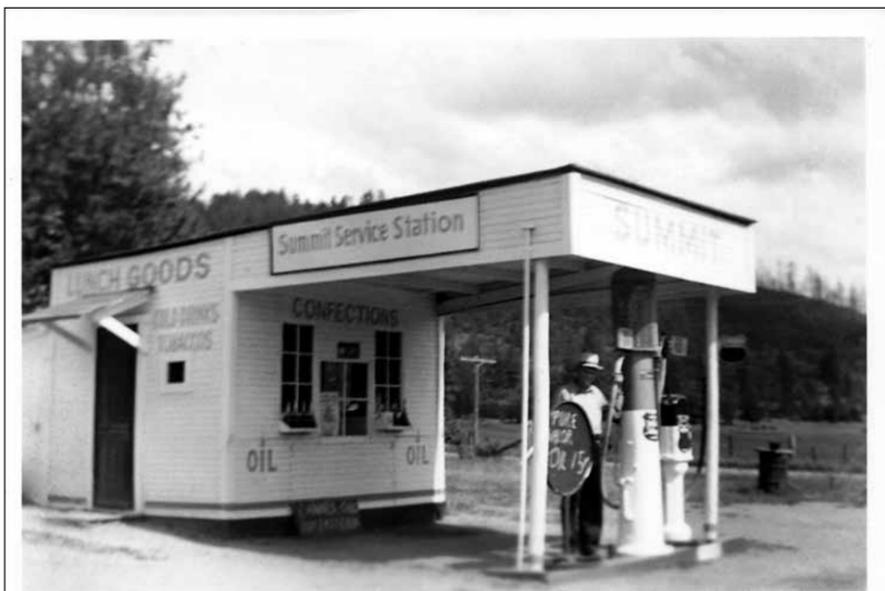


## HISTORY BITS: APPLGATE VALLEY



Back in the day, it took a village to prepare the Applegater for mailing. Above are some of our loyal newspaper folding crew after a hard night's work sorting and bagging the papers in order to truck them to the post office to mail the next day. That's J.D. Rogers, the Applegater's first editor, in the cab of the fire district truck.



The Summit Service Station at the top of Jacksonville Hill in the mid 1930s included "a line of lunch goods, and the inviting picnic grounds among the pines at the rear of the building will make it a favorite with the autoists." From Evelyn Byrne Williams's "Back in Time" series originally published in the spring 2012 Applegater.

### WILLIAMS LIBRARY

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library at no cost. Funding for the virtual communication booth was provided by A Greater Applegate.

The virtual meeting booth, Zenbooth Solo, features a space large enough for two people to conduct a virtual interview, take an important call, or FaceTime with a loved one in a private space. The booth is equipped with lighting, acoustic insulation, and motion-activated ventilation. It also has a height-adjustable desk, outlets, and the ability to hardwire a device to the library's high-speed internet for seamless connection. Patrons can bring their own device or borrow a library laptop.

#### Ongoing events

**Williams Weekly Storytime, 11-11:30 am Fridays.** Themed storytime and craft session in a safe and fun environment.

**K9 Reading Buddies, 3-4 pm Tuesdays.** Trained therapy dogs provide a nonintimidating environment for children to learn to read out loud. Young readers have the opportunity to explore language and books during this special storytime.

### Get a library card

Take advantage of thousands of books, e-books, and audiobooks with a library card. Find recommended reading, attend library programs for all ages, use public computers, and check out useful items like laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots. Josephine County residents who live within the library district boundary get an annual library card at no cost. Stop by your local branch for more information and to sign up.

Library events and programs are offered at no charge and are open to the public. Registration and a library card are not necessary to participate in library events and programs unless otherwise noted.

You can reach Williams branch manager, Amber Guient, at [aguent@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:aguent@josephinelibrary.org) and 541-846-7020. The library is located at 158 Tetherow Road, Williams, OR 97544. New hours: 1-6 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday; 11 am-6 pm Friday.

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## NEWS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

# Thanks to you, we met our goal!

BY DIANA COOGLE

First, a big round of applause for all of you who donated to the *Applegater* in November and December 2023. We met our \$15,000 match cap to be doubled by NewsMatch. We appreciate your generosity, Applegaters! In fact, all readers of the *Applegater* appreciate all who help keep it a vital part of our community.

When I first joined the board of the *Applegater*, we were barely surviving issue by issue. At each board meeting, we discussed money-saving measures. (Cheaper paper? Fewer pages? Fewer issues per year? But never less distribution!) Thanks to our donors, our fundraisers, and our advertisers, we managed to stay afloat that way for years. Now, thanks to our donors, our advertisers, and successful NewsMatch campaigns, we can do more than just stay in operation issue by issue. We can breathe easily enough to look into the future—perhaps increase our distribution area and publish more frequently—and continue to publish and mail the *Applegater* at no charge to our readers.

With the addition of two new board members (see page 2), the *Applegater's* board of directors is looking strong. But we still need a treasurer. Please step up if you have those skills. We need you!

With secure financing for a few issues and a strong board, we are ready to celebrate 30 years of giving Applegaters a vehicle for their voices to be heard in the community. It's a legacy to be proud of. Come help us celebrate on June 2 at Vista 222 on Missouri Flat Road. We'll be waxing nostalgic about the *Applegater's* past and celebrating its present. Plan to come! I would love to see you there.

Diana Coogle  
Chair, *Applegater* Board of Directors  
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by Evelyn Byrne Williams with James Justice

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Help support the *Applegater*! Visit [applegater.org](http://applegater.org) for more information and to purchase.

### Rogue Harm Reduction

Rogue Harm Reduction offers free overdose-reversal training, including free take-home Narcan/naloxone (to reverse opioid overdose) and fentanyl testing strips. Overdose intervention training typically lasts about 20 minutes. Training for fentanyl test strips takes about 10 minutes. Walk-ins are very welcome! We encourage our neighbors in the valley to come meet us, ask questions, and get trained.

#### Spring schedule

Training and distribution days are on the first Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm, as follows: Thursday March 7, Thursday April 4, and Thursday May 2.

We are located at the Sugarloaf Center in Williams at 206 Tetherow Road. Park in the large gravel parking lot and take a short walk to the upper grounds at the end of the driveway. If needed, drive through to the upper lot and park at the top.

We hope to see you at the Sugarloaf Center in Williams!

#### More Harm Reduction in the Applegate/Rogue Valley

- HIV Alliance, 132 NE B Street, Grants Pass: Every Thursday 11 am-4 pm (naloxone and harm reduction)
- Max's Mission: [maxsmision.org](http://maxsmision.org) (Free naloxone by mail!)

Contact Rogue Harm Reduction at [rogueharmreduction@gmail.com](mailto:rogueharmreduction@gmail.com).

Find us on Instagram @rogueharmreduction.

Rogue Harm Reduction is a volunteer-run, nonprofit health collective interested in promoting community wellness and harm reduction strategies in response to substance use and other community health concerns. We work in partnership with and are trained by the HIV Alliance. Learn more at [hivalliance.org](http://hivalliance.org).

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