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What makes that possible? You do. The *Applegater* is published by a nonprofit organization—The Applegate Valley Community Newspaper, Inc.—established by Applegaters, for Applegaters.

We rely on your donations for the lion's share of what keeps the Gater coming. Now, thanks to the *Applegater's* membership in the Institute for Nonprofit News, we qualify for the annual NewsMatch program. National funders interested in supporting community journalism fuel more support by matching local individual donations (up to \$1,000 each) made in November and December.

Especially useful to sustaining the *Applegater* are ongoing donations. Pledges of, say, \$5 a month, go a long way toward ensuring stability in Gater operations. Plus, during the NewsMatch period, if you make a recurring pledge (easily done; hit the donate button on the applegater.org home page, then click on "make this a monthly donation") of \$5, NewsMatch will match the full

\$60 annual value of your pledge—a 12-to-one bonus!

Whether you donate online or write a check and use the envelope included with this issue to mail it to the *Applegater*, we appreciate your support for the only news source covering the many communities of the Applegate River watershed, providing information about your neighbors and your neighborhoods you won't find anywhere else.

There's something else we hope you'll stuff in that envelope: your thoughts. We've included a survey in this four-page special edition we'd like you to fill out with thoughts, comments, suggestions—whatever you'd like us to know—then clip it out, put it in the envelope (with or without a check) and mail it to us.

We'll pay attention to what you say, just as we pay attention to all things Applegate, then collect and share those observations with you in the Gater's pages.

To recap: To keep the *Applegater* coming, please send your check, made out to the *Applegater*, to PO Box 14, Jacksonville, OR 97530. (We've included a handy, pre-addressed envelope in this special edition.) Or go to applegater.org and look for the yellow "Donate" button on our home page (or click on the "Support the Gater" link at the bottom of the list in the left-hand column).

Thank you! You are the Gater.

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The Gater-est Show on Earth was the Greatest!

BY DIANA COOGLE

Just the approach to the *Applegater's* fete at beautiful Valley View Winery on October 1—all those colorful tent tops, the fire glowing in the pizza oven—made everyone want to join the fun. And then there was Jenny spinning the magic of cotton candy and Jennifer handing out free popcorn and, beside them, "Mr. Twist N' Juggles"—a clown (Michael Fox) juggling and miming and twisting balloons into shapes to hand to eager children.

A rough estimate says more than 100 people came to the event. All evening people lined up to throw darts at a cardboard apple tree or toss foam apples into tic-tac-toe buckets or play corn hole. The Go Fish booth Julie and the folks from Ruch Outdoor Community School ran was so popular they gave out every one of the prizes the *Applegater* had provided, though I had thought we had bought enough for a Go Fish booth next year too.

And the cakes! The bakers outdid themselves with beautiful cakes. In spite of a miscommunication (my fault) about selling tickets for the cakewalk, in spite of technical problems with the music, everyone loved the cakewalk. Special

thanks to Dominique for pulling the winning cards from the basket each round.

Louise, looking carnival-spiffy in a colorful striped blouse, oversaw the raffle table, as Bert, our editor, read the winning numbers. Each winner walked away with a delighted grin. Thanks to the individuals and businesses who donated items. We had a great raffle.

The Beyond Pizza food truck was a big hit, but it seems those folks enjoyed the affair as much as we were glad they were there. I got an email from Colin the day after the event, saying, "We really enjoyed being a part of the *Applegater* event! Thanks for having us cater, I thought it was a big success!"

We think it was a big success, too, both for a good time and for *Applegater* income. In ticket sales for games, book sales, and donations, we made more than \$1,500.

Thanks to everyone who helped and to everyone who came. I especially loved having so many children there. Let's do it again next year!

Diana Coogle, Chair
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A young guest at the Gater-est Show on Earth gleefully accepts a balloon sculpture from "Mr. Twist N' Juggles" (Michael Fox). Photo: Bert Etling.



Diana Coogle, center, directs cakewalkers counter-clockwise around the cakewalk tarp. Photo: Bert Etling. See more Gater-est Show on Earth photos on pages 2, 3, and 4.

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Thank you to all those who helped make the Gater-est Show on Earth a success.

Volunteers

Louise Nicholson for organizing and running the raffle

Julie Berry for doing the Go-fish booth

Megan Fehrman for running the tic-tac-toe booth

Mr. Twist N' Juggles (Michael Fox) for clowning around

Jenny Vetter for the cotton candy

Jennifer Peterson for vending popcorn

Valley View Winery for the venue

Barbara Holiday for graphic design and welcome-table help

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Lisa Baldwin

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Mike Schneider

Please let us know if we've inadvertently omitted your name; email diana@applegater.org.

Meet the new Ruch Library Branch manager

BY DAVID HAYWOOD

At last, in my fourth week on the job, I'm finally getting around to formally introducing myself to the Ruch and Applegate community.

My name is David Haywood, and I'm the new manager of the Ruch branch of Jackson County Library Services (JCLS).

I've been with JCLS going on three years and have been a resident of Oregon since 2016. I grew up in North County, San Diego, in a town called Vista. If you're a beer drinker, you might know a few of the breweries that have popped up in Vista in the last decade or two. If you aren't, then you probably don't know of it, which is why, most of the time, I just tell people I'm from San Diego and leave it at that. My family of origin still lives there, and I miss them, but I do not miss California. More and more, southern Oregon is feeling like home.

Around my 21st birthday, I up and moved to San Francisco for the better part of a decade. While pursuing my degree in English literature at San Francisco State University, I met the woman who is now my wife and the mother of our six-year-old boy. Yesterday, I brought him by the branch and received his seal of approval, so it looks like I'm here to stay!

My interests include, but are not limited to, reading and writing fiction and poetry, preparing and eating food, spending time with my family, and



New Ruch Branch Library manager David Haywood

watching NBA basketball with a little too much intensity.

If you need to contact me, please do. You can reach me at 541-494-3284 or dhaywood@jcls.org.

I'm very excited to be in this position and have the opportunity to become a trusted, reliable, and helpful member of the Ruch community.

See you at the library!

David Haywood

Ruch Library Branch Manager
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More photos below and on pages 3 and 4
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A cake-laden table, foreground, holds the prizes for the cakewalk, background. Photo: Bert Etling.

Yellow the bracken,
Golden the sheaves.
Rosy the apples,
Crimson the leaves.
Mist on the hillside,
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Autumn, good morning!
Summer good night!

-Florence Hoaston

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Editor's note: The Ruch Branch Library report—Thalia Truesdell's last—was inadvertently omitted from the fall Applegater (an article about Thalia was included). Here is that report (without dated events that have already passed).



— Ruch Library — A summer reading thank-you

BY THALIA TRUESDELL

The Summer Reading Theme at Ruch Library this year was "Treasures of the Applegate." We certainly have an abundance of those gems—flora, fauna, historical sites, amazing people, thriving local businesses, visions for the future, schools, trails, recreational opportunities, farms...and so much more. It was a rich opportunity to showcase our vital community.

We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their contributions to our prizes and incentives for the Summer Reading Program at Ruch Library: Ruch Country Store, Born Again Thrift Store, Valley View Winery, Outpost Farm and Garden, Twin Pear Farm, The English Lavender Farm, A Greater Applegate, Pennington Farms, Thalia Truesdell, and Barbara Krack and the Friends of Ruch Library (FORL).

Upcoming event

Some Geology of Southern Oregon, 1 - 3 pm Saturday, November 12, with Geologist Mark Prchal. Mark is back after participating in our five-person panel on Treasures of the Applegate in

June, explaining the formation of Squaw Lake. In this presentation, Mark will share with you how and why many southern Oregon geologic features were formed, including Crater Lake, volcanoes, the Siskiyou and Cascade ranges, the Coming Big Earthquake, and more. Come and enjoy his new and exciting geologic stories!

A final thank-you

I retired at the end of June as the branch manager at Ruch Library after almost 14 glorious years, giving me more time for gardening, weaving, and piano lessons. I cannot thank this community enough for making my tenure at the library such a rewarding and exciting experience. All that I love came together in this position, and being in the hub of Ruch and sharing a beautiful partnership with Ruch Outdoor Community School meant this was my dream job! The new branch manager (see page 2) should be settling in as you read this, so please stop by and introduce yourself.

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Diana Coogle hawks cakewalk tickets at the Gater-est Show on Earth.
Photo: Bert Etling.

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- ▶ What parts of the Applegater do you look forward to reading?
- ▶ What would like to see more of?
- ▶ Any there any specific story suggestions you might have?
- ▶ The Applegater has themes for each issue. Are there any themes you'd suggest we add to the list?
- ▶ In what part of the Applegate Valley do you live?
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Voices of the Applegate, a community choir based in Ruch, welcomes you to several Christmas sing-alongs this season. Come and enjoy participating with us as we celebrate events at McKee Bridge on Saturday, December 17; the tree lighting in Jacksonville at 5 pm Saturday, November 26 (tentatively); and potential sings at either the Ruch Library or Applegate River Lodge on Sunday, December 11.

We hope the excitement of the moment moves you to consider a New Year's resolution to join us in January 2023 as a performing group. We require no auditions, just enthusiasm and love of music and willingness to take direction from our excellent leader, Shayne Flock, chorus director at North Medford High. Come and sing with us!

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An eager prize-seeker tries his hand at the Go Fish booth at the Gater-est Show on Earth.
Photo: Bert Etling.

THANK YOU, JESSICA!

The *Applegater* is sorry to be saying good-bye to Jessica Bullard, who is leaving our board of directors. After a trip to Ireland last June, she has been bitten by the travel bug and is freeing up her schedule so she can scratch that itch and do other things, as well.

We thank her for her years of thoughtful participation and cheerful engagement with the board and wish her all the best in the upcoming years.

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