



JACKSON COUNTY Library Services

Applegate Library

Some of you may have noticed that the construction of the new library storage shed has begun. It will be much smaller than our house that used to belong to Laura and Ben Ellis, but it will be sufficient to store the books that we need for our annual book sales. The dimensions are 10 feet by 12 feet, and it will include a sidewalk and a door that is big enough to accommodate a wheelchair. Our Friends of the Applegate Library have raised about one-quarter of the cost of the building, and the rest of the money is being provided by the county. We are still seeking donations for the insulation, drywall, shelves, a dolly, a sandwich board and a cash box. If you would like to donate materials or cash, send your check or your notification to Carol Hoon, P.O. Box 3257, Applegate, Oregon 97530.

Diana Coogle and Janeen Sathre presented a program in the meeting room of the library on May 3, reading from their new book, *Favorite Hikes of the Applegate*, and giving a PowerPoint program with photos from the hikes. They personally

signed the books they had for sale. If you haven't bought yours by now, you might check with the library to see how you can get in touch with Diana or Janeen to purchase one.

We are planning a summer celebration for the opening of our new storage shed. Check with the library for the date and time and various events. We are hoping it will include an ice cream social!

Our summer reading program is coming up as soon as school lets out. Phyllis Zerr has a fun schedule for the kids at the library under the themes of "Under the Surface" and "Dig into Reading." John Jackson will do a program on worms and how to use them in your gardens. There will also be a storytelling person who will hold a fairytale puppet show for the kids. Also, prizes will be given to children for various accomplishments, and even a prize from Barnes and Noble.

Our next Friends of the Library meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, from 5 - 6 pm.

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Ruch Library

Join us at Ruch Library for an exciting adventure with our "Dig Into Reading" Summer Reading Program beginning June 8. We will have ongoing projects happening, like digging up dinosaur bones and reconstructing a skeleton (wooden); growing a crystal garden; activities with Roger Thesaurus, Ruch's pet dinosaur; our popular I Spy Window; guessing jars; and various worksheets and games. We are pleased to offer these six special programs throughout the summer:

June 13. We are thrilled to have Crater Rock Museum present their Fossils Program. Learn about the ancient creatures that became fossils, make a plaster cast of an actual fossil, and dig some up, too. 1 - 2 pm for ages 3 - 7, and 2 - 3 pm for ages 8 and up. Sign-ups are encouraged.

June 29. Leah Mebane will grind stones and clay with children to create earth paint, and then paint eco-stationery, paint rocks, and make natural paintbrushes. 1 - 3 pm, all ages. Sign-ups are encouraged.

July 20. Repurposed T-shirts and

Charms with Janis Mohr-Tipton. 1 - 3 pm, ages 10 and up. This creative idea uses t-shirt loops, charms and trinkets to make a necklace or wristband, accompanied by a book talk aimed at 10 - 16-year-olds.

July 25. Worms and Composting with John Jackson. Fun for the whole family. Study live worms, their purposes and importance. Learn to make and maintain a worm bin. 2:30 - 3:30 pm.

August 1. Make a Fairy House to take home and put in a special place in the woods as a treat for fairies or other critters. 2 - 4 pm, all ages.

August 10. Rock Painting with Kristi Kowalski, third-generation Applegate rock painter. 1 - 3 pm, ages 5 and up.

We welcome you into our beautiful air-conditioned library with its ever-changing collections of books, audio books, MP3s, videos and magazines. Bring your computer and tap into our free Wi-Fi. See you at the library!

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Friends of Ruch Library Update

We hope you enjoyed our recent speaker on genetically modified organisms (GMOs), Pinterest class, and Buncom Day festivities.

In October, the Friends will be back with their circus-sized big tent Book Sale at the corner of Highway 238 and Upper Applegate Road. Be sure to visit to see what treasures you may find. For treasure-hunting the rest of the year, visit the A-Frame bookstore across the Ruch Library parking lot, open during all Ruch Library open hours. Under its sloped ceilings, you'll surely find a book you need.

Remember to renew your Friends of Ruch Library (FORL) membership to take advantage of member benefits at these events. Friends don't let Friends pay full

price; your membership entitles you to a 10 percent discount at the A-Frame bookstore and at the big October Book Sale! In addition to a 10 percent discount, Friends members get first peek at the October Book Sale—membership has its privileges!

If you've never been a Friend of Ruch Library, now is the time to join. Friends membership is \$10 per year for an individual and \$18 per year for a family. Pay in person at the library or the A-Frame, or mail your check to Ruch Branch Library, 7919 Highway 238, Jacksonville, Oregon 97530.

See you at the sale!

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FEATURED ADVERTISER

Each issue, the Applegater features one of our valued advertisers. Here is the story of Quinn's in Murphy, Oregon, one of our long-time advertisers.

Quinn's Well, Pump & Filtration Service

Grants Pass seemed like the perfect place to establish a "happily ever after" family life. It was the early 70s, and Bob Quinn had just finished a tour with the military. He and his wife Kitty were full of hope and excitement as they thought about their future together, but little did they know that hard times were far from over.

In those days local unemployment was 18 percent, and finding work felt like a doomed task. "No, but thanks for asking" was the common answer Bill received from potential employers, and a local well-drilling company called Paquin was no exception. Nevertheless, as Bob watched the giant drilling rig raise its tower, he knew this was his dream job. Whatever it took, someday he would be the one behind the machine.

Day after day Bob showed up at Paquin to ask if they needed any help. Day after day he was told, "No." But Bob was determined, so without pay or compensation he set to work finding tasks to do around Paquin: straightening up the office, cleaning the storage yard, or cutting the grass. Through it all, Bob and Kitty held fast to the hope that everything would work out for the best. There would be no giving up.

Eventually Bob was recognized as the driller's helper and over time gained enough experience to qualify for the position of full-time well driller when the



former driller quit unexpectedly. All he needed to do was to meet apprenticeship requirements and pass the state well-driller test, which he did with Kitty's help!

Later, when Paquin's owner put the business up for sale, Bob and Kitty put up everything they owned to purchase it. To see "Quinn's Well Drilling, Inc." on the side of the drilling rig was a dream come true. This was even beyond what they had hoped!

Today Quinn's Well Drilling has evolved into Quinn's Well, Pump & Filtration Service. They no longer drill wells, but focus on water well pump service and water filtration. Quinn's is well-known for its professional service and customer satisfaction, and their large staff enables them to respond quickly to your water needs.

Bob and Kitty know firsthand that dreams come true in southern Oregon, and properly functioning wells and clean water are crucial for anyone who is growing roots here.

Quinn's is located at 6811 Williams Highway, Murphy, Oregon. Their phone is 541.862-9355. Give them a call!

McKee Bridge Day is June 8

This year, come and hear music by Christina Duane, have a great tri-tip sandwich by the Applegate Lions, observe an expert weaver, see pictures of the bridge by a talented photographer, participate in the raffle, buy fresh-baked goods, ice cream, and much more. The celebration will be held in the picnic area adjacent to the bridge from 10 am to 3 pm. The McKee Bridge museum trailer will be there with the famous McKee Bridge quilt. Evelyn Williams, our resident historian, will have many pictures and stories of the bridge and the upper Applegate.

Oregon Bridge Engineering Company (OBEC) was selected by Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to design the bridge repairs. The engineering work is expected to be completed by the end of this year; work to repair the bridge will begin in 2014 if the McKee Bridge Historical Society (MBHS) can raise the remaining \$43,000 in matching funds needed for the \$547,000 federal restoration grant. MBHS raised \$13,000 in matching funds in 2012. \$12,000 was placed with Jackson County in January 2013. This allowed the county and ODOT to proceed with the first (engineering) phase. Contributions to the restoration fund can be made to MBHS, P.O. Box 854, Jacksonville, Oregon 97530 or by PayPal on the website.

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Voices of the Applegate spring concerts

Voices of the Applegate, our community choir consisting of about 25 people, will be meeting every Wednesday evening beginning on September 4 until November 20 in the meeting room of the Applegate Library, 18485 North Applegate Road, from 7 to 8:30 pm. We will be rehearsing for our fall concerts, which will be sung in the Old Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville on November 22 at 7:30 pm, and at the Applegate River Ranch Lodge in Applegate on November 24 at 3 pm.

Our choir director, Blake Weller, has a selection of wonderful music for us to practice and learn this season, and we welcome new members to join us at any time. No audition is required. Just come and join us in September and be prepared for a lot of fun.

A \$50 registration fee covers the 12 rehearsals and two concerts in which we will be participating. We use the registration money to pay for our director, our accompanist, and the use of the facilities where we perform our concerts. We also try to help out with scholarships for choir members when needed.

All are invited to attend our concerts, and the admission is free. For more information, call Joan Peterson at 541-846-6988.