

## 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 September through May, usually Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Membership is open to those holding an associate of arts degree or higher from an accredited college or university. Contact Susan Riell at riells@sbcglobal.net or 541-956-2159, or Linda Rahberger at lr97526@gmail.com or 541-659-4669. Visit grantspass-or.aauw.net, Facebook and Pinterest.

**Applegate Christian Fellowship.** For service times, call 541-899-8732 24/7.

**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 March, April and May, when meetings 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](http://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, April - October. Minimum donation is \$10. Reservations are required. Call 541-899-8627 or email [info@sanctuaryone.org](mailto: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 [sobeekers@gmail.com](mailto:sobeekers@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 Business Meeting,** second Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. 20100 Williams Highway near Tetherow Road. For more information, call 541-846-6844.

**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 Library** is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 1 to 5 pm. Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 1:30. Chess Club every Monday from 3:45 to 5 pm. All ages welcome at free programs by local volunteers. Free Wi-Fi 24/7. 20100 Williams Highway. 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 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.

### "Last Saturday in May" equals "Buncom Day"

Southern Oregon's last-standing ghost town comes alive on the last Saturday —this year that Saturday is May 30 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Buncom Day, according to the *Mail Tribune*, is "a pioneer version of a museum reception, patriotic festival and country fair rolled into one." There will be a parade at noon, along with the world-famous "chicken splat contest," a barbecue lunch, live music, face painting, books, plants, a country store, children's activities, and exhibits ranging from the Oregon Paranormal Society to noxious weeds and fire safety.

The event raises a little money to keep the historic buildings in a state of "arrested decay," but it's mainly just a whole lot of fun among friends, visitors, and curious tourists.

Admission is free. To get there, follow Highway 238 to Ruch, turn south at Ruch on Upper Applegate Road, travel three miles, turn left on Little Applegate, and go another three miles to Buncom at the intersection with Sterling Creek Road.

More information will be posted on the Buncom website at [www.buncom.org](http://www.buncom.org) as it undergoes updating and reconstruction. Questions or suggestions for Buncom Day may also be directed to the chairman of the Buncom Day celebration, Bryan Shelander, at [oregongreenbuilder@gmail.com](mailto:oregongreenbuilder@gmail.com).

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Contact: [info@pacific.org](mailto:info@pacific.org) PO Box 1, Williams OR 97544/ 541-846-1100  
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### SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

**Navigating the Night Sky**  
Friday evening, March 20  
(the Vernal Equinox)

**The Colorful World of Lichens**  
April 18-19

**Soil and Leaf-Litter Insects**  
Saturday, April 25

**Spring Mushroom Foray**  
(outside Ashland), May 9

**Klamath River Natural History from a Raft**, Sunday, May 17

**The Spirit of the Forest in Words and Photos**  
with Diana Coogle and Mark Turner, June 5-7

**Orienteering**, Saturday, June 13

Register for these classes, request a catalog, find out more at [www.thesfi.org](http://www.thesfi.org) or call 541-597-8530.

**Don't miss BIRDS & BREWS on Saturday, May 23** - nature walks and activities, microbrew and wine tasting and live music from 8\$ Mountain, Broadway Phil and the Shouters and Little Big Band.

Send your calendar information to [gater@applegater.org](mailto:gater@applegater.org).

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