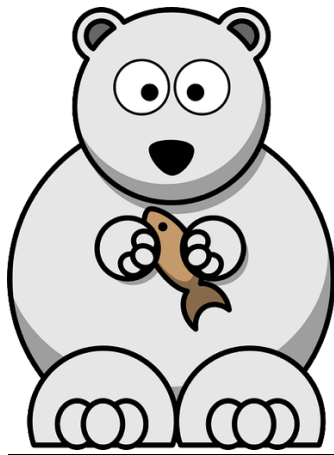


DEADWOOD DITTO

DECEMBER 2020



December 10, Thursday, and December 26, Saturday	Mapleton Food Share- 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919 10am-2pm
December 10, Thursday	Deadwood Swisshome Fire Dept Board mtg 7pm Swisshome Fire Station (next to Post Office)
December 18, Friday	Triangle Lake Food Box- 541-925-3090 11am-2pm
December 20, Sunday	Deadwood Food Coop orders due by 5pm
December 31st, Thursday	Food Coop distribution. Place and time to be announced



Deadwood Food Coop

December Order Dates...Good News

Hello Coop Members,

Dates for the December order are: Orders due Sunday, Dec. 20. Distribution is Thursday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Day, place to be announced. Please check w/ Nancy or me about your credit/balance due.

I'm happy to share the following good news: Our Nov. order was large, therefore the Coop cost charge was only 6%.

I'm even happier to tell you that long time Coop member, Yvonne Pappagallo, has stepped up & will be the new ordering coordinator. She is familiar with the workings of the Coop, is organized, reliable & detailed oriented. Yvonne is a genuinely nice person & easy to work with. I think she will be a great fit! Thank you, Yvonne. I'll be training Yvonne during the Dec. & Feb. orders & she'll be ready to do the April order on her own.

I'm hoping that you & your families are well, safe & will enjoy the coming holidays.

Cathy

More DFC-

Thanks so much Yvonne, for stepping up ... I'm sure you know you've got some big shoes to fill following Cathy Barr! Honestly, I know everyone is breathing easier now, knowing our coop will be in your very capable hands.

Cathy, you've been our rock ... we have relied upon you for so long. Your Virgo-esque attention to detail filled us with confidence, and you never let us down. It's an understatement to say, you are appreciated and will be missed, big time. Blessings on your new adventures...

... and LONG LIVE the DEADWOOD COOP!❤️

Submitted by Michelle Holman

Deadwood Creek Services News

Dear Deadwood Community Members,

We hope this letter finds you all healthy, safe, and at least at the beginning stage of gaining insight as to how to safely continue to do the things that fulfill you. Normally we would be gearing up for our big Annual Meeting. However, true to the new reality of 2020, things are a little different this year...

We are writing this letter as a precursor to the Annual Meeting.

We hope to answer a few questions and offer updates on the following topics:

- Availability of the Community Center Building and Grounds.
- Play Ground Project.
- Annual Meeting.
- Fundraising.

IS THE COMMUNITY CENTER AVAILABLE?

There have been a number of inquiries about the possibility of reopening the CC, as well as requests to rent the facilities. This has been a difficult and ongoing topic of conversation. The CC hosts so many wonderful yearly events and has been a vital gathering place for this community. We appreciate the desire to have it reopen, unfortunately we cannot safely and responsibly do it at this time. The Deadwood Creek Services (DCS) Board carries the insurance for the CC. In order to continue to receive coverage, we must comply with the Statewide Reopening Guidelines. If we do not comply, we could be liable for any accidents, injuries, or damage.

We will continue to revisit this decision as we move forward. We acknowledge how strange it may feel to have the CC closed, as it has been unlocked and available for so long. Thank you for your patience with us as we continue to navigate through this very strange moment in history.

For reference to the current Reopening Guidelines you can visit the link below: <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DSForms/Served/le2351g.pdf>

WHAT'S UP WITH THE PLAYGROUND PROJECT?

In the past 6 years the number of youth in Deadwood has increased significantly. We felt it prudent to update the CC to support the inclusion of these community members. Some of the existing playground had become dilapidated to the point that it was no longer safe for kids to play on. Last November at the Annual meeting we presented a plan to the community to

update the playground. We began applying for grants for this project and in the spring we received a \$5000 grant from Western Lane Community Foundation.

The project began with the removal of some of the old structures. We have built a fence and will be adding some gates to define the playground area. The old Rocket play structure has been beautifully refurbished! We have begun preparing for the construction of a new swing set. We will also be creating paths and new outdoor seating areas. We hope this fosters an even more family friendly environment and creates more opportunity for gathering (when that feels appropriate).

Thank you to all the community members who have volunteered their time to help. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact any member of the Board.

WHY CHANGE THE TIMING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING?

Our tax year has shifted to begin on January 1 and end on December 31. (Before it ran November 1- October 31). Therefore, we will not be able to give an accurate Annual Financial Report until after January 1. This, combined with the fact that we need time to work out the logistics of such a large gathering, instigated our decision to postpone the Annual Meeting until mid-January 2021. We will keep you posted.

FUNDRAISING

Even though the CC is currently closed, we are committed to maintaining and improving it for when it will reopen. The CC has been such a valuable asset to our community, and it will continue to be for years to come.

This year, the income for Deadwood Creek Services (DCS) has been significantly reduced by the absence of 3rd Saturdays and the lack of rental fees. Yet, we still have bills to pay, taxes to do, and improvements to invest in. We would be ever so grateful for you to consider making a donation.

Let's invest in the future we want!

To donate:

You can write a check to Deadwood Creek Services, and mail it in the envelope provided.

-or-

You can also donate through our website: <https://www.deadwoodcreekservices.org>

The DCS Board currently meets during the first week of the month. We encourage you to contact a board member prior to this if you have any topics you would like us to discuss. We will then follow up with you after the meeting. Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Warmly,

Danell Sundstrom
Kristi Guse
Mikelle Loar
Ami Levy
Anna Metz
Kinouani Somp



Internet Access Opportunities
This could be very important to you!

Did you receive a letter from James Rennard the GM of Pioneer Connect? Did you toss it aside like I did? If you did, we both might have made a big mistake! It sounds as if we have a great opportunity to improve the internet service to every home and business from T-Lake to Deadwood areas. Having greatly improved internet service could enhance our rural community's opportunities to survive into the future via distance learning, telehealth, working remotely, running a small business, or many other ways of enhancing our lives....., some of which haven't even been imagined.

The federal government is providing financial support to rural communities through the Community Connect Grant Program for underserved rural areas. FTTH, fiber-to-the-home, is universally recognized as the gold standard in network construction. We have an opportunity to get this future-proof network to all 375 homes in our neighborhood.

There will be a zoom meeting with James Rennard, the General Manager of Pioneer on Monday, December 7th at 6:00pm.
Email
<CommunityConnect2020@pioneerconnect.net> to request an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

Questions? James Rennard, Pioneer General Manager, wants you to call/email him with questions, or a letter of support :
jamesrennard@pioneerconnect.net

Many Thanks,
Richie Gross

Open Letter to the Deadwood Community:

Pioneer Connect is applying for a USDA's Community Connect Grant Program to bring fiber-to-the-home internet to the Deadwood community. Pioneer Connect is working together with the schools (Triangle Lake and Mapleton) and the community to address issues and concerns in our area.

This project will help our children fully participate in distance learning (as well as provide internet access for school work and other educational opportunities post-pandemic), expand the reach of the farms and other small businesses we run, make it possible for us to work from home, and improve the access to health care for everyone (particularly senior citizens) through telehealth services by making it easier to meet with our health care providers. The project may also support High Speed Internet at the Community Center.

Pioneer Connect has served this area for decades. They have reached out to the community seeking support for their grant application. This grant program has limited funding and is competitive with funds only going to the highest scoring applications. Community support accounts for 40% of the scoring. How the grant addresses educational challenges, health needs, and public safety issues and the economic characteristics account for 50% of the scoring. Management experience accounts for the remaining 10%. Pioneer's outreach letter of November 9 describing the program is posted on our community's Facebook page. We encourage you to read it, ask any questions you may have, and indicate your support by sending your comments about how having high speed

internet will impact these challenges to CommunityConnect2020@pioneerconnect.net.

This project will enable our community, our children and our businesses to remain safe, healthy, vibrant and thrive so that we can continue to enjoy life in the Deadwood area that we love so dearly.

Submitted by James Rennard, General Manager of Pioneer Connect via Les Benscoter



Trees, Trees, Trees

The Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) gives away thousands of free native plants annually to community members throughout the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes Watersheds. If you have a creek flowing through your back yard, or live along one of our scenic lakes, you may be eligible to receive free native plants next February from SWC.

Natives plants help clean the air, clean the water, and create habitat for wildlife. We based the choices on feedback from our community: pollinators, coastal forbs, and uncommon plants that were once more abundant.

SWC staff can help with your plant list and our field technicians can help prepare your site, plant seedlings, and maintain the site. Visit our website at www.siuslaw.org and click the 'Engage' tab to find the "NPD Brochure" and "Place Orders" links.

Your free native plants will be available for pick up on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at multiple locations throughout the area. COVID safety measures will be in place this year, which may include picking up by appointment. We will follow current guidelines and communicate safety measures in advance. Support for NPD comes from the Coast Range Stewardship Fund, Three Rivers Foundation, and Operation Applesed.

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The New Curmudgeon

In the time of covid we will recount this era as one of the most confusing times in modern history. our sense of purpose, of ethics, of justice, of moral virtue has been challenged and much stands in the balance. accountability at a personal level is crucial as we contemplate our ability to reach beyond our self imposed restrictions and stay in harmony with those we hold dear and those we don't. time to validate friendships old and new ,to remember those who have influenced our path, to forgive where we can and honor those we feel have had a positive effect in whatever way we can. the tighter we bind the sticks together, the stronger they will be. fear and paranoia are powerful weapons used to control and direct us. we cannot isolate ourselves anymore but we can strengthen ourselves internally. you will be a different person to everyone who knows you. we live in a haze of projections- imagining what we are to others. let that be their business. personal integrity is your strength and the only thing you can take with you. in the time of covid.

Submitted by James Webb

Editor's Note:

We received two memorials about Mary Lou. It is still not too late; the January issue is coming sooner than you think!

Our memories need sunlight to survive.

Memories Of and For Mary Lou

The last time I visited with Mary Lou in person (pre-covid), she told me a story of deciding to move to Deadwood. Ernie wanted to live here, and Mary Lou wasn't so sure... She said she had more social needs than Ernie, she liked Berkeley... but after a short time in the blue schoolhouse, she heard a voice from somewhere within her saying, "Give the magic a chance." Well played, Mary Lou...

Submitted by Michelle Holman

To Our Community:

Over the last decades we look back and remember some very special people.

Mary Lou was our guiding support and much needed friend during those times when the community came together to save our rural Post Office and Landfill.

During these times she was there to provide help and support which kept many of us focused on the tasks at hand.

Every-time we look at the Deadwood Sign coming into Deadwood from the East on Highway 36 we are reminded of how much we respected and admired Mary Lou and Ernie.

The Swisshome landfill is still in operation and our Post Office is still there. The flag is still waving; Mary Lou's Trilliums are alive in our home.

With Deep Respect,
Mr. and Mrs. B. (Benscoter) Ann and Les



Dear friends and loved ones, that's you!

Thank you for being the best example of a Loving and United Community that I have ever lived in. You are an example for the World. Your Wise organic ways of living are keeping our environment healthy and safe for all, and our future generations. May the Power of Love and Peace be with you always.

Your Loving friend,
Neila Crocker

P.S. I moved to Oakland, Oregon. Please stay in touch - 541-459-0090

Nature's Corner

When our family first came to Deadwood it was an event when we sighted more than one bald eagle lofting over the creek scouting for dead or almost dead salmon. That was 40 years ago.

The other early morning, while doing dishes, just as the sun kissed the big maple tree between us and the creek, I looked up to catch one of the big branches bobbing violently up and down and the unmistakable white tail/black body disappearing down to the creek. They have been everywhere,

juveniles, couples, sibs, parents, pairs, soloists. Tangling, jousting, playing (?), hunting and finally, eating.

It has taken many years for birds of prey to recover/reclaim their world after the DDT genocide event. A noticeable difference in our world- cause they have to have fish to eat, and the fish have to have habitable streams to nurture the next generation, the humans have to exercise cautious intent and responsibility. All of this has apparently happened, and I lived to notice it!
Gratitude for all.

Jan Kinney

Classifieds

Moving sale:

Drum set (complete trap set), stainless steel, like new: \$500 obo

Piano: \$500 obo

Baby Grand: \$1000 obo

Any questions, please call:

Neila Crocker 541-459-0090

Horse for sale:

Purebred Gypsy Vanner gelding

15 hands, age 8, born in Feb

White with black piebald

Name: Freedom

Training/experience: Western, English, Dressage, groundwork, round pen, extensive trail riding (mountain/beach), camping, bareback. Good with farrier. Can go in a hackamore or bit. Owner moving to smaller farm, can't take him there.

Handmade bridle + saddle that fits him included. \$20,000 Contact: Neila Crocker 541-459-0090

Professional pet and farm animal care services available in Deadwood, Blachly, Triangle Lake, Swiss Home, Mapleton - December/January holiday care! (30 yrs exp) - dog walks, elderly/convalescent care, baby animal care, overnights, daily visits (includes feeding, potty breaks outside, cleaning litter boxes, poop scooping, etc), 1/2 day or full day care in the pets' home, medication administration (IV fluids, insulin, pills), nail clips/trimming for cats, dogs, goats, farm sitting while you go away, horse exercise/training (riding, lunging) and stall cleaning, holding animals for sheering/clipping or the farrier; goat milking, and more! Specialized in working with canine leash aggression, food aggression & all species rescues! Stellar local references, plus testimonials on my website; flexible rates & availability, holiday coverage. Contact Sequoyah #964-5838 or Walkingfeather42@protonmail.com ~ www.sequoyahwalkingfeather.com/animal-care

Thank you!!

Sequoyah Walkingfeather

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