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With much appreciation,
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Sandy Shaffer retires from the Applegater

Sandy Shaffer has been part of the *Applegater* team almost since the beginning—not only as a regular

contributor of fire-related articles but also as an editorial committee member. She

See SANDY SHAFFER, page 2.



In 2011, Max Bennett presented Sandy Shaffer with the Community Service Award in honor of her "outstanding contributions to community wildfire planning and protection in southern Oregon and beyond." Photo: Applegater archives.



New owners of "The Station," formerly the Applegate Store, from left to right: Will Siemon, Amelia Sorensen, and Elise and Jeff Higley.

More details about plans for the old Applegate Store and Cafe Part 2: The Station is coming

BY JAMES "BUCK" REINDERS

When I first reached out to Elise and Jeff Higley about the contract they hadn't yet signed, Elise seemed surprised at how quickly word travels the grapevine

(welcome to wine country). I was perhaps overeager to find out what was to become of the one and only storefront property

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