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*A free, bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to informing, educating and enlightening the community of Williams.*

## ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT

by Chi Scherer

### The Williams Watershed Protection Association

is currently in the process of working out an agreement with the Josephine County Public Works Dept. for a sustainable (non-chemical) roadside management program for the Williams Valley. As a result of diligent community effort in the late 1980's and early 1990's, Williams has enjoyed almost 20 years of protection from toxic spray use on our roadsides.

Our agreement with Josephine County was for a no-spray zone from Sparlin Cemetery to Findley Road and above. We have now secured an agreement for a moratorium against spraying for the entire Williams watershed. Our task now is to educate and assist the county in developing an economically-viable, chemical-free system they can work with.

We're getting help from Oregon Toxic Alliance and the Lane County Public Works Department, who have teamed up to create an excellent poison-free roadside management program in Lane County. Lane County has banned roadside sprays and the Public Works Department has developed a program of timely, site-specific mowing and pruning and general roadside naturalization and stabilization. Sustainable land management practices depend on knowledge and attunement to cycles of plants, water, soils and the season. Lane County's approach reflects an understanding of this truth, which is key to the program's economic viability. Orin Schunmaker, Lane County Program Director, has expressed willingness to share knowledge and information with the Josephine County Public Works Department.

Things are going well, but the Josephine County Public Works Department is doubtful about the economic feasibility of our proposal. The opportunity to help alleviate suffering is big here; people and many other life forms suffer every time someone uses these poisons on our roadsides. If we can develop a workable program, Josephine County has expressed openness to discontinuing spray use for the entire

county, which could lead other counties to follow suit; but we still need more information and assistance on:



- Successful sustainable roadside management programs we can develop a dialogue with for information and mentoring
- Efficient equipment developed for this purpose
- Methodologies and alternative technologies (such as infrared) for chemical free weed maintenance
- Grants available for road work for Josephine County to help with set up costs and any additional expense that the transition to a sustainable program might bring people to...
- Monitor county work on our roadsides so we can give them informed feedback on this program. (send contact information if interested)

Please send all information to: [jimmy@rogueadvocates.org](mailto:jimmy@rogueadvocates.org)



*Happy Mother's Day*

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# JANGLES' JUNKYARD

Recycled News and Information

by Jim Krois

**ALMANAC:** May 1 <> 15, 2009

**FIRST QUARTER:** 1st at 13:44 PDT

**FULL FLOWER MOON:** 8th at 21:01 PDT

**BLUES BIRTHDAYS:**

20th Johnny Fuller, 1929

25th "Albert King" Nelson, 1923

26th Gertrude "Ma" Rainey, 1886

29th Otis Rush, 1934

## A LITTLE AIR POLLUTION BOOSTS VEGETATION'S CARBON UPTAKE

The world's vegetation soaked up carbon dioxide more efficiently under the polluted skies of recent decades than it would have under a pristine atmosphere, a new analysis in the April 23 Nature suggests. The trend hints that relying on forests and other vegetation to sequester carbon may not be effective if skies continue to clear, researchers say.

Major volcanic eruptions throw large quantities of aerosols, such as small bits of fractured rock and droplets of sulfuric acid, high into the atmosphere. Those particles scatter incoming solar radiation, preventing some of it from reaching Earth's surface and thereby cooling climate temporarily.

That scattering also, however, boosts how much carbon vegetation takes in, says Lina M. Mercado, an ecosystem modeler at the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology in Wallingford, England. Although aerosols, including many types of air pollution, decrease the overall amount of light falling onto a tree, the particles diffuse the radiation that reaches the ground so that it actually illuminates more leaves. In that case, leaves below the tree's outer canopy are less likely to be shaded.

To estimate the way pollution and other aerosols affect the rate at which the world's plants take up carbon, Mercado and her colleagues adjusted an ecosystem model to include the effects of diffuse radiation on vegetation. Then the team plugged in meteorological data gathered worldwide since 1901.

From the 1950s through the 1980s, many regions received less solar radiation overall – a phenomenon that atmospheric scientists term global dimming – and received a larger proportion of diffuse radiation. Since the 1980s, however, in many areas – especially some industrialized parts of the Northern Hemisphere, where pollution control measures have been instituted – skies have brightened.

**Pacifica: A Garden in the Siskiyou**

Invites you to

## ART & Wine ~ 2009

An Open House

**Saturday May 2nd  
10:30 am to 4:30 pm**

Come and enjoy the excellent art, music and wines of the Applegate and Williams Valleys in the beautiful natural surroundings of Pacifica.

### 10:30-4:30

Local Artists will be showing and selling their work:

Carol Taylor-pastels

Nancy Adams-original clay art

Darci and John Spetter-paintings

Jan Lacey-clay sculpture

Paula Fong-wildlife and botanical illustrations

Robert Rubio-pottery,

Heidi Carlson-hand crafted natural fiber clothing

Dorothy E. deLyon-photographic and fabric art

Hounds Reach Studios-fine jewelry

Annie Zweifel-glass

Nicole Burrow and Friends-garden accessories

Tony and Marinella Anatonov-bonsai and hand  
crafted gifts

Colleen Rainsforth-hand knit clothing &  
accessories,

Emily-paper art

Trees and Plants from Forest Farm

Dorothy Butz-handcrafted soaps & cremes,  
stained glass.

### 11:00-4:30

Rosella's Winery and Vineyard, Plaisance Ranch,  
and Wild Wines will be offering tastings and  
purchases of their unique and delicious wines.

### 11:00-4:00

Music from Conny and Walter Lindley and friends;  
and Fresh Brew with Tom Reilly, Andy Ruhland,  
Mark Cunningham and Ben Yohai.

### Special Guests

JD Rodgers - Book Signing

Applegate Middle School Bake Sale

Williams School Strings with Warren Whistler

Friends of the Williams Library-Book Sale

### Tours

Wildflower, Rock Garden, Studio and Property  
ongoing throughout the day.

Pacifica 14615 Water Gap Rd. Williams OR  
2.3 mi. up Water Gap from Hwy. 238

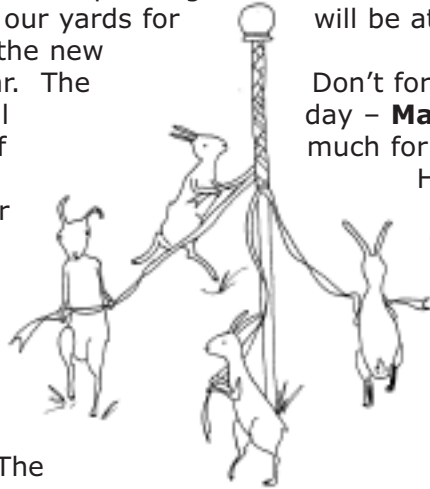
### Info:

541-846-6951

# SKOOL DAZE

by Jacki Fredenburg, Williams School Library Manager

May Day. What ever happened to May-poles, and ribbons and all that spring celebration? Perhaps it's now done in a more practical manner like planting flowers in the garden and readying our yards for summer. No matter how we mark the new season, it's a wonderful time of year. The yards and fields are full of delightful wildflowers, the nurseries are full of rainbows of buds just waiting to blossom in our gardens, and Mother Nature's nursery is full of wildlife babies ready to meet the world. And Williams School? We are busy too, enjoying the mild weather and preparing for the final weeks of this school term. As with every year, the last weeks hold as much activity as the first. The fifth graders are getting ready to move on to middle school. And the last of the fieldtrips and programs are standing by.



year begins, they feel a bit more familiar and comfortable on that first day. Please call the school for more information or to let Mindi know that you will be attending.

Don't forget Mom and Grandma on their special day – **May 10th**. These special ladies do so much for us and deserve a little remembrance. Here's wishing all these wonderful women a perfect day, with all their wishes fulfilled and their families around them.

Until next time, enjoy the spring, stay safe, and I'll see ya.....

.....'round the schoolyard.

**May 1st** – Mrs. Bingham and the 5th graders return from their annual OMSI trip. This is an overnight adventure and always exciting. I will write more about it next time.

**May 6th** - Mr. Morgan takes his second and third graders to White Oak Farm. This is always a fun fieldtrip because it's outdoors and the kids get to work with growing things and see the results. And, it's often messy! Who could ask for more?

**Also on May 6th** – Old favorite, Smokey the Bear comes to visit Mrs. Wardle's, K's, and Mrs. A's first and second graders. This icon is just as impressive today as he was 50 years ago. What an important message he delivers about fire safety, especially to our country kids who are exposed to burn piles and woodstoves in their daily lives.

**May 7th** – Mrs. Bingham's fourth and fifth grades have their turn at visiting White Oak Farm for fresh air, sunshine and mud. What a perfect day.

**May 13th** – "All About Trees" comes to our campus. This program is for the whole student body and presents information and facts about trees, their lives and uses. And, at the end of the day, the kids get to make paper! It's fun, productive and messy, a perfect activity.

**Also on May 13th** – Kindergarten Round-Up. This is the time each year when parents may come and bring their children who will be 5 by Sept. 1st, to visit the Kindergarten room and meet the teacher. It gives the future students a chance to see the school and say hello to the teacher, so when the new

## WILLIAMS GRANGE NEWS

by Kathy Escott, Secretary

### MOTHER'S DAY WILLIAMS GRANGE

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** ~ May 10 from 8:30 to 11:00, **BLUEGRASS JAM** from 11:00 to 1:00. Instead of bringing Mom breakfast in bed, bring her to the Pancake Breakfast – she'll love it, and she won't have to do the dishes!

**RENT THE WILLIAMS GRANGE** ~ Email Kim Mericle at [kimmericle@dishmail.net](mailto:kimmericle@dishmail.net), or call her at 846-6345. Look for the events calendar posted in the Williams Grange for a variety of ongoing classes, fund raisers and social events.

**FARMER'S MARKET** ~ Opening June first! Mondays from 4 to 6:30. Homegrown & Handmade by Williams Farmers & Crafters. Info: Jessie 846-0152.

**BUSINESS MEETING** ~ 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13.

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\$200 need-based scholarships also available.

### DAY CAMP:

July 20th-23th, (ages 5-7) Cost of \$100

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CONTACT SARAH AT  
541.846.0776 or [info@whiteoakfarmcsa.org](mailto:info@whiteoakfarmcsa.org)  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.whiteoakfarmcsa.org](http://www.whiteoakfarmcsa.org)

## BLOOD DRIVE

Herb Pharm and the Williams Grange will sponsor another American Red Cross Blood Drive for the Williams Community:



**Tuesday, June 2**  
**9 am to 4 pm**  
**at the Williams Grange**

Please schedule your blood donation appointment today by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

## LETTER TO THE WILLIAMS COMMUNITY

by Michelle Sesock

Dear Friends of Williams Elementary,

Since 1998, Williams Elementary School has been the only Three Rivers District school to offer stringed instrument instruction to elementary students. Through the years, Williams School was very fortunate to fund this program exclusively through grants and donations, with a small tuition paid by students. Mr. Warren Whistler, a gifted professional musician, remains our instructor since the program's beginning. Over the years, the children of Williams have developed their playing skill, learned deep appreciation for music, and gained tremendous self confidence as they performed in front of others.

We are now at a crossroads with this valuable program. There is no grant money for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. Our goal this spring is to raise \$10,000 in order to save the program. One hundred percent of this money will go to pay the instructor and assistant of the stringed instrument program.

We are asking for your help in the following ways:

1. Come to our student concert on May 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$10.00 each.
2. Attend or donate a new auction item to the Applegate River Wine Festival and Silent Auction, to be held Sept. 11th, 5 – 8p.m., in Cantrall Buckley Park. The proceeds from this event will be split between Williams and Applegate schools. Auction items can include gift baskets, artwork, etc.
3. Send a donation to the school. Businesses and individuals will be given a receipt for their tax deductible amount.
4. Attend a special concert in the fall with internationally known classical musician, Mr. Ray Reussner. This concert will be held in the school gym and all ticket proceeds will go to the Williams School strings program.

We are grateful for the tremendous past support from the Williams Community for our music program. With your generous support, our music program will continue to touch the lives of our students and community.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Sesock, Principal

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## NEWS AT SUGARLOAF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

by Cheryl Bruner

SCA's Board of Directors has had many changes in the last few months. The following Board members will be exiting the board and we thank them for their wonderful service: Tim Thompson, Shavana Fineberg, Marie Loren and Laura Fakete.

Please welcome our new Board members: Bill Heron, Claudia Beausoleil and Juliette Hedgecock. Our new officers are Jessie Dybala: President, Bill Heron: Vice President and Juliette Hedgecock: Secretary. This fresh new energy will be needed in this next year with all the projects SCA has planned.

SCA's land and programs require many hours of dedicated service. In addition to the Board of Directors who volunteer a large amount of hours, there are many in the community who volunteer a great many hours every year. SCA is strong and viable because of its community members.

### ANNUAL MEMBER DINNER

The SCA Board of Directors is honoring SCA's members for their dedicated service. We invite you to an evening of Indian dinner and music on **Thursday, May 28th, 6:00 pm at the Williams Grange**. The program will highlight the current SCA programs and provide a forum for the community to give the current SCA board input. Dinner and drinks are free, with a dessert potluck after.

Please come and be a part of the vision. Thank you for all your support and dedication.

### Garden Party Library Fundraiser

2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2009

### Herb Pharm Gardens

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Deadlines are the 7th and 21st of each month



## AND ON THAT NOTE...

by Kim Mericle



A bimonthly musical calendar featuring Williams' musicians & musical happenings in and around our lovely valley.

### UPCOMING MAY SHOWS:

#### Friday 1st Incognito

8 pm Stagecoach Saloon

#### Saturday 2nd

9-12 pm Out of the Way Café

#### Saturday 2nd Collision

9 pm Knaughty Pine

#### Wednesday 6th Applegation

Applegate Lodge

#### Thursday 7th Live Music TBA

6-9 pm Magnolia Grill

#### Friday 8th Doorshakers

8 pm Stagecoach Saloon

#### Friday 8th One Movement (Hip-hop)

8 pm Applegate Lodge

#### Saturday 9th Kites & Crows

8 pm Stagecoach Saloon

#### Saturday 9th Lizard Mafia

9 pm Knaughty Pine

#### Tuesday 12th Booker T

8 pm Applegate Lodge

#### Wednesday 13th One Horse Shy (Americana)

7 pm Applegate Lodge

#### Saturday 16th Alianna de Victoria Band

9 Knaughty Pine

### ONGOING MUSIC:

#### 1st & 3rd Thursdays: Open Mic w/ Buzz

6-9 pm Out of the Way Café

#### Second Sundays Bluegrass Jam

11am - 1pm Williams Grange

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

#### Wednesday May 20th Joanne Rand & the Rhythm of the Open Hearts

8 pm Applegate Lodge



#### Saturday May 30th The Water Tower Bucket Boys/ Square Dance

8 pm Williams Grange

### In The Spotlight:

#### BOOKER T JONES

Hammond B3 alchemist, Booker T Jones, is one of America's most prolific, distinguished and instantly recognizable musical forces. The arrival of his new Anti-album, *Potato Hole*, not only re-affirms his greatness, it also re-introduces the neglected all-instrumental format to a noisy, crowded marketplace crying out for precisely the type of soul satisfying pleasure at which Jones excels. With choice accompaniment by the capable Southern rock visionaries, Drive By Truckers, and a sound often pushed into over drive by the volcanic lead guitar of rock and roll legend Neil Young, it is an altogether extraordinary set.

Featuring a mixture of newly written songs and a trio of intriguing covers, all recorded in a scant one week's time, *Potato Hole* captures Booker T at the critical peak of a renewed creative phase in his storied career. "I really feel like I've been opened up again; I've got the creative muse working for me," Jones said. "It's like I have discovered a new method, a little road I can take to open it up, and I'm excited about playing this music."

Born in Memphis, Tennessee on November 12 1944, Booker's interest in music manifested itself early, and as a child he both sang gospel in church and received classical training on the piano. A fascination with the Hammond B3 grew to the point where he funded his own organ lessons with newspaper route money, and by his teens, Jones found himself at Stax Records, first as an underfoot hanger-on and soon on staff, as leader of the house band. Whether laying down a meditative ramble or hard-charging rocker, Jones' sense of artistic liberation and depth of involvement on every track here is breath taking – with *Potato Hole*, the cat is going into orbit.

**Catch Booker T on Tuesday, May 12th @ The Applegate Lodge 8 pm. Tickets available @ Listen Here, Bad Ass Coffee, Williams General Store, The Music Coop, & The Applegate Lodge.**

If you know of any musical happening in the valley or would like to be the featured artist in this column, please email me, [kimmericle@dishmail.net](mailto:kimmericle@dishmail.net) or call 846-6345 by the 6th or 20th of the month for publication.

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