Applegater Fall 2023 5

~FINE PRINT ~

The Applegate Valley Community Newspaper, Inc. (AVCN) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the publication of the *Applegater* newsmagazine, which, we feel, reflects the heart and soul of our community.

Our Mission

The goal of the Applegate Valley Community Newspaper, Inc., is to provide the Applegate watershed with a communication vehicle, the Applegater, that will provide educational information, increase community networking, and represent all the area's diverse communities. Through honest, constructive, relevant, and entertaining reports on a wide variety of subjects and viewpoints, including our natural resources, historical and current events, and community news, we can work together to enhance the quality of life we have in the Applegate, and continue to make a difference in our valley.

Acknowledgements

The *Applegater* newsmagazine is published quarterly by AVCN and is funded by donations from our loyal readers and advertisements for local businesses.

Special thanks to Diana Coogle, H. Ni Aodagain, Haley May Peterson, and Paul Tipton for copy editing; Lisa Baldwin, Diana Coogle, Carla David, Jeanette LeTourneux, and Paul Tipton for proofing; David Dobbs for bookkeeping; webmaster Joe Lavine; and Barbara Holiday for layout.

Board of Directors

Diana Coogle, Chair David Dobbs, Vice-Chair/Treasurer Lisa Baldwin, Secretary Crystie Hawkins Barbara Holiday Margaret M. Patterson

Editorial Committee

Barbara Holiday, Editor in Chief Diana Coogle Aaron Krikava Greeley Wells

All articles, stories, opinions, and letters in the *Applegater* are the property and opinion of the author and not necessarily that of the *Applegater* or AVCN.

Protection of Copyrighted Material

All materials submitted for publication must pertain to the Applegate Valley, be original (no press releases or reprinted articles), and be the intellectual property of the author unless otherwise credited.

All articles submitted to the *Applegater* are subject to edit and publication at the newsmagazine's discretion and as space allows. No more than one article per author per issue. When too many articles are submitted to include in any one issue, some articles may be placed on our website or held until the following issue. Letters to the editor must be 200 words or less. Opinion pieces cannot exceed 500 words (no images). Articles cannot exceed 700 words. Obituaries are limited to 500 words and one photo. Essays are limited to 500 words and one per issue.

Keep It Local Inc. Excavation and Land Management

With fire season upon us, it's incumbent on everyone to make sure your house, lawn, and gardens are protected from encroaching fire. Shayne McFadden, who has been working in the excavation and brush-clearing business for over 15 years, wants to make your property secure from fire and help beautify it at the same time.

"I had been working for various companies doing driveway installations, brush and blackberry removal, and other excavation jobs, and decided the time was right to move out on my own," said Shayne, who moved to the Applegate Valley 15 years ago.

"I got financing for a skid-steer loader/mini excavator, which is a class of compact heavy equipment with lift



arms that can attach to a wide variety of buckets and other labor-saving tools or attachments. We can use it to clear brush, dig trenches and post holes, and lots of other jobs."

Shayne realizes a lot of property owners are overwhelmed, and he's there to make their lives easier. "We can clear areas of brush or trees, put down contractor-grade underlayment, and finish it off with gravel, creating the most beautiful driveways," he said. "Blackberry removal, though, is something customers really appreciate. That is especially important during fire season, because blackberries are extremely combustible. We also do landscaping, weed-whacking, grading, trenching, tree-pruning, tree service, driveway repair, French drains, rock-spreading, irrigation, field-mowing, and much more."

Keep It Local can do just about any job, large or small, even the cleaning out of culverts. The installation of water tanks is also a specialty. During periods of drought, it's extremely helpful to have a water-tank storage system for emergencies.

Take advantage of Keep It Local's seasonal coupon deals. Free estimates are available by calling 541-563-3478 (541-JOE-DIRT) or visit keepitlocalinc. com. Keep It Local Excavation & Land Management is licensed and insured; customer satisfaction is their guarantee.

See Keep It Local's ad on page 10.



BEAR Three Bears Charitable Trust, Jacksonville, OR STEELHEAD

Anonymous, Grants Pass, OR Kathy Conway, Jacksonville, OR Robert Cook, Livermore, CA Sylva Hatchman, Grants Pass, OR George & Carol Kassab, Wilderville, OR Doranne Long, Grants Pass, OR Yola Sanders, Ocean Park, WA

DEER

Anonymous Anonymous, Jacksonville, OR Melany Bailey, Jacksonville, OR Lisa Baldwin, Grants Pass, OR Audrey Eldridge, Albany, OR Bert Etling, Ashland, OR Christopher Friend, Wilderville, OR Harold Hopkins Janice & Jeffrey Peacock, Lafayette, CA Kathleen Pyle, Jacksonville, OR Candace Williams, Ashland, OR

PERSONAL MAILING LABEL

Living away for a while? Friends and relatives in faraway places?

The Applegater can be mailed anywhere in the US. Order a personal mailing label for:

One year: \$20 (4 issues) Two years: \$35 (8 issues)

Help us

ensure that we have the ongoing support needed to publish the *Applegater* newsmagazine. All contributions are tax-deductible and receive recognition in print.

> Sasquatch - \$1,000+ Cougar \$500 - \$999 Bear \$200 - \$499 Steelhead \$50 - \$199 Deer \$5 - \$49

Please make your checks payable to *Applegater* and mail to PO Box 14, Jacksonville, OR 97530. Our nonprofit ID number is 26-2062663.

Donors: We strive to ensure that our donor list is accurate. Please contact us if there are errors or omissions.

Editorial Calendar

DEADLINE

WINTER (Dec - Feb)....November 1 Holiday - Arts

ISSUE

SPRING (March - May) ... February 1 History - Heritage

SUMMER (June - Aug) May 1 Fire - Water



The *Applegater* needs your ongoing help!

In order to keep up with our expenses printing and postage are the biggest costs—and be able to continue mailing this newsmagazine free to every residence and business in the Applegate Valley, please mail your donation to:

Applegater Newsmagazine PO Box 14, Jacksonville, OR 97530 Donations are also accepted online through PayPal at applegater.org.

We are supported only by donations and advertising revenue every dollar matters.

Thank you for your generosity. *Applegater* Board of Directors

We can help you reach your market!

The *Applegater* is the only newsmagazine covering the entire Applegate Valley. With a circulation of 13,000 and a readership of more than 20,000, the *Applegater* covers Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate, Williams, Murphy, Wilderville, Wonder, Jerome Prairie, and areas of Medford and Grants Pass. For more information, contact:

Jackson County

Photo Requirements

All photos submitted must be high resolution (300 dpi) or "large format" (e.g., 30" x 40"). If you have questions, email gater@applegater.org.

Photos submitted for the front-page flag are on a volunteer basis. Credit is given in the issue in which it appears, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

Submissions for the next issue must be received at gater@applegater.org by the deadline (see Editorial Calendar on this page).

> Applegater Newsmagazine PO Box 14 Jacksonville, OR 97530

Ron Turpen @ 541-601-1867 or ron.turpen@gmail.com Josephine County Max Unger @ 458-291-9391 or imaxunger@gmail.com

Next deadline: November 1

Cover Photo Credit

Thanks to Linda Kappen for the photo of the Buckeye butterfly at Sampson Creek Preserve in Jackson County.

Have a photo for the Winter 2023 *Applegater*? Email it to gater@applegater.org.

Correction

An article title on page 21 of the summer edition gave an incorrect location. The correct title is "Grains of change:...in the Rogue Valley," not "...at Provolt Recreation Site."

The *Applegater* is committed to publishing accurate information in its news articles, correcting errors of fact, and clarifying misleading statements. Send suggested corrections to Editor in Chief Barbara Holiday at barbara@applegater.org.

Mail us a check or pay online at applegater.org.

FALL (Sept - Nov)August 1 Earth - Air

Inside the Gater

First ever Jacksaphine Count(r)y Fair in September	7
Solar eclipse can be viewed in Oregon	8
Welcome back, Bird Explorer	11
Sought-after Leanira butterfly in southern Oregon	13
Fall activities at Jacksonville Community Center	15
The BLM heads backward as climate collapses	16
Numerous opinion pieces	18-19
Gater Tale: The Elmores of Applegate	21
Ask the Gater: What is the history of Buncom?	21
Fall classes at Pacifica	22
All about paddleboarding	23