

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 gater@applegater.org.



Art sale will benefit Ruch Library again this December

You are invited to the second annual **Applegate Artisan's Exhibit and Sale** on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 11, 12 and 13, from 12 to 7 pm. Twenty-five Applegate artists and crafts people will display a wide variety of their work, with 30% or more of all sales donated to the Library. The money raised will go towards maintaining the extended hours at the Ruch Library. Do your Holiday shopping early, while supporting the Ruch Library. Come and see the work of Applegate's finest artisans in a gallery setting at the Ruch Library:

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| Jewelry | Collages |
| Fine Ceramics | Weavings |
| Pottery | Candles |
| Mirrors | Paintings |
| Leather Bags | Prints |
| Hats | Note Cards |
| Christmas Ornaments | Wood-turned Bowls |
| Giclee Prints | Photographic Cards |
| Computer Art | CDs from Local Vocalists |
| Hand-crafted Paper | Reed Baskets |
| Hand-crafted Soap | Felt Dolls |

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Jackson County Master Gardener Association and Oregon State University Extension Service

Winter Dreams - Summer Gardens

Saturday, November 1, 2008 • 9 am to 5 pm
 Stevenson Union, Southern Oregon University

This one-day gardening symposium features more than 30 horticulture classes to choose from. Topics are varied and suitable to both novice and seasoned gardeners alike, including: vineyard start-up and management by Weisinger's Vineyards, composting with worms, large harvests from small spaces, identifying and managing bugs in your garden, and Stan Mapoloski, a popular local personality, will be giving an especially useful course on plant choices for the Rogue Valley.

Pre-registration is strongly recommended by October 29 to guarantee class selection and lunch. Registration cost is \$50, or \$25 for full-time students, and covers your choice of four classes and lunch.

Information and registration are available online at the Jackson County Master Gardener website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/gardening>.

Look for brochures at local garden centers and nurseries, or contact Bob Reynolds at 541-776-7371.

Caring for Garden Tools in All the Seasons

Thursday, December 11, 2008 • 7 pm to 9 pm
 by Colby Troxel, Grange Co-op

How to care for your garden tools year-round, with emphasis on the end of the gardening season will be covered. Sharpening of gardening tools also will be included.

There is a fee of \$5.00 per class unless indicated otherwise. Classes are held at the OSU Extension Center located at 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, Oregon. 541-776-7371.

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.

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

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