

Applegate Valley Fire District events

More information about the fire levy will be available at these upcoming events.

Applegate Town Hall. 6-8 pm September 25. Location: Applegate Community Church, 18960 North Applegate Road, Applegate. Sponsored by the Applegate Fire District and the Applegate Lions Club. Chief Wolfard will discuss the proposed fire district tax levy. Also in attendance will be House State Representatives Christine Goodwin and Pam Marsh. (See article on page 2.)

Pancake breakfast. 8-10 am September 30. Cost: \$5. Applegate Valley Fire District Headquarters Training Room, 1095 Upper Location: Applegate Road, Ruch. Sponsored by the Friends of the Applegate Fire District (friendsofapplegatefire.org).

Spaghetti dinner. 5-7 pm October 26. Cost: \$5. Homemade sauce! Location: Applegate Valley Fire District Headquarters Training Room, 1095 Upper Applegate Road, Ruch. Sponsored by the Friends of the Applegate Fire District (friendsofapplegatefire.org).

What's new on Applegate Valley Connect

Applegate Valley Connect (AVC) is our valley's online resource for news, emergency information, business listings, a community events calendar, and jobs and volunteer opportunities.

Read online

Here are some stories you can read in full online at applegateconnect.org. Click on "News & Stories."

The Applegate Paddling Club. This group has a goal to promote water safety and education, enhance Applegate paddling areas, and support an active local paddling community. This article reports on their efforts to map the Applegate River's access points, hazards, and water levels. (Read about the club's upcoming event in this *Applegater*, page 23.)

Nothing new under the rainbow. The Applegate's Pride Festival was progressive, but visible gay communities in the Applegate are nothing new.

A stand-up guy. When Applegater Randy Bogardus hit retirement age, he realized his social security check and

veteran's benefits weren't quite going to cut it. He'd need more income. But if he was going to have to work into his old age, he wanted it to be something fun. So, he started Clearwood Paddleboards. The local business is thriving and keeps him inspired, fit, and flush in "fun money." (See *Applegater*, page 23.)

What's coming up

Dark skies. The Applegate Valley has uniquely dark skies. An interview with Oregon's Dark Sky specialist, Dawn Nilson, offers tips on how to install lighting that both meets our needs and preserves our starry views.

An interview with David Rains Wallace. Wallace is mostly known in our area for his award-winning book, *The Klamath Knot*. In this interview with AVC, Wallace reflects on the Klamath Knot and talks about his current passion: Shakespeare and the wilderness.

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777 Guest Ranch. Whether guests seek a romantic weekend, a transformative educational experience, or a memorable corporate retreat, this 43-acre resort offers the perfect blend of adventure and relaxation. At the heart of the resort is a commitment to fostering a vibrant community of nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers. Owners Eric Adams and Heather Kelly-Adams take pride in curating an array of outdoor events, from guided hikes and wildlife spotting to stargazing and nature photography workshops. Join in on this journey of exploration, inspiration, and connection with nature while reveling in the splendors of glamping. Embrace the outdoors, expand your knowledge, and leave with cherished memories that last a lifetime. Located "around Sterling Creek-Buncom-Jacksonville." Learn more at t7gr.com.



Glamping at 777 Guest Ranch

Cowhorn Kitchen & Wine, a restaurant from the team behind Cowhorn Vineyard & Garden, is set to open this fall in Jacksonville. (No firm opening date as of press time.) The family-owned restaurant will serve cuisine featuring local ingredients from the vineyard's working biodynamic garden and from neighboring farms, alongside a selection of biodynamic wines from Cowhorn and its sister property, Johan Vineyards, in Willamette Valley. Located in the space formerly housing the Mustard Seed Café and Sunny Side Up, Cowhorn Kitchen & Wine will be open for lunch and dinner Thursday through Monday. 130 North 5th Street, Jacksonville, OR.

McCully House Inn. The McCully House Inn came into new ownership in 2021, when Kathryn Moseley and her husband discovered the historic building for sale on one of their many trips to Jacksonville. What had been a five-year plan to buy a bed-and-breakfast turned into a "right now" plan. The Moseleys leased the adjacent building for a bakery, due to open later this year. Attached to the inn will be a lounge area/meeting space and pub, all open to the public. Phase two includes an atrium-style restaurant just off the inn's kitchen, between the bakery and the inn, which is scheduled for a spring 2024 opening. The Moseleys have also procured the Jacksonville Lumber Company property behind the inn, which was part of the original McCully House property. This will be an open garden space for events like weddings or community movie nights. Plans for the rest of the lumberyard lot are still in the air. Meanwhile the inn is taking reservations during the renovations. The newly upgraded rooms are elegant, spacious, and beautifully decorated, with an artful balance between past and present. All rooms have modern amenities like air purifiers and beautiful, intentional period pieces that don't smother you with history. For more on the history of the McCully family and the inn, visit mccullyhouseinn.com. 240 E. California Street. Jacksonville, OR. Phone 541-899-6806. Email reservations@mccullyhouseinn.com.

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