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## IFROM THE EDITOR



Dear Readers,

Happy Holidays to all! And welcome to our Holiday and Arts winter issue.

First, I want to thank all the talented Applegate Valley writers who submitted their pieces for our anthology, *From the Heart of the Applegate*. We are excited to host an authors' reception on Sunday, January 24, and hope you will join us for this special event at Applegate River Lodge. See our invitation on page 2.

Second, please check out another announcement about a new website that offers affordable jewelry, with 50 percent of all purchases you make going to the *Applegater*! Just in time for holiday shopping. This website is locally owned and managed. See page 18 for more information.

On to our feature articles. This issue is jammed with music! Read about three bands (pages 1 and 12), the Williams' music scene (page 13), and Voices of the Applegate (page 4). More arty pieces can be found on page 23: Blessed Lotus clothing and The Woodcarving Place.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season and that you'll join us at the Applegate River Lodge on January 24.

Enjoy this latest issue. And, as always, feel free to send us your comments. We listen.

Barbara Holiday gater@applegater.org

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