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Gordon Ramsay's *HOTEL HELL* invades Applegate River Lodge

After more than a decade of running restaurants in some of the world's top hotels, Gordon Ramsay knows firsthand the crucial importance of surpassing guests' highest expectations. Last year's first season of *HOTEL HELL* was the biggest unscripted network hit of the summer. Now Gordon Ramsay is back for a second season, hitting the road to fix some of America's most horrendous hotels, troubled inns and struggling resorts, many of which are on the brink of closure.

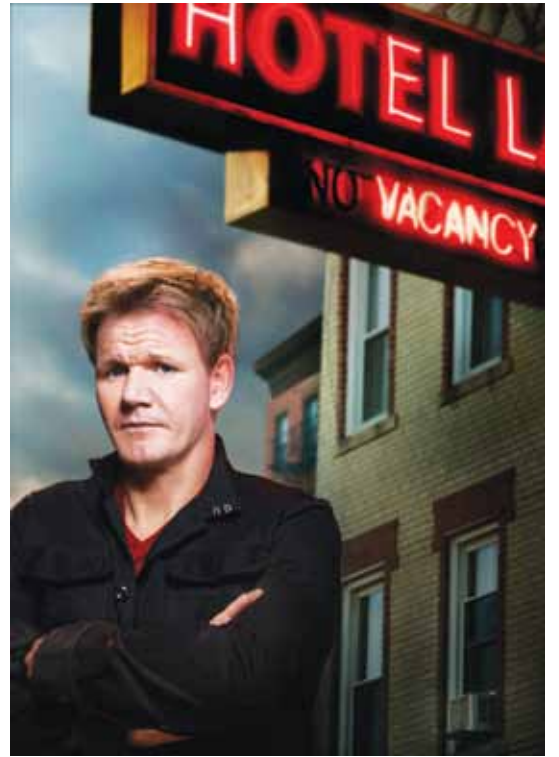
Gordon traveled from coast to coast of the USA this season, and one of his

stops was the Applegate River Lodge in Applegate, Oregon, where he worked with the Davis family. Gordon and team were in town from June 2 through June 6; the local community was able to join in on the filming for dinner and hotel stay.

Joanna Davis, proprietor of the lodge along with Richard Davis and their sons, Duke and Dusty, explains: "The Applegate River Lodge needs help because it's time to pass the torch to our children. They grew up in this business and saw their mother and father stressed, as we could never agree on how to run the business and what was

important. The boys have not come together with any common goal for the business. We hope that Gordon Ramsay with his expertise and passion for the hospitality business can show the boys how important it is to the success of the business that they find common ground and can work together. We are all very grateful for this opportunity."

An airdate has not been announced at this time, but stay tuned to the *Applegater* Facebook page for updates.



Gordon Ramsay and his *HOTEL HELL* team paid a visit to our own Applegate Lodge. Stay tuned!
Photo: FOX.

Special Report: Applegate Fire District levy up for renewal

BY SANDY SHAFFER

In November we voters within Applegate Valley Fire District #9's (AVFD#9) jurisdiction will be asked to make a decision that could change how our fire district operates. The question: do we agree to pay *seven cents more* per \$1000 of assessed value per year to maintain our current level of services?

It's important to understand the history of our 33-year-old fire district in order to make an informed vote, so here's

a brief summary of what's happened in the past.

AVFD#9 provides structural fire protection to our homes and businesses, and they are our first responders for medical emergencies, rescue efforts and wildfires. AVFD#9 began as a volunteer fire district, but to keep up with the growth in the Applegate since 1980 the fire district has grown to seven fire stations,

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Firefighters patrol Powell Creek Road in Williams as part of their successful fight against the Pacifica Fire in August. At this point in the evening, the fire was 75% contained and roadblocks were opened to residents after hours of waiting in close to 100-degree weather. Hats off to these dedicated firefighters. Photo: Mikell Nielsen.

Butterflies of unrivaled beauty flutter nearby

BY LINDA KAPPEN

Great Purple Hairstreak and Mourning Cloak butterflies are some of the latest to fly in fall, with the Mourning Cloak being one of our earliest spring butterflies. Any artist, poet or nature-loving person will appreciate the unrivaled beauty of these two butterflies.

Great Purple Hairstreak

The Great Purple Hairstreak (*Atlides halesus*) is a butterfly in the family of Lycaenidae. With a wingspan of up to one-and-a-half inches, it is unlike any other.

This tropical-looking butterfly will captivate your interest as it nectars delicately on flowers. A flash of iridescent blue in flight, and you are hooked into seeing where it lands among the flowers. When it does land, you will see a brightly colored abdomen, soft deep gray with purple tones on closed wings, and bright red-orange spots on their wings near the base of the abdomen. Metallic-colored blue, green, and golden spots near the long tails make you wish to see the brilliant blue wings open again, but the butterfly nectars with closed wing.

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Although this butterfly is most commonly known as the Great Purple Hairstreak, it has no purple on it.
Photo: Thea Linnaea Pyle.



The Mourning Cloak butterfly is the State Insect of Montana. Photo: Linda Kappen.

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