

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 Lake Cub Scouts Pack #18 (Ruch Region) Outdoor activity (fishing, rafting, hikes, etc.) the first Friday of each month; regular meeting the third Friday of each month. Upper Applegate Grange from 10 am to 1 pm. All boys in grades first through fifth including homeschoolers, Ruch students, and non-Ruch students are welcome. For more information, contact Cub Leader Vic Agnifili at 541-899-1717.

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 Community Forum (AVCF) meets the third Thursday of each month, location alternating between Applegate and Ruch. For more information, call Pat Gordon at 541-899-7655.

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.

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.

Ladies Spring Luncheon at Applegate Community Church, April 30 at 10:00 am. All ladies invited to come and enjoy special music, speaker and salad luncheon. Any questions contact: 541-846-6100.

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!

Upper Applegate Grange #239 Business meetings: second Thursday at 7:30 pm. Potluck/Social meetings: fourth Friday at 7:30 pm, open to the public. Join us for informative meetings, fun and involvement in community service. Sponsors of Cub Scout Pack Troop #18. Call 541-899-6987.

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.

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

A milestone for the Pilot project

BY JOHN GERRITSM

The first project of the Middle Applegate Pilot is a timber sale known as Pilot Joe. It sold to Boise Cascade Wood Products on September 15 for \$230,606 and will yield about 1.5-million board feet of timber. On its heels



will be noncommercial thinning and fuels reduction contracts, but Congress's progress on finalizing the fiscal year 2012 (which began October 1) federal budget will have a direct influence as to when the contracts will be let. With these two sets of projects, a portion of the first phase of the Middle Applegate Pilot is complete. However, all the discussions, planning, and design work will be for naught if the project resembles a different outcome than what was envisioned. Hence, a crucial—and likely more important phase of Pilot Joe—is about to begin.

Jerry Franklin, PhD, and Norm Johnson, PhD, have stated repeatedly that a great design is worthless if the implementation is suspect. To that end, the collaborative partners of the Pilot project and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provided for integrating the planning and implementation personnel on the project, provided for a multi-party monitoring plan, and provided for a consultant with expertise in logging systems to meet restoration goals. As an unexpected benefit, the purchaser of Pilot Joe was strongly represented in the collaboration effort, and was party to much of the conversation about the goals and outcome of the restoration principles reflected in Pilot Joe. Incidentally, a number of industry representatives are a part of the collaborative effort. Thus, there is plenty of “front-end” loading to have the implementation of Pilot Joe and the subsequent thinning and fuels reduction contracts be as successful as they can possibly be.

The next phase of the Pilot will encompass lands in the Thompson Creek drainage (approximately 13,000 acres to assess for restoration needs). We will utilize the same planning principles used in Pilot Joe. That is, the habitat needs for older forest species will be considered key zones to maintain (increase their “hang” time as Dr. Franklin likes to say), and a strategy to reduce the influence of wildfire on those key habitats will be a primary driver for selecting stands for restoration. In addition, the publicly developed criteria for prioritizing stands for restoration will come into play much stronger than with the first Pilot projects. Key issues in this next phase will be the protection of the northern

spotted owl and managing for the appropriate transportation system. Anything that is learned during the implementation of Pilot Joe will be incorporated (adaptive management) into the ongoing planning and project design for phase two.

The transparent and collaborative nature of Pilot Joe will be continued. There will be numerous public involvement opportunities as well as field trips and joint planning. We will continue the practice of community representation on the interdisciplinary team (IDT), as well as providing information on the BLM's website (www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford). Please refer to the website for information on public participation. Those who have been on the hard mail and email lists for Pilot Joe will continue to be notified about all Pilot activities.

We will be adding a new collaborative feature. The Small Diameter Collaborative and the Applegate Partnership will jointly be hosting a multi-party, collaborative work group to assess the current status and future needs of the transportation system (i.e., roads). One of the key issues associated with the first project was the issue of roads, though in the end, Pilot Joe did not have any new road construction. Therefore, it is very important to have discussions, fact-finding and understanding of the road system currently in place, and identify needs for the future. The group will have representation from the community, the collaborative partners, industry, environmental organizations, and BLM. The fact-finding will provide good baseline information for the next phase of the Pilot as well as identifying opportunities to change the road system (additions and/or deletions).

If you wish to stay informed on and/or join the aforementioned and other opportunities related to the Pilot, please contact Stephanie_Kellerher@blm.gov, or call 541-618-2205.

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