

Community Calendar

Applegate Valley Garden Club meets at 1:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month from September through May. For meeting locations and programs call Sandra King at 541-899-9027 or Betty Lou Smith at 541-846-6817.

Applegate 4-H Swine Club meets on Tuesday following the third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. For more information contact Charles Elmore at 541-846-6528 or Barbara Niedermeyer at 541-846-7635.

Applegate Christian Fellowship. For service times, call 541-899-8732, 24 hours/day.

Applegate Friends of Fire District #9 meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station—1095 Upper Applegate Road—at 6:00 pm. New members are welcome. For more information, call Bob Fischer 541-846-6218.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday morning at Applegate Church, 18960 North Applegate Road (at the corner of Hwy. 238 and N. Applegate Road). Weigh-in starts at 8:30 am; the meeting starts at 9:00 am. Come join us!

Josephine County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Meets Thursdays at 6 pm. For meeting information, call Connie Young at 541-846-6051.

Applegate Valley Community Forum (AVCF) meets the third Thursday of each month, location alternating between Applegate and Ruch. For more information, call Pat Gordon at 541-899-7655.

Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Applegate Library on North Applegate Road in downtown Applegate. For more information, call toll-free at 866-289-1638.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Grants Pass area meets monthly from September to June. College degree required for membership. Days and locations vary. Contact Ann Kistler 541-471-1963 or Kathy Kirchen 541-846-9039.

AA Meetings Tuesday nights at 7 pm in Williams. Upstairs at the American Legion Hall. Contact Stan at 541-846-0734.

Applegate Library Hours
 Sunday closed
 Monday closed
 Tuesday 2 pm - 6 pm
 Wednesday closed
 Thursday closed
 Friday 2 pm - 6 pm
 Saturday 10 am - 2 pm
 (Storytime will be held Tuesdays at 2:30 pm.)

Ruch Branch Library Hours
 Sunday closed
 Monday closed
 Tuesday 11 am - 5 pm
 Wednesday closed
 Thursday 1 pm - 7 pm
 Friday closed
 Saturday 12 pm - 4 pm
 (Storytime will be held Tuesdays at 11 am.)

Friends of Ruch Library Board of Directors meets monthly. Check with the Ruch Library for schedule. 541-899-7438.

Food & Friends. Senior Nutrition Program invites local 60+ seniors to enjoy a nutritious, hot meal served at 11:30 am Monday through Friday at the Jacksonville IOOF Hall located at the corner of Main and Oregon Streets. A donation is suggested and appreciated. Volunteers help serve meals or deliver meals to homebound seniors. For information about volunteering (it takes 40 volunteers to keep the Jacksonville program going) or receiving meals, call Food & Friends at 541-664-6674, x246 or x208.

Williams Library Hours
 Sunday closed
 Monday closed
 Tuesday closed
 Wednesday closed
 Thursday closed
 Friday closed
 Saturday closed

Josephine County Farm Bureau For meeting information, call Connie Young at 541-846-6051.

Upper Applegate Grange #839 Business meetings: first Thursday at 7:30 pm. Potluck/Social meetings: fourth Friday at 7:30 pm, open to the public. Join us for informative meetings, fun and involvement in community service. Sponsors of Boy Scout Pack #18. Call 541-899-6987.

Williams Rural Fire Protection District Meetings: fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Williams Fire Department.

Williams Creek Watershed Council Meetings: fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Williams Creek Fire Station. The Public is welcome. For more information, call 541-846-9175.

Williams Grange Pancake Breakfast, second Sunday of each month, 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Closed July and August. Bring the whole family! 20100 Williams Hwy, corner of Tetherow Road near the Williams General Store. For more information, call 541-846-6844.

Wonder Neighborhood Watch Meetings, second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm, Wonder Bible Chapel.

Applegate Fire District Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Station 1 – 18489 N. Applegate Rd. at 7:30 pm. Except for the months of March, April and May, which are held at Headquarters – 1095 Upper Applegate Rd. For more information, call 541-899-1050.

Applegate Neighborhood Network (ANN) meets on the last Wednesday of every month at the Ruch Library. All interested persons are welcome to attend. ANN is a community organization dedicated to protecting, preserving, and restoring the Applegate watershed. For more information about ANN, call Duane Bowman, 541-899-7264.

Women Helping Other Women (WHOW) meets the second Thursday of the month at 10036 Hwy 238 (Gyda Lane) at 6:30 pm for a potluck meeting to plan work parties at each other's homes. New members are welcome. For more information, call Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-8741 or Sioux Rogers at 541-846-7736.

Email calendar information to
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Applegate solar tour coming October 4

On Saturday, October 4th, the Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation (GACDC) is teaming up with Earth Advantage and Energy Star to bring a solar tour to the Applegate Valley. The tour will feature two homes and two businesses located between Ruch and Slagle Creek. The event is tagged officially as “The Applegate Valley Green + Solar Tour,” and is a part of a nationwide series of tours sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society (ASES). While these tours have been held around the Rogue Valley for several years, this will be the first in the Applegate since 1986. Some of the old hands might remember the tour—it was coined “The Pioneer Tour,” and featured several solar homes on North Applegate Road.

This year's tour has a lot to offer those who are interested in building a green home or considering a solar retrofit. The homes are two recently built Earth Advantage-certified homes that are equipped with photovoltaic panels for electricity and solar heating systems for hot water. Both homes also feature healthy indoor environments. One home is a national award winner for energy efficient design. One of the businesses is a vintner that has retrofitted solar power and hot water systems.

All solar power systems on the tour are grid-tied (also called “net metering”), meaning that all excess electricity produced is funneled back to the power grid. Pacific Power pays for this via a power credit on the bill. All tour residences and businesses benefit from very small power bills.

The last stop on the tour is a local winery that features passive solar construction. This type of construction, using technology thousands of years

old, takes the best advantage of siting and materials to capture the sun's energy in winter and keep naturally cool in summer.

At this last stop, music, wine and food will be provided. Green construction contractors, solar installers and other vendors of energy-efficient systems will be on hand to answer your questions. A representative of the Oregon Department of Energy also will be there to answer any questions you might have about tax credits and rebates offered by the state and the federal government. A representative from Earth Advantage, Inc. will be there to help explain the green construction certification process. And the City of Ashland is loaning us one of their energy consultants to help with the guided tour.

How to Register

Registration for the tour is online at www.earthadvantage.com. Link to “Classes and Events” to read more about it and click on “Register” to secure a place on the tour. The tour will be limited to the first 100 registrees. The tour will start at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 4, in the parking lot of the Ruch Community Bible Church on 190 Upper Applegate Road, next to the school. If you didn't get registered online, you can show up at 9:30 am to register late. Tickets will be sold for \$10; no one under the age of 15, please. Bus transportation will be provided at no extra charge. We also will have maps for those who would prefer to carpool. Pack your own lunch. This is a guided tour with a set schedule. The tour is expected to last from 10:00 am until approximately 5:00 pm.. Mark your calendars and join us for a fun and educational day!

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Jackson County Master Gardener Association and Oregon State University Extension Service

The Jackson County Master Gardener Program, a program of Oregon State University Extension, educates local gardeners on the art and science of growing and caring for plants. Trained Master Gardener volunteers extend sustainable gardening information to their communities through educational outreach programs.

There is a fee of \$5.00 per class unless indicated otherwise. The classes are held at the OSU Extension Center located at 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, Oregon. 541-776-7371. Saturday classes 9 am-12 pm - weekday classes 7 pm-9 pm.

October and November Class Schedule

Wednesday, October 15
CARNIVOROUS PLANTS FOR THE HOME AND GARDEN
 Floyd Williams, Grower

Floyd is a local grower and a member of the Rogue Valley Growers Market. He will explain the care and culture of temperate climate carnivorous plants that also can grow in our climate. In addition, he will discuss carnivorous house plants.

Thursday, November 13
HYDROPONIC GARDENING
 Nathan Jackson, Ladybug Indoor Gardens

This class will cover the basics of hydroponics. Topics will include a brief history of hydroponics, the benefits of soil-less gardening, different types of hydroponic systems, common hydroponic crops, nutrient and pH management, organic pest control and indoor lighting.

To learn more about Jackson County Master Gardener Association, go to <http://extension.orst.edu/sorec/mg>.

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