

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 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 Sylvia Rose at srjrose2@charter.net or 541-479-0277 or Georgia Applegate at gkapple@apbb.net or 541-787-7175.

AA Meeting There is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous every Wednesday at 7:00 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.

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

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 Cub Scout Pack Troop #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.

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

Email calendar information to gater@applegater.org.

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Applegate Food Pantry



Hello neighbors!

We wanted to send a reminder to those of you who most generously help the Applegate Food Pantry stay afloat and allow us to continue to serve our community. We have closed our P.O. Box and now ask that your donations instead be sent directly to our home address:

Arlene & Claude Aron
 1684 Humbug Creek Road
 Jacksonville, OR 97530

(Please make your checks out to Applegate Access)

This has been quite a busy and challenging year. Due to our struggling economy, we have more clients in need, but about the same amount of food to distribute.

We appreciate any help you can give us. Canned food can be dropped behind the Ruch school on Thursdays at 2:30, clean clothing can be dropped off at the Ruch library, and checks mailed to the above address. If you have perishable food to donate or any questions, please feel free to contact us at 541 846-0380.

Thank you and Happy New Year.

Arlene and Claude Aron • 541-846-0380

GRAINS

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took place on a farm in Southern Oregon and includes a tour of the grain operation, as well as presentations by producers and university specialists.

The first class focused on networking between producers and users (such as local microbrewers and artisan bakers). The session also addressed the economics of small grain production, including material on enterprise budgets developed by OSU agricultural economic specialist Willie Riggs. Participants identified potential pitfalls to a local grain market; the biggest obstacles seem to be scale of operations in Southern Oregon and the prices that small producers need to charge for grain. Bakers and farmers brainstormed ideas for developing mutually beneficial relationships, such as including more expensive local grains in recipes blending several flour sources.

The second class covered field preparation, varietal selection, and integrating grains into a whole farm system. Farm tours included the restaurant/farm Summer Jo's, and Pacific Botanicals, both located in Grants Pass. Mark Wheeler of Pacific Botanicals illustrated how he incorporates grain into a double-cropping scheme, and also into a long-term location. Washington State University wheat specialist Stephen Jones combined the best of old knowledge and new advances, discussing varietal selection for disease resistance and for protein levels. Jones urged producers to use old resources, such as the USDA Bulletin Number 1074, *Classification of American Wheat*. This bulletin, now available online, lists the forty one varieties that were in production on about one million acres in Oregon at that time. Producers took home organic "Glenn" hard spring wheat seed to experiment with a small planting.

In April the course series included planting spring grains and integrating animals to boost soil fertility and protein levels in wheat. Farm tours in Williams included L&R Family Farm and Seven Seeds Farm. Don Tipping of Seven Seeds explained how he uses rotational grazing of poultry and sheep to clean his fields of spent grain and

to boost nutrients with animal manure.

The fourth class was held June 26th in Medford. The wet, cold spring delayed the grain harvest, but participants still got to take a look at a refurbished All-Crop combine at Dunbar Farms. David Mostue from Dunbar addressed economies of scale and details of his wheat trialing project. Bob Niedermeyer from Niedermeyer Farms covered considerations for harvest and storage.

The class in August focused on alternative poultry rations, as well as homesteading grain production. Producers toured the homesteading operation and tried out an old-fashioned scythe at Mellonia Farm in Applegate, as well as touring the poultry feed experiments at Barking Moon Farm, also in Applegate. Josh Cohen at Barking Moon performed informal wheat trials of five varieties, and the class inspected those plots.

The last class highlighted equipment used in small-scale grain production and explored producers' equipment-sharing cooperatives. A group of producers formed an ongoing working group to address possibilities such as an equipment-sharing LLC, and the option of David Mostue at Dunbar Farms providing custom combine work, as well as a central grain processing facility.

Small Farms team members Maud Powell and Shelley Elkovich plan to write more grants encouraging grain production, such as a DVD project which will incorporate information on small-scale grain production with case studies of different farms producing grains in Oregon, and an initiative to develop appropriately scaled equipment that would be produced in the U.S. They also plan to collaborate with Washington State University on a multi-state wheat trialing project. For producers who missed this series, look for a one-day "Wheat 101" class to be held at the Extension in late winter.

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