

Fire district's new training building now open

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Assisted by Fire Chief Brett Fillis, board president Ed Temple cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of Applegate Valley Fire District's new Training Center. Photo: Chris Wolfard.

The time finally arrived to open the doors to the Applegate Valley Fire District's new 6,400-square-foot Training Center. This construction project was designed to handle the district's expanding training requirements and also to serve our community. You have trusted this fire district to serve you in times of need, and we feel honored to fulfill your request for a building that can serve all of us for years to come.

The fire district purchased a five-acre vacant lot adjacent to the headquarters' fire station in March 2004. The two lots were joined, and construction of the new training center began in the spring of 2014. We were able to use local contractors as well as in-house personnel to complete the construction in October 2015.

This project came to fruition only through the dedication and generous support from you, our constituents, and many fire district personnel. The Applegate Valley Fire District would like to thank volunteer firefighter Bob Ziegler for his many hours of welding expertise and excavation. A big thank-you goes to Tim Van Leeuwen for his many hours

laying vinyl and carpeting throughout the building as well as firefighter Gary Sciocchetti and Richard Goodnough for their labor during the framing portion of construction.

The grand opening took place on Saturday, October 10, 2015. The Applegate Lion's Club provided barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers, and firefighters gave an exciting demonstration by cutting two wrecked cars apart using the Jaws of Life. During the open house, people were able to view the large meeting room designed to accommodate our training needs as well as to provide local community events. The training room has been outfitted with high-quality audiovisual equipment designed to engage an audience. The commercial kitchen, spacious bathrooms, and training room are the heart of the building that will be used by the public and firefighters alike.

Fire district personnel and their families will soon have access to the new exercise room with equipment to increase stamina, physical ability and overall health.

For more information on how you can become a volunteer with Applegate Valley Fire District or to request use of the new facility, please visit the website at www.applegatefd.com.

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Library
Services

— Applegate Library —

When I think of winter, I think of warm fires, a cup of hot chocolate, and a holiday magazine or book filled with crafts, gifts and cooking ideas. Right now at Applegate Library you can check out books on all the gift and holiday fun for you and for the kiddos.

Speaking of kiddos, did you know that we have Storytime every Saturday morning at 10:30 am followed with a fun craft?

Applegate Library has a community

room available for events, classes, and other functions. So if you need to make it happen, bring it here! Call to make your reservations.

Library hours are Tuesdays 2 to 6 pm, Wednesdays 10 am to 2 pm, Fridays 2 to 6 pm, and Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm.

For more information, contact branch manager Lisa Martin at 541-846-7346 or lmartin@jcls.org.

Have a safe and warm holiday season.

— Ruch Library —

Friends of Ruch Library (FORL) will host their Holiday Book Sale featuring quality books of all genres on December 1, 3, and 5 at the Ruch Library Community Room during open hours (Tuesday 10 am to 5 pm, Thursday 1 to 7 pm, and Saturday 11 am to 4 pm). What a great way to shop locally for the holidays!

FORL has lined up some great programs, starting December 7 from 2 to 4 pm with Dave Baker's "Mostly Penguins," a lecture with photos and video and fun for the whole family. Penguins can swim faster than many fish, dive deeper than any other bird, and survive in both temperate and polar climates. We have only very recently understood how penguins survive. Dave Baker first visited Antarctica in 1956 while in the navy, and more recently with *National Geographic* expeditions in 2006 and 2010.

Join us on Saturday, January 16, at 2 pm for a Folk Music Sing-Along with Chris Bratt and Larry Francis, two of Applegate's finest folk musicians, who are sure to get you tapping your toes and joining in on old favorites. Bring the *Rise up Singing* songbook if you have it.

Back by popular demand: "Back in Time" with Janeen Sathre and Evelyn Williams, Applegate natives who are chock full of delightful stories and pictures about the Applegate. You won't want to miss this! Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 20, at 2 pm.

Ruch Library and FORL lost a valuable volunteer when Kaye Clayton

passed away in October. In lieu of flowers at her Celebration of Life, people were asked to bring a gently used book to donate to the A-Frame Bookstore, her pet project. Please plan on visiting the bookstore to purchase one of these special books honoring Kaye.

Jackson County Library Services' Winter Reads program will run from January 4 through February 15, 2016. This fun program for adults aims to encourage more reading during the winter months. Pick up a reading log at the library, record four books you read (or listen to), and submit each log to the library. You can enter as many times as you wish—there will be a county-wide drawing of reading logs for a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice. In addition, at Ruch, every reading log earns you a free Pass book at the A-Frame Bookstore.

Ruch Library is honored to have the traveling exhibition, "Clink! A Taste of Oregon Wine," from May 1 to July 7, 2016. Visitors to the exhibit can learn about the flourishing wine industry through text, photos, colorful graphics, and interactive experiences. More about this in the spring edition of the *Applegater*.

Be sure to visit Ruch Library to find books on decorating, gift making, and baking for the holiday season.

For more information, contact branch manager Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-7438 or ttruesdell@jcls.org.

Happy Holidays!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Applegate Valley Fire District



Be part of the tradition.
Be part of the response.
Be part of the community.

Be a Volunteer Firefighter.

The Applegate Valley Fire District is seeking new volunteers for all stations.

**Volunteer Academy Starting Soon
Deadline to Apply: December 15th**

Join Our Team Now!

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www.applegatefd.com

Pacifica Arts Guild's
Winter Arts Festival
Saturday, December 5, 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
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