regret my choices that brought me here.

-submitted by Michelle Holman



Editor’s Note: This excellent story is part of our ongoing “How I Came to Deadwood” series. How did you come to Deadwood? What did you think when you got here? Submit your story at deadwoodditto@yahoo.com.

(All ditto submissions should go to this email address or to box at store. Ditto deadline is the 26th of every month.)

This month’s Ditto was edited by Felisa Rosa Rogers aka Churpa. Next month, your editor will be the lovely Jan Kinney.

Siuslaw Watershed Native Plant Giveaway

Since 2000, the Siuslaw Watershed Council has given away thousands of free native plants every year to riparian landowners throughout the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes Watersheds to promote water quality, salmon habitat and healthier streams! If you have a creek flowing through your property, or live along one of our scenic lakes, you may be eligible to receive free native plants from the Watershed Council to help support water quality and fish habitat in your own backyard!

River, and lakeside landowners may be eligible to receive free native plants from us this year, free of charge! Native plants growing along streams help reduce erosion, filter nutrients, and keep the water cool for salmon, trout and other aquatic species. Native plants are adapted to specific site conditions; we have some resources available to help you identify which plants will thrive alongside your backyard creek or lake! Siuslaw Watershed Council staff can also help advise you on plant selection and placement.

Send us your requests early--supplies are limited. Priority is given to requests received prior to December 15th, although we will accept requests until February 1st. The Distribution date is Saturday, February 9th, 2019.

For more information, visit us at siuslaw.org, call 541-268-3044, or e-mail nativeplants@siuslaw.org. This project is made possible through a grant from the Coast Range Stewardship Fund (USFS) and private individual donations.

-submitted by Kyle Terry





Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery Update

We hope this message finds you and your family well and enjoying the start of the holiday season. The last time we wrote you we announced a work day on October 20th at the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery, and introduced Emma and her community service project to clean up and restore headstones. The day went great - a few Board members were on hand to mow, trim and weed, and then Emma, her family and friends from the Kindness Club got busy removing moss, spraying and scrubbing..

These kids have been awesome - the first work day (10/16) they had about 4 kids and 3 adults. They worked around 3-4 hours and got about 25 headstones cleaned!

Then they contacted us on Sunday 11/11 and said "There's no school tomorrow because of Veterans Day and the weather looks nice - can we come up tomorrow and work on some more headstones?" TWENTY-TWO kids and adults came up for the second work day, and they got dozens more headstones cleaned up! I've attached a few photos... GREAT teamwork, everybody!!

We also had a fire in the new fire pit installed by Don this year, which was good for warming cold hands and burning up sticks

and brush cuttings. Other projects are in planning, fundraising and beginning work, including the Gazebo and Ash Scattering Garden. If you plan a visit, please let us know or see the list of burials on our site plan.

If you would like to donate or join in to support these efforts, we'd sure appreciate it! If we can answer any questions about burials, we'd be honored to talk with you. In the meantime, we wish you and your family many blessings,

The Board of Trustees for the
Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery

-submitted by Megan

DEADWOOD Holiday Market

Support Local Artsians
 Fine Art - Crafts- Jewelry
 Woodworking- Ceramics - Weaving
 Candles - Clothing - Knits - Cards
 Photography - Books- Whimsy
 Jams - Preserves - Goodies
 Body Care Products and more!

Live Music and Food for Sale

**Saturday December 1st
 Sunday December 16th
 12pm - 4pm**

DEADWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
 4.3 MILES NORTH OF HIGHWAY 36 UP DEADWOOD CREEK ROAD
 CONTACT KATEHARNEDYPHOTOGRAPHY@YAHOO.COM OR SEQUOYAHWALKINGFEATHER@GMAIL.COM



Holiday Potluck and Swap in Florence

A creative arts & art therapy space, Serene Abundance Studio, will be celebrating six months in business with a holiday potluck and swap. Located at the Florence Business Center, 1525 12th Street, the potluck & swap will take place on Saturday, December 8th, from 3 to 6pm, in partnership with Florence's 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour.

Studio owner, Serena Appel, says, "Swapping is a great way to help our environment by keeping usable items out of the landfill, and it gives everyone in our community equal access to holiday and craft supplies they need. Plus, it's a lot of fun!"

Swappers are encouraged to bring their unused holiday ornaments, gift wrap, art and craft supplies, and cards, as well as their "re-giftable" items to donate, or exchange for items they love more. Everyone is also encouraged to bring a dish or beverage to share in the potluck.

This is a free, all ages event. Space is handicapped accessible. All unclaimed Swap items will be donated to local charities.

-submitted by Serena



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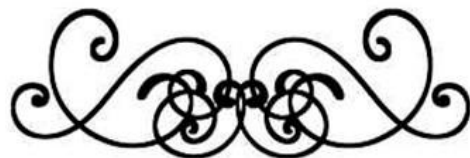
Saturday December 15th, 2018
Third Saturday Dinner & Dance welcomes to Deadwood...

**RAW & UPBEAT
AMERICANA & TRASHGRASS**

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

[Uncle Keith's Korner](#)

I have learned that if you don't cut other people more slack than they cut you, you will have a hard life and won't have a clue as to why.



Deadwood Raincheck

Nov. 1—26, '18	4.4
Nov. 1—30, '17	16.9
Nov. 1—30, '16	13.7
Nov. 1—30, '15	8.0
Nov. 1—30, '14	13.4
Nov. 1—30, '13	6.0
Nov. 1—30, '12	17.4
Nov. 1—30, '11	11.6
Nov. 1—30, '10	23.4
Nov. 1—30, '09	8.4
Nov. 1—30, '08	12.7
Nov. 1—30, '07	11.1
Nov. 1—30, '06	37.2
Nov. 1—30, '05	13.5
Nov. 1—30, '04	4.8
Nov. 1—30, '03	11.4
Nov. Ten year average—	13.2
Sept. 1—Nov. 26, '18	10.0
Sept. 1—Nov. 30, '17	30.6
Sept. 1—Nov. 30, '16	37.5
Sept. 1—Nov. 30, '15	14.2
Sept. 1—Nov. 30, '14	23.7
Sept. 1—Nov. 30, '13	20.0
Sept. 1—Nov. 30, '12	31.7
Sept. 1—Nov. 30, '11	17.9
Sept. 1—Nov. 30, '10	28.1
Sept 1—Nov. 30, '09	18.7
Sept 1—Nov. 30, '08	18.7
Sept 1—Nov. 30, '07	22.1
Sept 1—Nov. 30, '06	39.2
Sept 1—Nov. 30, '05	24.3

Raincheck continued....

Sept 1—Nov. 30, '04	19.8
Ten year average—	24.1
Percent of ten year average—	42%
Days w/ at least some	
Sunshine	14
Rain	8
10 year aver. for December	16.5
Farmers Almanac for December	
Temp 1 degree above average	
Rain 2" above average	



**December 5th Siuslaw
Watershed Council Potluck and
Celebration!**

Join us at our office at 10868 East Mapleton Road from 6:30-8:30 to celebrate our accomplishments in 2018, to learn more about our future plans, and to celebrate the winner of this year's Spirit of the Siuslaw Award! In December we've hosted an annual potluck to celebrate the year's accomplishments and to join together members of the Watershed Council to showcase what we've been working on and to hear more from our members about what's important in our watershed. We hope you'll join us for a shared meal and to learn more about what we've been up to! Please bring a dish to share at the event, hot or cold and feel free to bring the whole family!

Deadwoodians Abroad!

The following are excerpts of the Burruss family's trip to Eastern Europe.



This is how I described something boring in an entertaining way...The methodical non-stop sound of the airplane's engines mixed with the "werrrr" of the air conditioning pounds over and over in my ears. My heavy eyelids droop but my tired brain will not allow me to sleep. (Stupid time change!) Lights flash around me from many screens; the sunlight turns my sister's frizzy hair orange-yellow.

When I look out my window, the view is beautiful with the sun rising or setting, (I cannot tell which) and the wisps of clouds are blues, greens, and oranges. The thin layer of clouds can't hide the snowy and rocky ground. The inside of the plane is a different story. Inside the plane everyone is in their own world. Some, like my mom, are reading, only moving to turn a page in her book; others, like my sister, are content to sit and watch a movie or sleep.

- Opal Burruss

Goodbye Romania

I am happy and sad that we have to leave Romania. Like I am happy that we get to go home but this has been a really fun vacation. And I think that we will do another trip like this because it was very fun.

These are some of the most fun castles in Romania.

The Hofburg:

The Hofburg was all fancy and well kept.

Celt Castle:

It was a ruin up on a 800-foot cliff with bushes and trees. It was really cool.

The Anadara:

It looks more like a army base than a castle.

Lucie Burruss





BLM North of 126 Forest Management Plan

The Siuslaw Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management is partnering with the Siuslaw Watershed Council and the Big Bear Camp in Walton to host a public meeting to discuss and receive feedback on a forest management project for some of their Late-Successional Reserve and Riparian Reserve lands north of Highway 126 throughout the Siuslaw Watershed. This meeting will be a great place to learn more about their guiding forest management plan, and to provide valuable feedback about their proposal which includes thinning and restoration activities in stands of trees and adjacent streams on BLM lands to support the restoration of late-successional complex stands spotted owl habitat. If you want to have a voice in managing our public lands, this is a

great place to be! Join us on December 12th from 4:30-6:30 at the Big Bear Camp in Walton! The public scoping period for this management plan is expected to begin on December 3rd, allowing the public 30 days to comment, come to this event to learn more about how your public lands will be managed and provide valuable feedback to our partners at the Bureau of Land Management.



We have a lot to thankful for in the Siuslaw..

We've wrapped up our restoration projects from the 2018 field season and we're really proud of all the work we got done this year with all our partners in the basin, including the Siuslaw National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management Siuslaw Field Office, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Ecotrust, the McKenzie River Trust and the Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District.

-submitted by Eli Tome

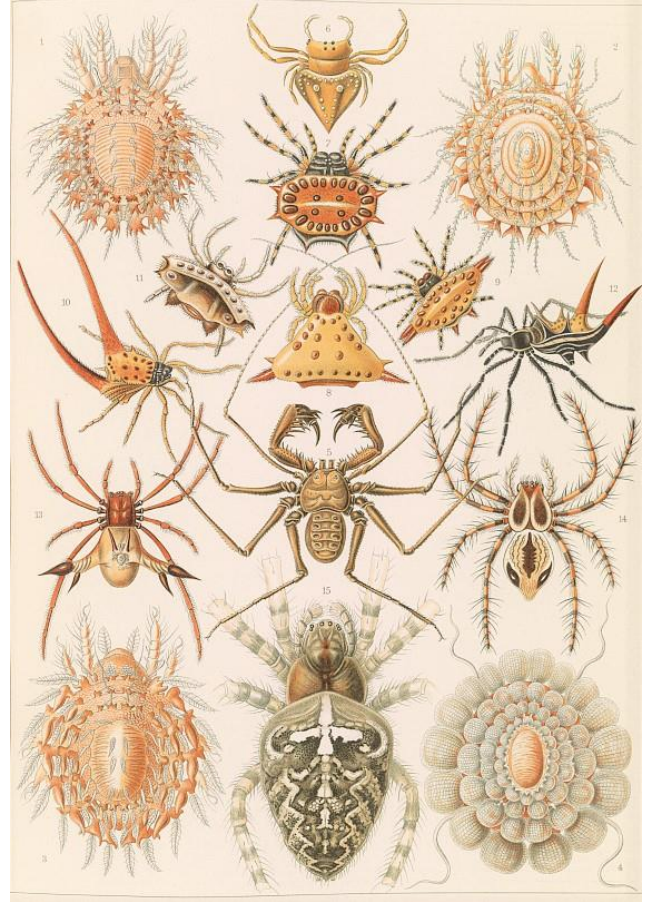
Destination Unknown

Oh I wish I was a spider
Hundred feet out on the end of a
string
Floating outward on the breeze
Wondering what the trip will bring

Will I land in grassy field
Or in thorny bush to rest
The adventure is the thing
That's the part I like the best
-Spider, spider would you trade
That moment on the autumn breeze
For the busy life I lead?

Assuming yours is one of ease
-What a corny thing you wish
Silly human with your work
Busy, busy all day long
Doing tasks you cannot shirk
Spiders do not think these things
Needing not to find our way
All we need is one slight breeze
Floating on this autumn day...

-James Webb



*It's no good running a pig farm badly
for thirty years while saying,
"Really I was meant to be a ballet
dancer." By that time pigs will be
your style.*

-Quentin Crisp

(Submitted by James Webb)