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- natural resources
- ecology and other science information
- historical and current events
- community news and opinions

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**Next deadline:
May 1**

APWC: Working hard to meet its mission

BY JANELLE DUNLEVY

It has been five years since the Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council (APWC) lost project manager Tim Franklin to a devastating vehicle crash in the Applegate. We have learned many things the hard way since then, and appreciate the hard work and dedication required to develop successful projects in a watershed that is 493,000 acres with multiple counties and a checkerboard of publicly and privately managed lands.

The APWC mission is "to promote ecosystem health across the Applegate watershed through stewardship, education, and restoration carried out in partnership with landowners, agencies, and other interested parties while contributing to local economic and community well-being." We are striving to embody our mission by providing the community with a quarterly lecture series that brings local professionals to the valley and provides information on current natural resource issues and projects that employ local contractors and supplies when possible.

We are entering our second full year of our lecture series. We have provided the community with presentations on the impact of fire on our landscape, climate trends and projections, invasive weeds, and the monarch butterfly. During the most recent lecture in January 2016, presenter Ryan Sandler, with the National Weather Service



On Humbug Creek at the Highway 238 bridge, invasive reed canary grass was removed. With the help of Middle Rogue Steelheaders and Applegate School students, the streambank was stabilized and additional plants were added.

in Medford, gave us an informative and entertaining presentation about southern Oregon's unique climate. Did you know that we are at the northern extent of a Mediterranean climate with warm summers in comparison to the Mediterranean's hot summers, and we have a high pressure system during the summer and winter that creates our dry summer and wet winter? Our next lecture will provide the community with information on native species recovery, including coho salmon, beaver restoration, and other species that we encounter in the Applegate. The lecture's date and location will be announced via flyers, our website and Facebook page, the *Applegater* Facebook page, emails, and other social media tools.

The Third Annual APWC-sponsored Film Festival at Red Lily Vineyards will be held on Wednesday, August 10. The film is yet to be determined, and we are open to
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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Welcome to 2016 and our Commerce and Community issue.

So many articles, so little space! Briefly, our feature articles highlight food businesses in the Applegate (pages 12 and 13), the Williams community (page 12), community members who give back (page 23), and community education (page 23). And you can read how Applegate and Ruch school students contribute to the community (page 22).

Enjoy this latest issue. And, as always, feel free to send us your comments. We listen.

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Masthead photo credit

Kathy Kliever of Williams shot these beautiful, colorful poppies in Ashland last spring. Thanks, Kathy!

Editorial Calendar

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