

Community Calendar

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.

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 Christian Fellowship. For service times, call 541-899-8732, 24 hours/day.

Applegate Friends of Fire District #9 meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station—1095 Upper Applegate Road—at 7:00 pm. New members are welcome. For more information, call Bob Fischer 541-846-6218.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday 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!

Josephine County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Meets Thursdays at 6 pm. For meeting information, call Connie Young at 541-846-6051.

Applegate Valley Community Forum (AVCF) meets the third Thursday of each month, location alternating between Applegate and Ruch. For more information, call Pat Gordon at 541-899-7655.

Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Applegate Library on North Applegate Road in downtown Applegate. For more information, call toll-free at 866-289-1638.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Grants Pass area meets monthly from September to June. College degree required for membership. Days and locations vary. Contact Ann Kistler 541-471-1963 or Kathy Kirchen 541-846-9039.

AA Meetings Tuesday nights at 7 pm in Williams. Upstairs at the American Legion Hall. Contact Stan at 541-846-0734.

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.)

Ruch Branch 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.)

Friends of Ruch Library Board of Directors meets monthly. Check with the Ruch Library for schedule. 541-899-7438.

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.

Williams Library Hours
 Sunday closed
 Monday closed
 Tuesday closed
 Wednesday closed
 Thursday closed
 Friday closed
 Saturday closed

Josephine County Farm Bureau For meeting information, call Connie Young at 541-846-6051.

Upper Applegate Grange #839 Business meetings: first Thursday at 7:30 pm. Potluck/Social meetings: fourth Friday at 7:30 pm, open to the public. Join us for informative meetings, fun and involvement in community service. Sponsors of Boy Scout Pack #18. Call 541-899-6987.

Williams Rural Fire Protection District Meetings: fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Williams Fire Department.

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 am to 11:00 am. Closed July and August. Bring the whole family! 20100 Williams Hwy, corner of Tetherow Road near the Williams General Store. For more information, call 541-846-6844.

Wonder Neighborhood Watch Meetings, second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm, Wonder Bible Chapel.

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 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.

Women Helping Other Women (WHOW) meets the second Thursday 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.

Email calendar information to gater@applegater.org.

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Applegate Branch

The Friends of the Applegate Branch Library are looking for new members to keep our library alive. We have worked so hard these past few months to open the doors of our library, even though the hours have been shortened. Now we need enough support from our membership to keep those doors open.

Carol Karvis, who works at the library desk on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm, is eager to have a book sale to raise money for the Friends of the Applegate Library (FOAL), but we still need more books. If you have any to contribute (now is a good time to clean off your library shelves at home!), please bring them to the Applegate Library during the hours that the library is open (Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 6 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm) and leave them with the librarian at the desk.

FOAL is sponsoring a program at the Applegate Branch Library on June 8 at 3 pm that you won't want to miss. Jeni Foster will be presenting her Oregon Chautauqua program entitled: "Birdsong: Birds as Metaphor in American Folk Music." Jeni weaves both traditional and contemporary folk songs throughout her narrative to expand upon the stories of everyday Americans and well-known moments in our country's history. She will invite members of the audience to sing along on the choruses of songs chosen to illustrate her program. Please come and have an enjoyable afternoon at the Applegate Library on Sunday, June 8.

Joan Peterson • 541-846-6988

Ruch Branch

Many thanks to all the supporters of Ruch Branch Library for the expanded service hours. The campaign to raise money for two years of extended hours for the branch was a success. Thanks also to the patrons who are utilizing the hours and filling the library with people of all ages on Tuesdays from 11 am to 5 pm, Thursdays from 1 pm to 7 pm, and Saturdays 12 noon to 4 pm. Storytime is Tuesday at 11 am.

In March, the Friends of Ruch Library had their annual meeting and had good community response with ideas for future programs and events for the community to enjoy. Thanks to the offering of a generous local webmaster, the Friends will have a website (www.FORL.org) where you can keep updated about happenings at the library. You also can follow library activities throughout Jackson County at www.JCLS.org and link to your local library.

Storyteller and author Thomas Doty kept the audience entertained with "Doty & Coyote: Stories from the Native West." Doty has kept the old stories alive and presented newly created ones, which he says "keeps his storytelling art vibrant and healthy." Following this great program, we celebrated our community with potluck foods and flute music presented by Loren Trottmann, a local homeschooled youth, who is very involved at the library.

The Jackson County libraries are thriving and the statistics show the open hours are being well-utilized, with high circulation of materials, programs well-attended, and people getting the reference help they need. Each library has a suggestion box, so please let us know how we are doing to meet your needs. It takes a community to support the library, and the library is there to support the community.



Coming soon will be "Summer Reading" in Jackson County Libraries, a three-part program serving children and youth from 0 to 16 years of age. This summer 0 to 12-year-olds can "Catch the Reading Bug" at their local library. There will be reading folders, activities, prizes and incentives, and programming at each branch in Jackson County. Twelve- to 16-year-olds also will have an exciting program with the theme "Metamorphosis @ Your Library," with reading folders and prizes, too. Sooooo, check it out! The programs will start as soon as your school lets out for the summer. Come in at that time and find out the schedule of special events and activities offered at your library.

Summer reading is designed to motivate children and teens to read during the summer to prevent loss of valuable reading skills and to become regular library users. It also supports early literacy with the Read-to-Me program for children 0 to 3 years. The real reward for families is discovering the many informational and recreational services that the libraries offer. Also, the connections, socialization, and networking help establish community.

So come to your local library and catch that reading bug! And if you are an adult, perhaps you'd like to get involved as a volunteer and help make it your program, too.

Janis Mohr-Tipton • 541-899-7438

Babies in the Library

Join us on Thursday afternoons at the Ruch Branch Library for reading, rhymes, songs, and FUN!

The Babies in the Library class is for pre-walking babies and a caring adult. Classes will be held every Thursday at 12:00 pm from April 24 to June 12 at the Ruch Branch Library, 7919 Highway 238.

For more information or to pre-register, please call the Ruch Branch Library at 541-899-7438 or contact Margie Cicerella, project coordinator, at 541-774-6995 or email margicic@jcls.org.

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