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FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Readers,

We are in disbelief at how fast this year has gone by! It's already time to present our annual "Holiday / Arts" issue, and you'll find that arty articles abound—from a feature story on the art of photography (pages 1 and 23) to "The art of becoming a poet" (page 5) and "The art of forestry" (page 21). Some articles are about the art of maintaining our trails; one local trail is now an official Oregon Scenic Trail (page 12). As you explore these pages, you'll also find a few gift ideas as well as holiday events. And be sure to check out the ads—some advertisers are offering holiday discounts and holding special events.

We're never short of opinion pieces and this issue doesn't disappoint. Get your fill of them on pages 18 through 21.

For those of you who like to read the Gater online, we hope you enjoy our new format—it allows you to "turn the pages." Try it and let us know what you think. Visit www.applegater.org.

And for you high-school students, we hope that you're as excited as we are about our first annual student essay contest. Read all about it on page 4 and be sure to print out the application and Rules and Guidelines from our website. We look forward to your participation!

We hope you enjoy our latest issue. As always, feel free to send us your comments. We listen.

Happy holidays to all!

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