

Community Calendar

Alcoholics Anonymous. Open meeting every Wednesday at 7 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 May. Days, times, and locations vary. All those who hold an associate of arts, baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university are welcome to join. Contact Velma Woods at woods@grantspass.com or 541-956-5287, or Marianne Dwyer at readandshop@yahoo.com or 541-479-4041. Visit <http://aauwgrantspass.org> and see us on Facebook.

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 North Applegate Road at 7:30 pm, except for the months of March, April and May, which are held at Headquarters, 1095 Upper Applegate Road. For more information, call 541-899-1050.

Applegate Food Pantry, located behind Ruch School, is open most Mondays from 11:30 to 1 pm. Call Arlene at 541-951-6707.

Applegate 4-H Swine Club meets on Tuesdays 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 at 1095 Upper Applegate Road at 6 pm. New members are welcome. For more information, call Bob Fischer 541-846-6218.

Applegate Library is open Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Storytime is Tuesday at 2:30 pm. 18485 North Applegate Road.

Applegate Neighborhood Network (ANN) meets 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 fourth Thursday of the month at the Applegate Library. For more information call 541-899-9982.

Applegate Valley Community Grange meets the second Sunday of each month for a potluck and a business meeting. Call 541-846-7501 for times. 3901 Upper Applegate Road.

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 seniors (60-plus) to enjoy a nutritious, hot meal served at 11:30 am Monday through Friday at the Jacksonville IOOF Hall 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 or receiving meals, call Food & Friends at 541-664-6674, x246 or x208.

Friends of Ruch Library Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Ruch Library. All are welcome. 541-899-7438.

Grants Pass Nordic Ski Club meets on the first Thursday of the month, November through April, at Elmer's, 175 NE Agness Avenue, Grants Pass, at 6 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 January, April, July and October at 6 pm at Applegate Fire District Station 1, 18489 North Applegate Road. For more information, 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 is open Tuesday from 11 am to 5 pm, Thursday from 1 to 7 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. Storytime is Tuesday at 11 am. 7919 Highway 238.

Sanctuary One is open to the public for farm tours every Wednesday and Saturday, 10:30 am to noon. Minimum donation is \$10. Reservations are required. Call 541-899-8627 or email info@sanctuaryone.org.

Siskiyou Audubon Society (free program) meets the second Tuesday of each month, September - June, at 6:30 pm at Grants Pass High School cafeteria (Room 611), 830 NE 9th Street, and features expert birding scientists and bird biologists. Refreshments served. More information: John Taylor 541-476-9846.

Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the OSU extension. For more information, please contact sobekeepers@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 Highway 238). Weigh-in starts at 8:30 am; the meeting starts at 9:00 am. Come join us!

Williams Creek Watershed Council meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Williams 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 am, followed by the Bluegrass Jam, 11 am to 1 pm. Closed July and August. 20100 Williams Highway near Tetherow Road. For more information, call 541-846-6844.

Williams Grange #399 Business Meeting, second Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. 20100 Williams Highway near Tetherow Road. For more information, call 541-846-6844.

Williams Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 1 to 5 pm. Stories, crafts and skill-sharing every Tuesday at 3:45 pm and Saturday at 2 pm. All ages welcome at free programs by local volunteers. Free Wi-Fi 24/7. 20100 Williams Highway near Tetherow Road. For more information, call Danielle Schreck at 541-846-7020.

Williams Rural Fire Protection District meets the 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 Highway 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 meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm, Wonder Bible Chapel, 11911 Redwood Highway, Wilderville.

One more hurdle for McKee Bridge

BY ROBERT E. VAN HEUIT

The McKee Bridge Historical Society (MBHS) has raised the \$56,000 needed as matching funds for the federal grant to restore the bridge. The plans are completed and the restoration project was scheduled to go to bid early in April. However, a few weeks prior to releasing the plans to bidders, the final engineer's estimate was received and it was about \$20,000 more than the total amount of the federal grant.

After discussions with MBHS, the County Road Department and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), it was decided that an additional \$60,000 was needed for the project. ODOT requested that amount so that they could award the contract even if the low bid was more than the engineer's estimate, and to allow for a small reserve in case of any needed extra work not included in the plans and specifications.

When we looked for possible funding sources, we found that there is a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Fund for projects that enhance areas near highways and main roads, such as construction or restoration of bike paths, waysides, and historic structures. We contacted the TE committee to see if our project would qualify, and, yes, it does. The county prepared and submitted a grant request for about \$62,000, with MBHS being responsible for the matching funds (about \$6,200). The TE committee approved the request for the grant and has forwarded it to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) for review and, hopefully, approval. ODOT will release the

plans for bid if and when OTC approves the grant application. The completion date will still be July 31, 2015.

We're hoping this is our last financial hurdle and would appreciate any help with the last \$6,200. Send donations to MBHS, P.O. Box 854, Jacksonville, OR 97504. Please specify "Donation for Restoration Fund."

Thanks to everyone who helped us get this far. With a little luck, restoration will begin soon.

On another note, the MBHS Board of Directors has decided *not* to hold McKee Bridge Day this year. We will celebrate on June 15 at Applegate Valley Day at Cantrall-Buckley Park where we will be selling ice cream floats and sundaes, baked goods and other items. Come see us there. Let's plan to have a big celebration at the bridge in June of 2015.

Tax-free contributions to MBHS, as well as memberships, can be made to MBHS, P.O. Box 854, Jacksonville, OR 97530. Memberships are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family. All funds are used for the maintenance and repair of the bridge and operation of MBHS. Visit our website at www.mckeehistoricalcoveredbridge.org. We appreciate your support!

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Ed. Note: Good news! Paul Tipton just informed us that the TE grant has been approved and the project should go out to bid soon.

Breaking News HOTEL HELL and the Applegate River Lodge

At long last, what we've all been waiting for...

Watch the episode on the Applegate River Lodge

during HOTEL HELL's second season beginning on Monday, July 21 (9 -10 pm on Fox). Gordon Ramsay is back and hitting the road to fix some of America's most horrendous

hotels, troubled inns and struggling resorts, many of which are on the brink of closure.

Ramsay will travel to locations including Applegate, OR; Las Cruces, NM; Longview, WA; Murphys, CA; Pipestone, MN; Starkville, MS; West Dover, VT; and Woodbury, CT.

At press time, Fox had not set an official date for the Applegate River Lodge episode, but we will keep you alerted through our Facebook page.



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