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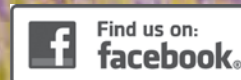


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## Is there a future for the *Applegater*?



**F**or over 19 years we have published the *Applegater*, a small community newspaper that has helped us learn the history of the area, explore the beauty of our surroundings from hiking trails to the stars above, offer readers' opinions, celebrate the winner of the spelling bee, and so much more. This paper has put many people in touch with the who, what, when, where, and why in our Applegate watershed area—all at no charge to residents. Volunteers have made this happen—whether they are writers, copy editors, proofers, or members of the dedicated mailing crew or the intrepid Board of Directors.

But "The times they are a-changin'." **Here's the big news!**

Three of our board members are retiring soon, and we must find replacements in order to continue running the Applegate Valley Community Newspaper, Inc., and publishing the *Applegater*.

So...we invite each and every one of you to join us at a public forum to decide the future of the paper on:

**Tuesday, June 11**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Ruch Library**  
**Highway 238**

We are looking to revitalize our Board of Directors with younger talent who have

new ideas and enough energy to keep this newspaper, a mainstay of the community, in print.

At this public meeting, we would like you—our readers—to tell us what you want.

- Are there some energetic folks willing to step up and join the board with their fresh new ideas, especially for fund-raising?
- Are you willing to continue to donate to the paper to keep it financially afloat?

If the answers are "no," then we reluctantly may have to say our final good-byes and thank the readers, the writers and

the 50-plus volunteers who have supported us over the years. It's been a great ride, indeed!

But if the answers are "yes," then the *Applegater* newspaper has a fighting chance to make it to 20 years and beyond.

Here's to high hopes and a great turnout on June 11. Thank you for your support!

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*Note: If you are unable to attend this meeting, please feel free to email your comments to us at [gater@applegater.org](mailto:gater@applegater.org).*



**Kudos and heartfelt gratitude  
to all our volunteers over the years!  
Enjoy this photo gallery of  
a few of our loyal supporters.**



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