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- ecology and other science information
- historical and current events
- community news and opinions

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to our Environment-Fire-Recreation issue! Before highlighting articles in this issue, though, I want to express my sadness at the loss of Julie Hoskins, our book reviewer for the last few years. Please see her obituary and a review of her book on page 5.

Our feature articles include recreations not for the faint of heart (page 1), how to become a Firewise Community (page 1), and how to prepare your property for the upcoming fire season (page 14). There's also a story about ByGeorge Farms, an environmentally friendly dairy and cheese-making farm (page 8), and an article on why you should eat your lawn (page 9).

June is a busy month for us! On Saturday, June 11, come to Terra Firma in Jacksonville where ten of the authors who are published in our book, From the Heart of the Applegate, will read from their pieces from 1 to 3 pm. Refreshments will be served.

And we invite all of you to our annual fundraiser on Saturday, June 25, from 6 to 9 pm, at the beautiful Schmidt Family Vineyards. With music by the award-winning The Evening Shades band, dinner, wine, beer, and a great silent auction, this is sure to be a fun and not-to-miss event!

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

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