

Community Calendar

AA Meeting There is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous every Wednesday at 7 am at the Williams Community Church Fellowship Hall on East Fork Road in Williams. This meeting is open to those who have a drinking problem and have a desire to stop drinking, and also to anyone interested in the Alcoholics Anonymous program of recovery from drinking.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Grants Pass Branch meets monthly from September through June. Days, times, and locations vary. All those who hold an associate of arts, a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university are welcome to join. Contact Connie Johnson at budcon@charter.net or 541-476-2567, or Angie Bifano-Sokol at angiebifano@hotmail.com or 541-862-8228. Visit our website at <http://aauwgrantspass.org>, and see us on Facebook.

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

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

Applegate 4-H Swine Club meets on Tuesdays 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 Friends of Fire District #9 meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station at 1095 Upper Applegate Road at 6 pm. New members are welcome. For more information, call Bob Fischer 541-846-6218.

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.)

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.

Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council meets the 4th Thursday of the month at the Applegate Library. For more information call 541-899-9982.

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.

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.

Friends of Ruch Library Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Ruch Library. All are welcome. 541-899-7438.

Grants Pass Nordic Ski Club meets on the first Thursday of the month, November through April, at the Newman Methodist Church at 7th and B Streets in Grants Pass at 7 pm. Ski outings are on Saturdays. Listings are on the snow phone at 541-592-4977.

Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation meets the second Wednesday of January, April, July and October at 6 pm at Applegate Fire District Station 1, 18489 North Applegate Road. For more information, go to www.gacdc.org.

Josephine County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) meets Thursdays at 6 pm. For meeting information, call 541-474-6840.

Ruch 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.)

Sanctuary One is open to the public for farm tours every Wednesday and Saturday at 10:30 am. Recommended donation is \$5. Please check out our website for details: www.SanctuaryOne.org and call to reserve a spot. 541-899-8627.

Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the OSU extension. For more information, please contact sobeekeepers@gmail.com.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Monday 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!

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 to 11 am, followed by the Bluegrass Jam, 11 am to 1 pm. Closed July and August. 20100 Williams Hwy. near Tetherow Rd. For more information, call 541-846-6844.

Williams Grange #399 Business Meeting, second Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. 20100 Williams Hwy. near Tetherow Rd. For more information, call 541-846-6844.

Williams Library Hours

Sunday.....closed
Monday.....closed
Tuesday.....1:30 pm - 4 pm
Wednesday.....1:30 pm - 4 pm
Thursday.....closed
Friday.....closed
Saturday.....12 pm - 4 pm

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

Women Helping Other Women (WHOW) meets the second Tuesday 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.

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

Send your calendar information to gater@applegater.org. Be sure to keep the Gater updated with any changes to these Community Calendar listings.

NEW! MOVIE & BOOK REVIEWS

— Movie —

The Impossible

Reviewer rating: 5 Apples



(1 Apple—Don't bother, 5 Apples—Don't miss)

PG-13; Adventure, Drama; 107 minutes

Opened: December 21, 2012

Cast: Naomi Watts, Ewan McGregor, Tom Holland, Oaklee Pendergast

Director: Juan Antonio Bayona

Writer: Sergio G. Sánchez

The Impossible is based on true events. This movie has us sitting on the edge of our seats as we go on a journey with the Bennett family: Maria (Naomi Watts), Henry (Ewan McGregor), and their three sons. They decide to spend Christmas vacation in paradise, a lovely resort in Thailand.

Only minutes into the movie, the deadliest tsunami in human history ravages the shores of cities across Southeast Asia. The Bennett family is separated from one another but never give up hope of finding each other. There are so many wounded, dying, and dead, but while it is a traumatic story, it is also beautiful.

Naomi Watts plays the mother in one of her finest and most physically demanding performances, and was nominated for Best Actress by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. This intense and compelling family melodrama from Spanish director Juan Antonio Bayona sets a new standard for disaster cinema—it is emotionally exhausting and ultimately uplifting. With the powerful staging of the catastrophe and the waves seemingly flowing into the theater, it simply takes your breath away. In fact, the story has an emotional undertow that is sure to sweep you away.

The tidal wave and aftermath scenes are riveting, giving one the feeling of actually being there. The amazing computer-generated effects bring the tsunami right into the theater. It is a real roller-coaster ride with a superb cast.

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Ed. Note: *The reviewer is an ardent moviegoer—often watching the same movie in the theater multiple times.*

— Books —

Waiting for the Rain and *Walking Still*

by Zimbabwean author Charles Mungoshi

It's been a year since my husband and I spent the month of February 2012 in south-central Africa, where in Zimbabwe we strolled with and petted lions, albeit young, carefully guarded ones. But a small book that I read while in Zimbabwe is what has lingered in the edges of my consciousness throughout the past year.

When many of us think of Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia), we think of short articles and photos like those in *PARADE* magazine's annual ranking of the world's worst dictators, which always includes Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's president. Or maybe we remember books and stories and histories about Rhodesia. But is there any modern literature, any fiction, being written in that sad country? You bet there is! Charles Mungoshi has won the prestigious PEN Literary Award—twice. His 1975 novel *Waiting for the Rain* is universal in its evocation of an extended family trying to deal with a wayward son. Why is this son, provocatively named Lucifer, wayward? He wants to leave his home, leave his parents, his large family, his village and his culture to live in the "modern" world. He won't settle down to work and marry and be the head of his family as expected; he destroys the gift of sacred medicine lovingly prepared for his departure.

I do not have my tattered copy of *Waiting for the Rain* because I gave it to a waiter in the hotel where we were staying. It was as though I had given him gold and diamonds. And he did insist that I write a gift inscription inside the book—dated, to him, and from me—to prove that he had not stolen such a treasure. I do love the animals of Africa, everything from the industrious dung beetles to the majestic big cats and the elephants, but reactions by Africans to my gifts of books are my most treasured memories of Africa.

Mungoshi's more recent book *Walking Still* is an anthology of short stories. These nine stories also speak to universal concerns: cultural change, war, family dynamics. One story is about a working wife who is ultimately more successful than her husband, another is about a husband who eventually reveals his homosexuality, and the final story, "Sacrifice," is about a young daughter whose education is cut short because she is scheduled to be sacrificed to the gods. Well, perhaps this last story isn't so universal, you may say. Is Shirley Jackson's American classic "The Lottery" universal? I would assert that Mungoshi's stories have just that kind of tension and fine clarity of insight into the human psyche.

If you want a different view of Zimbabwe than that portrayed in the books set in the former Rhodesia, or in the "Worst Dictators" annual list, give Charles Mungoshi's books—including his poetry if that is your bent—a look.

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Ed. Note: *Both of these books by Charles Mungoshi are available on Amazon.com. Julia Helm is the author of She Caves to Conquer, a novel set in the American Midwest and in south-central Turkey.*

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- "Chicken herder or Don't be a loser" by J.D. Rogers
- "In the life of a Sanctuary One intern" by Kirk Stonick
- Harris and Stumbo are 2012 Tree Farmers of the Year
- Tax tips for forest landowners