

## Community Calendar

**AA Meeting** There is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous every Wednesday at 7:00 am at the Williams Community Church Fellowship Hall on East Fork Road in Williams. This meeting is open to those who have a drinking problem and have a desire to stop drinking, and also to anyone interested in the Alcoholics Anonymous program of recovery from drinking.

**American Association of University Women (AAUW) Grants Pass Branch** meets monthly from September through June. Days, times, and locations vary. All those who hold an associate of arts, a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university are welcome to join. Contact Sylvia Rose at snrjrose2@charter.net or 541-479-0277 or Georgia Applegate at gkapple@apbb.net or 541-787-7175.

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

**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 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 Friends of Fire District #9** meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station—1095 Upper Applegate Road—at 6:00 pm. New members are welcome. For more information, call Bob Fischer 541-846-6218.

### 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.)

**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.

**Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council** meets the 4th Thursday of the month at the Applegate Library. For more information call 541-899-9982.

**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.

**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.

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

**Send your calendar information to gater@applegater.org. Be sure to keep the Gater updated with any changes to these Community Calendar listings.**

**Grants Pass Nordic Ski Club** meets on the first Thursday of the month, November through April, at the Newman Methodist Church at 7th and B Streets in Grants Pass at 7 pm. Ski outings are on Saturdays. Listings are on the snow phone at 541-592-4977.

**Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at Applegate Fire District Station 1 on North Applegate Road. For more information, call 541-245-4741 or go to www.gacdc.org.

**Josephine County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** meets Thursdays at 6 pm. For meeting information, call 541-474-6840.

### Ruch 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.)

**Sanctuary One** is open to the public for farm tours every Wednesday and Saturday at 10 am. Recommended donation is \$5. Please check out our website for details: www.SanctuaryOne.org and call to reserve a spot. 541-899-8627.

**Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association** meets the first Monday of each month, 7:30 pm, at the OSU extension. For more information, please contact sobeekeepers@gmail.com.

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

**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 to 11:00, followed by the Bluegrass Jam, 11:00 to 1:00. Closed July and August. 20100 Williams Hwy, near Tetherow Rd. Information 541-846-6844.

**Williams Grange #399 Business Meeting,** second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm. 20100 Williams Hwy, near Tetherow Rd. Information 541-846-6844.

### Williams Library Hours

Sunday.....closed  
Monday.....closed  
Tuesday.....1:30 pm - 4 pm  
Wednesday.....1:30 pm - 4 pm  
Thursday.....closed  
Friday.....closed  
Saturday.....12 pm - 4 pm

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

**Women Helping Other Women (WHOW)** meets the second Tuesday 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.

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

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- “Black and white or PVC pipe wrapped in razor wire,” by J.D. Rogers
- Applegate Outback, “Those cattle gates from Hell” by Bob Fischer
- “The House of Cords” by Paula Rissler
- Dirty fingernails and all, “Recycling in your garden” by Sioux Rogers
- “New forest supervisor selected”
- “Leading the charge: Chevy Volt” car review by Greeley Wells
- “Green light for the Woodland Charter School”
- “Federal forecast predicts fewer wildfires in West this year”
- “‘Working’ to be kickoff production in RCC’s new theater”
- “46th Annual Children’s Festival at Britt Festival Grounds”
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## Sandy Shaffer receives Bill MacKenzie Community Service Award



Max Bennett presents the annual Community Service Award to Sandy Shaffer.

The Bill MacKenzie Community Service Award recognizes woodland owners, natural resource professionals, and other community members who have provided outstanding service to the woodland owner and/or natural resources communities and the public at large in southern Oregon. The award is named after the late Bill MacKenzie, onetime president of the Jackson Small Woodlands Association who went on to be president of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association. The award jury includes Marty Main, Small Woodland Services; Lee Winslow, Oregon Department of Forestry; Bill Collins, Oregon Small Woodlands Association; and Max Bennett, Oregon State University Extension Service.

This year’s award was given to Applegate Valley resident Sandy Shaffer during the Jackson-Josephine Small Woodlands Association’s annual meeting on January 19. Sandy moved to southern Oregon with her husband Don from the San Francisco Bay Area in 1999. Since then, she has been remarkably active in the community wildfire protection arena.

Sandy co-lead the development of the Applegate Fire Plan—the nation’s first Community Wildfire Protection Plan, covering all lands in the 500,000-acre Applegate Watershed. The fire plan addresses fire suppression and protection, fuels reduction, and emergency communications. Fueled by a commitment to extensive public outreach and education, Sandy and other volunteers on the fire plan team convened 40 public meetings in ten months. Ultimately, the development of the plan involved 28 different partners, ranging from government agencies to

community groups. The team was awarded a National Fire Plan grant in October 2001, and the plan was printed ten months later—an impressive accomplishment. Some of the results of the fire plan: Over 18,000 federal acres were treated, 600-plus homes now have defensible space, and 50 neighborhood telephone trees were set up for emergency communications. The ultimate result is a community that is aware of, and is adapting to, wildfire.

Sandy broadened her efforts to become active in the development of the Jackson County Fire Plan, including the Jackson-Josephine local coordinating group, the outreach and education committee, and fuels committees. A recent notable effort, one among many, is her leadership of a survey of Wildland Urban Interface residents in portions of Jackson County that produced some very valuable insights into resident attitudes and activities around wildlife.

Sandy’s skills and experience are recognized regionally: she has served on the Western Governor’s forest health advisory committee and several subcommittees since 2003, helped with the National Fire Plan’s ten-year implementation plan, and is currently working with a team that is devising a cohesive national wildfire strategy.

Sandy is a can-do person, a passionate advocate of collaboration, and a tireless volunteer. She exemplifies the spirit of service that the Bill MacKenzie award honors.

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**“The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life.” —Theodore Roosevelt**