Deadwood Ditto November 2026

Send all submissions to deadwoodditto2026@gmail.com by 26th

Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	Second Thursday at 7 pm, Swisshome station (next to the Post Office)	Contact Mona Arbuckle @sd.rfpd.@gmail.com
Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	Third Saturday of month	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30
Deadwood Creek Services Board Meeting	Second Tuesday at 6 pm (Community Welcome)	6 pm at Community Center
Deadwood Community Association	Every two weeks on Monday 5-7 pm	Contact KeithST@peak.org
Mapleton Food Share- contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	Second Thursday and Fourth Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	Third Friday	10am-2pm
Deadwood Ditto Distribution close to first of next month	Submissions due the 26th of the month to ***Deadwoodditto2026*** ***@gmail.com*** New!!	Editor Mark McNutt

Notes From the Editor **Mark McNutt** “All the News that fits”

Happy plunge into the dark and wet mystery of Winter- the Darkest Quarter of the year starts 11/8, half of Fall and half of Winter, so enjoy the rain and keeping warm and dry in the dark and wet.

We encourage your input. Please keep it brief for formatting and readability.

Submissions are due on the 26th of the month (deadwooddittto2026@gmail.com) and then created, printed (thank you Siuslaw Watershed Council and Tim Moffett), and then distributed (thank you Alpha Farm and Mizu Burress). Weekends and other delays may affect timing. So, if you are in a hurry, consider posting on Deadwood Outreach on Facebook for best results.

It’s About Time ***by Mark S. McNutt***

We live almost halfway between the Equator and the North Pole (on the second harmonic). The farther that one is from the Equator, the more extreme the changes in season and the variation between day and night when not near the Equinoxes (which means “Equal Nights”)- altho everywhere on Earth AVERAGES 12 hours each. I have been to Alaska during Winter Solstice (no daylight) and also in June, when the Sun almost sets in the West, is still up at midnight in the North, and rises again in the East a few hours later. (It was hard to sleep).

We are presently entering the Dark Quarter of the Year, 11/7- 2/5, half of Fall and half of Winter, and are now losing 6 minutes of daylight per day, with a mirroring into light in May and most of June. It gets dark fast!

We use a calendar from the Roman era that is very inaccurate, while the common “Tropical” Astrological Calendar, based not on the constellations but the SEASONS starting with Spring Equinox 3/20, is a proven accurate timekeeper. People used to be able to tell time by both the Sun and Moon. But with Daylight Savings Time (Ben Franklin’s worst idea), the Sun is overhead not at noon but at 1 pm. This was inspired to help rural farmers, now a minority.

In my lifetime, OR has gone from no DST to now we go with the national trend that used to be half and half (last Sunday in April to last Sunday in October) to presently 8 months of false time (DST) with **Standard Time** (more accurate), being reduced to *the first Sunday in November to the second Sunday in March*. This subtle shift is intended to help us forget a more accurate Solar Standard Time and embrace DST, the one that goes on longer. For example- did you know that our clocks are wrong 8 months out of the year and we are moving toward year round fake time? This is demonstrated in Congress where lobbyists showed that people are more likely to shop after work if there is still daylight.

As a professional timekeeper and interpreter, I am highly in favor of a return to Sun time (Standard Time) and just want to point out that the push for year round Daylight Savings Time (DST) is a manipulation. I think it confuses peoples’ biological clocks, making it harder to relax. Relatedly, I have also observed with the uptick in C Sections over the past 40 years comes an uptick in daytime births during “Doctor Hours”. This used to be less common as mammals generally like to give birth when things are darker and calmer, and this shift has resulted in breeding new generations that have a harder time relaxing and higher incidents of ADD and inability to focus.

Something to contemplate in the coming darker months.

Location:

Deadwood Community Center

Date & Time:

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 5TH

5:30 pm - Pizza

6 pm - Presentation

Hosted By:

Western Lane Crisis Response

911 or 541-997-3515

Join the Crisis Response Team for a Conversation!

- What is a Crisis?
- How can WLCR help?
- How can you help?
- Local Resources!
- ALL Are Welcome!
  - No Age Restrictions
  - No Income Restrictions

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As a community resource, we assist our community in addressing collective needs. Viewing individuals within broader networks of natural, professional, and community relationships, our services aim to support not only the individual but also strengthen those around them through education and assistance during challenging times.

HOLLO Radio Repeater Update *from Les Benscoter*

The November HOLLO report was written full of optimism. Global Campbell is ready to accompany the team to the HOLLO site to watch the Blachly Lane pole be planted. Blachly Lane has their crew ready to set the date for this. The engineering Team in Eugene, all 4 members, is working to assemble all the parts and pieces and get them ready for the joint trip to HOLLO. The Deadwood community has been expectant and patient for the R19 repeater to become a reality. The members of the DCA communications group are ever hopeful that this Can happen in November and, if possible, without help from the upcoming winter rains. It would be great if community members had good reception and, if possible, could operate the repeater from home. No doubt some will have to invest in a slightly better antenna, as that's how radio frequency phenomena work. GMRS radio is not a hobby. GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) is officially defined by the FCC as a practical communication service for personal and family use, rather than a dedicated experimental hobby service like amateur (ham) radio. The message from the community was clear: they want a resilient emergency communication service, and hopefully many will find it usable for personal and family use. It has long been hoped that this service will provide a path to inclusivity and a sense of belonging in this unique Pacific Northwest community.

The area is fairly large and reasonably complex. The new communication avenues that can open up across the different neighborhoods are rich and diverse. From the Resilience and Emergency pod services of the DCS to the DCA-Siuslaw Vision R19 project, these are available to everyone. The entire community, including everyone with agency in this beautiful place we call home, is invited and most welcome to join the HOLLO repeater group. With respect for all and inclusivity for the many, the DCA is pleased to have you participate in this experiment.

May your Thanksgiving be the best. Thank you - submitted by Mr. B for the DCA e-Com



Editor's Additions- "Hollo" is the name of a mountain and creek accessed and located by MP 16 on Hwy 36 and this 1600 ft peak is the site of this development. Members of supporting state and local agencies delivered and demonstrated the new radio equipment at the D. Community Center last week. Contact DCA and Les if you are interested in training to use this equipment- Knowledge which will be very useful even if we don't have an emergency!

Breaking News- Tchanan Turns 80!!

For Tchanan, in celebration of her 80th birthday, we have started a GoFund Me to replace her hot tub. If you want to know more, or would like to donate the link is down below.

Love and gratitude,

https://gofund.me/bb19345cd

Love to you, Amber Sparks 💖 ✨ 💖 ✨

The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors

will hold the Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 PM, at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and BILLS

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Update: RFP Selection

Emergency Address Marker Project

Policy review

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

DCS NEWS by Marygold McNutt

Deadwood Resilience Collaborative

The Office of Resilience and Emergency Management, a subset of *Oregon Dept of Human Services,* granted the Resilience Pod (Conex with emergency equipment) in 2025, which kick started our **Deadwood Resilience Collaborative (DRC).**The Conex donation led to our successful application for the Community Resiliency Grant from United Way. We have been provided with a wonderful opportunity for Deadwood to really build up and activate an Emergency Preparedness program.

Radio equipment: As you may know DCA members have been practicing with two way radios to create an alternative and independent communication tool, should the internet and phone system go down. You have read reports on the Hollo repeater.

Terra Ralph, our *Social Services Emergency Liason,* has delivered us two radio systems to add to the equipment in the Conex. There are two radio systems with one more complex HF (high frequency) radio for reaching longer distances such as Salem. The other system is simpler for short range communications consisting of two radios, one for GMR (set Channels) and another is VHUF for fine tuned frequencies. Licences are required. GMR licences need only to be paid for while the other two radios need some training to acquire a licence. The use of these radios needs to be practiced regularly so that the operators are ready in an emergency situation.

We are fortunate to have Jodi Nichos from Old Stage Coach Road (radio enthusiast) step up to join our radio team with Les, Keith, and James. Jodi has also volunteered for the Resilience Respose Team.

Cots: Terra also delivered 16 cots from the Red Cross adding to our conex equipment.

Deadwood Resilience Response Team

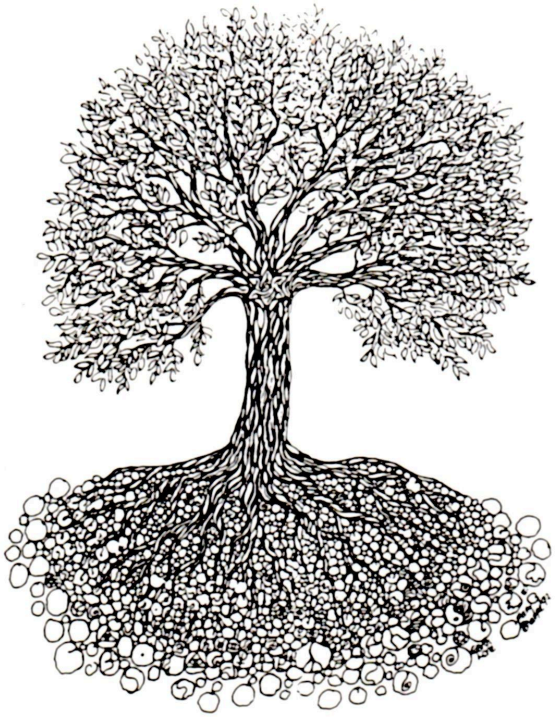
DCS and DCA are working together to form a group of people who are willing to learn and train together to help our community in times of need. No prior experience is required. There will be four training sessions per year, about 3 hours each, in practical skills such as shelter operations, communications, running emergency equipment and more. Members will receive a stipend after completing a training, (amount to be determined) with an additional stipend for responding to an emergency (dependent upon severity of situation and available funding.)

CPR : Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First aid Training and Certification is available at Western lane Fire and Response EMS in Florence. Deadwood resilience response team volunteers are invited to join a group from Deadwood to receive the training with fees covered by our Collaborative (DRC). Trainings are evry second Saturday. Upcoming possible dates are Nov 14 and Dec 12.

To learn more, Contact MaryGold McNutt, X 5341 or 1 458 877 1328
mcnutt.mary@gmail.com.Come to a DCA meeting, 5pm every 2 weeks on Mondays at DCC.
Next meeting: November 16.

818. Eulogy for a Tree

A great tree fell by the roadside today
mighty it was, grand and glorious
with branches like wings
reaching to the sky
to beat against the wind
to know sunlight and freedom
and to give song and solace
to birds and other living creatures
Rooted in the Earth, I walked on by
noticed many times the rot at the base
wondered what day the mighty one would fall
then, over dinner, the mighty one fell
it creaked and groaned and fell at last
blocking the road with its massive trunk
Rest in peace, mighty one
your day has come
and gone, rest in peace
home to bugs and ants and dreams
resurrecting fires
burn your body in remembrance

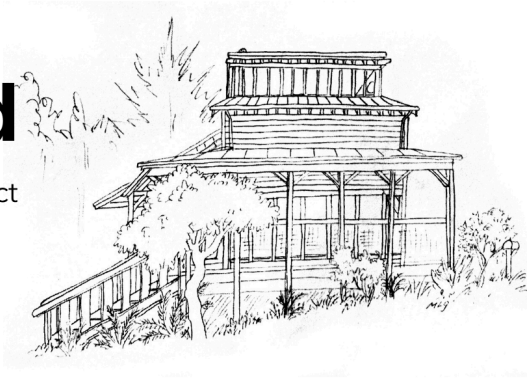


Ed's Note- *I wrote this in about 1991, about a huge Maple just shy of the "T" , next door, where a large part of it broke off and covered the road. This week it happened again- same tree, another part (two parts left). And this is the illustration that MaryGold did at that time and for our magazine Aerious Journal. MG also did the Cornecopia pic.*

Deadwood Creek Services Presents...

Stories from Deadwood

A Short Film from the Deadwood Oral History Project



Film showing

11/13/2026 at 6pm

Deadwood Community Center
4.3 Miles up Deadwood Creek Road

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