

NONPROFIT NEWS AND UPDATES

— Applegate Food Pantry —

The Applegate Food Pantry will be closed for Labor Day on September 5. Otherwise, the pantry is open on Mondays from 9:30 am to 11 am.

The pantry is closed on the last Monday of every month and also on any Monday that Ruch Community School

is in session. There are no sign-ins after 11 am, with no exceptions.

The pantry is located behind the Ruch School cafeteria at 156 Upper Applegate Road in Ruch. For more information, contact manager Charlotte Knott at 541-899-8381.

— SMART —

Community volunteers are needed for SMART (Start Making A Reader Today), which envisions an Oregon where every child can read and is empowered to succeed.

Volunteers at Ruch School read one-on-one with different children from preschool to third grade for 25 minutes each (almost two hours total), one day each week during the school year.

SMART gives each child 14 new take-home books. That's two per month

during the course of the program. From volunteers, kids learn that reading is fun and school is an adventure.

Join SMART and help children become confident readers!

For more information about volunteering at Ruch School, contact the Ruch volunteer coordinators Pat Gehres at 541-846-6013 or Janis Mohr-Tipton at 541-846-7501. You can also contact the Rogue Valley SMART office at 541-734-5628.

— Pacifica —

This summer Pacifica offered eight different summer camps ranging from nature and art to yoga and sewing—all of them fun!

Pollinator teaching garden.

This 8,000-square-foot garden will include a circle of several hundred perennials surrounded by shrubs and trees, all of them either larval or nectar foods for a variety of our beleaguered pollinators. There will be informational signs along with activities. The garden is expected to be open by next spring, but knowing the ways of the world, we may need to add a year to that!

The Fourth Annual Sculpture Show and Contest at the end of June was beautiful and a success. Congratulations to the winners! Ceramics: Jose Curtis, Roxanne Hunnicutt, and Jane Anderson. Mixed Media: Cindy Kahoun, Janet Higgins, and Andras Maras. Metal: Robert Rubio. People's Choice: Amanda Higgins, Jose Curtis, and Cris Usher.

The Children's Activity Garden has begun and will eventually include around a dozen fun and educational hands-on activity stations, including a "music island" with large chimes, a xylophone, and a drum. We hope to have a mini-habitats play area, a Native American area, a nature-science station (currently with several activities about birds and tracking), and others ready by spring 2017.

Winter Fest (December 3, 10 am to 4 pm). Don't forget to sign up for the Winter Fest to showcase either art or music. It's always a special day.

Volunteers are needed to paint (picnic tables and a small barn), plant (fragrant garden and others), and work on the Children's Activity Garden. Call 541-660-4295 if you might have time. *We need you.*

If you need information about Pacifica events, please call 541-660-4295. And please remember that, when



Enjoying the fun at Pacifica's Fun Camp are (from left to right) Leah Markman (teacher), Kaya Breeze-Newman, Patty Goodin (teacher), Salila Oldham, Cooper Gagnon, Logan Glass, Dylan Gagnon, Addison Pearce, and Vanessa Martinez (teacher).



Photo, above: Sculpture by winning artist Jose Curtis.

Photo, right: Sculpture by People's Choice winner Amanda Higgins.

Photos by Hawk Starkey.



it comes to the "giving time" in your life, Pacifica is a local public-benefit nonprofit, and *always needs* your tax-deductible donations to continue to serve you.

Pacifica is located in Williams, Oregon, at 14615 Water Gap Road. Phone: 541-846-1100; website: pacificagarden.org.

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Fundraiser for Friends of Jacksonville's Historic Cemetery

The Madrone Theatre Company and the Friends of Jacksonville's Historic Cemetery will be presenting nine performances of a unique adaptation by Ron Danko of Edgar Lee Masters' cemetery-inspired *Spoon River Anthology*. Fifty selected monologues will be presented along with original music composed by David Gordon.

Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings on October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, and 22, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday afternoons on October 9, 16, and 23, at 2 pm at the Rogue Community College Performance Hall, 130 East 8th Street, Medford, Oregon. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students. A group rate is also available. Additional information about the production and how to purchase tickets are available at friendsjvillecemetery.org/spoon-river-anthology---fund-raiser.html. Photo by David Gibb Photography.



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