

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
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JACKSON COUNTY Library Services Library News

Friends of the Applegate Library

Our summer reading program, "Catch the Reading Bug," starts at the end of school for Jackson County children. The teen program is called, "Metamorphosis at Your Library."

Besides reading we will be doing some crafts and other fun activities this summer.

Jan Chapman, a retired art teacher, will be giving an art class for children at 3 p.m. in the Applegate Library on Friday, July 25.

The entire month of July will sponsor a paperback book sale in the lobby of the library during our open hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 2-6 p.m. and Saturday 10-2 p.m. All books are priced at 25 cents to \$1.00.

Friends of the Applegate Library are pleased to announce that a fundraising event will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2008 to benefit the library. This will include local artists as well as gardeners who wish to show and sell their products. We encourage our friends and neighbors who are interested in helping to organize or contribute to this event to call Susan Bratt, 541-846-6111, or Joan Peterson, 541-846-6988.

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Audio service expands

The popular Library2Go downloadable audio book system available through Jackson County Library Services is taking a leap forward. With the help of a \$75,000 grant, the service now offers children's books, young adult books, and videos. This month, 934 children's and young adult books go online along with 812 movies, 150 of which are "always available." Remaining titles have limited checkouts, but can be put on hold by library card holders.

Funding comes from the Oregon State Library's Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) competitive grant program. The grant was awarded to the Oregon Digital Library Consortium for the benefit of member libraries including Jackson County Library Services. Formed in 2005, Oregon Digital Library Consortium is dedicated to the goal of delivering more online services to library card holders through shared purchasing power and resources. The ODLC is the first consortium of its kind in Oregon devoted to the electronic resource sharing needs of public libraries and currently serves 2.7 million Oregon residents.

Library card holders of Jackson County Libraries and other member libraries can access best-selling digital audio book titles and videos online. All titles are playable on a PC. Most audio book titles also can transfer to any Windows' Media Player compatible MP3 or CD for listening on the go.

Access to the service is available 24/7 through the Library2Go link at www.jcls.org. For more information or help to get started, contact your local branch library or e-mail infolib@jcls.org.

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Metamorphosis @ Your Library Teen summer reading program

Teens are invited to Metamorphosis @ Your Library this summer by participating in the Jackson County Library's teen summer reading program. Sign up starts as soon as school is out.

After completing five activities, participants may enter their name into a grand prize drawing for a Nintendo Wii gaming system as well as into local drawings for MP3 players, gift certificates, and other great prizes. For more information about the teen program, contact your local branch library or visit our Web site at www.jcls.org.

This year the teen summer reading program is sponsored by Wal-Mart, the Million Dollar Club of Jackson County, Jackson County Library Services, the Jackson County Library Foundation, and local Friends of the Library groups.

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