

DEADWOOD DITTO

JANUARY 2023



Siuslaw Family Table Event	January 6th 5pm-8pm See Article	Florence Events Center
Deadwood Food Coop members meeting	January 8th, 1pm - 2 pm	Deadwood Community Center
Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	January 21st, Saturday	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	January 12th, Thursday at 7 pm, Swisshome station (next to the Post Office)	Contact Mona Arbuckle @sd.rfpd.@gmail.com
Mapleton Food Share- contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	January 12, Thursday and January 28th, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	January 20th, Friday	10am-2pm
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To Winter & The New Year!

May 2023 bring us closer to peace

to clean earth

to justice & to each other.

by Mary Helen Canfield

submitted by Kaki



Deadwood Food Coop

The Deadwood Co-op is a food buying club composed 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 and occasional special orders. Ordering information can be found in the Deadwood Trading Post under the Food Coop tab. If you are a new member you will need the passwords to the catalogues. Contact Yvonne Pappagallo yvonnepappy@gmail.com for those.

!!!Food Tri-Annual Meeting!!!

We have not had an Annual Meeting in a while. This is a good time to get together and ask questions and voice our concerns. Our meeting will be on January 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Deadwood Community Center.

If anyone would like to submit agenda requests, they can be emailed to: yvonpappy@gmail.com before January 1, 2023. Stay warm! *Yvonne Pappagallo*





The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold a Board meeting at 7:00 PM on January 12th, 2023, at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480.

The meeting agenda will include:

OLD BUSINESS : 1. Station 13 2. Banking

NEW BUSINESS: 1. WLFEA response

Review of Policies and Procedures

This notice is provided in accordance with ORS 192.640(1)

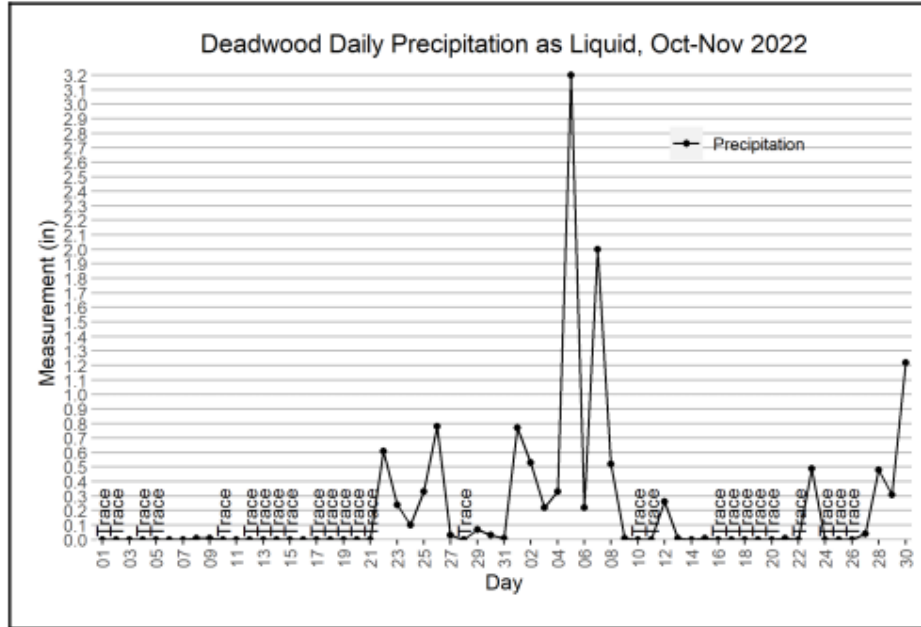
Regular meetings of the fire board are held at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Swisshome fire station unless otherwise posted. Requests for accommodations can be addressed to sd.rfpd@gmail.com.

Notices of future meetings will be posted at the following locations:

- Swisshome Post Office, Deadwood Post Office, SDRFPD.ORG, Deadwood
Ditto submitted by *Mona Arbuckle*

**Happy
New Year!**

Look At Our Precipitation Records



Where: Lower Deadwood Creek

When: morning

Questions? abfarmer232@gmail.com

Month	Total Precip	Total Evap	Notes
Sept	0.97"	2.33"	Stopped measuring evapotranspiration on September 28
Oct	2.22	NA	
Nov	10.63	NA	

Submitted by Aradia & Brandon Farmer



In my new clothes

This morning Someone else. Basho Submitted by Kaki

12 Deadwood New Year's Resolutions

1. Be out of bed in the morning by 10:30 - ish.
2. Stop releasing my trapped mice on my neighbors property.
3. Not to laugh when hunters stop at my house to ask directions while holding up their cell phones and shaking their heads.
4. Join the family Polar Bear club swimming once a month in the creek - starting in August.
5. Give blackberries a chance.
6. Drive at least once a year to Alsea over the mountain roads and find my way home.
7. Stop giving advice - chocolate is a much better option.
8. Step into the carport when chatting with friends in the rain.
9. Know my mushrooms.
10. Stop wearing my pajama bottoms to Florence.
11. Talk to others more than to myself.
12. Not to say, "Here kitty, kitty, kitty" when I see a cougar.

Submitted by Kaki and Billy



After what seems like an eternity, long enough to have lost the shine

A rainbow

Are we on the end of it?

Jan Kinney

Ray's Corner

Many sources of neurotoxic contaminant pollution are never adequately assessed or regulated, because the politicians control the funding that supplies environmental protection agencies. They are afraid of loss of election funding. Industry lobbies want to prevent the agencies from doing due diligence monitoring those sources. There is a list of neurotoxic contaminant sources that never get any funding to agencies to assess that pollution with scientific integrity. Agencies fear punitive loss of other funding they need to continue doing their other work for us, so they avert their eyes to the need and minimize any other evidence indicating a need. Mercury is spewed out of the many crematoria in our cities, to be moved on winds and scattered out across the city and land, falling everywhere to increase the methyl mercury in our environment. Other neurotoxic metals such as lead and cadmium, that are both additive and synergistic with the methyl mercury exposures are similarly avoided and are accumulating in our environments. Lead sinkers roll around in millions of tackle boxes, creating a coating of pure lead black powder that gets on our hands, sandwiches, apples, cooler ice and fish to take home to the whole family, repeatedly. This NEVER gets investigated by any agencies that we hire to actually do 'environmental protection' for us! Lead sinkers by the thousands get lost in hydrologically active salmon streams that are more acidic than most other waters. Riverine potholes grind up the sinkers, exponentially increasing surface area so that they dissolve much faster. None of this ever gets investigated enough for the states to restrict the dumping of this severely toxic metal into our salmon streams. The salmon that we are spending many millions of dollars on in order to recover the population have to swim in all of this contamination to reach the ocean phase of their life cycles. This is 'looney toons', a total affront to the idea that salmon restoration effort is 'science based'. Lead is not only in the dissolved phase reaching the ocean, but also as ultra fine (colloidal) particles flowing down river and out into the ocean, heavily contaminating the near shore and continental shelf with lead and methyl mercury. Environmental assessment never gets adequate pointed investigation.

Submitted by Ray Kinney, as a private water quality advocate



Hope. Work. Appreciation.

Gratitude for laughter

Who needs another reason?

Jan Kinney

Local Families Invited to Connection & Conversation Event - Free Dinner & Free Childcare Provided!

Calling local families! On Jan. 6 from 5-8 p.m., you're invited to the Siuslaw Family Table Event at the Florence Events Center.

Dinner and child care will be provided so that adults can meet, greet, learn and discuss. The event is free.

Come join us for a community think tank to inspire solutions for things like child care, family activities, community spaces, Miller Park updates and more! The event is for everyone in the Siuslaw region: Florence, Dunes City, Mapleton, Swisshome and Deadwood. A bus will be available from Mapleton to provide transportation for upriver residents.

“My favorite part of living in a small town is knowing that I can have a voice in local decision making,” said Anika Miller, local parent and community organizer for Siuslaw Family Connection. “I want my children to grow up in a community where they get to see passionate people do inspiring things.”

Local community organizations and leaders will join us to share and explore affordable, inclusive, high-quality solutions for families in Western Lane County.

“A family-friendly community benefits all of us,” said Stephanie Sarles, Siuslaw Vision coordinator. “Often, those who serve in health care professions, keep your favorite local restaurant going, or maintain our beautiful environment are people with young children.”

This event is brought to you by Siuslaw Vision and Siuslaw Family Connection.

Submitted by Anika Miller

Year by year

The monkey's mask

Reveals the monkey

Basho

Submitted by Kaki



Dear Siuslaw Watershed Council Members



This year the Siuslaw Watershed Council is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Formalized as a non-profit organization in 1997, the SWC has been committed to holistic watershed restoration and stewardship for a quarter of a century. Spawned by a small group of dedicated watershed conservation practitioners and native fish enthusiasts, many of whom remain pivotal collaborators, the SWC has grown into a network of over 800 people!

As a member of the SWC, you play a critical role in the work of the Council. Together, we have completed innumerable projects encompassing a diverse array of habitat restoration strategies, from in-stream large wood placement to tidal wetland reconnection to culvert replacement to environmental education. Our programs and practices are built to adapt to evolving science, and over the years we have implemented both tried-and-true as well as cutting edge restoration strategies with lasting results. The map below demonstrates the breadth of watershed restoration projects in the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes basins over the last 25 years.

In 2022, the SWC continued to work with local partners to implement restoration and environmental programming across the watershed. In February, we distributed more than 10,000 plants to local community members through our [Native Plant Distribution](#) (NPD) program. Our goal with NPD is for community members to collectively steward native riparian vegetation across all reaches of the watershed. This Fall, along with project partners and contractors, we replaced defunct culverts and thereby expanded accessible native fish habitat.

Our team is also managing restoration designs on multiple wetland reconnection projects in the estuary and fish passage projects in the headwaters. In June, we held our first Watershed Camp since 2019 and hosted 50 children in a weeklong exploration of the local flora and fauna. Excluding the pandemic, the SWC Watershed Camp has occurred every year since 2004. More and more, we are starting to hear stories of Watershed Camp alumni who have gone on to contribute to watershed stewardship in their adult lives. This, and the extraordinary success of camp in 2022 has inspired us to expand our Watershed Camp in 2023!

The SWC is also gearing up for a monumental year of restoration in 2023, backed by a long history (a quarter century to be exact!) of collaboration, community involvement, and project implementation. Following the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board's recent six-year investment in the [Siuslaw Coho Partnership](#) through the [Focused Investment Partnership \(FIP\) award](#), the SWC and our local partners have an exciting slate of project design and implementation in 2023! Our FIP initiative is directed towards the OWEB ecological priority of Coho habitat and populations along the coast and is based on our Partnership's Strategic Action Plan for Coho Recovery in the Siuslaw and

Coastal Lakes Basins. You can read more about specific projects in our upcoming newsletters!

Please consider recognizing the SWC's 25th anniversary and our accomplishments since 1997 by making a year-end gift. We are currently raising \$25,000 to support our community engagement programs. In addition to physical habitat restoration, the SWC also views environmental education and general community engagement as pivotal components of watershed stewardship. We provide programs for over 650 children and families annually, through student field trips, our Watershed Camp, and monthly recreation and education events for the community. These unique events bring people together to cultivate a collective enthusiasm for watershed stewardship, as well as provide opportunities for hands-on learning about the natural world through on-the-ground research, restoration, and conservation efforts.

Your membership, donations, and attendance at events help us continue our work restoring floodplain connectivity, riparian vegetation, instream complexity, and ultimately, bringing more fish home! Thank you.

Wishing all of the Siuslaw community a happy and cozy holiday season.

With gratitude,

Rosemary Pazdral SWC Executive Director

P.S. Donate today and take advantage of charitable donation tax deductions in 2023 (SWC TIN: 93-1234456)! Consult with your tax advisor for more information.

It's time to order!

Our annual [Native Plant Distribution](#) (NPD) is just around the corner. The Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) will once again provide free native plants for riparian and lakeside planting in the Siuslaw Basin and Coastal Lakes areas. Trees planted along streams provide bank stability, filter nutrients, and increase shade, which helps keep our waters cool for salmon and trout. Increasing the abundance of native species will also help the local flora outcompete unwanted invasive plant species.

Planting native species within our local riparian zones is important to us and we understand it can be a lot of work. If you're needing help with site preparation and upkeep, please reach out. Assistance is available from SWC for free on a limited basis. Call our office (541-268-3044) or email nativeplants@siuslaw.org to request help from SWC habitat restoration technicians. Funding is provided by the Coast Range Stewardship Fund and the Bonneville Environmental Foundation.

Visit the [NPD page](#) on our website to get started! *Submitted by Britnee Church*