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Drain

Rays Food Place, 308 N 1st St
Country Cabin Coffee & Laundry, 438 W "B" Ave Hwy38
The Rose Bar, 413 Umpqua Hwy 38
Mildred Whipple Library, 205 W. "A" Ave
Drain Post Office, 228 W. "C" Ave

Yoncalla

Eagle Valley Supply, 2570 Eagle Valley Rd
Food Center & Deli, 2580 Eagle Valley Rd

Elkton

Arlene's Cafe & General Store 14858 State HWY 38
Elkton Station 14940 State HWY 38
Tomaselli's Pastry Mill & Cafe, 14836 OR Hwy 38

Scottsburg

Riverbanks Speedy Mart 32841 State HWY 38

Reedsport

Jacks Barber Shoppe, 1199 Highway Ave,
TRMF Smokes, 1898 Winchester Ave. US-101
Don's Main Street Family Restaurant, 2115 US-101
Recreation Station, 1575 Winchester Ave US-101 S
Creative Mercantile, 392 Fir Ave
High Water Cafe, 427 Fir Ave.
Lower Umpqua Library, 395 Winchester Ave.

Cottage Grove

Old Mill Farm Store, 327 South River Rd
Kwik Pik Market #2, 925 E Gibbs Ave
Daves Comer Market, 633 N 9th St
Crafty Mercantile, 517 E Main St.
The Book Mine, 702 E Main St
Dari Mart, 1200 E Main St
Cottage Market, 603 OR HWY-99
Medication Station, 1041 N Pacific HWY-99

Winchester Bay

Beck's Winchester Bay Market, 245 8th St
Pelican Market, 75298 Pacific Coast HWY US-101

Oakland

Bart's Oakland Market, 204 SE 1st St

Sutherlin

Kwik Pik Market & Deli, 551 W Central Ave
Smitty's Food Mart & Deli, 1367W Central Ave
Center Market, 1230 W Central Ave
Center Market #32, 206 E Central Ave
S-Mart, 333 E Central Ave
Central Food Mart, 1021 E Central Ave
DC Precision Lube & Tune, 489 E Central Ave

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Editorial

By Rusty Savage

Finally getting the March issue out, it has been a little tricky getting here this month. Since the Ice Storm and Power outages in January, we have been thrown off of our schedule and it turns out it'll be a while yet till we get back to things as usual. In order to collect stories, talk to advertisers and process the newspaper in a one month time period and still manage to get a spot in the busy printing schedule, well one month barely does it. So trying to cut a few days off to get from mid month publishing to the beginning of the month, it's a chore. It is important to have the North Douglas Herald out in the field of readers for the full month so to ensure that, the Herald will cut off a few days each month and hopefully that will bring us back to 1st of the month publishing by June 1st. That's the goal, don't hold me to it.

We also have a change coming in our subscriptions. It's not a secret that local newspapers have a difficult row to hoe these days - just look at the Eugene Weekly, NY Times and dozens of newspapers that fail every single month.

Just like the dedicated journalists at the Eugene Weekly that you can read about in this issue, the North Douglas Herald has a mission to get, print and disseminate the news to public that motivates us to overcome the many obstacles thrown at us. For us it important to provide that news and information to our readers FOR FREE. Here at the Herald, we think we have a plan to be able to do that with only our advertising dollars. We print monthly, instead of weekly, so that means working to bring you content that keeps the publication relevant and of interest all month long. Also it is the goal to do that with a bright and attractive product that pleases the eye and is handy to retain. Hence bright color on quality paper, trimmed and stapled pages to keep it tidy. We are not getting by on the cheap, it's a premium product that cost us a premium penny to bring it to you. Additionally we have been mailing just under 3000 copies through the US Post Office and so, combined with printing and distribution costs, we are under the gun so to speak.

Thanks to our advertisers, we are able to just about reach all of our initial goals. But the truth is, to date, we are taking in probably just a little over half of our expenses with advertising dollars. I anticipate that as we are growing we will be more and more able to become more solvent as we become more adroit at bringing you this publication in a form that has value to you, the reader, and our advertisers and venders. For now a lot of funds that produces this newspaper still

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters regarding personal, community or business topics, views, observations, complaints, accolades and any other communications from our readers.

It seems our legal system has declined so far from the time the constitution was written until today, that isn't just anymore. Now it seems that whoever has the most money can just buy it, whether right or wrong. For example, someone of meager income can win the case but still lose because the other side can appeal the decision and in case of city, county or state, use taxpayers money against you. So because of politics the only justice is for the highest bidder. I don't think this is what the founding fathers had in mind and wanted for everyone, rich or poor, to have equality, this is called a monopoly.



comes out of my pocket.

In the coming months we will be implementing a new model in our subscription department. Currently we do not charge for mailed subscriptions within Douglas and Lane counties, although we do charge for out of county and out of state subscriptions, about 200 now. The cost of those subscriptions do not cover the mailing costs. It has taken this last 6 months to realize that it is not sustainable. So I am working on a new model for subscriptions. The North Douglas Herald will transition to a hybrid print and electronic model of publication. Our print newspapers will continue to be freely distributed across Lane and Douglas counties through our distributors, albeit we will be substantially increasing those distributors and bundles.

Subscriptions will become electronic and ALL subscriptions will be free as well, no matter where the reader requests it from. One thing that we don't want to do is change to the e-zine or web based type of internet news broadcast. I will retain the newspaper format and that will be downloadable and viewable from devices from computers and laptops to phones and tablets. The look will remain the same. We are starting this conversion now and are sending emails and links to subscribers and I anticipate being fully converted by the April issue, so please bear with us. Check out our pickup locations, where you can still get a copy and beginning this month we will be loading about double the amount of newspapers to each location.

As I navigate these new waters, I want to renew my commitment to you to provide a quality product and increase the availability by increasing locations and we are working on a newstand shelf that can hold up to 50 or so newspapers for each location. This will help the North Douglas Herald to stand out and make it easier to locate at each distributor. Along the way I have put together a donation page through PayPal for anyone who wishes to assist us in our goal to provide free newspaper services to the public at large. These funds are 100% dedicated to print and distribution, not for payroll or purchases.



(Corporations) These monopolies should not be allowed to push you around. They all lined up for easy money. This will offend some people but I will list some of them anyway. Lawyers, Doctors, Dentists and Churches. Another thing I see that I think is wrong is when Lawyers get more of the settlement than the person that was damaged. You can see that is a problem. It is hard for good things to happen to good people with these practices ongoing. I hope I live long enough to see the changes.

Robert Wykowski
Yoncalla OR

Government

Know your local Representatives!

Drain

Mayor: **Erin Sparhawk**
Council Position #1: **Grant Vaughan**
Council Position #2: **Kevin VanPelt**
Council Position #3: **Katie Decker**
Council Position #4: **Aaron Lymath**
City Administrator: **Jeni Stevens**
City Council Meeting: 03/11/24 6pm

Yoncalla

Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**
Councilors: **Dan Wagoner**
Gene Vroman
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
Council Meeting: 03/14/24, 6pm

Elkton

Mayor: **Daniel Burke**
Council President: **Joan Smith**
Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
Council Meeting: 03/08/11/24, 8:30am

Oakland

Mayor: **Bette Keehley**
Counselor: **Jan Wier**
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
Council Meeting: 03/13/24 7pm

Sutherlin

Mayor: **Michelle Sumner**
Council President **Debbie Hamilton**
Councilor **Lisa Woods**
Councilor **Joe Groussman**
Councilor **Larry Whitaker**
Councilor **Shawn Smalley**
Councilor **Gary Dagle**
City Manager **Jerry Gillham**
Council Meeting: 03/11/24 7:15pm

Reedsport

Mayor: **Linda McCollum**
Council Position #1: **Rob Wright**
Council Position #2: **DeeDee Murphy**
Council Position #3: **Chuck Miller**
Council Position #4: **Allen Teitzel**
Council Position #5: **Rich Patten**
Council Position #6: **Deby Turner**
Council Meeting: 03/04/24 7:15pm

Cottage Grove

Mayor: **Candace Solesbee**
Councilor Ward 1: **Chalice Savage**
Councilor Ward 2: **Jon Stinnett**
Councilor Ward 3: **Dana Merryday**
Councilor Ward 4: **Greg Ervin**
Councilor: **Mike Fleck**
Councilor: **Alex Dreher**
Council Meeting: 03/06/24 - 6:55pm
03/20/24 - 6:55pm

County State & Federal

Douglas County Commissioners:
Tom Kress (Chair) **Tim Freeman**
Chris Boice **Jennifer Miller**
Lane County Commissioners:
Dist 1: **Ray Ceniga** Dist 2: **David Lovall**
Dist 3: **Laurie Trieger** Dist 4: **Pat Farr**
Dist 5: **Heather Buch**
Oregon House Representative:
District 02: **Virgle Osborne**
Oregon State Senator:
District 1: **David Brock Smith**
U.S. Senate Oregon:
Jeff Merkley
Ron Wyden
U.S House of Representatives:
District 4: **Val Hoyle**
Secretary of State:

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Attorney General: **Ellen Rosenblum**
Governor: **Tina Kotek**
Vice-President: **Kamala Harris**
President: **Joe Biden**

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