

# DEADWOOD DITTO

SEPTEMBER 2020



## Deadwood Food Coop

The next Coop order will be delivered on Thurs. Oct. 1. Orders are due on Sunday. Sept. 20 by 5:00pm.

The Deadwood Co-op is a food buying club comprised of Deadwood area members. Established in the 1970's and run by volunteers, we bring natural, whole, organic, and local foods to Deadwood. We order six times yearly: February, April, June, August, October, December. Ordering information can be found in the Deadwood Trading Post under Food Coop tab. If you are a new member you will need the passwords to the catalogues. Contact Cathy Barr (541-964-5371) for those.

Many people don't know this, but it's possible to read something you disagree with and simply move on with your life.  
*Submitted by John Forbis, A.K.A.*

Deadwood Swisshome Fire Dept Board mtg	Swisshome station (next to the Post Office)	September 10th, at 7 pm
Deadwood Food Coop	Orders due Pick up	September 20th. October 1
Third Saturday	Still cancelled	Cancelled
Mapleton Food Share-contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	September 10th and September 26th	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box-contact 541-925-3090	September 19th	11am-2pm
Second Sunday Market and Social Gathering	Still cancelled	cancelled

## Deadwood Creek Services News

Hey Everyone,  
Please check out our new DCS website and  
the playground page:

<https://www.deadwoodcreekservices.org/>

We are revamping the community center  
playground area and need your help.  
Either through submitting play  
structure design or donation of materials or  
funds towards this project.

We thank you in behalf of our community.

Thanks,  
DCS Board



"I dream of a day when a  
person is judged by the  
content of their character,  
and not the content of their  
wallet"

*Submitted by John Forbis*

## New Curmudgeon Re-entry Villanelle for Our Time

From bitter searching of the heart,  
quicken'd with passion and with pain,  
we rise to play a greater part.  
this is the faith from which we start =  
men shall know commonwealth again  
from bitter searching of the heart.  
we loved the easy and the smart,  
but now, with keener hand and brain,  
we rise to play a greater part.  
the lesser loyalties depart,  
and neither race nor creed remain  
from bitter searching of the heart.  
not steering by the venal chart  
that tricked the mass for private gain,  
we rise to play a greater part.  
reshaping narrow law and art  
whose symbols are the millions slain,  
from bitter searching of the heart  
we rise to play a greater part.

From a song by Leonard Cohen (1934-  
2016) from the Dear Heather album.  
Words by Frank Scott (1899-1985)  
Thanks Richie

### Loving You

Silently I call your name  
hoping you will feel me.  
as the shadows fall away from who we  
are,  
I find you in another time and place.  
rough around the edges; yet another  
form,  
linked to my own through all eternity.  
*Submitted by James Webb*

### Habitat for Humanity Bottle Drive

Is your storage bring overtaken by empty bottles and cans?

Florence Habitat for Humanity is hosting a bottle and can drive Saturday August 1st from 10 am- 2pm. This is a social distancing drive-thru event.

Just bring returnable bottles and cans that you wish to donate to the Restore Parking Lot. Volunteers will be on hand to unload them from your vehicle.

Funds raised from this event will be used toward replacing our very tired delivery truck.

Homes, communities, hope + you

*Submitted by*

Representative: Ivy Rash

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Humanity City: Florence, OR

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### Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery

Dear friends, we are sad to tell you of the sudden passing of our friend and fellow Board member, Duane Wills on June 2. Duane has served on the DPC Board for 4 years, and his ancestors at DPC include his mother, Velma Wills, brother Wendell Wills, stepfather Roy Mashke, and many Light, Leep and other family members. His delightful eulogy can be seen at <https://thesiuslawnews.com/article/duane-c-wills>.

We will miss his humor, energy and vision, and will always appreciate his contributions to the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery. Duane loved landscaping and helped on many projects and was most passionate about installing the Veterans' Memorial and honoring the veterans in his family and

community. We hope that he would approve of the final product!

Duane's passing leaves a hole in our hearts, but also an empty seat on our Board of Directors. If you have an interest in joining us, please contact our Board President, Gerry Burnett at 541-964-3057 or reply to this email.

Thank you,

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Andi Shattuck, Secretary

Megan Gerber, Special Projects

Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery

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[www.DeadwoodCem.org](http://www.DeadwoodCem.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/deadwoodcem.org/>

[http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=38703)

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## Join the Siuslaw Vision Team!

Our Team of passionate volunteer community builders is expanding and we need more voices from our upriver Siuslaw communities.

- ~ Support people who are turning community dreams into reality
- ~ Help make connections & coordinate resources
- ~ Make the Siuslaw region a better place to live, work and play!

**Learn More:**

[www.RiverCal.org/JoinTheVT](http://www.RiverCal.org/JoinTheVT)

[vision@siuslawvision.org](mailto:vision@siuslawvision.org)

541-590-2425



*Submitted by Stephanie Sarles*

## Siuslaw Watershed Council

### **Job Opening: Financial Manager**

After 5 years with the Council, our Financial Manager, Karen Skulley, is looking to retire. The Council is seeking an individual with skills in financial management, Quick Books fund accounting, Excel and other Microsoft Office applications for fiscal administration of grant projects and programs in addition to general office administrative support. The Financial Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organization's financial activities and includes, but is not limited to, budget analysis, implementing day to day financial activities, tracking project finances, creating reports, maintaining cash flow, and managing systems related to the organization's finances.

**Pay:** Part-time, hourly, non-exempt; \$18-22/hr based on qualifications and experience

**Benefits:** Paid sick, vacation, and holidays based on hours worked. Health benefit after a 60 day waiting period is 50% cost shared. 401(k) plan after a 6 month waiting period.

**Duration:** Ongoing (All positions grant funding dependent).

**Work Schedule:** 3/5 FTE approximately 24 hours/week. Schedule somewhat flexible, mainly weekdays, hours may vary seasonally.

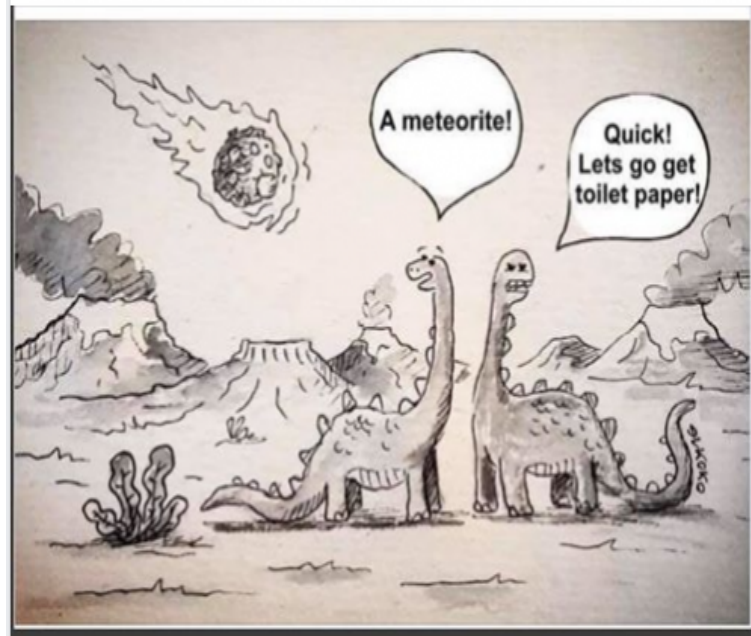
**Location:** Mapleton office with remote/work-from-home available

### **Application:**

To apply, send a cover letter, résumé, and names with contact information for three references, including a recent past supervisor, to [jobinfo@siuslaw.org](mailto:jobinfo@siuslaw.org) Position open until filled.

Questions may be directed to Mizu Burruss, Council Executive Director, at [coordinator@siuslaw.org](mailto:coordinator@siuslaw.org), no phone calls, please.

*Submitted by Mizu Burruss*



## Cooperation

The one non-negotiable is to face our vulnerabilities clearly and collaboratively. Windows of opportunity are finite and fleeting. As Yogi Berra said, "I knew I was going to take the wrong train, so I left early."

—Kenny Ausubel from *Honey we Shrank the Planet: Regime Change and Resilience Thinking*.

It is a time of stories, as in Biblical Stories. Many believe those stories are fantasy or fiction. They are. Each of us has a story.....the story of our life. The one we write for ourselves each day, each night, each year of our lives with all the responses, reactions and versions of reality that we chose given our own clarity and independence and in accordance with whatever version of the universe or g\*d head that we are able to implement.

I knew years ago the we (humanity) would be experiencing difficult times. You don't have to be a know-it-all to make such a grand prophesy. It is easy, what goes up must come down. We live in an empire. Vast wealth constantly cycles and downloads at the top on the doorsteps of the extremely wealthy. The middle class disappearance supplemented the never ending flow of money and capital to the upper-crust for a short while . Now the ex-middle class serve this short cycle of wealth ascension in partnership with the poor of the planet. This servitude has lasted an incredibly long time lending testimony to the tolerance and faith of humanity. Part of those two virtues, tolerance and faith, are born of naiveté and wishful thinking. At the same time, they are the cornerstone of our humanity.

My not-too-surprising prophesy said that if we were to survive the incoming deluge, that survival would be contingent on our ability for cooperation.

It is odd how we evolve/ devolve as a species. Not so long ago the European invaders of this continent issued a declaration, "Manifest Destiny"—their full and total ownership of this vast and rich continent. With the swipe of the feather-pen and utterance of a few words of English language, this continent was claimed to instantaneously belong to the conquerors without their guilt or remorse.

Conquistadores—cooperation. How do we exit the heart of darkness? How are we able to apply tolerance and faith?

Answer. Yes, answer!

*The neighborhood soup!*

I have faith that between us someone will find a rutabaga for the neighborhood soup. I have faith that someone will find a potato...someone else a bit of meat. I know that someone has a pinch of salt and a little pepper.

Another may bring a big enough pot and a little fuel for the cook fire.

...a stalk of celery, a beautiful carrot....  
fresh water

an onion, ahhh a clove of garlic.....

look, someone is coming with bread.

look again, loving cooperation is here with us

to help us make a soup.

It is good that we are not alone.

We have faith—

we will have soup tomorrow.

*Submitted by Richie Gross*

White people in America are clearly steeped in a very real moment. We are being urged to listen, reckon, reflect and act. We are being asked, in so many ways, to open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our brains in ways that many of us have never done before. And in doing so, there will certainly be feelings of guilt, remorse, sadness, outrage, confusion, compassion, and a myriad of other emotions and impulses coursing through us. However, if done right, what can come from this breakthrough societal moment cannot be denied. Following the lead of communities of color, what will emerge is a clarity to drive forward the efforts needed to break the cycles of oppression and racism - to dismantle the systems that validate oppression and racism. Together, we will build a just system that honors and respects all life. This is not only possible, but inevitable.

In a recent New York Times op-ed drafted by William Barber II, Liz Theoharis, Timothy B. Tyson and Cornel West entitled, “What the Courage to Change History Looks Like”, they said this:

“Cries of ‘I can’t breathe’ call out in compelling shorthand, America’s enduring racial chasm in every measure of well-being: health care and infant mortality, wages and wealth, unemployment, education, housing, policing and criminal justice, water quality and environmental safety. The bills that bustle through our legislatures offer narrow reforms of police procedures and bypass the fullness of what the protesters are saying: The children of privilege are protected not by a higher grade of policing, but by deeper layers of resources — and that is what ought to protect all of our children.”

The collective goes on to sharpen their ridicule of legislative bodies by saying, “you cannot solve what is happening to black people in this country by ‘mere policy tinkering’, but that you must dismantle “the interlocking systems created by and for white supremacy and gender-based oppressions.”

With dismantling comes the opportunity to rebuild, and how we rebuild will be crucial. Seeing the world as a collection of systems is so critical. It’s why the phrase “interlocking systems” is so powerful, by the truth it speaks. It is also why the Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) lays out various demands vs. narrowing their focus on just the brutality of policing towards black people. A critical piece - one that does not receive the attention it deserves to those “interlocking” platforms - is the call for community control:

“We demand a world where those most impacted in our communities control the laws, institutions, and policies that are meant to serve us – from our schools to our local budgets, economies, police departments, and our land – while recognizing that the rights and histories of our Indigenous family must also be respected.”

This is not a new demand, but one that has been part of the black resistance since its inception. The ability to self-determine is a necessary element for balance, equity, survival, evolution, and the protection of the sacred. This drive for self-determination - a community self-determination - cannot be stopped or ignored.

I include the two following clauses, not as a distraction from the focus on Black lives, but as a sharpening of that lens, by reminding everyone that the drive for community control is universal. It is inherent. It is what we all want and it can be a major aid in universally binding us together:

1) Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development. - *Article 3, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*

2) The people of Lincoln County possess both a collective and individual right of self-government in their local community, a right to a system of government that embodies that right, and the right to a system of government that protects and secures their human, civil, and collective rights. - *Law adopted by the people of Lincoln County, Oregon to ban aerial spray of pesticides*

The dismantling of “the interlocking systems, created by and for white supremacy and gender-based oppressions”, is a must. But before we even arrive at the moment where those systems come crumbling down, we need to vision what we want to collectively rebuild.

Recognizing that so many of us want the same things - that we understand that decentralizing power is vital to achieving our collective needs and desires, will be the very power that sends us on the path forward. Recognizing that whether we call it sovereignty or community control or self-government, we are saying the same thing - that we need to be decision-makers in our communities, thereby creating real, authentic, capital ‘D’, Democracy.

Barber, Theoharis, Tyson, and West finish their statement on the state of America and Black lives by saying, from a place of love and vision that, “All demand that our legacy must include a livable planet. Black and white, immigrant and Indigenous, Asian-American and Latinx, straight and L.G.B.T.Q., of every hue and faith...”

We are all being called out, called up, called to come together, and called to act. Let’s change history together.

*Submitted by Michelle Holman. Editors note-Previously published as an Op Ed in; The Eugene Register Guard, The Cottage Grove Sentinel, The Siuslaw News, Celldef.org, and Truth Out*





## **Friends of Florence**

Friends of Florence is seeking new drivers. This free bus service, for cancer patients who are receiving radiation treatment, operates Monday through Friday, all year long. A driver's shift requires approximately five hours, from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers typically drive once per month. The Friends' bus is a 14-passenger vehicle. A commercial driver's license is not required. "It's about the same size as a small RV," said Bart Mealer, Chief Operating Officer for the organization.

As a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the organization has taken several steps to help ensure the safety and health of drivers and passengers. Some of these steps are:

- All passengers including the driver will wear face coverings while on the bus.
- Everyone will have their temperatures taken prior to boarding the bus.
- We have limited the number of passengers on the bus to four. This allows for 6ft of physical distancing.
- The bus will be cleaned and sanitized daily at the end of each trip.

"Cancer patients have to travel to Eugene or Springfield daily for these radiation treatments—it's 160 miles roundtrip from Florence," added Mealer." Riding the bus helps ease the stress during this difficult time."

For over 34 years the Friends of Florence, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has transported patients roundtrip from Florence to the Willamette Valley Cancer Institute and to the Oregon Urology Institute. The bus leaves from Peace Harbor Hospital and, when requested, has pick-up locations in Mapleton and Veneta. The Friends maintain about 22 active drivers.

"Riding the bus also offers companionship for patients who are making this trip every

day. It shows them that they're not alone," said Mealer. "It's a traveling support group." If you are interested in driving for the Friends of Florence, please contact Bart Mealer at 541-997-8663.

*Submitted by Bart Mealer*

## **Editor's note about Ditto Changes**

Churpa Rosa/Rogers has resigned her position as Ditto editor. She was uniquely qualified for this lovely job and the community benefitted from her contributions greatly. Thank you Churpa. We have also experienced a change in the printing of the Ditto- Brian Stapp has given it up to Carina for the time being. Thank you Brian for helping us stay connected! We should discuss follow-up actions at the next DCS Annual Mtg in November.

## **Deadwood Creek Services Board Members**

Danelle Sundstrom, Kristie Guse,  
Mikelle Loar, Ami Levy,  
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