



JACKSON COUNTY Library Services

Applegate Library

We've had a productive and exciting fall season at the Applegate Library. Our storage shed that burned to the ground last summer, and which contained all of our book sale items plus other materials that aided in our library functions, has been restored with the help of a few good friends. The county provided the basic building and unfinished inside and, with the skills of Susan and Greg Bratt, the interior was completed in time for our "Book Palace" celebration in early October. We had a cider press from the Shockey family, providing fresh apple cider for everyone to sip, pumpkin decorating in the meeting room for the younger folks to experiment with, cookies, tea and coffee, and lots of visiting with friends.

Carol Hoon, treasurer of Friends of the Applegate Library (FOAL) and a champion knitter, came up with a new and successful fund-raising idea: "Hats Off to the Library," an invitation to all knitters to knit hats to sell to raise money for the library. On the weekend of October 18 and 19, Carol held forth in the meeting room of the library, and sold about 20 homemade hats for \$20 each, raising about \$400 for our FOAL account, which had been depleted by the restoration of our storage shed. Since that weekend, the hats continue to sell and are still on display in the library. They will keep on selling until they are gone. Congratulations, Carol, on your ingenious and successful idea!

The annual book sale was held the week before Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 19; Friday, November 22; and Saturday, November 23, during open library hours. Many books were donated since the storage shed had been restored, so we had a successful sale during those days.

We are all anticipating the levy that will be presented in May to the library districts at the cost of 60 cents per \$1,000 to keep our libraries open—a small price for the many services the libraries provide for our community. Here are some facts about the use of the Applegate Library:

During the fiscal year 2012-2013, approximately 12,280 persons visited the Applegate Branch Library. Patrons checked out nearly 21,000 items, an average of 1,750 items per month. 363 persons attended one or more of the 46 programs held at the branch during the year; programs ranged from preschool story times to knitting circles and adult programs often highlighting the local area or featuring local authors and talent. The library also functions as a community center; 1,940 persons used the Applegate branch community meeting room during one or more of the 204 meetings booked.

The levy is indeed a small price for the many services libraries provide for our community. Please contact your county commissioners and encourage them to put the library funding levy on the May ballot.
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Ruch Library

The Friends of Ruch Library will be having its annual indoor book sale the week of December 2 during library open hours (Tuesday, December 3, 11 am to 5 pm; Thursday, December 5, 1 to 7 pm, and Saturday, December 7, 12 to 4 pm) in the Community Meeting Room. There will be books of all varieties, many of gift quality, just in time for the holidays!

On December 14 and 20 we will be having ornament-making workshops in the Community Meeting Room from 1 to 3 pm. Bring the whole family for some creative time together! Between December 10 and 24, each child who comes to the library will receive a free gift book—compliments of the Friends of Ruch Library.

Free computer classes will be offered again in 2014. We will have a BASICS III class, which covers advanced word processing, spreadsheets, computer management, and Internet services, followed by a BASICS I class. The dates and times are not yet determined. Contact Ruch Library for more information.

Preschool story time continues each Tuesday at 11:30 am. We hope to have you and your preschoolers join us.

We wish you all a very happy holiday season, and look forward to seeing you at the library in 2014.

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Williams Library: A volunteer-supported community resource

Josephine Community Libraries reopened in 2009 after the county cut all funding in 2007. We are a donor-supported, volunteer-operated library system. We need your help here at the Williams branch. Donating is easy and becoming a five-dollar-a-month contributor requires just one simple form.

Without *you*, we cannot continue to thrive! Volunteers keep the books flowing and help us offer exciting programs. Volunteering is also great for teens and instills the value of helping others. If you would like to join us for even one hour a week, please contact Branch Manager Danielle Schreck at dschreck@josephinelibrary.org, 541-846-7020, or

stop by the library at 20695 Williams Highway during our new extended hours of **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 1 to 5 pm.**

Our small library branch is part of a four-branch system and patrons can reserve materials from any of the branches, which will then be brought out to Williams by a volunteer courier. This gives Williams residents convenient access to thousands of books, DVDs and audio books.

We have *free* Wi-Fi available 24/7. Come in, get your *free* library card, and get immediate access.

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FEATURED ADVERTISER

Each issue, the Applegater features one of our valued advertisers. Here is the story of LEHI Pump Service, Inc., another long-time advertiser.

LEHI Pump Service

LEHI Pump Service, Inc. has been providing the Applegate Valley and surrounding areas with professional and quality water-well system service for over 35 years.

In 1976, Les Hill, founder and original owner/operator, opened up shop. The name for the business came from Les's name. He took the first two letters of his first name and the first two of his last name and created LEHI. His philosophy of "honest, quality service at an affordable price" has been the backbone of the company's longevity and success. With Les in the service truck and wife Jackie on the phones, the family business began.

In 1980, their son Ron joined the business. As years went by, more and more folks allowed LEHI Pump Service to take care of their water-well system needs. In 1998, Les and Jackie decided to retire and turned the business over to Ron and his wife Jody. Ron and Jody truly enjoyed living and working in the Applegate Valley, raising three active children who attended local schools. In 1999, Ron and Jody were thankful to have their son Dustin join the family business. This came at the perfect time as the business was growing and they needed the help.

My, how the family has grown! Ron and Jody are now grandparents to four boys (with one more on the way) and four girls. Dustin and his wife Tera are raising four of those grandsons. Someday,

we would love to welcome one or more of the grandchildren to join the family business!

We want to continue to provide the same "honest, quality service at an affordable price" on which the family company was founded. Please give us a call! We would love to answer any questions you might have. Our business provides new water-well systems, repairs, hand pumps, filtration systems, solar pump systems, holding tanks, pressure tanks, flow testing, etc.

Most of all, we want to personally thank all of our loyal, wonderful customers (including the real estate agents), who have allowed us to service their pump systems and keep their water flowing. Without you, LEHI Pump Service, Inc. would not exist. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Ron, Jody and Dustin Hill
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Note: LEHI Pump Service is open from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and available for service most Saturdays.



The LEHI Pump Service family, from left to right: Ron and Jody Hill; and Ethan, Isaac, Tera and Dustin Hill.

Grange Co-op and Rogue Co-ops announce \$11,500 in high school scholarships available

Grange Co-op and Rogue Co-ops are proud to announce the 2014 scholarship program, which will award a total of \$11,500 to 11 high school seniors. The annual program is expanding its availability to include students with experiences outside of its traditional criteria. **The deadline to apply is February 14, 2014.**

Grange Co-op will award ten \$1,000 scholarships, and Rogue Co-ops will award one \$1,500 scholarship.

To qualify, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have participated in at least one of this year's expanded list of activities: FFA, 4-H, Horticulture, DECA, FBLA, student body leadership, school sports, or non-related activities such as work experience. In addition, students must reside in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Curry, Douglas or Coos counties in Oregon, or Siskiyou, Del Norte, Modoc or Humboldt counties in California.

"Grange Co-op and the Rogue Co-ops group are proud to support hard-working students here in our own region. Grange Co-op has been a local, caring member of the community since 1934, and it is an honor to help these young people on their scholastic journey. We encourage all students interested to apply, and look forward to meeting some of our outstanding future leaders," said Grange Co-op chief executive officer Barry Robino.

Students interested in applying for a scholarship can visit www.grangecoop.com/scholarship-program for more information. Applicants must submit a written essay, a copy of transcripts, and a letter of recommendation from a current teacher, counselor, administrator or employer.

Rogue Co-ops is a coalition of local cooperatives including Rogue Credit Union, Medford Food Co-op, Ashland Food Co-op, and Grange Co-op.

Grange Co-op includes seven retail stores, a grain elevator, agronomy center and a Cardlock Fueling Station.

For more information about the scholarships, please contact Brooke Winters at 541-664-1261, or Heidi DeRoule at 541-664-1261.