

# Community Connections

*A Directory of Rural Communities Along the Territorial Corridor  
of Lane County, Oregon*



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# Communities Along the Territorial Corridor

## Alvadore

**A**lvadore is an unincorporated farming community at the north end of the Territorial Corridor. The town was originally formed around a branch of an early railroad and named for Alvadore Welch, who built the Portland, Eugene, and Eastern Railroad through the community. The post office was established in 1914.

Besides the post office, the community is served by a library, a volunteer fire department, a church and several businesses.

With the Fern Ridge Reservoir Dam and Orchard Point Park within a mile of Alvadore, it's not surprising that boating and fishing are two of the most popular recreational activities. The town was originally formed around a branch of an early railroad.



Abandoned Alvadore School

## Cheshire

**A**ccording to Oregon Geographic Names, Cheshire was a station on the Southern Pacific Railroad line platted in 1913 and originally named Hubert. This name caused confusion with another station on the line, Huber, however, so the railroad company changed the name to Cheshire in 1914. The Cheshire post office was established the same year. Both "Hubert" and "Cheshire" were names chosen to honor James Hubert Cheshire, a favorite child of the people in the area.

Cheshire is an unincorporated community sitting at the northern-most border of Lane County. It's most notable landmarks feature a DariMart convenience store and a post office serving the 97419 zip code.



Cheshire DariMart

Compliments of <http://en.wikipedia.org>

## Crow

**T**he small unincorporated community of Crow, Oregon, located approximately 4 miles southeast of Veneta in Lane County, was first settled in the early 1850s following the passage of the Donation Land Act of 1850. It was named after either one of its original settlers, Andrew Jackson Crow, or his son James A.J. Crow. There are conflicting accounts. The Crow Post Office was established on November 6, 1874, but it was closed on November 15, 1938.

The community has an elementary school, a combination middle/high school, a grange, a church, a store/deli and two mechanic shops.



Crow Grange

## Elmira

**E**lmira is an unincorporated community in Lane County, Oregon. It is located west of Eugene and north of Veneta and Oregon Route 126, near the Long Tom River and Fern Ridge Reservoir.

The community was named after Elmira, California, after previously having the name "Duckworth".[1] A local business owner persuaded postal authorities to rename the community "Elmira" in 1884.

In 1905, Elmira Road & surrounding area was homesteaded by Henry & Celia Faulhaber along with their children Leon, Neal & Mildred. Some time between 1905-1916 Elmira Road was donated back to the county by Henry Faulhaber and later renamed Faulhaber Road.



Elmira Post Office

Compliments of <http://en.wikipedia.org>

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## Franklin

**F**ranklin, also referred to as Smithfield, is an unincorporated rural community located near the northern end of the Territorial Corridor. The post office was established in 1855, closed in 1902, and was re-established as Smithfield. A controversy ensued and in 1943, it was referred to as both Franklin and Smithfield. Today, it is now known as Franklin, Oregon.

The community no longer has a post office, but supports two churches.



Franklin Church

## Lorane

**L**orane is an unincorporated rural community at the south end of the Territorial Corridor. Lorane was named by the wife of its first postmaster in 1887, in honor of a favorite niece.

In addition to the post office, the community is served by a fire department, a Rebekah/Theta Rho lodge, a grange, a church and several businesses including three major wineries.

Each year, the community celebrates through their Lorane Ice Cream Social, the Lorane Old-Timers' Picnic, Chateau Lorane's Art in the Vineyard and various Holiday Bazaars during the holidays.

Today the Lorane area is home to award-winning wineries, talented local artists and classic bed and breakfasts.



Lorane Odd-Fellows Hall



## Noti

**N**oti is an unincorporated community in Lane County, Oregon, United States, located in the foothills of the Central Oregon Coast Range between Eugene and Florence. Per the 2000 census, Noti had a total population of 699.

Noti post office was established in 1913, when the name was changed from Portola. The postmaster was H.G. Suttle.

In 2002, Noti Grade School, a landmark built in 1927 and known as "The Little Blue School", was closed. It was formerly located directly on Oregon Route 126, but after a highway realignment project in 1996 the school is now located on a quiet road called the "Noti Loop Road", and the highway passes just north of and behind the school.



Noti Grade School

Compliments of <http://en.wikipedia.org>

## Veneta

**I**ncorporated in 1962, the City of Veneta is a thriving community of nearly 5,000 people. The City of Veneta is located 12 miles west of the Eugene/Springfield Metropolitan Area, in the southwest corner of the beautiful Willamette Valley in Lane County, Oregon. Located at about 420 feet above sea level, the city receives between 45-50 inches of precipitation a year. It is home to an area of many wineries. Veneta is located in close proximity to the Fern Ridge Reservoir – a great place for birding, sailing, and canoeing activities, and is only 45 miles from the Pacific Ocean and 90 miles from the scenic Cascade Mountains. Veneta is also the home of the Fern Ridge Public Library that serves people residing within the Fern Ridge School District boundaries.

Veneta was established in 1912 by Edward Eugene Hunter, who named the settlement after his five year-old daughter. In 1982, Veneta Orilla Hunter Vincent attended the city's 70th anniversary party, and she passed away in 2000 at the age of 93.



Veneta City Hall

Compliments of <http://en.wikipedia.org>

## Walton

**W**alton is an unincorporated community in Lane County, Oregon. It is located halfway between Eugene and Florence on Oregon Route 126.

Construction of Route 126 began in 1881, and after it crossed the Oregon Coast Range near Noti, it followed a tributary of the Siuslaw River named Walton Creek. Walton post office was established in 1884 to serve the settlers along the new route and postmaster James L. Atkinson named it for the stream. The stream was in turn named for Joshua J. Walton, a pioneer lawyer who served as a county judge and regent for the University of Oregon. At the beginning of the 20th century, the stream's name was changed to Wildcat Creek.



Walton Post Office and Store

Compliments of <http://en.wikipedia.org>

# Neighborhoods



Vaughn (between Crow & Noti)

## Area Schools



### Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District #66

**Susan Nakaba, Superintendent** 541-935-2100  
**Donna Willits, District Secretary** 541-935-2100

Crow High School - Principal - Ron Osibov	541-935-2227
Crow Booster Club - President - Diane Diess	541-954-4980
Applegate Elementary- Principal - Ron Osibov	541-935-2100
Parent Group :V.O.I.C.E. - President - Tracy Schwartz	541-935-2100

<http://www.cal.k12.or.us/>

**Your community can be ALL that you want it to be!!!  
PARTICIPATION is the KEY**

### Fern Ridge School District #28J



**Dennis Friedrich, Superintendent** 541-935-2253  
**Debbie Moore, District Secretary** 541-935-2253 x203

Elmira Elementary School – Jackie Turle, Principal	541-935-8214 x201
N.E.W. PTA Elmira Elementary School – Julie Bothel, President	541-935-0824
Veneta Elementary School – Olivia Johnson, Principal	541-935-8225 x201
PAL President Veneta Elementary School – Rebecca Lorenz	541-935-6411
Fern Ridge Middle School – Karen McKenzie, Principal	541-935-8230 x201
Elmira High School – Gary Carpenter, Principal	541-935-8200
Elmira High School Booster Club – Mark Boren, President	541-520-1815

Charter Schools:

Willamette Leadership Academy – Col. Roger McClelland, Executive Director	541-935-6815
West Lane Technical Learning Center – Ken Woody, Program Director	541-935-2101

<http://www.fernridge.k12.or.us>

# Charter, Private & Alternative Schools and Day Care

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## **Central Little School**

87980 Territorial Road, Veneta, Oregon 97487

**Contact:** Sonia Hall, 541-935-1124

Affordable, quality education; preschool through 5th grade; effective phonics-based reading program; successful mathematics program; small class sizes; weekly classes in music, Spanish, science and P.E. (K-5)

**...Because Your Children Deserve a Better Education**

## **Countryside Christian School -- Grades 1-8**

88401 Huston Road, Veneta, Oregon 97487

**Contact:** Katie Cordes, 541-935-6446, condor4u@msn.com

**Learning for Life... and loving it!  
Christian Education makes a difference!**

## **Fern Ridge Child Development Center**

25391 Jeans Rd, Veneta, OR 97487, 541-935-9756

A private, early-childhood program / day-care center / school. 6 weeks to 12 years of age; open 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday; state-certified and licensed; Pre-K class and certified full-day kindergarten; infants, toddlers and preschool classes; after-school care program; theme-based, age-appropriate curriculum.

**Fern Ridge Child Development Center is co-ed and is nonsectarian in orientation**

## **Kid's Akademy Christian Preschool -- Ages 2 1/2 to 6 years.**

88401 Huston Road, Veneta, Oregon 97487, 541-935-4338

**Learning for Life... and loving it!  
Christian Education makes a difference!**

## St Thomas Becket Academy

25289 E Bolton Rd, Veneta, Oregon 97487, 541-935-0149; <http://sttbchurch.org/>

Saint Thomas Becket Academy is a traditional Catholic School with grades Kindergarten through 12 offering a well-rounded curriculum taught in an atmosphere of Catholic Faith. Academic Performance and the Practice of Virtue are the benchmarks by which we measure our success.

## West Lane Technical Learning Center

24949 Hwy 126. Veneta, OR 97487; <http://www.westlanetech.org>

**Contact:** Ken Woody, Program Director, 541-935-2101

A public online charter high school located in Elmira, OR. WLTLT combines the independence of a self-directed online education with individualized support for students. Our program maintains an open, accessible computer lab with highly qualified teachers available throughout the school day. Teachers monitor student progress on a daily basis. In addition, WLTLT supports an automotive and electric vehicle program for students wanting hands-on learning activities.

## Willamette Leadership Academy / The Pioneer Youth Corps

87230 Central Rd, Eugene, OR 97402; <http://westlanetech.orvsd.org/>

**Contact:** Col. Roger McClelland, Executive Director; 541-935-681

The Pioneer Youth Corps operates the Willamette Leadership Academy, a fully-accredited military charter school. It provides academic courses and leadership training to middle and high school-aged students who perform better in a more structured environment than in a traditional school setting.



# Public Service Organizations

## Public Agencies



### City of Veneta

88184 Eighth Street

Ric Ingham, City Administrator 541-935-2191 ringham@ci.veneta.or.us

Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Mayor 541-935-8352 sharonhh@cmc.net

The Mayor and City Councilors are volunteer positions. The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Veneta City Hall. The Planning Commission usually meets the 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Veneta City Hall.

<http://ci.veneta.or.us>



### Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce

Office hours: Monday (1:00-4:00), Tuesday (10:00-2:00), Wednesday (10:00-4:00), Thursday (10:00-2:00), Friday (10:00-4:00)

**Contact:** Gina Haley-Morrell, haleyscurves@gmail.com

The Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce was organized to connect commerce and community support agencies while promoting and coordinating efforts in commerce to create and maintain a healthy business climate that enriches the lives of those in the community.

<http://www.fernridgechamber.com/>



## Post Offices

- Alvadore ..... 97409
- Cheshire ..... 97419
- Elmira ..... 97437
- Lorane ..... 97451
- Noti ..... 97461
- Veneta ..... 97487
- Walton ..... 97490



Lorane Post Office

# Fire Departments

## Alvadore Volunteer Fire Department - Substation # 52

90825 Alvadore Rd, Junction City, OR 97448; 541-689-5051

**Battalion Chief Bruce Jensen**



Alvadore Fire Department

**[More Information Here](#)**

## Lane County Fire District #1



LANE COUNTY  
NO. 1  
FIRE DISTRICT



Chief Terry Ney 541-935-2226 [terryney@lcfld1.org](mailto:terryney@lcfld1.org)  
<http://lcfld1orfd.samariteam.com>

Lane County Fire District #1 provides fire protection, fire prevention, education, and emergency medical services to an area of 200 square miles with a population of 16,000 citizens. It includes the City of Veneta, and the communities of Elmira, Crow, Noti, and Walton. District facilities include 11 fire stations. The District has a career staff of 9 and an average of 80 volunteers.

**Turn in notices for community events for Fire District #1 Reader Board between  
8-5 Monday-Friday**



## **Lorane Rural Fire Protection District, Est. 1973**

80287 Old Lorane Road, 541-942-1233

Fax: (541) 942-1233

**Tom Soward, Chief**



**Lorane Fire Department**

## **Oregon Department of Forestry, Western Lane District**

87950 Territorial Road, Veneta, OR 97487; 541-935-2283

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m; Saturday and Sunday, Closed

**The Western Lane District provides fire protection to 750,650  
acres of private and public forest land in western Lane County  
and parts of northern Douglas County.**



# Libraries

## Alvadore Community Library

8th Street & Alvadore Road, Alvadore, Oregon

**Open:** Monday & Tuesday (4-8); Wednesday (11-8);  
Saturday (10-12)



Alvadore Community Library

**More information ??**

## Fern Ridge Library

88026 Territorial Rd., Veneta, OR 97487

541-935-7512; 541-935-8013 (fax)

<http://fernridgelibrary.org>

**Open:** Monday (10-6); Tuesday-Thursday  
(10-8); Friday (10-6); Saturday (10-5)

**Contact:** Colin Rea, Director, [crea@fernridgelibrary.org](mailto:crea@fernridgelibrary.org)



Fern Ridge Library, Veneta

**More information ??**

**Contact Colin to put community events on the Community Calendar!**

# Public Recreation

## Fern Ridge Parks & Recreation

### Veneta Community Pool

25190 E. Broadway St. Veneta, OR 97487

Pool: 541-935-4390

The pool opens shortly after school ends in June, and runs through the first week of September. For schedules of classes, swim times and features, go to the Veneta Community Pool website at



Veneta Community Pool

<http://www.ci.veneta.or.us/documents/RecGuide2011.pdf?size=871815>

### Territorial Park

**Southwest Corner of Territorial Hwy. and Hunter Avenue**

A 2.5 acre neighborhood park for youth activities. This park includes a skatepark, basketball court, playground, and a quarter-mile looping-walk/jog path.



Territorial Skate Park

### Bolton Hill Sports Complex

25570 E. Bolton Hill Road, Veneta, OR 97487

Contact: Tommy Laing, Director 541-935-4943

[thomas.laing@akzonobel.com](mailto:thomas.laing@akzonobel.com)



**Territorial  
Sports  
Program**

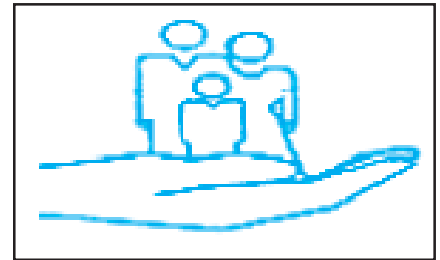
**Include a total of 11 acres, as well as new back-stops, baseball diamonds, fencing, and street improvements**

# Community Service Organizations

## Alvadore Community Chest

P.O. Box 95, Alvadore, OR 97409; 541-915-8437

**Contact:**



A non-profit organization to assist local families within the Alvadore boundaries with emergency financial assistance.

## Fern Ridge Community Action Network (FRCAN)

**Contact:** Joan Mariner, 541-935-8904, jmariner@uoregon.edu

Mission Statement: To foster the growth of leadership within our membership by promoting and implementing projects that improve the quality of life for those in our community.

Volunteer Opportunities: CAN keeps informed about the range of activities available within the community and informs its members about ways to get involved. Each month, there is a focused activity that the organization supports.



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## Fern Ridge Warming Center

**Contact:** Junie Gangle, 541-556-3336, ganglep@yahoo.com

Various churches, the City of Veneta and social activist communities have started a Warming Center site in Veneta to ensure that people who are homeless in the Fern Ridge area have a place to sleep indoors when temperatures drop to 29 degrees or below from November 15 - March 31.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed for site leaders, guest services, kitchen helpers, set up, clean-up and various other positions.



## Fern Ridge Neighborhood Watch

**Contact:** Gary Robbins, President, 541-935-1123, rrapidrobbie@yahoo.com

The Fern Ridge Neighborhood Watch is a group of citizens devoted to crime and vandalism prevention within our neighborhoods.



## Mid-Lane Community Partnerships Programs

**Contact:** Catherine Amber, 541-935-0948, midlanecares@gmail.com



### The Love Project

Free Food Pantry. Contact: Pat Coy, 541-935-1988, phcoy@q.com

### Fern Ridge Gleaners; Lorane Gleaners

Two groups which collect and distribute food gathered from local farms and food banks

### S.A.N.T.A. (Sharing Among Neighbors Toy Appeal)

Holiday give-away of free toys, coats and books to local families with children in need.

Contact: Lydia Schauer, 541-935-1995, zorba@q.com

### Emergency Assistance

Help with utility shut-off notices and other issues which may compromise housing stability

### Silver Tree

Holiday gifts delivered by volunteers to home-bound seniors

### Youth Scholarships

Help for local youth who need assistance to be able to participate in arts, sports and other extracurricular programs

### Fern Ridge Community Health Care Event

Free health exams and referrals. First Saturday in June. Done in partnership with the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic.

### Applegate Field Daze

Old-fashioned family-friendly annual community celebration with music, contests, kids' parade and a big jar for donations for the Emergency Assistance funds.

### Lane County Senior Services

The Mid-Lane Community Partnerships, working together with the City of Veneta to build a new Fern Ridge Service Center where Senior Connections, Meals on Wheels and Meal Site will be housed.

## Neighbors 4 Responsible Growth (N4RG)

**Contact:** Joan Mariner, [jmariner@uoregon.edu](mailto:jmariner@uoregon.edu)  
P.O. Box 909, Veneta, Oregon 97487



**More Information?**



# Fraternal Organizations

## Alvadore Lions Club

P.O. Box 36, Alvadore, OR 97409

**Contact:** 541-461-9387

Meetings: Alvadore Fire Hall, 7:00 pm; 2nd Thursday: Business Meeting; 4th Thursday: Community Potluck.

**Everyone welcome!**



## Applegate Trail Lions Club

**Contact:** Mike Beyerlin, 541-912-0360, mlbbuzz@msn.com

Mission Statement: To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

Volunteer Opportunities: As community needs

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in the Fire District #1 Training Room

**Sight and Hearing for Community Residents**



## Kiwanis Club of Fern Ridge

P.O. Box 838, Veneta, OR 97487, 541-515-1446

**Contact:** Dennis Paronto, Secretary; dennisparonto@aol.com

**Ronda Shankle, President, r.shankle@swansonbros.com**

Meetings: 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesday at noon at the Fire District #1 Training Room

Kiwanis International is a global organization of members of every age who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.



## Lorane Rebekah Lodge

**Contact:** Charlotte Mitchell, 541-942-8605

The Rebekah's are a Fraternal Order but also a Service Organization. Our members must be 16-18 years or older, believe in a Supreme Being, Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and be faithful to their Country. Rebekah's exhibit the true principles of Odd Fellowship which are Friendship, Love, and Truth and in this day and age are extended to rendering service to our communities.

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays; 7:00 p.m.

**The Lorane Rebekahs host the weekly Senior Meals every Thursday**  
**SERVICE IS OUR GOAL**



## Lorane Theta-Rho

**Contact:** Mary Houle, Advisor, 541-942-9341

Theta Rho Girls' Clubs are for girls between the ages of 8 and 21. The Theta Rho motto is "Happiness through Service" and the symbolic colors of the degree are Peach and Yale Blue.

Meetings: Every Thursday, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lorane Rebekah Hall

**New Members are Always Welcome!**



## Moose Lodge #2656

**Contact:** Dave Shreve, Administrator, 541-914-9905

Moose, The Family Fraternity. An international organization of men and women, dedicated to caring for young and old, bringing communities closer together and celebrating life.

**John Welsh, Governor**

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Broadway Events Center on 5th and Broadway in Veneta





## Rotary Club of Fern Ridge

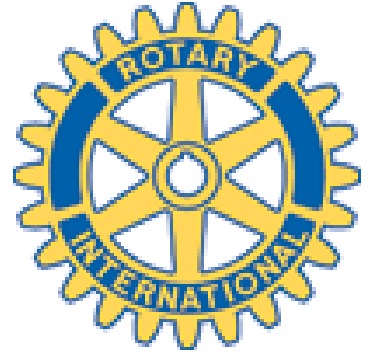
**Contact::** Sandra Winn, 541-935-5212, sjwinn@icp@com

Core Essence: A worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities.

Volunteer Opportunities: Reading for youngsters and serving hot chocolate at Key Bank for the Community Light Parade.

Club Fundraising Events: Roses, Run 4 the Kids, Poker Ride.

Meetings: Every Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. at Our Daily Bread



## Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Fern Ridge Post #9448

**Contact:** Stan Ritari, Quartermaster, 541-935-9665

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Broadway Events Center, 5th and Broadway in Veneta



# Granges

## Central Grange #360

87200 Central Rd, Eugene, OR / P.O Box 1376, Veneta , OR 97487

**Contact:** Jeannie 541-935-2235

Meetings: 2nd Friday at 5:00 pm

## Crow Grange #450

85994 Territorial Rd, Eugene, OR 97402

**Contact:** Joe 541-344-3966 or Ruth 541-935-3119

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 pm; Potluck 6:30 pm

## Elmira Grange #523

88764 Sprague St, Elmira, OR 97437

**Contact:** Shari 541-968-5718

Meetings: 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm

## Lorane Grange #54

Corner of Old Lorane & Orchard Rds, Lorane

**Contact:** Randy 541-942-1369 or Lil 541-942-5701

Meetings: 1st Thursday at 7:30 pm, except 3rd Thursday in January and July



# Community Culture, Arts and Literature

## Applegate Art Guild and Gallery

East side of West Lane Center at the intersection of Hwy 126 and Territorial Roads.

**Contact:** Christine Gledhill, 541-935-4286, PO. Box 88 Veneta Oregon 97487, ApplegateArtGuild@msn.com



The Applegate Art Guild is a non-profit corporation, under the direction of its members. Guild Membership is open to all. Applegate Art Guild has over 47 active members giving of their time and resources. Meetings are the 1st Monday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Applegate Art Guild in the West Lane Shopping Center. Visitors and new residents are always welcome to one of our meetings to learn of our activities.

Volunteer Opportunities: We invite you to join one of our many active committees which include: Fundraising; Community Outreach; Educational Enrichment and Historical Preservation.

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10-4  
Kid's Art Tutoring available

## Applegate Regional Theater, Inc. (ART, Inc.)



Broadway Events Center, 5th & Broadway, Veneta

**Contact:** Vicki Sourdry, President; 541-337-7007; art-inc@hotmail.com

Our Vision: To create a performing arts and community center in downtown Veneta... a place to enjoy plays, art shows, dances, concerts, classes, workshops, movies, meetings and celebrations -all without leaving the West Lane area.

Our Mission: To provide opportunities for the citizens of West Lane County to participate in the creation and presentation of performing and fine arts in a venue where enriching entertainment and education programs are available and accessible to all.

Volunteer Opportunities: There are many levels of involvement available in ART, Inc. -- all depending on your interests and abilities:

- Help in completing the theater - hands-on work, monetary contributions, ideas, etc.
- Grant writing; webmaster, act or work backstage (costuming, props, lights, sound, etc.) in plays; ushering/box office; gift shop; propmotion; create & distribute newsletter; musician for rehearsals & performances; play selection; fundraising; recruiter & coordinator; serve on the Board of Directors.

**Fern Ridge has talent; See your friends & neighbors in family friendly productions of old favorites and new experiences**

## Rural Art Center

P.O. Box 32, Lorane, OR 97451, <http://ruralartcenter.org>  
**Contact:** Lisa Livelybrooks; 541-935-9502; [llivelyb@gmail.com](mailto:llivelyb@gmail.com)



The Rural Art Center is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization led by an all-volunteer board of directors.

**Mission:** To build community through participation and enjoyment of the arts. We serve all ages in the Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District. Many beyond the district boundaries participate in our activities. We have a six-month movie night series held in the Lorane Grange, an annual artist-in-residence program in our schools, late-start or early-release workshops for students, an annual April Fools' talent show, and occasional music and art workshops and performances for all ages.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Board members; assist artists with work in the schools; prepare soups and salads for movie nights; set up and clean up for movie nights; coordinate talent shows; produce newsletters; hang art shows; help with summer art/book camps.

### Building Community Through the Arts

## The Groundwaters Magazine Project

P.O. Box 50, Lorane, OR 97451; <http://www.groundwaterspublishing.com>  
**Contact:** Pat Edwards; 541-344-0986; [edwards@groundwaterspublishing.com](mailto:edwards@groundwaterspublishing.com)



**Mission:** *Groundwaters* magazine is a non-profit quarterly literary journal which showcases the writing and artistic talent of people of all ages and abilities throughout Lane County and beyond. The quarterly issues are distributed free of charge in libraries, organizations and businesses throughout Lane County and by paid subscription throughout the rest of the United States.

*Groundwaters* works closely with ART, Inc. and operates under their 501(c)3 not for profit umbrella. Our main sources of funding are through grants, advertisements, subscriptions, publishing projects (printing of newsletters, etc.) and generous donations.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** All four of our staff members, Pat Edwards, Jennifer Chambers, Pat Broome and Jim Burnett, are unpaid volunteers. Additional volunteer help is needed in the areas of production (assembly), distribution and editing/proofing of each issue produced in the months of **January, April, July and October** of each year. We also seek help in the planning and coordination of grant writing, community service activities, writing contests, group public readings, author signings and other social events. Someone with bookkeeping and tax skills would also be welcomed into the *Groundwaters* family.

### Bubbling Up in Our Own Good Time!

# Applegate Pioneer Museum

7th & Broadway, Veneta, OR 97487-9642

**Contact:** Violet Shafer, 541-935-1836; kshafer245@aol.com

Summer Hours (April - October): 1st & 3rd Saturday and the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. ;

November -December, 1st Saturday and 2nd Sunday;

January- March, 2nd Sunday or by appointment)



Begun on March 25, 1973 , the museum was first sited in Crow, Oregon on property donated by Bob & Gary Mikkelson, owners of the Crow Market and Mercantile. The Spencer Creek Lutheran Church donated the former Pine Grove School as a building. It was moved to the site behind the store and the Grand Opening took place during the Fall Festival held at Crow on September 11 & 12, 1976.

In 1999, neighboring Veneta city officials offered to host the museum within its city limits. The city offered to lease to the museum a corner lot at 7th and Broadway streets for \$1 per year. They arranged to pay for all permits and two-thirds of the cost of the move. It was an offer the museum board could not resist, bringing the museum closer to a denser population which would help support it with not only additional memberships, but with volunteers, as well. The move to Veneta took place in 2000 and it re-opened in 2001.

Volunteers, donations and memberships generated by the bi-monthly newsletters on local history provide the support needed to keep the Applegate Pioneer Museum operating.

**Subscriptions and volunteers are always very much needed!**



# Faith Communities

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## Alvadore

**Alvadore Christian Church** - Across from Decker Nursery; 541-688-8884

**John Schmidt, Minister**

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sundays; Nursery & Children's Church provided; Bible Study; Children's Choir

## Crow

**Crow-Applegate Church of the Nazarene** - 25735 Crow Road, Eugene, OR 97402-9232; Corner of Crow & Territorial Roads; 541-935-1331

**Pastor Scott Simons**

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Youth service 5:30 p.m.; Evening service at 6:00 p.m. for adults & children. Nursery provided. Youth group, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sundays

## Elmira

**Calvary Chapel, Fern Ridge** - Meeting at West Lane Shopping Center, 24947 Hwy 126, Suite F, Veneta, OR 97487; 541-255-2777 or 541-914-1281

**Pastor Ron Gardner**

Worship, 10:00 a.m. on Sundays and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays

**Elmira Open Bible** - 88899 Territorial Rd., Elmira, OR 97437; 541-935-1910

**Pastor Rick Lewis**

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:15 a.m.; Evening service at 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Youth & Adventure Kids groups are all at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**Fern Ridge Christian Church** - 4918 Warthen Rd., Elmira, Oregon 97437; 541-935-1606

**Pastor Larry Gaskin**

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Nursery care, Toddlers' Church and Children's Church.

**Fern Ridge Faith Center**; 24833 Horn Rd., Elmira, OR 97437; 541-935-8859;

<http://fernridgefaithcenter.org>

**Pastor Paul Gangle**

Worship, 10:00 a.m.; AWANA, Sundays; Wednesday night prayer service at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Community Outreach: **Girl Scouts and Summer Block Party for MLCP**, 541-554-7021



## Franklin

**Bethany Church of Franklin**; 92078 Territorial Hwy., Junction City, OR 97448; 541-998-1707

**Pastor Steve McIntyre**

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 6:00 p.m.;  
Wednesday Family Night, 7:00 p.m.

**Franklin Christian Church**; 92072 Territorial Hwy., Junction City, OR 97448; 541-998-8364

**Pastor Glenn Bigelow**

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.

## Lorane

**Lorane Christian Church**; 80290 Old Lorane Rd., Eugene, OR 97405; P.O. Box 16, Lorane, OR 97451-0016; 541-942-7434

**Pastor Dave Langstraat**

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study in private homes, 7:00 p.m.

## Noti

**Grace Fellowship Assembly of God**; 22540 Fir St., Noti, OR 97461; 541-935-3728

**Pastor Rocky Hazelton**

Worship: Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

**Noti Church of Christ**; 22424 Noti Loop, Noti, OR 97461; 541-935-2145

**Pastor Doug Priest**

Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.

## Veneta

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran**; 25157 Oregon 126, Veneta, OR 97487; 541-935-1335

**Pastor Bruce Meier**

Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**; 88068 Huston Rd., Veneta, OR 97487; 541-935-2890

**Bishop Darrell Carman**

Sunday Sacrament Service, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.

**Olivet Baptist Church**; 88150 2nd St., Veneta, OR 97487; 541-935-1988

**Senior Pastor Jerry Bowling; Associate Pastor, Pat Coy; Youth Pastor, Lance Avery**

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Community Outreach: **Free Clothing Ministry/Lilies of the Field**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; **On the Street Ministry**; P.O. Box 512, Veneta, OR 97487; 541-935-3862;  
<http://Onthestreetministries.com>; Dale and Linda Reynolds, Organizers



**St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church**; 25181 E. Broadway Ave., Veneta, OR 97487; 541-935-3933; <http://stcveneta.com>

**Father Michael Morrissey; Pastoral Associate Deanna Valenzuela**

Daily Mass, 9:00 a.m. (Wednesday through Friday); Communion service, 9:00 a.m. (Monday and Tuesday); Weekend Mass, Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

**St. Thomas Becket Church and Academy**; 25269 East Bolton Rd., Veneta, OR 97487-9730

**Father Cooper, 541-935-0149**

Mass throughout the week. Call Father Cooper for current times.

**Valley United Methodist Church**; 25133 East Broadway Ave., Veneta, OR 97487; 541-935-1614; <http://valleychurchveneta.org>

**Pastor Eilidh Lowery**

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Community Outreach: **Boy Scouts, AA and Codependents (CODA), Community Meal, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. every Sunday**

**Veneta Alliance Church**; 51 Hunter Rd., Veneta, OR 97487-9635; 541-935-1688

**Pastor Dan Abken**

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Community Outreach: **Fern Ridge Street Ministry, Lunch in the Park**, Carole Davis, 541-935-0735

**Veneta Seventh-Day Adventist Church**; 88401 Huston Rd., Veneta, OR 97487-9607; 541-968-4316

**Pastor Roger Beltran**

Worship, 11:00 a.m. and Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Potluck, 12:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Community Outreach: **Clothing Pantry & Emergency Food**, Tuesday , 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., 541-935-0366

# Special Interest Clubs & Associations

## Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association

**Contact:** Mark Ratzlaff, 25701 Cochran Ct., Veneta, OR 97487;  
KenLuse@hotmail.com

We are a group of acoustic musicians dedicated to playing and preserving music from past generations. We have regular jam sessions and public performances in a wide variety of local facilities. We hold regular meetings and musical potlucks every month throughout the year. Our membership is open to the public even if you don't play an instrument. Come to dance or just enjoy the music!



**You Don't Have to Be "Old" to Play Old Time Tunes!**

## "Ridge Writers" Writers Group

**Contact:** Vicki Sourdry, vsourdry@hotmail.com

Meetings: Fern Ridge Library, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Open for new members with a commitment to come to all meetings for consistency (illness, vacation and emergencies excepted).

We accept all genres and both poetry and prose. Members take turns as meeting facilitator and each can decide on how much, if any, feedback and/or critique they wish to receive on their material and writing exercises.



**A very supportive group for all levels of writing ability!**

## Veneta Sewing Co-op

24951 McCutcheon in Veneta

**Contact:** Kathleen Watson, 541-935-2545;  
<http://www.venetasewingcoop.webs.com>

Hours: Monday through Friday "from 9:00 a.m. to o'dark-thirty," plus evenings and weekends by appointment.



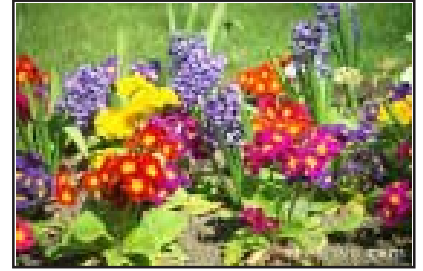
Opened recently in the old Fire Hall on McCutcheon St., the Co-op is a place to learn new skills, share ideas, and get help with just about any fabric or needlecraft project you can think of.

## Westside Garden Club

**Contact:** Judy Colvard, judycolvard@yahoo.com

Meetings: 2nd Saturdays (September-May) 10:00 a.m to noon at  
Konnie Room, Fern Ridge Library;

*Summer months:* officer meetings and scheduled field trips



Actively participating in the Veneta Elementary School Children's Garden where our volunteers each spend 45 minutes with a team of children of various ages on Friday mornings (September to May) to work in their school garden plots. Our group is also working with the City of Veneta on their downtown beautification project. We have been provided with two large flower beds behind the City Park community building where we are transplanting perennials for future use by the city landscaper.

Family dues are \$10 per year. **A MOTTO HERE??**

# Activities, Events & Community Offerings

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## January

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Last Thursday - **Distinguished Service Awards Banquet** - Honoring those who serve the West Lane area; time and place, TBA

Saturday before Easter - **Fern Ridge Spring Egg Hunt** - Hundreds of kids from the Fern Ridge area turn out to round up thousands of candy-filled eggs; held at Veneta Elementary School

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Saturday before Easter - **Alvadore Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt** - Held at Deckers Nursery

Last Saturday - **Earth Day-Arbor Day Celebration** - Veneta residents gather to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by planting trees, learning about earth-friendly ideas, and enjoying story tellers, plant and food vendors and a myriad of other activities at one of the city parks; contact: Veneta City Hall for more information; <http://www.ci.veneta.or.us/events.cfm>

## May

2nd Saturday - **Wings & Wine Festival** - A celebration that includes birding and nature walks, hands-on workshops, educational talks, children's activities, wine-tasting with local wineries and sailing and canoe tours; held at at Domaine Meriwether Winery and Fern Ridge Reservoir; <http://www.wingsandwinefestival.com>

## June

Fridays - **Veneta Farmers' Market** (mid-June through mid-September) - Fresh produce and land products; 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Territorial & Luther Lane (just south of Hwy 126); contact: Marie Pickett, 541-463-409-9678 or saturnconsulting9@gmail.com; <http://www.ci.veneta.or.us/farmersmkt.cfm>

3rd Saturday - Crow Car Show & Shine - Held across from Applegate Elementary School on Territorial Road in Crow, Oregon; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; free admission; sponsored by V.O.I.C.E.-Parent Group for Applegate Elementary; contact: 541-935-5510

## July

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2nd Weekend - **Oregon Country Fair** (3 day event) - Delight in our world-class entertainment, hand-made crafts, delectable foods, educational displays and magical surprises at every turn of the path We invite you to join us in our wooded setting, 13 miles west of Eugene near Veneta, Oregon for an unforgettable adventure; 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; 541-343-4298; <http://www.oregoncountryfair.org>

4th Saturday - **Applegate Field Daze** - Good old-fashioned fun featuring activities for all ages... Kids' Talent Show and Costume Contest/Parade, a pie-eating contest for adults and kids, games, local vendors, food booths, music, art projects, face-painting and a clown; free admission; Bolton Hill Sports Complex, West Bolton Hill Rd, Veneta; contact: Joan Mariner, jmariner@uoregon.edu, 541-935-8904

Last Sunday - Fern Ridge Pit Barbecue - Annual barbecue sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, East Broadway, Veneta; includes lots of food, games, prizes, silent auction, bingo and music; 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.; contact: 541-935-3933

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1st Week (Saturday-Friday) - **Culture Jam** - 8-day Youth Camp for "youth who care about the world and its future;" sponsored by the Oregon Country Fair; [http://www.oregoncountryfair.org/culture\\_jam.php](http://www.oregoncountryfair.org/culture_jam.php)

1st Sunday - **Crow Grange Chicken 'n Pickin' Barbecue** - BBQ chicken dinners and listen to the "Poodle Creek Pickers;" 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

2nd Saturday - Elmira Booster Club's Falcons' Country Classic at Fern Ridge Middle School from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2nd Sunday - **Lorane Old Timer's Picnic** - Public invited! Social begins at 11:00 a.m.; Potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the Lorane Grange

2nd Sunday - **Lorane Ice Cream Social** - Homemade ice cream and pies! 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in front of Fire Station

3rd Saturday - **Mother Earth Festival** - An all day fathering for women, men and children to celebrate the Sacred Feminine with healing arts, music, arts, workshops, food & produce; 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Stillpoint Farms, 86915 Territorial Rd., Veneta, OR 97487; <http://www.stillpointfarmsfestival.com>

## September

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3rd Weekend (Friday & Saturday) - **Country Holiday Bazaar** - Dozens of participating organizations along the Territorial Corridor from Cheshire to Lorane, will be selling hand-crafted items, baked goods, meals and other wonderful things suitable for holiday gift-giving; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; maps available detailing what's available and where it is located.

Last Week - **Holiday Light Parade** - A community effort of the Chamber of Commerce, Lane County Fire District #1, EPUD, Lane Electric Coop and many others, the light parade is a great chance to get out on a chilly winter evening and enjoy the creatively decorated fire trucks, cars, floats and other brightly adorned vehicles; time and route, TBA; <http://www.ci.veneta.or.us/events.cfm>

## December

1st Saturday - Alvadore Holiday Bazaar and Breakfast

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