

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK** about articles in the Gater.

As part of the *Applegater's* new, independent status, we would like to reach out to all of you loyal readers for some honest feedback about the content in the paper (past, present as well as future issues). What have you enjoyed the most? What articles would you judge as just "OK" and what articles are of no interest to you? Also, what would you like to see added in future issues? To assist you in this process, we have listed the following areas for you to mark one to ten.

One indicating the least interest and ten the most exciting.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Birds/Bugs/Animals _____										
2. Gardening _____										
3. Fire Concerns _____										
4. Food/Diet/Recipes _____										
5. Local Programs/Activities _____										
6. Music/Art _____										
7. Local School Events _____										
8. Star Gazing _____										
9. Editorial Column _____										
10. Conservation/ Environmental Issues _____										
11. Books/Poetry _____										
12. Medical Advice _____										
13. Fun/Games _____										
14. Local History _____										
15. Letters/Opinion Pieces _____										
16. Other _____										
Comments _____										

Cut this out and mail to *APPLEGATER*, 181 Upper Applegate Road, PMB 308, Jacksonville, Oregon 97530, or scan into your computer and email to [gater@applegater.org](mailto:gater@applegater.org) We thank you in advance for taking the time to respond to this request, which will help us to improve your community newspaper.

The Board of Directors and the Editorial Committee

**Ruch Library Community Program Questionnaire**

The Friends of the Ruch Library program committee is planning a series of free programs for the benefit of our community. The first set of programs will be held on the first Friday of each month at 7 pm, starting in September. For future programs, we would like to have your input about your interests and when you're most available to attend. Please help us by filling out the short questionnaire below and turning it in to the library. Thanks for your support!

1. What kind of programs would interest you? (check all that apply)

- Arts/Crafts
- Music/Performing Arts
- Poetry/Literary Readings
- History
- Science (geology, botany, etc.)
- Health/Medical
- Practical Skills (gardening, animal training, etc.)
- Documentary Films (with discussions)
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Which days and times would you generally be available? (circle one choice per line)

Monday evenings	Yes!	No!	Maybe
Tuesday evenings	Yes!	No!	Maybe
Wednesday evenings	Yes!	No!	Maybe
Thursday evenings	Yes!	No!	Maybe
Friday evenings	Yes!	No!	Maybe
Saturday evenings	Yes!	No!	Maybe
Sunday evenings	Yes!	No!	Maybe
Saturday afternoons	Yes!	No!	Maybe
Sunday afternoons	Yes!	No!	Maybe

3. Do you have an interest in presenting a program at the Ruch library that you think might be of interest to our community? If so, please let us know what the topic is in the space below. Be sure to include your name and how we can contact you.

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Questions? Comments? Contact Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-8741.

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**The Gater needs your donations!**

We hope you will take a few minutes to fill out and mail the "Tell us what you think about articles in the Gater" questionnaire on this page. Your input is essential for us to know what direction to guide the *Applegater* through these changing times.

One thing that has not changed is the *Applegater's* funding situation. Right now, we must cover our costs with only advertising revenue and donations. We are unable, at this time, to seek funding from grants, which usually contribute a significant percentage of our expenses. Since the *Applegater* became its own entity this past April, we have been waiting (and waiting) for the IRS to grant our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Until we receive that official IRS notice, we cannot apply for grants—and the post office charges us 60% more for postage!

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated to insure the continuing publication of this free community newspaper.

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July-August	June 1

**WHO WE ARE**

The Applegate Valley Community Newspaper, Inc. is an applied for non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the publication of the *Applegater* newspaper, which we feel reflects the heart and soul of our community. Contributions should be made out to either the Applegate Valley Community Newspaper, Inc. or to the *Applegater*.

**Our Mission**

The nonprofit Applegate Valley Community Newspaper, Inc., (AVCN) provides the many rural and diverse communities of the Applegate Watershed with a communications vehicle, the *Applegater* newspaper, free of charge to all watershed residents. Our bimonthly paper presents constructive, relevant, educational and entertaining reports on a wide variety of subjects such as:

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

AVCN encourages and publishes differing viewpoints and, through the *Applegater* newspaper, acts as a clearinghouse for this diverse community. We are dedicated to working together with community members to maintain and enhance the quality of life that is unique to the Applegate Watershed.

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Letters to the Editor cannot be more than 450 words. Opinion pieces and unsolicited articles cannot exceed 600 words. Community calendar submissions must be to the point. All submissions must be received either at the address or email below by August 1 for our next issue.

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