

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 May. Days, times, and locations vary. All those who hold an associate of arts, baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university are welcome to join. Contact Velma Woods at woods@grantspass.com or 541-956-5287, or Marianne Dwyer at readandshop@yahoo.com or 541-479-4041. 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 Community Grange meets the second Sunday of each month at 6 pm for a potluck and at 7 pm for a business meeting. Call 541-846-7501.

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, 10:30 am - noon. Recommended donation is \$5. Reservations are required. Call 541-899-8627 or email info@sanctuaryone.org.

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 your listing.

MOVIE & BOOK REVIEWS

— Movie —



Title: *The Lone Ranger*

Reviewer rating: **4 Apples**

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

PG-13; Action/Adventure/Western; 2 hours, 29 minutes

Opened: June 2013

Cast: Johnny Depp, Armie Hammer, Tom Wilkinson, William Fichtner, Barry Pepper

Director: Gore Verbinski

This Wild West adventure is full of fun and excitement! This is one Disney movie that may not be as familiar to the young people of today as it would be perhaps to their grandparents. Moviegoers are able to see this story through the eyes of Tonto, a Native American spirit warrior. Be forewarned that some scenes could potentially scare little ones; this movie is action-packed and full of surprises. Contrary to some other reviewers, I gave *The Lone Ranger* four Apples!

Sharon Thompson

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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 Barbarians

J.M. Coetzee

How many have read the most decorated, most prize-winning living author in the English-speaking world? I had not, until I bought J. M. Coetzee's little paperback, *Waiting for the Barbarians*, at the Jacksonville Library book sale. A short one hundred and fifty-six pages of what is surely the most brilliantly written, sobering, and chilling picture of how we supposedly civilized primates mistrust, fear, hate, torture, and kill others who look, speak, worship, and live differently from those close to us. We call them uncivilized. We call them barbarians.

Coetzee has won the Nobel Prize for Literature, *two* of Britain's prestigious Booker Prizes, The *Irish Times* International Fiction Prize, the French Prix Femina Étranger, the Commonwealth Writers' Prize, the Jerusalem Prize for the Freedom of the Individual in Society, and many others.

The "Magistrate"—unnamed—lives contentedly in his remote community until the central government applies pressure upon him to do something about the barbarians that are surely lurking and making ready to invade. We never know the time or locale of the happenings in all this Waiting (we do find that there is snow in winter and that people get about on horseback). The powerful and impatient leader of the central government arrives with his minions to demonstrate to the Magistrate how things should be done. After a short absence, those authorities return with captives whom the Magistrate recognizes as simple fisher folk from a short distance upriver. The Magistrate must cover his eyes and ears to avoid thinking about the nightly groans and screams and the bagged bodies emanating from the shed where the captives are tortured for information about the activities and plans of the purported barbarians.

The Magistrate and the people of his small community experience several changes of heart and conscience, and we horrified readers empathize, condemn, consider options—and, it is hoped, learn.

The only negative about this book, for me, was that I grew weary of reading about what the Magistrate dreams nightly of doing, daydreams of doing, and is sometimes depicted as possibly doing to the tortured person of the captive barbarian woman. But I understand that that too exemplifies a dynamic that drives the forever-war machine of this, our so lovely world.

I think this little book should surely be required reading in secondary schools throughout the world.

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Ed. Note: *The reviewer is the author of She Caves to Conquer, a book about a young woman who escapes the Midwest, moves halfway around the globe and finds caves that have been occupied for nearly 4,000 years.*

Voices of the Applegate fall concerts

Voices of the Applegate, our community choir consisting of about 25 people, will be meeting every Wednesday evening in the meeting room of the Applegate Library, 18485 North Applegate Road from 7 to 8:30 pm from September 4 until November 20. We will be rehearsing for our fall concerts, which will be held in the Old Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville on November 22 at 7:30 pm, and at the Applegate River Lodge in Applegate on November 24 at 3 pm.

Our choir director, Blake Weller, has a selection of wonderful music for us to practice and learn this season, and we welcome new members to join us at any time. No audition is required. Just come and join us in September and be prepared for a lot of fun. The registration fee is \$50, and covers the 12 rehearsals and two fall concerts. Registration fees pay for our director, our accompanist and the use of the buildings in which we perform. We also try to help with scholarships for choir members when needed.

All are invited to attend our concerts and admission is free.

Joan Peterson
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BORED?

Check out our online calendar

jam-packed with events all over southwest Oregon.

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