



JACKSON COUNTY Library Services

Applegate Library

Fire at the Applegate Library

We need your help!

In August of this past summer, a neighbor was awakened at 1 am by someone at her door shouting that there was a fire on the Applegate Library property. Since her home is adjacent to the library, she knew that she would have to act fast and called 9-1-1 immediately. Luckily, the Applegate Fire Department is situated right next door to the library, so the firemen were able to save not only the neighbor's property, but the main building of the Applegate Library as well.

However, the small house that served as our storage building was burned to the ground with all of its contents, which included the entire supply of books that had been collected all year long to sell at our library book sales. The book sales provide most of the money that the Friends of the Applegate Library use for activities like the summer reading program and other programs that become available from time to time for the community.

The Friends of the Applegate Library is now in the process of raising money for the construction of a storage building for our books. The Jackson County Library System (JCLS) will provide some of the funds from their "discretionary budget," but resources are limited so we are obliged to seek donations from our community to augment the funds from JCLS.

Jackson County Parks Department has cleaned up the burned area where the building once stood, and the site is now ready for the new building. Plans are in the making for a structure of about 500 square feet with natural lighting and shelves to store all of the books that will be sold at future book sales.

We are appealing to you, our Applegate Community, for tax-deductible donations to the building fund. Please consider how much our library means to our community, and how you would like to see it continue to serve us. Checks can be made out to "Friends of The Applegate Library" and mailed to Carol Hoon, Treasurer, P.O. Box 3257, Applegate, Oregon 97530.

If you have questions concerning the donations, please call Joan Peterson at 541-846-6988.

Ruch Library

Happy holidays from Ruch Library!

Be sure and stop by the library this month for books on holiday baking, crafts, clutter busting, and more. Pick out a book that you can read while snuggled near the fire, or an audio book for a trip to grandma's.

Children are welcome to select a gift book for themselves when they visit the library between Hanukkah and Christmas.

We have a variety of craft activities scheduled for December on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm. Drop in and get your creative juices flowing.

December 6. Greeting Cards: We will have a wide selection of materials for you to make a unique card. All ages are welcome.

December 13. Ornament: Make an orb ornament with interesting paper, and maybe become inspired to later create one

with some family photographs. All ages.

December 20. Christmas Origami: Fold a star, bell, Santa, angel; or try your hand (and patience) on a reindeer. Ages six and up.

During December we will have an activity that should be fun for all ages, while teaching you a little about geography. Match international toys with their countries of origin on our large world map, and receive a prize for your efforts. All ages are welcome, but children seven and under will need parental supervision.

Lego Fun will be offered on Thursday, January 3, from 3 to 5:30 pm. Come in and create something fun with Legos and then leave the building blocks here for next time.

Hope to see you at the library!

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Each issue, the Applegater will feature one of our valued advertisers. Here is the story of the Applegate River Ranch Lodge & Restaurant in Applegate, Oregon, one of our loyal advertisers and supporters.

Applegate River Ranch Lodge & Restaurant

BY SALLY BUTTSHAW

The site of the Applegate River Ranch Lodge & Restaurant has been a community gathering spot since the 1800s. That tradition is carried on today by the Davis family, Richard, Joanna, Duke and Dusty, who purchased the site in January 1992, opened the Applegate River Ranch House that year, and opened the Lodge in May 1997. It has been a family-run operation for 21 years, since Duke and Dusty were young boys. They also employ local residents.

Many community events have been hosted at the Lodge over the years, including fundraising events for this newspaper, Save the Pioneer Bridge (the green bridge in Applegate), and many others.

The beautiful rustic lodge has seven themed rooms available for guests. They also offer a honeymoon suite. The lodge is pet-friendly, with several resident pets on the grounds and in the lobby. An impressive cathedral ceiling with a massive stone fireplace is the centerpiece of the main lobby, which also welcomes many musical events throughout the year. Duke is a saxophone player who sits in with various bands that entertain in this cozy room. He also books the musicians who play there. The music is an eclectic offering of rock, country, bluegrass, reggae and more. Something for everyone!

The restaurant is capably run by Dusty, with dinner served from 4 to 9 pm every day except Monday and Tuesday. The menu changes seasonally, but when I stopped in, the dish that caught my eye was the ahi tuna with pineapple bruschetta. Entrees include chicken and meat dishes with vegetarian selections available. Also on the menu are enticing salads, soups and pasta dishes. Local wines are also offered.

The lodge hosts many weddings, family reunions, and community events. Some guests return annually with family

or friends to celebrate holidays, wedding anniversaries, or birthdays. Outside is an area with shelter and seating—great for when the warmer weather returns.

The lodge is located at 15100 Highway 238, Applegate, Oregon. For more information, contact Joanna Davis at 541-660-0244.

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Main entrance to the Applegate River Lodge.



Stone fireplace in the lobby.



Honeymoon suite at the Lodge.
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