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- historical and current events
- community news and opinions

AVCN encourages and publishes differing viewpoints and, through the *Applegater* newspaper, acts as a clearinghouse for this diverse community. We are dedicated to working together with community members to maintain and enhance the quality of life that is unique to the Applegate Watershed.

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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to our winter holiday edition!

In the holiday spirit, we've packed this issue full of gift ideas for your special friends and loved ones—from unusual jewelry to hearty winter plants. And we've highlighted just a few of the amazingly talented folks who live among us, along with their unique creations.

We also welcome new board member Diana Coogle, who many of you know not only from the many years she was an *Applegater* copy editor, but also through her books and teachings. Diana will take on the copy-editor task once again, as well as contribute articles (see page 13).

We are always looking for ways to improve the newspaper, so we're reaching out to all our readers to complete a brief survey (see page 22). We want *your* opinions—this is, after all, *your* newspaper. (The survey also can be filled out online at applegater.org.)

Thanks to all of you who sent in your donation envelope or donated online! We may have a strong and capable Board of Directors in place, but our financial woes haven't changed. We appreciate every donation, large and small.

Save the Date: A fun and different (for us) fund-raising event is in the initial planning stages for February 23, 2014. More information is on page 6; updates will be posted on Facebook and Jo's List. Stay tuned!

A heartfelt thanks goes out to our readers, writers, donors, copy editors, proofers, mailing crew, webmaster, advertising representatives and all the volunteers who keep the *Applegater* afloat.

Happy Holidays to all from the *Applegater* Board of Directors!

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P.S. Don't forget to check our online calendar (applegater.org) for events all over southern Oregon. We also post events on our Facebook page. If you'd like your event posted, email your information to us (gater@applegater.org).

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