

DEADWOOD DITTO

August 2024



Community Center Work Day	Saturday, August 3rd, 10a-2p	Deadwood Community Center
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	August 8th, Thursday at 7 pm, Swisshome station (next to the Post Office)	Contact Mona Arbuckle @sd.rfpd.@gmail.com
Deadwood Farmers Market	Sundays, June thru October	Post Office parking lot 11:00am-2:00pm
Mapleton Food Share- contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	August 8th, Thursday and August 23rd, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	August 16th, Friday	10am-2pm
DCS Board Meeting	Thursday, August 22nd, 4:30p	Deadwood Community Center
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Deadwood Food Coop	Every other month Info available on Deadwood Trading Post under Food Coop tab	Yvonne Pappagallo contact yvonnpappy@gmail.com

The Women of Deadwood Canyon

Grandmothers, mothers, sisters and daughters, women with gentle hands. They have held their babies, washed and mended clothes, cooked food, nurtured all with love and watched them grow. These are powerful women, here in this canyon. A place called Deadwood. They are hair dressers, doll makers, nurses, doctors, healers, teachers, singers, dancers, actors, farmers, painters, writers, pottery makers and caregivers. Artists of all kinds. They are rare and unique, each with their own beauty. They are the weavers of an unseen tapestry. Each holds a piece of thread that runs through this canyon, like water cascading from the mountain and joining the river that flows into the ocean waves. A place called Deadwood. They are weavers of a thing called love. It is no accident that they are here. They are the goddesses who dreamed this dream from an ancient time. They held the energy that healed and created this space. A place called Deadwood. If you listen with the heart, you hear their love coursing through time. They give inspiration and love from the infinite. They have built a community, a relationship with the earth and all that are on it. A friendly environment lives here in this canyon. A place called Deadwood. Here flows the spirit of powerful women to whom I am honored to know. I have lived in this canyon. A place called Deadwood.

Submitted by Edna Parker - Author unknown



Notice of Regular Board Meeting

The Swiss Home Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting **7:00 PM on Thursday, August 8th, 2024.**

The meeting agenda will include:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES and BILLS:

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy Review 3.13 to end
Board Practices Assessment Review
Station 13 update/FEMA letter
WLFEA update

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Reibold application

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

SAFETY MEETING:

Submitted by Mona Arbuckle



The High Priestess tells me a joke
Drier than the wine
Maybe her humor is darker than mine?
Is it fate or a just a bad stroke
Of luck and snake eyes
That we are made of bones, ideas and dust.
Despite all the bad spirits going around
I love this place
I hope it does not burn down
It's not the sort of thing one gets to choose.
At least when you ain't got nothing
There's nothing to lose.
It is easy to get lost trying to make an internal peace with the total inferno we have come to call
Change.
We are butterflies in a bomb range.
You were that color then
And I had never thought you'd change.
But red never seemed truly itself.
Blood sits blue inside you
Until it meets the air
And to be fair
It shouldn't ever really be out of you.
But nothing in this world goes according to plan.
To be here is to come and go
To and from the dust.
So do as we must,
We will do what we can. *Submitted by Justice Johnson*



"MERGING: The Positives and Negatives"

The human body (or any body or thing) actually has no defining "edge". Where does one's self begin and end? Where does something else begin and end? Although our atoms are essentially intact, for they prefer to exist in stable formats and do not actually merge with the atoms outside our body such as other people's 'physicality', or the objects of the world, there are also unknowns. There is no precise definition of where one 'thing' and another begins and separates, except as our senses advise us. Atoms are ever in motion. They have a system of being attracted to certain formations but there is no definable line or border that separates us from anything or anyone else. In relation to what we know about the 'size' of our universe alone, never mind considering other universes here, we - humanity - are individually and together not even a measurable 'dot' in our world. But perhaps our consciousness is more expansive. One would hope so.

Yet naturally, in our own realm of perceptual understanding and capacity, we experience our size as important; that is, we experience ourselves as important 'beings', and the size of life forms as they exist on earth, whatever they describe, is part of nature. So I will leave the reality of 'dots' behind in this message, and ask the human questions related to our sense of importance, as this seems to consume us. We are rarely solitary units only, and why we are attracted to some people and not others, goes beyond anyone's personal qualities. (Ambivalence also exists in this realm). We all have electrical fields 'around' us*, and these fields bring us added, subtle information in addition to the usual senses; and that experience for any individual being will integrate within us, without our necessarily being able to define its nature - and possibly to not even recognize that it exists as an information source functioning for us. For instance, when most of a person's character description is assessed and is seen in a positive way (background, values, shared interests ad infinitum) a complete resonance in connecting with that person can still be missing if the 'electricity' from the other is not welcome. There is often a mystery about why one person likes hanging out in the presence of another. My perception is that those electrical fields surrounding us do interact with others, for electricity is everywhere, even if no scientist as yet has understood the essential nature of electricity - and it isn't the electrons themselves: those charged particles simply unleash electrical energy when they move in a particular way. On an unconscious level, although we can have an accepted personal mutuality of likes and dislikes, it is clearly notable that not all personal energy fields are attracted to each other. So there is no guaranteed automatic inclusion. And 'merging' is then less likely. The degree to which this matters is different for all, and it counts what the factors are. The business world has to be more inclusive for instance and ignore subtleties. Yet I can know about the character of a given person as being 'good', dependable, likeable, and by description of others this is 'a great person', but when their energy/electrical field interacts with mine, I may experience that person's energy as uncomfortably foreign to my own, in spite of shared social values; and the feeling cannot be verbalized. Otherness, in itself, is essentially neutral, and only on the most primal and atavistic level is it repelled for its own sake when identified. (Otherness can be the main attraction as well). Yet I

have known instances where I could feel my body chill or the hair on my head 'standing up', just being in the presence of certain people, even if there is no known reason for me to avoid entering what I call their 'non-sympathetic' energy field. These kind of human perceptions are intuitive (they exist in all the animal worlds) and do not require a 'reason'; they are not necessarily mutual either. And although such cautions can be instantaneous for us, the feelings of discomfort are not always immediate, and can evolve over time. People can interact on deep levels, with one person feeling comfortable and the other uncomfortable. (My statement is not meant as a value judgement...or any kind of judgement).

More than in the symbolic sense, the whole of humanity is connected in an atomic and electrical way. A great many persons believe Love is the only true unifier. And it IS an energy system. The heart sends far more electricity outside, than the brain. But to begin an analysis here of what that experience means for humanity, I prefer to bow to the books by the dozens that have been written on this theme. What poet has not written about Love, and for thousands of years? Yet our personal energies are varied, and are not neutral. But we are none of us separate, like it or not. This may sound bromidic, but it warrants saying again. The factors which combine to give us reasons to accept one another or reject someone's beliefs are far too complex to explain here. However in watching some political rallies where Negatives are the primary expression of a group and its leader, it is easy to see that not only opinions, values, and backgrounds separate various groups, but in the thrall of group energy, whether positive (e.g. rock concerts) or negative (hate rallies) certain emotions are stimulated, and large groups of people can be attracted and feel united as one!

In particular, political, group-rage is highly addictive, and edacious. When humans feel neglected, invisible, uncared for (realistically or not) they can be drawn together in a sprawling excitement and shared emotional state which does no one good; for the value-systems of those beliefs impugn what is societally positive. Rage is a powerful combiner and lures many 'classes' of people far beyond their reason. The feel of it can be thrilling, especially for those who experience themselves as powerless. Being in the midst of it one can understand the degrees of delirium. That is true of positive and benign experiences as well - accelerating up to love and rapture. But we live at a time when over a third of the US population exists in a relative state of recusancy - and established order goes out the window - and where, paradoxically and simultaneously, suzerainty is experienced as attractive - contrary to that negative population's own goal - i.e. that free choice must be the imperative. The built in double self-cancelling and self-erasing contradictions here are mind-blowing. (Of course free choice from a humane perspective has to be responsible and inclusive, and that aspect is scoffed at by rageful groups identified with controls and the patriarchy, in contradiction of ostensible freedom). It is also notable that many near-violent political rallies have a sense of 'togetherness' and merging, when the mode of response to given situations or words is not only basic rage, but that of contempt, contumely and jeering of "the other" and 'otherness'.

And so it evolves that our personal freedoms are often presented in a skewed way. That is why large groups of different types of people can be in mis-aligned accord, especially when they are being fooled by mesmerizing lies, are gaslighted, and are driven to hatred. Raging is fun because it excites. As a result, arrogant behavior is not only accepted, but praised. (Witness the

Jan. 6th insurrection). We cannot continue life conscientiously, in an aleatory mode (they are mutually exclusive adjectives) nor because we are discouraged, while still expecting to produce positive results. Being socially responsible is still a primary value. The built in political assumptions causing rage are antipodal to what is healthy survival, and they are mind-blowing in a fully terrifying way.

There is an enormous amount of emotional investment in any group's preferences, whatever the context; it matters not what - a football team, a church meeting, a meaningful learning experience, a political rally, ad infinitum. Many shared recent and ancient attractions to a certain experience, or to ideas elicited in certain groupings seem to require attachment to bizarre self-identification. (Group psychosis). Once the investment is made, it is almost impossible to shift away, no matter how far from factual truth the belief systems are. For millions, the cost for giving up powerful beliefs, however misguided, is too emotionally overwhelming to accept. And once invested in hatred, the cost of releasing that powerful motivator is also too demanding for the psyche to forsake it. The psyche can't afford to have its concepts dismembered, or to live in cognitive dissonance. Those who are thus seduced may feel their whole persona would drop away if they recognize that their own truths are misperceptions. People who are pulled into agreements and emotions which elicit strong, negative responses such as hatred, contumely and contempt, find it almost impossible to alter their course. For to shift away feels like having been betrayed, or worse, it causes a bewildering loss of one's primary contemporary identity. That is usually an unacceptable compromise. Humans naturally cling to their beliefs, as Obama would say, and did.....for it is frightening to reverse directions emotionally.

On the other swing of the pendulum, huge populations believe that Love is the only Truth worth investing in; that it triumphs over everything. This includes both spiritual and secular belief. The LOVE movements encourage a mixing of all people's electrical heart-energy' in solidarity. Sadly these populations are far outnumbered, or their belief in Love becomes too qualified to elicit agreement. Whatever the actual truth behind any belief system, it appears not to matter when the emotions give succor to feelings inspiring a togetherness. Many strong feelings include joy; the positive swelling of heart nourishment. It is wonderful and heartening when large groups are inspired by movements toward 'beauty and truth', by righting wrongs, by fighting for justice, by being in thrall to the arts or sports all in the name of love.

But the frightening thing is that an elemental disagreement of what is actually good and beautiful, of what truly is justice exists in the minds of large numbers of our population, and can indeed cause rageful, cruel and dangerous responses. Anger and rage are different from each other.

Rage consumes: anger can inspire one to positive actions.

We could, ostensibly, be united by our shared humanity, by recognizing our atomic and electrical connection and by embracing what feels like "otherness" - at least to the extent that we aim for the well-being and safety and equal rights for ALL. And if our electrical fields on a personal level don't always harmonize, we don't need to fully reject. We can simply not attach. On a political level, however, it is important to be clear. We must indeed reject and change what is destructive

and blind. Too much of human/earth survival depends on it. There ARE larger social and natural truths, and not simply opinions only. However, those Truths are not embedded in rock. ("we hold these truths to be 'self-evident'.") and herein lies their vulnerability. They are most often learned truths, not implicit ones. And of course the very sources of learning do matter. Yet although truth and Truth are sometimes debatable states, nothing changes a fact! A fact is something that has occurred and is documented. There may be alternate universes and realities, but there are not alternate facts. Not on this particular planet. The facts are easily available. Recorded. Documented. Witnessed.

Submitted and by Y.de Miranda
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*"The human body generates electricity that flows through it. The human body also has its own magnetic fields. The human heart produces an electric current that runs through the body and to every cell. This electric current in the body generates an electromagnetic field. The magnetic field from our heart has been measured up to around three feet away and our brain waves which produce much smaller measurable fields are measurable up to 1/10 of an inch from the skull. Humans do give off electromagnetic radiation "(Googled)



Go north with Basho
On the Appalachian Trail
Take the pack for him.

Billy Submitted by Kaki

The Moment

How could I be so lucky? Mid morning change of the sprinkler, a Rufous Hummingbird zipped into the blue elderberry bush. As I was wondering about their braking system (40 to 0 in a split second) my attention began to shift to moving the sprinkler when s/he popped into sight. S/he proceeded to splash around in the water caught in the cup of the leaf. A bathtub! And when one leaf was spent s/he moved to the next one. This went on for several minutes. The exuberance was contagious, it made me want to join. And now, due to being in the right place at the right time I can say that I have seen a hummingbird bathe in a leaf.

Submitted by Jan Kinney



The New Curmudgeon

The list

To be able to transcend the hubbub of daily life, give a moment to consider what's really important to you. write some things down quickly...just what comes immediately to mind. Then, if this exercise strikes your fancy, put them in some order or category. Which ones are at the top of the list...things like security (we're thinking big at first), emotional satisfaction, comfort etc. Leave out the hardware if you can, they are all relative to the big picture. If you can list ten entries, you're thinking hard. Putting them in order of importance to you is also quite a challenge. At some point you may consider how to attain each of these entries...what you are doing right and what you're avoiding. This is a mind exhausting challenge. So desu ne. This train is not a round trip, so you may take heart that whatever station you found unpleasant, the train is moving so you are viewing your past. The universe is an objective reality but we are living a subjective one. Solitude is the incubator of originality. The grace of the world is found there as well. It protects you from your mind, you can commune with yourself, free from the dictates of collectivity. A cumulus cloud can weigh as much as eighty elephants and yet stays aloft because it is made of very small elements. Thus is the black cloud of political authority made of many small elements that compose the massive whole, yet stays afloat. To react to helplessness with anger is human. There is a price for giving oneself over to the false comfort of authority. "You are a slave, your misery a deliberate policy of those in whose thrall you suffer and are sustained by your misfortune" Leonard Cohen Get off the hook! *Submitted by James Webb*

Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery Updates



Many families have one or more urns on a mantle, in a closet or bedroom, and may eventually decide to find a more permanent spot to scatter their loved one's ashes. Some families choose to scatter their ashes near a favorite river, ocean or mountain spot (but it may not be legal). A growing trend involves using a tiny bit of the ashes in jewelry or decorative art; the options that can be found online are nearly endless! But if you'd like to have a local spot where family and friends can visit, with a plaque and commemoration on Find-a-Grave (an international resource for genealogy research), you might consider burying or scattering ashes right here at Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery, for just \$100 each.

The Light family had a local gathering family and friends and placed three siblings' plaques and ashes at the Ash Scattering Garden, and commemorated with a special perennial plant. Please us by email to

Deadwoodcem@gmail.com, filling out the form on our website, or phone (below) if you would like to discuss this

We've gotten terrific help from new volunteers Sean Hazelwood, a Junior at Mapleton HS and his mom Andrea this summer! They have been coming every week, removing limbs, watering flowers on the Garden Walk, and scrubbing headstones! On Facebook Andrea has posted before and photos of some of the headstones:



541-999-2209, or toll-free at 877-964-3345.

Our website, DeadwoodCem.org has more photos, and the Donate button for secure donations. DPC is a 501(c)13 nonprofit for tax-free contributions, FEIN 47-3049681.

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Still
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"After a bit of patience—we have some amazing before & after photos to share of what a single treatment with the D/2 Biological Cleaner can do! This progress is after one week—but it will continue to work on these headstones over the next couple months in removing the staining caused by mold, mildew, algae, environmental pollutants and lichen that penetrate the stone." They use only soft natural brushes, wood tools, water and D/2, which is safe for ancient stones, and is used on historic memorials like the Washington Monument and Arlington Cemetery.

Upcoming work will include repairing a few stones with mortar safe for historic stones, checking our mapping and updating our photos online.

Call Megan with any questions or suggestions,