

Look who's reading the Gater!

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Photos, clockwise from top left:

–**Gerrie and Wayne Leinfelder**, 22-year residents of the *Applegater*, read the *Applegater* in Mazzarò, Sicily.

–Former Jerome Prairie resident **Dianne Baldwin Sanders** and daughter **Cassy Sanders** read the *Gater* at The Americana at Brand, Los Angeles, California, in December.

–**Yolanda Jaime** and **Cathy Rodgers** chillin' with the *Applegater* in Fairbanks, Alaska.

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so he usually does this job. And now that winter is here, we have started raking leaves away from the house, off the deck/patio and such. I smash a big bucket of leaves into our trash barrel every week I can. It's easier than burning them.

And we make sure to get leaves off the roof! Yes, this can be tough to do, but it's vital if a fire is spreading toward your home some summer day. Think about it: isn't the roof about the largest single surface on the house? Just sitting up there, collecting whatever hits it, including embers!

But don't wait until a fire happens, because fires can come just about every month of the year here in southwest Oregon! (I know—ugh!) You could be too busy gathering the family and valuables into the car to evacuate safely! I can't even count the number of wildfires out here after summer was officially over! *So keep track* of how our local weather is doing this year—is it above or below rainfall and temps to date?

And it pays to continue to remove fuels and leaves from near your home all spring and summer, and make sure there are no piles of leaves, branches, and such along the driveway! You want firefighters to *come up your driveway* in the event of a wildfire. If they see two driveways side-by-side, and one has mounds of leaves all along the sides and on the driveway surface, they likely would go up the one that is not covered with flammable materials.

So, if everyone out here in the *Applegate* can get their homes prepared for fire season this spring, we can all pat each other on the back and breathe easier as the 2022 fire season begins later this summer. Let's Get Back to Normal!

Thanks, neighbors!

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Where to find baked goods in the Applegate

Curly Top Bakery, 541-846-6267, 15095 Highway 238, next to the *Applegate* Store. (They don't sell from the bakery. If you want something, ask for it in the *Applegate* Store.) Baked goods are available in Ashland at the Co-op; in Medford at GoodBean Coffee, Shop'n Kart, Medford Co-op, and Cartwright's; in Murphy at Hidden Valley Market; in Grants Pass at Farmers Market and Rogue Roasters; in White City at Human Bean and Market 62; in Jacksonville at the GoodBean; and in Williams at the General Store.

Paulazzo Pasticceria, custom orders available through paulazzopasticceria.com. Cupcakes can be found in Ashland at the Food Co-op, Shop'n Kart, and Market of Choice; in Medford at Market of Choice, Food Co-op, Food 4 Less, Cartwright's, and Elder Apothecary; in Grants Pass at Farmers Market; in the *Applegate* at the Ruch Country Store. Baked goods sell seasonally at the *Applegate* Evening Market and other open-air markets in the area.

Pennington Farms, 541-846-6267, 11341 Williams Highway, pennington.farm. Baked goods are sold mostly at the farm stand, but also at Great Harvest in Medford, the Ashland Co-op, and Hidden Valley Market.

Provolt Country Store and Deli, 541-846-6286, 14299 Highway 238. The only place to buy their baked goods is at their store.

Rise Up! Artisan Bread, 541-899-3472, riseupartisanbread.com. The

bakery is located at the Full Bloom community in the Little *Applegate*. Breads are available in the *Applegate* at Ruch Country Store, Williams General Store, Takubeh, and Whistling Duck Farm Store; and in Jacksonville at C St Bistro, GoodBean Coffee, Jefferson Farm Kitchen, and Dancin Vineyards. Widely available in stores throughout the Rogue Valley.

For more information, see front-page article titled "Bakers, bakeries, and baked goods in the Applegate."



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