

Memorial Day service at Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery

DEADWOOD — The community is invited to a special Memorial Day service at the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery, just north of Highway 36 on Deadwood Creek Road.

At noon on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, hear about Civil War and Oregon history. David Burkett of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Tami Dreiling, will provide pioneer reenactments and storytelling, and Ken Sawyer will bring his Civil War and Native American

memorabilia.

Bring a chair and some friends and enjoy Civil War History near the river in a park-like setting.

Bathrooms will be available to the public. There will also be free hot dogs, chili, cookies and bottled water. Potluck items for salads or desserts are welcome.

Verizon cell service, coffee, and other necessities are available at the local restaurant/tavern, the Deadwood Country Market and Tavern.

Library to host two DanceAbility events this week

The Siuslaw Public Library will welcome the DanceAbility International, a group based in Eugene, Ore., that is dedicated to bringing together abled and disabled people of all ages to share in the creative art of dance.

The library will host two free special events this month. The first event is Thursday, May 26, from 2 to 3 p.m. During this one-hour presentation, the group's co-founder, award-winning choreographer and dancer Alito Alessi, will talk about DanceAbility International and share a video about the organization's powerful vision.

Then, on Saturday, May 28, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alessi will conduct a DanceAbility creative movement workshop open to all. Both events will take place in the Bromley Room located in the library.

Alessi, artistic director and co-founder of DanceAbility International, has been involved in mixed-abilities dance since the late 1980s. Since that time, he has been instrumental in bringing together people of all abilities to express themselves through the art of dance and has earned numerous awards for his



COURTESY PHOTO

Alito Alessi, artistic director and co-founder of DanceAbility International, (far right) conducts a mixed abilities improvisational dance workshop.

achievements.

Over the years, not only has Alessi danced and choreographed for DanceAbility International, he has also conducted workshops, educational events and trained more than 300 teachers worldwide in the art of mixed abilities improvisational dance.

The mission of DanceAbility International is "to create

opportunities for people with and without disabilities to dance and move together."

The organization's vision is that through dance and movement, "people from very diverse backgrounds experience the art of being together with the goal of dance as a medium to eliminate labels and differences throughout the world."

This art of being together will be the focus of Saturday's dance workshop. The workshop, taught by Alessi, will focus on contact improvisation

and creative movement — the basis of DanceAbility.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

As a dancer with a disability, Bjo Ashwill sums up the exhilarating experience of a mixed abilities dance after participating in a DanceAbility workshop, by saying, "We came with our sneakers, our canes, our wheelchairs, our two left feet, our bodies we see as too short, too fat, too something — and we danced."

"By God, every subatomic particle of us danced in ways we could not have believed."

Bring your young and old selves, abled and disabled, even your two left feet, to the library on May 26 and 28 to experience this unique way of connecting with community through the art of dance.

This special two-event opportunity to experience creative movement in dance with DanceAbility International co-founder Alessi at the Siuslaw Public Library is made possible through the support of Western Lane Community Foundation, Plum Creek Foundation, and Lane County Cultural Coalition, with operating support from Lane Arts Council and Oregon Arts Commission.

For more information visit the Siuslaw Public Library, call 541-997-3132, or visit the library's website at www.siuslawlibrary.info.

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Yachats Ladies to host first pie social of summer

Event set for May 28 at clubhouse

YACHATS — The annual Yachats Ladies Club's Memorial Weekend Pie and Ice Cream Social will be Saturday, May 28, at the

Yachats Ladies Clubhouse, 286 W. Third St., at the corner of Pontiac St., in Yachats.

The pie will be served from 11 a.m. until it is gone; come early for best selection.

There is nothing like the taste of homemade pie. The wide selection of pies made by Yachats Ladies Club members include many varieties of apple, berry, peach and cherry. There will be other fruit pies and many cream pies from which to choose.

Slices are a generous sixth of a pie and are \$4 each. Large brownies are \$3. Add ice cream for just \$1 more.

Coffee and tea are \$1.

To-go boxes are available so take some home for later. This is a great time to meet some of the visitors to the community as well as connect with friends and neighbors who turn out for this annual event.

The Yachats Ladies Club hosts three pie socials per summer season. The next Pie and Ice Cream Social will be July 4.

In addition, the handmade Scholarship Quilt will be on display and raffle tickets will be for sale.

The famous Gifts-on-the-Go baskets will be available for sale as well.

The Yachats Ladies Club is an active service club for women of the South County who enjoy creating events that raise funds for community nonprofit groups.

For more information about joining in the fun and becoming a member, call Sandy Dunn, club president, at 541-547-3205.

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