

DEADWOOD DITTO

NOVEMBER 2023



Waterfall photography hike up Sweet Creek	November 4th, Saturday 4-6 p.m.	Led by Tim Moffet, meet at trailhead
SWC New Project informational meeting	November 7th, Tuesday 12p.m.	Deadwood Community Center
Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	November 18th, Saturday	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	November 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	November 9th, Thursday and November 25th, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	November 17th, Friday	10am-2pm
Deadwood Ditto deadwoodditto@yahoo.com kinneyjan1@gmail.com	Submissions due the 26th of the month, with distribution very close to the first of the next month	Editor Jan Kinney, and sometimes Kaki Burruss. Distribution James Webb and Aaron Buckwald
Deadwood Food Coop	Order deadline- November 19th, Sunday. Pick up date- November 28th, Tuesday. Info available on Deadwood Trading Post under Food Coop tab	Yvonne Pappagallo contact yvonnppappy@gmail.com
Save the date for presentation by Kate Harnaday, Poalo Stupia, Brian Hill	Dec 1st, Friday- 6:30 at the Deadwood Community Center	Check out article

Deadwood Food Coop News

For those of you who would like to drop your orders off at the Community Center you can, there is a old black mailbox inside the door on the left, it sits on the bench, otherwise there is still the drop off at Kaki & Billy's if you are closer to their place 91538 Deadwood Creek Road. The red cooler in their carport is the spot to drop off your order before 5:00 pm on Sunday, November 19, 2023. If you live further up Deadwood Creek you can drop your order off in my mailbox 93519 Deadwood Creek Rd before 5:00 pm on Sunday, November 19, 2023. Make sure there is the original order and 1 copy of your order. You can download the Food Coop Order Form on the Deadwood Trading Post website or use the online order form.

Also the login for Hummingbird has been changed to yvonpappy@gmail.com the password remains the same. We will be doing a produce order this month, I will send the produce list from Organically Grown week before your order is due.

Food distribution will still be at Denice and Chuck's house.

I will be emailing your balances from the September order shortly.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 541-964-5581 or 541-999-0729.

Please put the above dates on your calendars.

Welcome to Fall and Standard time!!

Submitted by Yvonne Pappagallo



3rd Saturdays
welcomes back to Deadwood...



**CORWIN BOLT
& THE WINGNUTS**
November 18, 2023

*Original String Band influenced
by bluegrass, old time, ragtime
& American folk music*

COMMUNITY POTLUCK at 6:30
MUSIC following at 7:30

*Please bring labeled potluck dishes, donations for
performers and Deadwood Creek Services*

DEADWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
4.3 MILES UP DEADWOOD CREEK ROAD

Come out to the Deadwood Community Center for Third Saturday on November 18th! This month we welcome back to Deadwood... **Corwin Bolt & The Wingnuts!** Community Potluck dinner at 6:30, music at 7:30. Corwin Bolt & The Wingnuts are a string band formed in 2014 from Eugene Oregon. We don't really play bluegrass. We play a handful of bluegrass tunes and are influenced by the genre and have played the music in other incarnations. We don't really play old-time music or ragtime or country music in their purest forms either. But we do reflect these styles of American folk music in our performance. We are a string band and mostly we play original music. Our most recent recording project was a mixing together of our songs with the songs of Scott Joplin. We blended the melodies of his solo piano pieces with songs of our own and added lyrics to some of his music. We did similar arrangements of the large ensemble works of Jellyroll Morton into versions for 5-piece string band. Some of the fiddle rags from string bands of the early 20th century are also represented in this album, including the works of Arthur Smith and Ted Hawkins.



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The Board meeting agenda will include:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and BILLS:

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy Review 1.16, 1.17, 1.34, 1.35, 1.40, 1.41, 2.1

Station 13

Banking

WLFEA merger/ Quick Response Team/EMS calls

NEW BUSINESS: (none at this time)

CORRESPONDENCE:

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

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



DEADWOOD BIRTHDAY CALENDAR 2024



Deadwood Creek Services (DCS) is seeking submissions for the 2024 Birthday Calendar, our historic yearly fundraising calendar and beloved Deadwood community tradition! This year our Deadwood Birthday Calendar will be in memory of Johnny Sundstrom. Johnny had a relationship with the land. It shaped his work at Rock Creek, in Deadwood and

the Siuslaw watershed.

What is your creative reflection on being a "person at home in a place?" We welcome photos inspired by Johnny, and of Deadwood in all seasons. Since we have limited space additional submissions will be featured in a future edition of the Deadwood Ditto!

Images are printed in *black & white* and horizontal orientation at 8.5" x 11."

Email photos to katehphoto@gmail.com by November 15, 2023.

Thank you to Chris Kennedy of Alpha Farm for their work on the 2023 Alpha Farm Calendar in Memory of Caroline Estes. Photo from Chris and the Deadwood Calendar attached.

Additional photo of Johnny Sundstrom by Kate Harnedy



Submitted by Kate Harnedy



Photo from a gathering in Bernède Valley (near Massat), Ariège county, Pyrenees, France.
Picture circa 1980-1985. From Paolo Stuppia's collection.

SAVE THE DATE

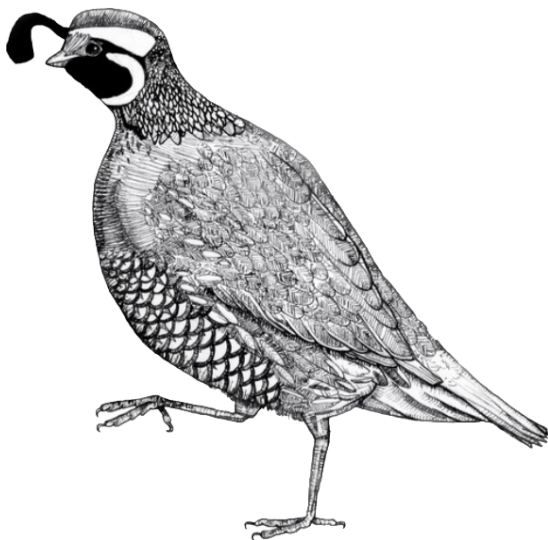
Reflections on the Back-to-the-Land Movement in Europe and the American West

Presentation by members of the Counterculture History
Coalition and the Back-to-the-Land Project followed by
community conversation

Paolo Stuppia - Phd in Political Science (Paris France)
Brian Hill - Cultural Anthropologist (Denny California)
Kate Harnedy - Photographer & Community Archivist
(Deadwood Oregon)

Friday December 1st, 6:30pm
Deadwood Community Center

contact katehphoto@gmail.com for more info



Tailed by fox sparrow
11 quail graze about
Unfazed by the rain.
Kaki

"Suspended"

No blemishes on the horizon

nothing

to vitiate a sense of

permanence

Illusion is accepted

because there is no urgency

in this moment

even as the moment flees and

the eyes turn inward

Shall these thoughts be fixed firmly

enough to dispose of them?

Ultimately

there is nothing to act on if one accepts

a personal reality of

infinite horizons

And so we stretch interiorly as the mind

settles experience

into a foaming coalescence

of this existence

yvonne de miranda © October '23

New Curmudgeon

This One's For The birds

As I sit drinking my a.m. coffee, I watch the four remaining mountain quail competing with the jays for their ration of scattered seed.. I am thankful there are a few left, considering the density of cats in the area, and thankful for those that support them in whatever way they can. I've nothing against cats (except that they consume an estimated four billion birds a year...that's domestic cats). It's the cat "owners" who bear this responsibility. Cats will do what cats do and keeping them well fed is not an answer. This cat problem is the single largest effector on the decreasing bird population. We have influenced the balance in favor of our pets. I'm sure the number of so called "cat owners" far exceeds that of bird supporters. Part of that responsibility is ignored when proper measures are not taken to control the burgeoning population. Once again, cats will do what all animals do for instinctual preservation of the species. This irresponsibility of humans stems from: being unaware of this necessary balance, being too cheap to deal with it or not caring one way or the other. And there are those that, for their own reasons, insist on continuing their bloodline of special cats. One always hears of their prowess in catching rodents...nothing to say about birds....but good hunters are good bird hunters. I've been on both sides of this fence, keeping up to three cats at a time. They were always spayed. My recent entry into the ranks of bird supporters comes first from the obvious radical decline in the local bird population...certainly not to be blamed on cats alone, but that's one area in which we can have some effect. Instead of getting all ruffled about this writing (are you feeling guilty?) do some research on the problem and care in whatever way you can...please.

Cornell univ dept. of ornithology get the free id app and enjoy what birds are left

Submitted by James Webb



Siuslaw Watershed Council

Hello Deadwood community,

What cools water?

What stabilizes banks?

What traps sediment and filters pollutants?

Riparian vegetation does! It provides shade to the water, which helps in cooling it down. Cooler water temperatures are essential for the health of aquatic life, including fish species. The root systems of native plants help in stabilizing the banks of water bodies. Their extensive root networks bind the soil together, preventing erosion and maintaining the integrity of stream banks. Native plants act as natural filters. Their roots trap sediment, preventing it from entering the water, and they absorb pollutants, improving water quality for both wildlife and the community.

We're excited to announce a new initiative aimed at enhancing the riparian areas along legacy farms on Deadwood Creek. By focusing on riparian enhancement, particularly through the planting of native species, we can ensure the long-term health of the creek. The efforts include removal of invasive species, native plant revegetation, and installing fences.

We encourage landowners with properties along the riparian areas of Deadwood Creek to come to the Deadwood Community Center on November 7th at 12:00pm. This meeting will provide you with more information about this exciting opportunity and help you determine if your property qualifies for this funding initiative.

This program is akin to our longest-running program—Native Plant Distribution (NPD), but with a focus on dedicating more time, supplies, and support to specific properties for a period of at least two years.

We eagerly anticipate seeing you on November 7th and working together to enhance the beauty and sustainability of Deadwood Creek.

Siuslaw Watershed Council

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The New Curmudgeon (again) Don't Want You to Miss Your Dose of Philosophy
the Last Hurrah

What if there is a "last hurrah"...I like one of the last a little better. when something is set up as a "last", there is an expectation of bittersweet finality in which we ramp up our emotional fervor as we partake in whatever we conceive as appropriate ritual. It is a tempting vision designed to validate our relationship with reality involving friends, family or maybe just an event or series of events we believe is coming to some sort of terminus...a macabre celebration of "olde times". What is important in such a setting? Do we ask for forgiveness for all perceived past transgressions? Is it a moral imperative that we see ourselves as forgiven by our friends and peers...that we "go out" with a clean slate? Then what about our relationship with our earth, our planet. Do we feel a need to ask this "mote of dust" with which we have spent our years to forgive our deeds? It's all too complex for me to do more than ask the questions. Are you an earthly resident who's paid their rent, balanced the benefits with contributions and given back as much as you've received? This implies some concept of moral obligation which automatically comes with the territory. Does the bulk of population have this awareness? It doesn't seem obvious that we do or we wouldn't be in this mess. maybe we'll get a last hurrah.

Submitted by James Webb

Memories of Johnny



Since Johnny Sundstrom died on August 10th, the Siuslaw Watershed Council has been mourning the loss of more than just a cherished elder statesman. His vision was a vital force for restoration efforts; for decades Johnny stood at the center of the local conservationist network that he played such a key role in organizing. Known for his ability to build bridges and connect unlikely allies, Johnny was integral in defining the ethos at the center of the Council's work.

He respected all forms of life in the watershed, from old growth trees and spotted owls to loggers and farmers, and his pragmatism and integrity could bring even the most distrustful stakeholders to the table. Though he had long ceded most of his conservation responsibilities to younger generations, his continued presence at meetings and events was a quiet reminder of his belief that conservation must be undertaken with the knowledge of what is at stake—that we have everything to lose, and everything to gain.

Johnny first got involved in local conservation after years spent dedicating himself to the home front. At Rock Creek Ranch, the remote Upriver property he and his land partners bought in 1976, he practiced intentional land management while raising a family. His greatest mentor during this time was the land itself, and he was eager to hone his vision by learning what it had to teach him.

One of his yearly highlights was watching the salmon runs from the creek that ran through his property. He loved to observe them at home in their habitat—"fighting, breeding, dying, coming home—all that's fascinating," he explained in a [Siuslaw Watershed Council video](#). So when salmon populations started to decline, Johnny noticed right away. Knowing that losing the salmon would be catastrophic for the forest he lived in, he and his neighbors sought for ways to effectively advocate for their ecosystem.

But in his entry into conservation he set himself apart from the entrenched battle being waged throughout the 80's between environmentalists and the logging industry. He may have set out to protect the deep woods that were his refuge, but he could also see how environmentalists alienated locals they needed as allies. His children went to school in Mapleton alongside the children of loggers, and as a rancher his approach to land management was far more practical than utopian. The folly of pitting the needs of the economy and the environment against one another was obvious to him. In his mind the question was how to align seemingly separate interests until the relationship between economy and environment became symbiotic.

It also didn't hurt that before he settled in the Siuslaw Watershed, Johnny had spent the 1960's acquiring a formidable track record of political conflict with the U.S. government. He saw no appeal in increasing federal environmental restrictions to the detriment of locals. Instead, he wanted to find creative solutions which made sense to the community, that they could execute themselves. As Johnny explained it, "The whole thing about collaboration is that if it's done right, nobody gets

everything they want but everybody gets something. And it's got to be based on mutual benefit. Maybe not for this project, maybe not even for this year. But over time it has to pay off in some way for everyone."

Johnny was as rooted in his community as it is possible for one person to be. But he was also a visionary whose impact spanned continents and crossed oceans. The walls of his home were lined with bookshelves—he read everything from Russian literature to the classic Westerns of Louis L'Amour. Johnny had always been a thinker. He was the rare individual whose eye for detail could also take in the bigger picture, and his conservation work was informed by deep contemplation. One of his favorite topics was the way place shaped the human experience, or as he succinctly put it, "people at home in a place."

When the success of his conservation efforts made him a fixture at watershed restoration conferences all over the world, he was able to see this principle at work in the farthest flung locations. Everywhere he went, he looked for the place in the people and the people in the place, and what he found was a home nearly every place he went. His loss may be most deeply felt by members of his immediate community, but they are joined in mourning by his adopted family from the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming, his friends among Maasai herders in Kenya, and fellow conservationists as far afield as Australia and Northern Russia.

The years since his son Shiloh died in a 2015 hit and run were likely the hardest of Johnny's life. The two were incredibly close. Shiloh had shared his father's conservationist vision and taken it in new directions, and they understood each other in a way that appeared effortless. Shiloh's death cut his father's will to live to the quick. But even in the face of such incalculable loss, Johnny never lost sight of the bigger picture. He continued to tend to the conservationist network he had worked so hard to build, drew his community in even closer, and urged the next generations to take their place in the struggle for a better world.

In spite of everything, he remained a person at home in a place. Most evenings found Johnny sitting on his weathered porch at Rock Creek Ranch, watching the sunlight slowly disappear from the forested mountain ridge that served as his horizon line. From there, he loved to observe the comings and goings of his farm, from a scurrying flock of sheep to his daughter and granddaughter ambling hand-in-hand down the road. He relished the slow moments that let him listen to the land. The world Johnny left behind will remember him for the thousand things he did and was—a storyteller, forest dweller, rancher, conservationist, thespian, revolutionary, man of letters, rainforest cowboy, and living bridge between all sorts of people with nothing in common other than having the good fortune to be in his fold. If the thought of filling his shoes feels daunting to those of us charged with continuing his legacy, that's as it should be. There is no replacing a man with the character and gravitas of Johnny Sundstrom. The best we can do is to hold his vision close, carry on the work, and try everything we can think of to make him proud.

--Written by Holly Devon for the Siuslaw Watershed Council, submitted by Rosemary Pazdral

Meet our new Executive Director!...



The Siuslaw Watershed Council Board of Directors is happy to announce that we have selected our next Executive Director, Tim Moffett! Tim is a natural leader, reliable, collaborative, and committed to the SWC's mission. He has been working at the SWC for two years as our Education and Outreach Project Manager. During this time, he has significantly expanded the SWC's education program, hosting hundreds of local children on environmental programs each year and increasing the size of our Watershed Camp. Prior to joining the SWC staff, he served as a SWC volunteer for several years. Before coming to the Siuslaw watershed seven years ago, Tim worked in the northeastern US managing conservation preserves for a small land trust. He holds a B.A. in Geography from Indiana University, and recently completed the Master Naturalist program at Oregon State University. Through his work with the Council, as well as his extracurricular responsibilities, Tim is very involved in the Siuslaw watershed community. He serves on the board of the Western Lane Community Foundation and he is a captain for the Mapleton Fire Department volunteer crew. In his time off, Tim enjoys gardening, stewarding his riparian restoration project, and going on adventures with his family—around the world and in his own backyard. Please join us in welcoming Tim as SWC Executive Director! Also.....

Education and outreach project manager Tim Moffett will lead a casual hike along Siuslaw National Forest's Sweet Creek Trail in Mapleton on **Saturday, November 4th, 4:00-6:00 PM**. The focus will be on waterfall photography, using whatever cameras participants have available, from cell phones to DSLRs. Enjoy the last of daylight saving time outdoors, and then recover with an extra hour of sleep as clocks turn back overnight. Participation is limited to the first dozen registrants. In the case of inclement weather, the workshop may be rescheduled. However, light rain will be tolerated. Those using DSLR cameras will be able to make long-exposure photos, but they should bring an attachable tripod if available. Remember to bring rain gear and shoes with good traction.

*Participants must sign SWC's liability waiver and photo release form when arriving at the event.
Submitted by Tim Moffet*



New Playgroup Announcement

Deadwood Darlings playgroup will begin to meet each Monday in the month of November from 10-11:30 at the Deadwood Community Center. Deadwood Darlings is intended to gather children 5 years and under and their parents. This event is free and open to the community. For more information please text Hayden at 907-741-9003 *Submitted by Alaska Jane (facebook moniker)*

PLEASE HELP

"These are the times that try men's souls."

Thomas Paine, 1776

Now, in 2033, we are facing an impending climate disaster that is certainly as threatening to the future of humankind as the start of the American Revolution was to the Colonists.

We must answer with resolve, courage, and sympathy.

Here are six actions I recommend we all consider:

1. Get better informed by reading about climate change from reliable sources. For example, the "Climate Forward" newsletter at the New York Times, the "Climate 202" newsletter at The Washington Post, or NPR's Up First email called, appropriately, "Climate."
2. Review your use of CO₂ and methane through transportation and home heating. Find ways to mitigate where reduction isn't possible.
3. Plan to grow more of your family's food, thus reducing the need for food transportation.
4. Share your thoughts with friends and family.
5. Support groups that share your goals. A favorite of mine is the Rural Organizing Project.
6. Build a local support group to help with gardening and distribution. For example, we could revive UDIG (The Union of Deadwood Independent Gardeners) and its weekly CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) boxes.

Remember we live in Deadwood where we already do many of these actions! *Submitted by Billy "Milkweed"*



Greetings to all from the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery Board!

This summer we have completed the Ash Scattering Garden at DPC, and held a nice scattering service for the Norton family. The fee for this service is \$100, and includes a metal-faced plaque memorializing them at the Garden. Please see deadwoodcem.org/ash-scattering-garden for more info.

Veterans Day is November 11, just a few days away. Please help! One community member has made it his goal to get plaques on the Veterans' Honor Rock for every WWII veteran buried at DPC - we believe we have 23 - and we're almost there! We are hoping to add plaques for these WWII veterans who are buried here, but need more information including their service dates. (Dates given are birth & death years.)

Thomas W. Manning, Sr., 1916-2007 Pvt, US Army (what years?)

Harry Edward Japp, 1915-1986 (Service, rank and years unknown)

If you know of any family members or have the missing information for these servicemen, we'd love to hear from you ASAP!

We have nearly 40 military veterans honored on the Honor Rock at DPC; if you would like to commemorate any military veteran, plaques are on sale now for just \$45. To honor your beloved veterans, please use the form available at the Honor Rock, on the website - deadwoodcem.org, or call Megan at 541-999-2209.

Thank you for supporting your community's historic cemetery!

Submitted by Megan Gerber



Musings

One reason fall is a favorite season of mine is that it marks change so clearly and beautifully. You know how one task leads to 20 more- the instigating chore was the compost buckets needed to be worked into the compost pile. That led to the need for more roughage, in the form of maple leaves. Which meant making time to go and rake leaves from beneath the huge maple down by the creek.

While happily pulling leaves from beneath the newly naked tree I remembered Carl Finseth's (whose family farmed this property long ago) told a story of his family raking leaves and spreading them on the potato and strawberry patches every year. He was convinced it increased productivity the following spring/summer.

Change is sneaky most of the time. One day we wake up and realize we are older than we used to be, the world has shifted and it is disconcerting. So while raking the gold I vow to be aware and thankful for the clarity.

Submitted by Jan Kinney

