

NEW WILLIAMS LIBRARY

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two people to conduct a virtual interview, take an important call, or FaceTime with a loved one in a private space. The Zenbooth Solo is equipped with lighting, acoustic insulation, and motion-activated ventilation. It also has a height-adjustable desk, outlets, and the ability to hard wire a device to the library's high-speed internet for seamless connection. Patrons can bring their own device or borrow a library laptop, if needed. Funding for the virtual communication booth was provided by A Greater Applegate.

Get a library card. Take advantage of thousands of print books, e-books, and audiobooks with a library card. Find recommended reading, attend library programs for all ages, use public computers, and check out useful items like laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots. Josephine County residents who live within the library district boundary get an annual library card at no cost. Community members living in Josephine County who do not live in the library district qualify for an annual library card at no cost sponsored by Josephine Community Library Foundation. Stop by your preferred branch for more information and to sign up.

Williams Weekly Storytime. 11-11:30 am every Friday. Themed storytime and craft session in a safe and fun environment.

K9 Reading Buddies. 3-4 pm on Tuesdays. Trained therapy dogs

provide a nonintimidating environment for children to learn to read out loud. Young readers have the opportunity to explore language and books during this special storytime.

End-of-year fundraising drive. Josephine Community Library Foundation raises funds to support special programs beyond the reach of the library's tax-funded operating budget, including technology upgrades and building improvements. To contribute during the end-of-year fundraising drive, visit jclfoundation.org and make your donation to support the critical work of the library in our community by December 31.

For more information about Josephine Community Library Foundation or library building projects, visit jclfoundation.org or contact Executive Director Rebecca Stoltz at rstoltz@josephinelibrary.org or 541-476-0571 ext. 200. Sponsors for this drive are Edward Jones, Hart Insurance, and Oregon Pacific Financial Advisors, Inc.

Library events and programs are offered at no charge and are open to the public. Registration is not required, and a library card is not necessary to participate in library events and programs unless otherwise noted.

New hours of Williams Library are 1-6 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday, and 11 am-6 pm Friday.

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Cowhorn Kitchen & Wine restaurant, serving artfully crafted, seasonal menus from the team behind the Applegate's Cowhorn Vineyard & Garden, opened Friday, November 17, in the space formerly housing the Mustard Seed Café and more recently Sunny Side Up in Jacksonville. Open for lunch noon-2:30 pm Friday-Sunday, and for dinner 5-8 pm Thursday-Monday. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Find more information at cowhornkitchen.com. 130 North 5th Street, Jacksonville; 541-702-2500.

Everlong Candle Co., owned by Mikell Nielsen of Williams, is a new environmentally aware business whose motto, "Cool candles with a conscience," reflects its vegan, cruelty-free, eco-loving, and sustainable products, as well as its commitment to a cleaner future. Everlong candles offer exceptional fragrances, coconut soy wax, and crackling wood wicks, while staying true to the company's core values of social responsibility and environmental awareness. Purchase candles online at everlongcandleco.com and soon at local markets and retail shops. hello@everlongcandleco.com.



Pacific Wonderland Herbs, which opened earlier this year, is owned by Christian Marks, who creates products from herbs farmed in the Applegate Valley and nearby in Oregon and California. One of the most popular products is a pain salve—for arthritis, muscle pain, and headaches—that she has been making for almost ten years from plants that grow here in the valley. Christian's mission is to nourish the human body and share knowledge through collaboration with herb farmers and community members. She offers planned herb chats with interested visitors through Facebook, Instagram, or in person. The herb shop is located at 7390 Highway 238 and is open 11 am-4 pm Tuesday-Friday. Her mother owns Born Again Antique Store and Thrift Shop right next door.

The Restaurant at Jacksonville Inn is now open for your next fine-dining experience! Find out more and make reservations at eatjvilleinn.com. Open 5-9 pm Thursday-Monday; 11 am-1:30 pm for Sunday brunch. 175 East California Street, Jacksonville; 541-899-1900. (Apparently, Jacksonville Inn is for sale—again.)

Whistling Duck Farm Store in Provolt is proud and excited to be part of the Double-Up Bucks Farm Stand Pilot Program. This is part of the Double-Up Bucks hosted by local farmers markets and grocery stores through the Medford Co-op. As a pilot program, Whistling Duck is the largest farm stand in the state participating on a development basis. Here's how it works: anyone who shops with EBT (electronic benefits transfer) can double their buying power. At checkout, the double savings are passed on to the customer and the Double-Up program reimburses Whistling Duck. The best part of this program: no dollar cap on purchases! As fall turns to winter and some markets are closed, Whistling Duck plans to stock as much local produce as possible. More information can be found at whistlingduckfarm.com. 12800 Williams Highway, Grants Pass; 11 am-6 pm Tuesday-Friday; 11 am-5 pm Saturday; 541-761-6772.

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