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Yoncalla

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Why Not Bar and Grill, 164 Main St

Elkton

Arlene's Cafe & General Store 14858 State HWY 38
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Scottsburg

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Reedsport

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Recreation Station, 1575 Winchester Ave US-101 S
Creative Mercantile, 392 Fir Ave.
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Cottage Grove

Old Mill Farm Store, 327 South River Rd.
Kwik Pik Market #2, 925 E Gibbs Ave.
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Crafty Mercantile, 517 E Main St.
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Cottage Market, 603 OR HWY-99
Medication Station, 1041 N Pacific HWY-99
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Winchester Bay

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Oakland

Bart's Oakland Market, 204 SE 1st St
Tye Landing, 11424 Oregon HWY 138

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.
Chevron/S-Mart, 1484 W Central Ave.
DC Precision Lube & Tune, 489 E Central Ave.

Roseburg

Roseburg Tobacco & Food Mart, 2050 NE Stephens St
1 Am Market, 1931 NE Stephens St

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Editorial

It's been one of those months. You know, sometimes, it seems like you just can't get a break. You get up, you go to work, you get the job done, then you head home and there's all that going on there and you handle it, have a bite to eat and then off to bed. The next day you get up and you get ready for the day and suddenly your thinkin', "What the heck did I do yesterday? Or the day before." And then you set out to do it all over again. It feels kinda like the Movie "Ground Hog's Day".

Is it the weather? The time of year? Is it the old burn out? Well, today as I slog off to the office to wrap up the newspaper for the month, I realized that it's Spring and I'm done with Winter and I'm ready for a change. That's it, the seasonal change, and Spring is the change that we need after a wet, grey, wintery struggle. But Spring is so Fickle! Not so much a transition between Winter and Summer, but a half on, half off again scrimmage that gets you turned around and you don't know what to think of it so you just go through the motions.

What do you do? Well, just like the newspaper business where the news marches on, you get into step and find the who, what when, where, why and how and put it out there. Right now, when I realize I want sunshine and blue skies and no matter what I want, it'll get here when it gets here.

Like my dad used to say, when us kids were whining about the long boring car ride - "We'll get there when we get there!" End of story, buck up and get over yourself and get with the program.

So that helps, thinking about what it is that is the source of my discontent and then forgetting about it so I can get on with what's at hand. We get into ruts over the course of the year, or over the phases of our lives and if you don't stop to wade in the quagmire of those doldrums, you find that it changes on it's own. You are the only one who can lift yourself over obstacles and it's our responsibility to shoulder through the blahs and look forward to the tomorrows. Luckily, I can still see a morning where it look like some blue is seeping in over the horizon and, "Hey it might turn out to be a beautiful day"! And just like that, I'm not thinking about yesterdays gray, but looking for a brighter tomorrow.

So I'm finishing up the May issue, got a lot of great stuff to share with our readers and my mind is already moving on to the next phase.

Each month I get the opportunity to rub shoulders with a lot of folks and it makes the work fulfilling. People are interesting and they have interesting ideas and I really enjoy seeing how creative, industrious and helpful people are in general.

Living in an area that has some urban and some rural aspects of living, all within a short drive to, say the coast, gives some perspective to

Correction. Last month (April '24) on Page 6 in the voting article, we inadvertently mistyped Aaron Lymaths Council position 4 term as being 2022-2024 - it is not - it's 2022-2026.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Not-for-profit organizations do not belong to their founders. They belong to all the people. I am a board member of The Elk Creek Watershed Council (ECWC), where founder Jamie Mast considers his position as "founder" to give him ownership-like status of the organization with the right to dictate according to his political beliefs.

The ECWC has a set of by-laws, like all organizations, which spell out what is and is not allowed. Our by-laws specifically state that there is to be no "politics" involved in the decisions and actions by the board. Yet chairman Mast is forcefully pushing to prove a political point by dissolving the organization and using the money in the general fund to sue the state of Oregon over the Forest Accord legislation. He is angry that the State of Oregon is taking away his prop-



erty rights. However anyone feels about this, it is wrong to use this political motive to shutter the organization. Most of the other board members will do what Chairman Mast requests of them, but some see the departure from our mission and the dissolution of our organization over a political position, as a betrayal. What can I do to prevent the loss of an organization that helps landowners in the Elk Creek watershed get assistance and funding to make improvements to the riparian and in-stream areas of their property? The ECWC has, over the years, brought over \$5 million to our community since its founding in 2002 and benefitted salmon recovery in our system. Losing this vital non-political organization would hurt landowners and aquatic species.

2024 is an election year. We have the primaries, coming up and if your not registered to vote, well the general election is in November so, no excuse, get registered. We are Americans and we are self governed. If you are considering taking part in the experiment, you have to give your input. Vote. If you look out at the landscape and think it needs some direction or something needs to be fixed. Consider diving in and run for a position where you can be a part of the solution to the problems or circumstances that are on your mind or others. Join a committee or get on a council or find a voice to work with people who share your view. Government by the people and for the people desperately needs one thing. People.

So I hope you enjoy the May issue of the North Douglas Herald. We've scoured the region for the news and information that we have to offer here and as it goes off to the presses I am already getting ready to journey off into the stories and features for the next edition. Working the newspaper is a satisfying and enlightening kind of vocation. Especially important is to provide it to all who seek it. Free subscriptions no matter from where you are, I want to try to provide that service. It's not that easy, deadlines, late nights, lots of travel and the expense. Newspapers have a hard row to hoe, as my Dad would say. I just read that an average 3 newspapers a day go under in this country. This newspaper is brought to you, courtesy of our Advertisers, please support them. Believe it or not this whole shebang is run on a shoestring (I love quoting my Dad, he had some zingers) and we are actively looking for a new, to us, vehicle for delivery and transporting papers from the printer to the Post Offices and to nearly 45 pickup points on our 350 mile delivery route. If you want to donate to the cause, please use the QR with your phone, thank you in advance and see you next month.



Susan Applegate

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 #5: **Aaron Lymath**
City Administrator: **Jeni Stevens**
City Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 6pm

Yoncalla

Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**
Councilors: **Dan Wagoner**
Gene Vroman
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
Council Meeting: 05/14/24 - 6pm

Elkton

Mayor: **Daniel Burke**
Council President: **Joan Smith**
Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
Council Meeting: 05/09/24 - 8:30am

Oakland

Mayor: **Bette Keehley**
Counselor: **Jan Wier**
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 7pm

Sutherlin

Mayor: **Michelle Sumner**
Council President **Debbie Hamilton**
Councilor **Lisa Woods**
Councilor **Joe Grossman**
Councilor **Larry Whitaker**
Councilor **Shawn Smalley**
Councilor **Gary Dagal**
City Manager **Jerry Gillham**
Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 7:15pm

Reedsport

Mayor: **Linda McCollum**
Council Position #1: **Rob Wright**
Council Position #2: **DeeDee Murphy**
Council Position #3: **Chuck Miller**
Council Position #5: **Allen Teitzel**
Council Position #5: **Rich Patten**
Council Position #6: **Debby Turner**
Council Meeting: 05/06/24 - 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: 05/13/24 - 6:55pm
05/27/24 - 6:55pm

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Tom Kress(Chair) **Tim Freeman**
Chris Boice **Jennifer Miller**
Lane County Commissioners:
Dist 1: **Ray Ceniga** Dist 2: **David Lovall**
Dist 3: **Laurie Trierger** 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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