

Community Calendar

Alcoholics Anonymous. Open meeting 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 September through May, usually Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Membership is open to those holding an associate of arts degree or higher from an accredited college or university. Contact Susan Riell at riell@sbcglobal.net or 541-956-2159, or Linda Rahberger at lr97526@gmail.com or 541-659-4669. Visit grantspass-or.aauw.net, Facebook and Pinterest.

Applegate Christian Fellowship. For service times, call 541-899-8732 24/7.

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

Applegate Food Pantry, located behind Ruch School, is open most Mondays from 11:30 to 1 pm. Call Arlene at 541-951-6707.

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 is open Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Storytime is Tuesday at 2:30 pm. 18485 North Applegate Road.

Applegate Neighborhood Network (ANN) meets 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 fourth 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 for a potluck and a business meeting. Call 541-846-7501 for times. 3901 Upper Applegate Road.

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 seniors (60-plus) to enjoy a nutritious, hot meal served at 11:30 am Monday through Friday at the Jacksonville IOOF Hall 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 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 Elmer's, 175 NE Agness Avenue, Grants Pass, at 6 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 is open Tuesday from 11 am to 5 pm, Thursday from 1 to 7 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. Storytime is Tuesday at 11 am. 7919 Highway 238.

Sanctuary One is open to the public for farm tours every Wednesday and Saturday, 10:30 am to noon. Minimum donation is \$10. Reservations are required. Call 541-899-8627 or email info@sanctuaryone.org.

Siskiyou Audubon Society (free program) meets the second Tuesday of each month, September - June, at 6:30 pm at Grants Pass High School cafeteria (Room 611), 830 NE 9th Street, and features expert birding scientists and bird biologists. Refreshments served. More information: John Taylor 541-476-9846.

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 Highway 238). Weigh-in starts at 8:30 am; the meeting starts at 9:00 am. Come join us!

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

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

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 Highway near Tetherow Road. For more information, call 541-846-6844.

Williams Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 1 to 5 pm. Stories, crafts and skill-sharing every Tuesday at 3:45 pm and Saturday at 2 pm. All ages welcome at free programs by local volunteers. Free Wi-Fi 24/7. 20100 Williams Highway. For more information, call Danielle Schreck at 541-846-7020.

Williams Rural Fire Protection District meets the 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 Highway 238 (Gyda Lane) at 6:30 pm for a potluck meeting to plan work parties at each other's homes. New members welcome. For more information, call Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-8741 or Sioux Rogers at 541-846-7736.

Wonder Neighborhood Watch meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm, Wonder Bible Chapel, 11911 Redwood Highway, Wilderville.

Announcing the Applegater's First Annual Student Essay Contest

\$100 Visa card for winning entry
from Grange Co-op

The *Applegater* invites students in the 9th through 12th grades who live in the Applegate Valley to "sharpen their pens," get their creative juices flowing, and enter the *Applegater's* first annual student essay contest. Here is the scoop:

The topic: "Agriculture in the year 2020 in the Applegate Valley—My vision."

In 750 words, describe where you think our agriculture industry—from livestock to crops, or any one specific crop or animal—is headed, what it will look like in five years, why it would be this way, and what farmers will have to do to adjust to the changes.

Entrants may include photos or other graphics to support their essay. Photos and graphics must be a minimum of 5" wide x 3" high at 300 dpi (high resolution) or "large format."

Entries will be judged by our panel, which includes Diana Coogle, *Applegater*

board chair and author; Susan Clayton-Goldner, award-winning author; Steven Weaver, Applegate Valley sheep rancher; Rick Williams, English teacher; and Julie Ersepke, Grange Co-op marketing manager.

The winning essay will be published around March 1 in the *Applegater's* Spring 2015 issue.

Submit your essays to gater@applegater.org. Only email submissions will be considered. The contest application must accompany all entries and can be downloaded at www.applegater.org.

Rules and Guidelines, also available on our website, must be followed.

The deadline is midnight, January 26, 2015.

We hope that parents and schools will encourage students to enter.

We look forward to receiving your essays! If you have any questions, please email gater@applegater.org.

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Green Path Landworks

Green Path Landworks is a new land-management business serving property owners throughout the Applegate region. Josh Weber started Green Path Landworks out of a passion for interacting with the natural world, a drive to achieve his own path and to serve a higher purpose.

Why the name Green Path?

Josh has walked a winding, forested path throughout his life. As a child, Josh roamed the north woods of Michigan, building shelters and eating blueberries, responding to an intuitive connection with the wild. This connection developed into working on the ecology/conservation staff at Boy Scout summer camp and attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. In lieu of college, Josh spent years immersed in the mountain classrooms of the west. When not exploring the ranges, he worked seasonally in the Rockies, living and working at high altitude, building hiking trails, and working on land-agency projects. Josh settled in the Applegate Valley in 2007, and fell in love with the wild hills here. He gradually learned the varied, alluring, and enchanting ecosystem of the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion.

Building on the varied skills gained through his life and recognizing the niche for a multi-faceted, rural skills-based business, Josh formed

Green Path Landworks in 2013. Green Path strives to integrate sustainable stewardship practices with integrity and reliability. Josh's blue-collar, midwestern work ethic combines with his love of disciplined physical labor to accomplish these ends.

Green Path is pleased to offer tree removals, fuels-reduction services, and forest-health treatments. Josh aims to utilize wood resources generated by selling small-diameter, slow-growth firewood, along with other uses. Green Path offers many useful land-management services, such as footpath construction, fencing removal and installation, wood chipping or splitting, dry masonry stone steps, and brush or blackberry removal.

Contact Josh at 541-951-7969 or greenpathlandscape@gmail.com.



The morning after an all-night rainstorm on a March trek into the Wild Rogue Wilderness.

Pacifica Arts Guild's
Winter Arts Festival
Saturday, December 6, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
FREE admission. Pacifica, 16415 Water Gap Road, Williams
25 local artists with high-quality, handmade Jewelry, Ceramics, Fiber Creations, Leather, Photographs, Paintings & more
Live music, Good food, Children's activities
APPLEGATE VALLEY ART SHOW
Poetry Readings by the Applegate Poets (11:00, 1:00, 3:00)
in Pacifica's beautiful Pond House (home, at one time, to musician Steve Miller)
For information contact peg@pacificagarden.org or call 541-660-4295

Send your calendar information to gater@applegater.org.