

## NONPROFIT NEWS AND UPDATES

## — Applegate Valley Community Grange —

Bingo is a happening at the Grange every third Sunday of the month from 4 to 7 pm for \$1 per game. Game proceeds are split evenly between winning players and the house. Occasional “on the spot” prizes and “specials” will be awarded for some games. Snacks and beverages are available, so bring your friends and have a great time at the Applegate Grange at 3901 Upper Applegate Road, four miles south of Ruch.

**Coming Sunday, April 17,** is the 2016 Spring Fair and Plants Sale from 11 am to 3 pm. Bring your friends and family and enjoy artwork displays; music; vendors with local plants, nursery stock (including heritage apple trees), and gardening products; arts and crafts; and locally produced food products and handmade items (including hand-printed scarves and handmade dolls). There will be silent auction items to benefit future Grange fairs, and educational stations to learn about spring gardening in

the Applegate Valley, how to attract Monarch butterflies and other beneficial pollinators, and how to identify invasive plants. There will also be activities and a play space for children. You can visit the Grange snack bar for food and beverages available to purchase.

So follow the signs from Ruch to 3901 Upper Applegate Road, where admission and parking are free.

**Meet your local producers,** artists, vendors, musicians, community members, and neighbors. You’ll have a great time enjoying the vibrant culture of our community *and* be supporting our growing local Applegate Valley economy at the same time.

This is also a call for more interested crafters, vendors, musicians, educational stations, and artists to display their work. Call or email me for more information.

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## — Applegate Food Pantry —

The Applegate Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for their donations through the holidays. They made a big difference. We would also like to thank the students at Ruch School for holding a canned food drive and the school for allowing us to run the food pantry from the back of the cafeteria. Thank you also to the Ruch Country Store for their weekly donations.

**I personally want to thank the volunteers** who help keep the pantry running smoothly. To all of our clients who come each week: thanks for being patient with us when we are running behind schedule for some reason.

Please remember when you come to the pantry to drive *slowly* through

school grounds and leave your cigarettes behind. Smoking is not allowed on school property.

Also, as you go through the line to get your perishable items, produce, and bread, remember that there will be others behind you, even if they are not there yet. People usually show up later in the morning.

**The pantry’s hours of operation** are Mondays from 9:30 to 11 am. Sign-ins are not allowed after 11 am. We are closed the last Monday of each month and any Monday that Ruch School is in session.

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## — Williams Grange —

Here is the current lineup of activities at Williams Grange:

Mondays—Abby’s yoga from 9 to 10:30 am.

Tuesdays—Zumba from 9 to 10 am; men’s group at 7 pm (every second and fourth Tuesday).

Wednesdays—Alix’s yoga from 7:30 am to 9:30 am; Cass’s yoga from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Thursdays—Zumba from 9 to 10 am; Ecstatic Dance with Kris from 5:30 to 8:30 pm (no class every fourth Thursday); OSGG at 7 pm (every fourth Thursday); aikido class for kids from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, and for older children from 4 to 5 pm (for more information, call Michelle at 541-244-1885).

Fridays—Cassidy’s yoga from 9 to 10:30 am.

**The Grange is available year-round** to rent for classes or events like

birthdays and meetings. Contact Sandi Brown for cost and details, as well as contact numbers for class instructors and new classes added after this issue of the *Applegater* has been printed.

**Pancake breakfasts** are held every second Sunday from 8:30 to 11 am with a bluegrass jam from 11 am to 1 pm. Upcoming dates are March 13, April 10, and May 8 (Mother’s Day).

There are various other activities during the year. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Williams-Grange/113382085361984](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Williams-Grange/113382085361984) or contact Sandi Brown at [goldenpaw7@aol.com](mailto:goldenpaw7@aol.com) or 541-846-6919. Williams Grange is located at 20100 Williams Highway in Williams, just before Tetherow Road. Please drive slowly.

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## — Pacifica —

Pacifica is 420 preserved acres of forest and field, pond and trails located 2.3 miles from Highway 238 on Water Gap Road toward Williams in the Applegate Valley. You’re welcome anytime during daylight hours to visit and enjoy Pacifica’s five to seven miles of trails on horseback or foot, go fishing, have a picnic, go bird-watching (March - May are superb), and enjoy the spring wildflowers...coming soon! You can also make arrangements to stay in the unique, historic Pond House, which sleeps 12. Pacifica’s events and activities can be viewed on our website at [www.pacificagarden.org](http://www.pacificagarden.org).

**This spring we are excited** to start working toward real bathrooms at Pacifica. We need community matching funds to start the likely year-long process. To help with this effort, we are selling “I Support Pacifica” cards for your vehicle for \$25. Although we won’t tow your car away if you don’t have a card(!), we will appreciate your show of support by displaying one. You can get a card by sending your name, street address, email address, and a \$25 check to Pacifica, PO Box 1, Williams, OR 97544.

And in spring don’t forget Forestfarm@Pacifica for a great selection of interesting plants, from butterfly plants to fruit plants, drought plants to shade. With a selection of 5,000 kinds of plants, Forestfarm is one of the foremost mail-order nurseries in the country. You can order plants online, by phone at 541-846-7269, or pick them up Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. The nursery will also be open from 9 am to 2 pm on these Saturdays: April 16, 23, and 30, and May 7 and 14.

We were fortunate and very thankful to have a wonderful team of Americorps volunteers assist us for two weeks this winter (see photo of the handy stairs that they built). We would also like to thank the Kinsman Foundation for helping us to replace the leaking roof on the Pond House and the Oregon Community Foundation for helping us to replace the leaking roof on the Cedar Center—both just before (thank goodness) our wonderful winter rains started.

The Pacifica Arts Guild has also been busy. If you would like to become a supporter (no membership fee, just some volunteer time, if possible, or offering a class), please email [peg@pacificagarden.org](mailto:peg@pacificagarden.org) to be put on the list. You will then receive notices of classes and the *free* Art Sunday activities (the third Sunday of each month) at Pacifica.

We are introducing a Skill-



Pacifica is grateful to the Americorps volunteers, pictured above, who built these stairs.

Exchange and Learn-Share: free “class” get-togethers where everyone learns and everyone helps. We’ll try to always have at least one knowledgeable person present. If you’d like to take a class, teach a class, or share a skill, we’ll help in any way we can (with supplies, advertising, etc.). Just decide on a time, the amount of money you would like to make (if any), and the minimum number of people you would like to attend. Everyone is clambering for classes, so think about it! The list of classes will be on Pacifica’s website at [www.pacificagarden.org](http://www.pacificagarden.org).

**The Arts Guild is sponsoring** its Fourth Annual Sculpture Contest. This year’s theme is Earth and Sky (and anything that lives there). Sculptures will be due by June 24. The sculptures will be on display from June 26 through 30. On June 26 there will also be a fun free session of cairn building. Anyone, any age, can do this, so put it on your calendar and come have some fun building your own sculpture.

This summer Pacifica is also working on a buzzing Pollinator Garden and an exciting Children’s Adventure Garden. One station of the children’s area is a small barn that we’ll need help building. Please come and join in a mini barn raising tentatively scheduled for the weekend of July 16.

**Wish list:** A golf cart (with or without utility bed) would be a great help. But, what we wish for most when we blow out the candles are volunteers. We need a few volunteers (no special requirements or hours) to help us preserve and enhance Pacifica’s natural beauty and potential. If you are interested, please call us at 541-846-1100.

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