Deadwood Ditto

March 2025



Community Rights Action Lane County bringing Winona LaDuke to Eugene	March 4rth, Tuesday	6:00pm EMU Ballroom @ UO		
Deadwood Food Coop Annual Meeting	March 9th, Sunday. Deadwood Community Center	1:30 - 3:00 pm		
Deadwood Food Coop	Orders due March 9th, Sunday Eugene pick up March 18th, Tuesday.	Yvonne Pappagallo contact yvonnpappy@gmail.com		
Deadwood Creek Services Board Meeting	Friday, March 14th at 4pm	Deadwood Community Center		
Third Saturday dinner and dance, Deadwood Community Center	March 15th,Saturday	Potluck Dinner 6:30, Music 7:30		
Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	March 13th, 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	March 13th, Thursday and March 22nd, Saturday	10am-2pm		
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact Cyndie Blake 541-925-3254	March 21st, Friday	10am-2pm		
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Deadwood Food Coop Annual Meeting and March Order

The Deadwood Food Co-op Annual Meeting will be held at the Deadwood Community Center on March 9, 2025 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

We are looking for a driver to pick up the Eugene Orders on March 18, 2025 we will credit your account with the Federal mileage rate of 70 cents a mile from your house and back.

Azure has changed their delivery dates and we won't know the date until after our order is on the truck. We will keep the Tuesday pickup for the Eugene trip so it will be consistent and easier to find a driver. There is a slight possibility that we will get the Azure order on a Tuesday but it isn't guaranteed and since Denice is our dedicated person to pick up the order she is willing to meet them on the date they will arrive and then process the orders for distribution. Thank you Denice!

Please make your check out to Yvonne Pappagallo. Also the percentage is 10% to help pay for mileage.

For those of you who will be attending the Annual Co-op Meeting you can give your order to me at the Community Center.

Also you can drop your order off at the Deadwood Community Center before 5:00 pm on March 9, 2025 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, March 9, 2025. 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, March 9, 2025. 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.

The login for Hummingbird is yvonpappy@gmail.com the password remains the same. We will be ordering from Organically Grown this month and I will be sending what they have available shortly. The Small Package Program starts on page 8 or 9.

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

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

Stay Dry! Yvonne Pappagallo

Deadwood Creek Services Board Updates - February 2025

Full Meeting minutes are available at www.deadwoodcreekservices.org - sign up for the DCS newsletter on the home page! Join our board meeting on **March 14th at 4pm** to hear updates on Emergency Preparedness efforts and issues raised at the Annual Meeting!

Deadwood Community Center Annual Meeting Summary - January 31, 2025

Attendees: Courtney Stone (Convener), Mary Gibney (Secretary), Maggie Muir (Treasurer), Danell Sundstrom, Kate Harnedy, Jack & Jacquie Ortiz, Bill Cirino (Building Coordinator), and community guests. Key Discussion Points & Decisions:

- Agenda: Agenda approved.
- Deadwood Food Coop: Yvonne Papagallo presented via Zoom. Membership is \$25 (one-time).
 Bi-monthly orders, no produce June-October (support local farmers). Drivers needed (\$.70/hr).
 Financial update: \$3000 at the end of December.
- Summer Camp: Lily, Zianna, and Hannah presented updates from the first Camp Deadwood with activities like a water day, dune buggy rides, arcade truck, service activities, and more. Another camp is planned for July with community input.
- Deadwood Oral History Project: Kate Harnedy reported 13 resident interviews were completed (audio & video). Transcribing/editing in progress. Short videos to be shared this summer. Round two planned. Funding from various grants and donations.
- Maintenance & Support: Danell Sundstrom is circulating a volunteer sign-up sheet for maintenance needs. DCS board covered 3rd Saturday meals through January. A sign-up sheet is circulating for continued community support. Financial Report: Maggie Muir presented the financial report (included in the original minutes).
- Property Donation: Leonora Kent is donating about an acre of land. Surveyor Don Nichols is involved. Siuslaw Watershed Council has done cleanup/planting via a Riparian Restoration grant. Fundraising is underway for the \$3080 in fees. A grant application will also be submitted.
- Siuslaw Watershed Council: Mizu reported on creek-side clearing, planting, and maintenance for two years. Creek access/swimming possibilities are being considered, with limitations for children from the playground.
- Resilience Hub: Courtney Stone discussed funding for a Resilience Hub (emergency hub in a shipping container) via the Oregon Department of Human Services. It will be for community center use during emergencies. Concerns about theft will be addressed with cameras and Starlink. A committee for oversight will be formed.
- Rural Fire Protection District: Greg Hertzbach reported the district covers 48 sq. mi. with 3 stations, funded by property taxes. Operating budget is just under \$19,000. \$370,000 in capital acquisition fund. New volunteers are needed, especially at the Swisshome station. Repairs are needed at the lower and Swisshome stations (estimated \$1.2 million for lower Deadwood). A Seismic Rehabilitation Grant program has been applied for. 76% of calls are medical. More support for QRT (quick response team) is needed.

- Siuslaw Vision: Kate Harnedy, as outreach coordinator, discussed the organization's vision for a healthy, educated, and connected community. They offer non-profit training, fiscal sponsorship, and consultation. Upcoming events include grant writing training (4/26), a job fair (4/16), and the Siuslaw Play Shop (5/2).
- Mapleton School District: Ramil Beers (video) highlighted basketball team success, after-school
 programs, high attendance, Farm to School participation, tiny home construction, garden
 expansion, student-led businesses, and culinary/media programs. Student council fundraising for
 events and leadership trip.
- Community Discussion Topics:
 - Danell Sundstrom: Deadwood Creek Services annual fundraising letter mailed. Birthday Calendar available.
 - Kate Harnedy: Online donations can be made via Givebutter (QR code). The phone tree is in limbo.
 - Mara: Please don't bring scented dish or hand soap.
- Elections: Current board members to remain in their positions.
- New Business:
 - Bill Cirino: Proposed a sports court (half-court basketball with pickleball).
 - Courtney Stone: Discussed heat pump costs and potential rental cost increases. Bill
 Cirino suggested a fan/ABS pipe system for heat circulation.
 - Meg: Post office maintenance issues; Florence Post Master recently left their position, community members are waiting for the replacement to work to address the issues.
 Meeting Adjourned. Submitted by Courtney Stone



Death Songs

In Japan, there was a custom of leaving a "Jisei No Ku," or "Death Poem" on one's deathbed. This custom was followed by many who wrote haikus, commoners as well as poets. It has always been a mystery to me how those dying could leave such beautiful and insightful poems. In this season of rebirth, I thought to share one of these Death Songs each month.

Submitted by Kaki Burruss



Basho's Death Song Falling sick on a journey My dream goes wandering Over a field of dried grass.

Basho 1694 (age about 50)



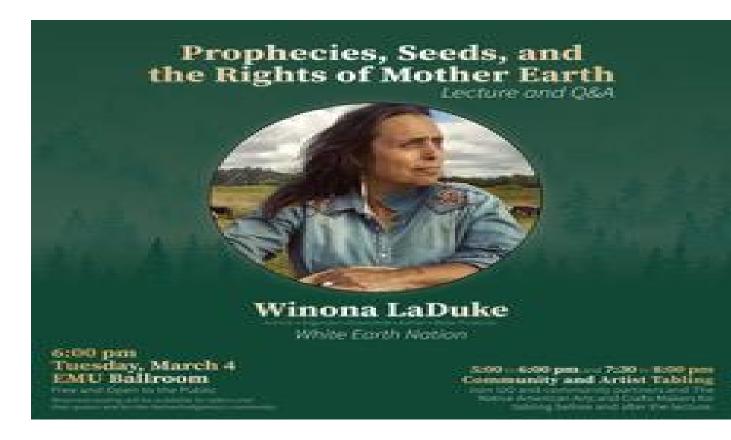
Come out for Third Saturday, our monthly fun and fundraising event for Deadwood Creek Services! This month we welcome to Deadwood... the Celtic Bay Band! Community dinner at 6:30, music at 7:30.

Celtic Bay Band is founder
Stephen McVay/fiddle;
Sharon Rogers/accordion,
whistle and vocals; Jon
Menten/guitar; and Mark
Levy/bodhran, vocals. We
have performed at Celtic
festivals in Corvallis, Bandon,
Yachats, and at several
venues in Florence. St.
Patrick's is a day of
traditional tunes, song, and
dance. The music is

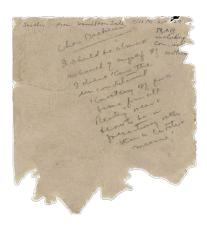
infectious and guaranteed to get you out on the dance floor! Upcoming:

March 15 - Celtic Bay Band, April 19 - Soul Vibrator, May 17 - Alder Street, June 21 - To be announced, September 20 - Steel Wool Kate Harnedy, Photographer

YES! We're bringing her back to Eugene ... Let's get inspired TOGETHER!!Please share widely ... let's pack the place AGAIN!! Submitted by Michelle Holman







His list of wishes Scribbled and taped to the fridge Flaps in the March breeze.

Kaki Burruss 3-14-24



Submitted by Jodi Gurtov



Notice of Regular Board Meeting



The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting $\underline{7:00~PM}$ on Thursday. March 13^{th} , $\underline{2025}$ at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480.

The meeting agenda will include: Approval of Minures and Bills: Public

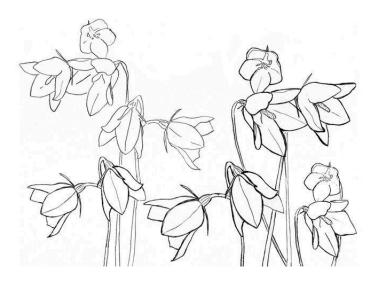
<u>Comment</u>: <u>Treasurer's Report</u>: <u>Old Business</u>: Board-to-Board meetings, QRT, Station 13, Thank you note for van.

New Business: Surplus items. <u>Correspondence: Fire Chief Report: Safety Meeting</u> Submitted by Mona Arbuckle

"Important Ends Justify Minor Sins"

Even the crudest lie will succeed if it fits your enemies beliefs. If you have been adept at installing those belief patterns, your chances of success are pretty good. Feelings are the most perishable of our possessions-even more so than opinions. We must grow wiser every day, else the true will become false. There is a difference between censoriousness and discernment but cleaving into the public conscience is a new sensibility of virulent opprobrium which, to some degree, seems to have been accepted, and because of its doxastic nature, has caused a crisis of ordinary common sense. As a result of media and consequential social involvement, it's the erosion of ordinary things people no longer believe that has allowed the bizarre to flourish. Media, obviously aimed at the person's formative years, can and does destroy the individual sense of well being. The tug of threat detection on the attention is more powerful and deep seated than your ability to maintain your attention on a chosen subject...it's built into your sense of self protection. Even the weather broadcasters know this one.

Cultivating and believing in the idea of your own powerlessness is an essential tool for those who would seize it. Ideological insurgency and moral courage in combination are a prerequisite. Fate and future grant us health...for everything else we stand in line. Now the trendy one is disaster preparedness...always a good thing, but see how easily it captures your attention. In case you haven't noticed, the disaster has already happened, has been happening for a long time. We sat on our fat backsides, ate popcorn and watched the horror of media programs hardening us off to the violence in store. We failed to extrapolate the curve, see the forces that get what they want by saying "it would happen anyway". "Between narrow walls we walk, insanity on one side and fat dullness on the other." Emerson. It's easy to accept this attempered view but traumatic experiences delivered via media presentations have a direct relation to the development of psychoses that affect how safe the world feels. Fixation on certain unusual beliefs arise from the psychological context in which they have taken root. Human life is not separate from the life of the earth. Our quotidian existence allows for "it can't happen here"...sorry, you're not paying attention. If you believe in the ultimate triumph of good over evil, you're delusional. In the hands of those who know how to use them, pen and paper are effective weapons. "One writes not with the hand, but with the whole person". Virginia Woolf The ideals of American democracy and the stark realities of inequality are tightly woven into the cultures' social fabric. Where is the "inward grace of good feeling" that would save us from the vulgarity of worshiping rank and wealth? Different=differ to choose a different path, have a different view or opinion...to differ is to be different, to differ is to act different. However divided we may feel within ourselves, it is the sum total of our warring factions that makes us who we are—fragmentary but indivisible.. Submitted by James Webb



Grow a Row to Share

Help strengthen our community's resilience with a view to both hard times and good times!

Are you someone who would like to share in a bountiful harvest of locally grown produce? Is food too dang expensive? Don't have a garden? Are you on your own? Raising a family? Consider having enthusiastic Deadwood gardeners provide homegrown veggies as we move through the season.

Gardeners, please consider joining in a newly hatched project to grow extra produce for our Deadwood neighbors who would like to bump up their household food security with fresh, locally grown produce. Are you a beginning gardener? Or an "old hand" with insights into local growing conditions? All are welcome! Seeds will be provided and we'll check in during the season to help troubleshoot or just shoot the breeze. We're still figuring out a system for distribution but we're sure to have something nailed down before that first radish gets pulled.

Whether you'd like to be one of our valued growers or a cherished recipient, please contact Jodi at jodimcdon@aol.com or call 3223.

It's as much about people as it is about food so let's get together and do this! Submitted by Jodi Gurtov



Deadwood Bathtubs

If Rosemary Pazdral and I are at a social engagement, and I spy someone who might not yet be acquainted with her many talents, it is generally my first impulse to proudly shout at them, "Rosie built herself a cabin with her *own two hands*!" She is modest when I say such things, and insists that she had help. But isn't it so, I always reply, that there was never a work day when she wasn't on the crew, and weren't there plenty of days when she *was* the whole crew? Affirmative, she admits, and so I claim my victory in print: Rosemary Pazdral built herself a spacious, timber frame cabin with her own two hands.

To reiterate: this is no primitive lean-to, impressive only for a first effort. It's incredibly well-constructed, so snug not even mice can find a way in uninvited. Its beauty is idyllic, the stuff of city people's workday daydreams. Perched like a postcard on a hill overlooking Steinhauer road, the cabin a home base of her very own on the expansive property of forest and fields where she was raised, and where she and I scampered around together as little people, and watched each other grow up. I was there when she first got the notion to build it, and trotted behind her as she marched her long legs over to her parents' yurt to declare her intention to Howard, who calmly questioned the plan to execute her vision.

But she had thought it through, and every detail she laid out rested on a foundation of unshakeable determination. Rosemary was going to build a cabin, alright. If her heart is set—on anything, really—who can stop her?

Of course, like any young person making a go of it in their first Deadwood abode, the cabin is a little short on amenities. There are some complications with the running water; hauling drinking water straight from the spring on the hillside is one of the many fun cabin sleepover activities I look forward to when I head down Steinhauer way. But there is a hose, which hooks up to an instant hot water heater, which fills up a steaming bath on her pretty little back porch among the trees in her absolute honey of a tub.

A sleek, black, lowrider of a clawfoot, it looks like something that belongs in a New York City bachelor pad from the early 80's, accessorized with a faucet and taps overlaid with gold. But its style works just as well nestled into Rosemary's understated forest aesthetic. The gentle slope offers perfect bathtime back support, the better to look up at the trees and stars, the type of simple luxury Rosemary has truly relished in this new, adult chapter of her rich Deadwood life. And when I come to stay, she is eager to share it. Not only, as I initially suspected, as a way to remain faithful to her early bedtime while also flawlessly performing her hostess duties (and touche! Turning on the hot water and handing me a towel is pretty much all it takes for me to cut the chit chat and bid them sweet dreams in their snuggly slumber).

But in the end, the set up is too elegant, too *comme il faut*, to credit her with any scheme but one of generosity. Rosie draws a perfect bath, knowing exactly how to balance the temperature of the water against the crisp night air. As the carefully calibrated steam rises, she brings out everything she can think of—bath salts, water and wine, a little chocolate, fresh linens, a couple candles. Surrounded by the shadows of trees, this is forest bathing of the highest degree—soaking up the unadulterated majesty of nature, all from a bathtub. In the cool of the night, under a little bit of moonlight—what could be better? Earned luxury if ever there was one, there is a profound and particular state of relaxation carried by the ebony dreamboat that is her bathtub. Surrounded by Rosemary's family forest, and the solid and exquisite fruits of her labor, everything on the horizon seems possible, so close you can touch it. *Submitted by Holly Devon*



DEMONS AND DEMOCRACY

An article in Harpers Magazine which I recently finished states that over half of Americans believe in demons and exorcism. The images within the article amplify the power of this belief. The conviction that there are demons/possessions everywhere, is not currently based in the Catholic church or Judaism, but exists primarily in several contemporary religions, especially in the mammoth halls of modern Christian worship and big-tent happenings (as well as in Haitian Voodoo, Hinduism, Islam, Wicca, Native American and possibly less known cultures). Devils/demons/possession/exorcism/punishment for those who resist, appeared in one form or another over all of the earliest centuries and have persisted in this one. Rituals are an essential part of human expression, however that manifests.

Many people reject 'science' as a genuine form of knowledge bringing us truth in new facts and inventions. It is certainly true that much research has yet to be proven, especially in the fields of medicine and cosmology. In this country there is a growing population that rejects scientific research and its findings on almost all levels notwithstanding the benefits from scientific findings that are everyday parts of our lives. Large populations have beliefs which are anathema to scientific facts. In the USA, these are mostly people that scorn the reality of climate change, new viruses, and research (even when relatives die from one of the newer pandemics).

This is a time in history when there is shared global insecurity about the future, a fear consisting of more profound dimensions, powerful mostly because of the rapid way news, factual or false, travels. It is an existential crisis of different proportions and transforms a life view for individuals that which would often be perceived as an otherwise lusterless life. The internet has allowed thousands of unseen individuals to be visible and flourish, even as 'influencers'. It is a 'look at me; I exist!!" dynamic that seems to be universal. Much of this performance is perfectly understandable.

There is a lot of attention and focus given to those who succumb to exorcism in the public congregations of big tent religions. For a short period a person so cleansed becomes a STAR! The devoted attention of fellow believers which is showered on those who shed their demons is greatly prized. Such an emotional reward is seductive. These events are born of a contagious fear mixed with joyous group relief when the demons are banished. All that attention bestowed on a person who before this event has had little visibility, is addictive.

Much of this relates to a former submission of mine to the Ditto, one which covered how rage and other destructive feelings as well as group joy and love brings together people in a state of excitement and purpose, their individual and 'electrical' energies mixing with others around them. I included some examples of various ritualistic mass occurrences which covered a range of group behaviors from what I see as the most positive and loving to the most destructive. How this might be viewed by a sociologist seems to suggest a spectrum of susceptibility. It is not my intent to suggest here that ritual in itself is negative. On so many levels many rituals are behaviors that enhance a person's life. They bring cohesiveness to all groups partaking as well as comfort and satisfaction to individuals. Most of us create our own personal rituals, and those balance and stabilize our vision of a world which is often harsh.

The internet, simultaneous with bringing publicity to otherwise more obscure passions, also showed us what was already there. All conspiracy theories and myths and fantasies - especially those that seem the most preposterous - are now quickly gobbled up, ingested, and spewed out again. Thus many people are more than ever aware of, and intent on, finding those that are 'like minded'. And the like-minded naturally bind together. We can thus be globally bound now. It is not a mystery that the human spirit seeks company when facing unknown forces.

There have always been questions about death and beyond, punishment for deeds deemed evil, and searches for beliefs, and theories which give comfort in the company of others. Individual humans have questions about themselves. "Why am I punished and they are not? Am I really sinful? Why are their prayers answered and mine are not?" For many religious people the answer is within the concept of heaven and hell and the resulting complexities of that paradigm. For those who resonate with Eastern teachings the answer is inevitably "Karma" and for the so-called 'intellectual" or agnostic or atheist, there is Existential Angst in recognition of our vulnerability, and knowledge that we are free agents, and like the sentiment in Emerson's poem "Rhodora" " if eyes are made for seeing, then beauty is its own excuse for being": life justifies itself, notwithstanding all its contradictions. There are no ultimate answers for that population.

Humans are known to be social animals, like primates and many other species. We have hierarchies, not just built-in ones, but created ones, via circumstances, birth privilege and chance occurrences and old, cultural predispositions. We often have the option to overturn what seems to be our fate. Yet there are even more who are fully imprisoned in their unhappy circumstances. We have sociological answers, and psychological answers, religious and philosophical answers for all this. We need to accept that these days, primarily because of the internet, a plethora of ancient belief systems, priorly buried in acquiescent, primal genes, now gravitates towards the dark and the dangerous demons for explanation, because the world is unpredictable and often cruel. And 'au fond' it is not fully knowable.

Nothing that is happening now within various belief systems or political and religious movements (often and sadly combined) is really all that unusual, although it is understandably sobering to see an overt and country-wide return of primitive, religious beliefs, as well as hysterical, false and dangerous conspiracy "theories" which could overturn and destroy rational and humane social systems of government if not revealed for what they are. Yet all of us must continue to fight for our right to choose any form of belief, unless those beliefs affect laws that are in allegiances which harm the public welfare. To those in the thrall of demonology, certain rituals remain a necessity. Ritual is everywhere, and in any form it is a human necessity and reward. If there is no continuity with certain beloved rituals, the human tribal mindset will create its own. Those who are without demons or angels, simply accept the fundamental recognition in Hamlet's soliloguy which incudes the sentence, that we are all subject to "The heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to "as simply the reality of living on planet earth. Now that nearly everyone can benefit from the magic of the internet, trains, airplanes, rockets to the moon, et al. yet be in the position of living an ordinary life, it seems the human psyche has not guite caught up in a consistency of acceptance for the sciences. However, without changes in our public education - changes which include the validity of contemporary thought, sciences, the arts, all the humanities, in a required curriculum while reversing the banning of valuable learning in many books, we will truly face a new 'dark ages' once more. But that is not enough. There also have to be constraints on information via the internet. Much as free speech is and should remain a freedom, random and instant delivery of unexamined 'information' via the internet needs to have algorithms which remove destructive content. And the sooner, the better. Or we will trip over our own apathy toward examined facts. The only 'demons' there are exist in our own heads, and the actions of criminals in all fields - and when there are hysterical groupings of uninformed people, the result of these beliefs will create mass credulity, and big danger. This does not come from "demons" per say; it comes from group psychosis, a phenomenon not unknown throughout history. Witness the Holocaust and many inhumane laws affecting vast populations. It is inflicted by those in positions of power, via organizations of all kinds whose only interest is in maintaining their power. I offer no solutions; I am simply observing.

(C) Y. de Miranda, July 18 '24 (written before the recent election, as a warning - but too late - and invisible/impotent in any case).'

(After reading the Harpers magazine article referenced at the top, my own fact check led to this website) https://today.yougov.com/society/articles/25908-paranormal-beliefs-ghosts-demons-pol

Mapleton School Calendar

MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURD AY
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2	3 Read Across America Week	4 Read Across America Week College Fair 130-230pm	5 Read Across America Week	6 Read Across America Week Book Giveaway	7 PD Day NO FRIDAY SCHOOL OR ELEMENTARY PROGRAM	8
9 Lions' Club Breakfast 730-1030am Daylight Savings	10	11	12	13 CTE Tours w/ Lane ESD	14 NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE 9-1130 FRIDAY SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY PROGRAM	15
16	17	18 Elementary Talent Show 2 & 6pm	19 Board Meeting 6pm	20	21 FRIDAY SCHOOL & ELEMENTAR Y PROGRAM	22
23	24 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL	25 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL	26 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL	27 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL	28 FRIDAY SCHOOL & ELEMENTAR Y PROGRAM	29