

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 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 snrjrose2@charter.net or 541-479-0277 or Georgia Applegate at gkapple@apbb.net or 541-787-7175.

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 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 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 Friends of Fire District #9 meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station—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 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 at 10 am. Recommended donation is \$5. Please check out our website for details: www.SanctuaryOne.org and call to reserve a spot. 541-899-8627.

Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association meets the first Monday of each month, 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. Information 541-846-6844.

Williams Grange #399 Business Meeting, second Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. 20100 Williams Hwy. near Tetherow Rd. Information 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.

Transparency and public involvement continue with Pilot projects

BY JOHN GERRITSMASMA

A cornerstone for the success thus far of the Secretarial restoration Pilot projects, Pilot Joe and Pilot Thompson, has been a commitment to maintain transparency in the various project developments and implementations, and a commitment to keep local and interested stakeholders informed.



Working with the Southern Oregon Restoration Collaborative (formerly the Knitting Circle) and the Applegate Partnership, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has provided a number of public involvement opportunities. These opportunities range from simply giving you information, to you having a voice in the design of the project, or overseeing the effects of its implementation. Here is a list of activities to date:

- **Public meetings**—designed and sponsored by the collaborative groups rather than BLM. The end result is more “community-speak” and less “bureaucratese.”
- **Neighborhood meetings**—an intimate venue for neighbors to have localized discussion with BLM about Pilot Thompson in their neighborhood. All you need is a living room or porch and BLM will meet with you and invited neighbors for a one-on-one discussion with BLM. Contact me if you have a group.
- **Collaboration groups**—formed around a specific issue. A community group explored the road issues (new construction) and opportunities (removing unwanted roads) related to Pilot Thompson. A common understanding of the needs for BLM and concerns from Thompson Creek residents resulted in a proposal to remove roads at a 5:1 ratio to building new ones.
- **Public interdisciplinary team members**—community participation on interdisciplinary teams, the BLM resource specialists who help frame up the project and discuss the various effects and mitigation of project design.
- **Field trips**—early and often. More are scheduled for late summer and fall of 2012. The website will have information on dates and times. You can also get on the Pilot project mailing list and will be notified via email of field trips.
- **Project information on website**—accessible information for the public, such as project notes, maps and photos. In addition, there are links to other Pilot projects.
- **Scoping Report**—a detailed categorization of public scoping

comments that help define the upcoming analysis work for the Pilot Thompson project. The report is available on the website and provides stakeholders the understanding and insight into how the interdisciplinary team will be using public comments in the environmental analysis.

• **Multiparty monitoring**—placement of plots with photos and data to track the changes that occur after the implementation of the Pilot projects. The team is open to anyone who would like to help monitor the effects of implementing the Johnson and Franklin principles. The team is managed by the Restoration Collaborative and the Applegate Partnership.

The Pilot projects are being implemented under the Middle Applegate Restoration Pilot designated by Secretary Ken Salazar in 2011 to demonstrate the restoration principles of Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin. The projects consist of logging and other vegetation removal operations to reduce tree densities and create conditions that are more consistent with the ecological processes of the area. As of July 2012, Pilot Joe is about 50 percent treated (the operator has not yet returned to the project site after the spring hiatus), and Pilot Thompson is in the middle of an analysis phase by BLM resource specialists. Pilot Thompson contracts will be advertised in the spring of 2013. Field trips to both projects will resume in September 2012, and information will be posted on the website. The website address for information on the Pilot projects is <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/forestrypilot/>.

Anyone who is interested in keeping abreast of developments with the Pilots via email, who would like to be involved in any of the public events or activities, or has questions about the projects can contact me at john_gerritsma@blm.gov or 541-618-2438.

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