

DEADWOOD DITTO

FEBRUARY 2023



Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	February 18th, Saturday	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	February 9th, 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	February 9th, Thursday and February 25th, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	February 17th, Friday	10am-2pm
Family Game Day	February 26th, Sunday	Deadwood Community Center 2PM
Deadwood Food Coop	Every other month	Yvonne Pappagallo contact
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Dear Deadwood Community,

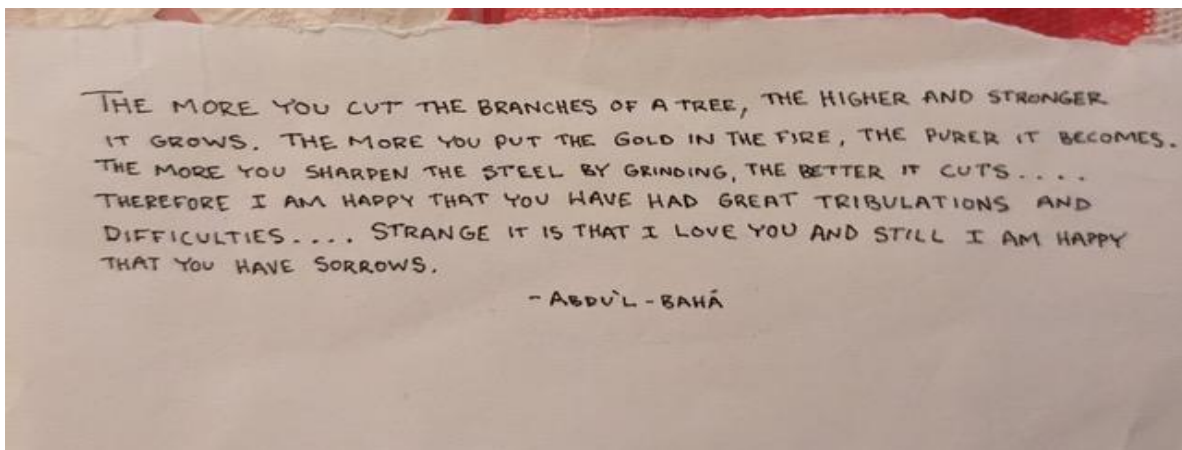
We are excited to invite you to join us for a Family Game Day on February 26th, 2pm at the Deadwood Community Center - hot cocoa & cider included! As you may know, we have recently been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Three Rivers Foundation to fund new playground equipment at the Community Center. We want to make sure that this new playground is tailored to the desires of our community, and we need your help to make that happen.

Game Day is an opportunity for the community to get cozy with a warm drink, play (bring your favorite game to share!), and give your ideas and feedback on what you would like to see in a new playground or what you can contribute to making it happen. The kids will be the VIP participants and their input is important to us! Please contact courtneyreneestone@gmail.com if there are any ways we can accommodate your children.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the Deadwood community. We look forward to working together to continue creating a fantastic play space for our kids.

The DCS Board - Ami Levy, Danel Sundstrom, Maggie Muir, Kate Harnady, Courtney Stone

P.S. We are also continuing to raise funds and support through tax-deductible donations online at www.deadwoodcreekservices.org or by mail to PO Box 12 Deadwood, OR, 97430. When making a donation, please note that it is for the playground. *Submitted by Courtney Stone*



Submitted by Michelle Holman

Third Saturday

Deadwood Community Center
3rd Saturdays
presents...



CASANOISTRA

World Music – Mediterranean, Classical,
Gypsy, Eastern European & African
February 18, 2023



COMMUNITY POTLUCK at 6:30 MUSIC following at 7:30
Labeled potluck dishes, \$\$\$ for band and donations to Deadwood Creek Services greatly appreciated!

DEADWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
4.3 MILES UP DEADWOOD CREEK ROAD

CASANOISTRA, "Our Home" in Italian, is a 4 piece band who performs a range of world music from Classical to Gypsy to African. Lead guitarist and virtuoso musician Deva Priyo imbues his mediterranean heritage and world travels into his music, while violinist Natasha Popova brings more virtuoso talent and classical skill bringing fast, driving tunes from eastern Europe. They are joined by vocalist and rhythm guitarist Jessica and percussionist Carlito - together they will transport you through space and time, in the way only cultural music can!

Community potluck at 6:30, music following at 7:30
Submitted by Kate Harnedy



The New Curmudgeon

The precarious uncertainty of being or/ is it vogue or is it vague as frustration is essential to satisfaction so neediness is essential to our sense of being in control. It's paradoxical that we see it as a weakness when it is such a fixed element in our lives. We are alarmingly dependent on a very uncertain world for our sustenance and wellbeing. Capitalism breeds a mentality of scarcity. It's hard to feel like we have enough when we're constantly trying to accumulate more. Once you stop hoarding what you fear to lose, you find that the more you share, the richer in community and wellbeing you become. The relations of need and dependency is heavily influenced by marketing media that presents the

image you must maintain. Few of us know how to deal with our emotions and, once again, the media presents an external solution. People often turn their fears into aggression, form gangs, commit mass murders. These people are scared, and there's plenty of fuel for that fear. We will all encounter illness, loss, grief and aging and we are inadequately prepared by a culture that provides externals as a means of measuring ourselves....namely possessions. If you don't consume, you're nobody. We are reasoning creatures and our emotions are part of us reasoning ourselves. Emotions are a response to an awareness of value or importance and part of a system of ethical reasoning capable of providing good or bad guides to ethical choice. It's messy. Emotions reveal to us that we are vulnerable to events we can't control. we cannot trust emotions to be our moral guide. We are choked on too much matter that cannot be digested and too much experience that has not, cannot, be imagined and understood both on an individual level and as a civilization. The result being a tendency towards anomie...to reject everything. Structures break down and there is nothing to hold onto. People withdraw into private worlds. We must keep ourselves open to pain, and life is an endless provider... to live with the duality of keeping the light aflame without turning away from the darkness. In a perfect world there would be no one who would want to grab more than their share, but until we are perfect, we will continue to have this problem, and indeed, fight wars over it. Are we considering destroying the world to prevent aggression...we are the primary resource of a possible future. It is easier to reduce people, place and even ideas into flattened renderings so as to avoid grappling with the nuances of contradiction they contain. To lose the ever present frame of reference we so depend on and get "out of the box" is to experience reality from a new perspective. In the forest, inosculation is the fusing together of two separate trees into a single organism. in this universe, to recognize ourselves as particles of it, indelibly linked to every other particle, is to recognize that "we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality" *MLK*. We must hold ourselves responsible to be our "brothers keeper". either that or we live in a world of strangers. How can this be in such a shrinking world? Crisis mongering by the media brings on a paralysis from the apparent imbalance of world problems and our own personal agency, a particular pathology of the information age. The sanctity of life somehow cheapened, the sacred dimension of human existence gone, and yet the smallest act sows the seed of boundlessness. As *Van Gogh* said "However meaningless and vain, however dead life appears, the man (ptp) of faith, of energy, of warmth...steps in and does something". Think in those terms and do something! Ethos is an interesting specific whose origin has faded into myth. We embody certain values and beliefs beyond conscious knowing. They manifest in our actions and words. We subtly influence the ethos of our descendants, both family and friends and also of place. Ethos is both ineffable and alchemic. What ways of moving through the world will we leave in this sanctuary when we move on? What ethos will the next residents inherit?

Submitted by James Webb



The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold a Board meeting at **7:00 PM on**

February 9th, 2023, at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480.

The meeting agenda will include:

OLD BUSINESS:

Station 13

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





Today is a big day for Mel. The Niners and the Eagles contend for the conference championship. Mel had his Niners sweatshirt set out two days ago in anticipation of this game. He has refused to wash it since the season began back in September 2022 because it might diminish the luck that has accumulated to date. In any case, he slipped it over his clothes at what he considered the most auspicious moment after rising today - before the

chickens were even out of bed. I could tell by the odor of unlaundered polyester/cotton blend what he was up to. My beloved insists that it could spoil the luck if he were to reveal how he calculates the timing for this ungodly early ritual.

I made the mistake of suggesting to Mel that he instead put on his lucky sweatshirt exactly 49 minutes before the game starts. Admittedly, I cooked this up so I could sleep in - kick off isn't until noon. Mel responded with something between a mutter and a growl. Clearly a rejection. He argued that his sacred Niners garment needs to be worn for as long as possible prior to the beginning of the competition on game day. This allows the maximum amount of time for the fibers of his special sweatshirt to be infused with pure, unadulterated luck. I guess luck is a very finicky thing. I can only speculate as I am the household heretic who does not believe that luck arrives by surprise like an elusive but highly vaunted guest at a fancy dinner party. I, myself, embrace hard work as a felicitous tool for attracting good fortune. In other words, we make our own luck.

Exasperated, I told Mel if it would make him feel better, I would drive to Eugene and pump a few parking meters @ 49 cents each to improve the chances of success for the Niners. Lost in a mental fog of pre-game anxiety, he agreed that it might be best if I leave the house altogether. He won't admit it, but I think he is afraid that I might upset the layout of some of the objects he places here and there on game days. My personal fave is the Niners ball cap that rests on the neck of an old Mateus bottle filled with loose coin. Its shape is buxom and the wine it held was cheap and easy to drink back in the day. It exudes a kind of licentiousness that Mel may configure into his paeons to the spirits of football. Moreover, he thinks I don't know about this, so carefully has he secreted it away in a forlorn corner of the closet in our spare bedroom. (Can you spell "spring cleaning?" As an obsessive-compulsive type, I don't miss an inch.)

In closing, I'll share with you that I can't wait until my honey leaves for Arizona and baseball training games in March. It's awfully cold out here in this pup tent and the wi-fi isn't very good.

Submitted by Jodi Gurtov

Mapleton School Calendar

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February is Black History Month			1	2 MS Boys & Girls BB @ T-Lake HS Boys & Girls BB vs. Mohawk	3 No School	4 HS Boys BB @ Powers 5:00
5	6 MS Boys & Girls BB @ McKenzie	7 HS Boys & Girls BB vs. Siletz	8 MS Boys & Girls BB vs. Eddyville	9 Sforza Faire 4:30 HS Boys BB vs. Alsea HS Girls BB vs Monroe (Senior Night)	10 No School Professionals Development Day	11
12 Lions Club Breakfast 7:30-10:30	13 MS Boys & Girls BB vs. Crow	14 Valentine's Day	15 Board Meeting 6:00	16	17 No School	18
19	20 No School Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24 School Day	25
26	27	28				

It's Coming

Take a look

Are the Oso Berry dropping their stinky flowers?
 Is the Fetid Adders Tongue offering it's small orchid?
 Do clouds of Hazelnut pollen soften the air?

Yes, yes, yes

Submitted by Jan Kinney