

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 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!

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 Meeting 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 #239 Business meetings: second 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.

Applegate Lake Cub Scouts Pack #18 (Ruch Region) Outdoor activity (fishing, rafting, hikes, etc.) the first Friday of each month; regular meeting the third Friday of each month. Upper Applegate Grange from 10 am to 1 pm. All boys in grades first through fifth including homeschoolers, Ruch students, and non-Ruch students are welcome. For more information, contact Cub Leader Vic Agnifili at 541-899-1717.

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

Email calendar information to gater@applegater.org.

OSU Extension Classes and Activities

Josephine County Master Gardening Classes



Thursday, October 8, At 5-8pm SEED SAVING

Cost: \$10.00, Call 476-6613 to pre-register
Instructor: Don Tipping, Seven Seeds Farm
Interested in saving your own seeds? Vegetable seed farmer Don Tipping, of Seven Seeds Farm, will discuss easy ways to save seed and select for new varieties. He will also cover how to begin growing seed commercially.

Thursday, November 5, 1- 2:30 pm BEEKEEPING FREE

Instructor: Guy Appleton
Too bee...or not to bee? This class will give an introductory look into the culture of honey bees from the perspective of our Rogue Valley. Topics will include a brief history of beekeeping, the challenges and rewards associated with modern apiculture, the social order of the hive, the equipment used by beekeepers today and the resources available to the backyard beekeeper. No protective clothing will be required for this class. Please pre-register at 476-6613.

Saturday, December 12, 9 am-4 pm ORGANIC VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

Cost \$35.00
Preregistration required call 476-6613
Instructor: Maud Powell, OSU Extension, Melissa Matthewson, OSU Extension and other instructors TBA. Lunch and materials will be provided.

This one day course will introduce participants to the nuts and bolts of growing organic vegetables. Topics include organic certification; marketing organic products; field preparation and equipment; soil fertility; and insect, disease and weed management.

Thursdays, January 14-April 1, 9 am-4 pm Master Gardener Training Register Now—Become a Master Gardener in Josephine County!

Enhance your personal plant-growing skills and help others be more successful in their sustainable gardening efforts by joining our annual Extension Master Gardener volunteer training program! Topics include botany, vegetable and fruit production, landscaping, soils, insect ID, greenhouses, plant disease diagnosis and management, weed ID, tree care, native plants, composting, plant propagation, water conservation and more. Cost is \$100 plus 70 volunteer hours (non-volunteer option available at additional cost). Class schedule and details available at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/josephine/horticulture>. REGISTER SOON: space is limited! 541-476-6613

All classes are held at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 215 Ringuette Street, Grants Pass, OR 97527. For more information call 541-476-6613

Jackson County Master Gardening Classes



Tuesday, October 13, 7-9 pm GROWING BERRIES IN THE ROGUE VALLEY

George Tiger, retired Extension Agent. This class will cover everything you need to know to successfully grow and harvest your berry crop. Learn the establishment and management of berries in your backyard including when to fertilize your crop, when plants are available, how to select the best varieties for the Rogue Valley and where to find the nurseries that may carry the varieties you wish to grow. This class qualifies for Master Gardener recertification hours.

Tuesday, November 10, 7-9 pm MANAGING WEEDS AROUND YOUR HOME

Bob Reynolds, Master Gardener Advisor. Are weeds taking over your yard and garden? Learn some strategies and techniques for managing weeds around your home and in your garden. Note: This presentation will not address large acreages or farm weed management. This class qualifies for Master Gardener recertification hours.

There is a fee of \$5.00 per class unless indicated otherwise. Master Gardeners wearing their badges are admitted free (materials fees still apply). The classes are held at the OSU Extension Center located at 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, Oregon. 541-776-7371.

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

The Master Gardener Program 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.

Additional OSU-Extension Classes in Jackson and Josephine Counties

Tuesday, October 20, 7-9 pm. KNEAD TO LEARN OLD FASHIONED BREAD MAKING

Jackson, Auditorium
Cost: \$10.00

Instructor: Michele Pryse, FFEV.
Mmm....who's baking bread? You are! This class delves into the rich legacy of handmade bread—with a few modern improvisations! Using simple kitchen tools, you will partake in the transformation of a few humble ingredients to wholesome, whole grain bread. We'll provide the ingredients; you go home with 2 raising loaves of old-Fashioned Buttermilk ready to bake in your oven. Class limited to 25 students. Please call the office for a list of required items to bring to class.

Sunday, October 24, 9 am-5 pm INTRODUCTION TO CARPENTRY FOR WOMEN FARMERS

On farm location, TBA
Cost: \$35.00

Instructor: Maud Powell, OSU Extension, Melissa Matthewson, OSU Extension.
This is an introductory carpentry class taught by women and designed for women farmers. It is an excellent beginner course or refresher course for women interested in gaining confidence in their use of power tools and building skills. The learning environment is safe, comfortable and fun. We will be covering basic power tool safety and use. Power tools include circular saws, cordless drills, sawzalls, jig saws and chop saws. The class project, building a horse tack shed and composting toilet, is oriented to educate participants in how to use skills in real world applications. Preregistration required. Contact Maud at 541-776-7371 to register.

Tuesday, November 3, 7-9 pm FROM DRURY LANE TO YOU—MUFFIN MAKING

Jackson, Auditorium
Cost: \$10.00

Instructor: Michele Pryse, FFEV.
Come bake with us! Learn invaluable techniques and time-saving tips to bake batches of scrumptious muffins. We will walk you through ingredient selection, mixing, and baking a half dozen lovely Blueberry Buttermilk Muffins. Class is limited to 20 students. Participants will receive a special recipe book. Please call the office for a list of required items to bring to class.

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