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Mildred Whipple Library, 205 W. "A" Ave.  
Beaver Creek Unique, 416 W "B" Ave.

**Yoncalla**

Eagle Valley Supply, 2570 Eagle Valley Rd  
Food Center & Deli, 2580 Eagle Valley Rd  
Why Not Bar and Grill, 164 Main St

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Recreation Station, 1575 Winchester Ave US-101 S  
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The Book Mine, 702 E Main St.  
Dari Mart, 1200 E Main St.  
Cottage Market, 603 OR HWY-99  
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**Winchester Bay**

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Tye Landing, 11424 Oregon HWY 138

**Sutherlin**

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# Editorial

Well summer is in full swing and so our Dance Ticket seems to be filled already. 4th of July celebrations are immanent as is the rodeo and the North Douglas Fair and many others are now close at hand. Time to enjoy the outdoor activities but don't throw caution to the wind because the predicted hot summer is also a prelude to our anticipated Fire Season. Use your common sense and enjoy the many opportunities afforded our fantastic lifestyle in the Northwest and especially here in the Umpqua and Willamette Valleys.

I'm looking forward to the North Douglas fair this year and I believe it will be a bonanza of festivities and gathering of boisterous revelers. The Herald has the honor and distinction of assisting the North Douglas Fair Board in promoting this traditional event. It's another one for the record books with the advent of the 102nd annual festival and gathering. It is the longest continuously running Fair in all of the state of Oregon. That's quite a feat, and it's thanks to the hard work and dedication of the ND Fair board and the many volunteers.

I hope to see you all out there the 19th and 20th of July. Check out the many categories of Exhibits on pages 3 and 7. Maybe it's time for you to get your baking, craft goods or gardening prizes ready to compete and show off your wares. Don't forget Pie eating, lumberjack games and all the fantastic entertainment being brought together for the enjoyment of all.

There are many towns, cities and communities organizing and getting busy with so many activities and ventures, it's really an amazing thing to see. People are so resilient and neighborly, the ingenuity and energy is a sight to behold.

Which gives me a thought, often there are often barriers and blockades in the paths of citizen groups and, because they are so determined, things are overcome or circumnavigated so that the results persevere anyway and the naysayers are cast off into the trash heap. The stick in the mud crowds seem small compared to the hordes of positive thinkers and doers.

Occasionally the roadblocks are, seemingly, difficult to overcome and it's on the shoulders of motivated individuals who can bring enough like minded folks into the fray to still persevere. Looking

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Do you have an idea you'd like to share about the Drain Civic Center? The Civic Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) requests community input for improving Civic Center accessibility and planning for the future.

The CCAC switched from a council-appointed committee to a volunteer-led group in January 2024. Since then we've been compiling a list of priority projects and providing monthly recommendations to the Drain City Council. The three goals we are focusing on this year are: 1) Reducing the building's electricity costs, 2) Minimizing and/or removing barriers to community usage of the Civic Center space, and 3) Increasing the building's emergency preparedness

*Editor's Note: I have been following the efforts of the CCAC since it's establishment and before that as a city committee, as well as other citizen and city committees. I noted at the time of the dissolving of those long held committees that there was a likely loss of relevance to the new committees, inherent to the lack of accountability of them to the city and ultimately the citizens of Drain. I applaud the dedication of citizens like Katrina, who apply themselves to the betterment, improvement and usability of the citizens resources. I hear frustration in their efforts and I believe it is due to the very nature of their isolation from the actual workings of city management.*

*Just in relation to the CCAC, there were important oversight and accountability issues for the establishment of the committee, specifically for the longevity and continued value to the citizenry et al. Mildred Whipple*



around the region, I do notice that there is friction in progress sometimes. It seems to me that when people are working together, their strength is amplified when there is delegation and cooperation combined with forward thinking - out of the box if you will.

This applies to municipalities who promote the participation of the citizenry and value their input as equal and worthwhile. I have been studying our towns and communities in local and outlying areas and it jumps out at you when you see the mutual cooperation and inclusive attitude of government and constituencies. By the same token it does stand out in a more negative way when it is not. I am lucky to have some friends and acquaintances in official positions so I can pick their brains on the intricacies of the wheels of governance and progress in their particular universes. A good friend of mine has been Mayor of a mid sized city in Oregon for about 8 years and his success with positive growth and progress is a testament to his philosophy. Tantamount to getting the job done for his constituents is his listening and then working with the people make up his community. He tells me that even though you can't always make everybody happy, he still is committed to open dialog and fostering the need to work together to find commonalities so that lead to positive outcomes. He doesn't lead by the nose, he leads from the middle. I value his counsel and can see the wisdom, mainly from his success and support.

Another old friend is a long time commissioner (like a councilman) in a big city on the east coast and even in large metropolitan area, he says it is maybe a little more challenging but has the same understanding of the importance of seeking out the viewpoints of those he serves. Closer to home I have several friends, active and retired, all sing a similar tune.

The point being that although I have made myself somewhat familiar with the workings of, and some of the officials of, nearby cities and towns, I have found the core value my friends talk about, more evident in those forward moving communities than the ones who seem a little stuck. I support citizens and I think their value should be recognized, rallied with and brought together to discuss and decipher problems, goals, obstacles and the future for the good of all. A more perfect union is not decided by the few, but by the many.

for the community.

Our upcoming projects include: upgrading the rental tables to sturdy, lightweight options; evaluating rental costs; begin updating lights to LED; redesigning the kitchen space; making a maintenance plan for future building updates and improvements; and more!

If you would like to get involved with the CCAC, or just share your thoughts, we'd love to hear from you! Public involvement is welcome and encouraged at every meeting. The CCAC meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:15 PM in the Drain Civic Center meeting room. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 1.

*Katrina Johns*

*Drain Civic Center Advisory Committee*

*had the vision and put up the initial money to start the initial building project, primarily due to her dedication to the importance of establishing a library for the citizens of Drain. With property from the old Methodist Church and her \$250,000 donation and nearly matching funds from the Oregon Library Board and the impressive \$900,000, plus some, raised by a combined grassroots efforts of local citizens and businesses, the pride of this community was completed. Not only housing the Mildred Whipple Library, but the ambitious, for the times and meager residents, a civic center dedicated to citizen use. Mildred additionally, to ensure continued viability, established an Endowment of \$50,000 per year to the city to cover costs of maintaining the building and property for its*

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# 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 Lymach**  
City Administrator: **Jeni Stevens**  
City Council Meeting: 07/08/24 - 6pm

## Yoncalla

Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**  
Councilors: **Dan Wagoner**  
**Gene Vroman**  
**Harold Gilpin**  
**Bryce Wertz**  
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**  
Council Meeting: 07/09/24 - 6pm

## Elkton

Mayor: **Daniel Burke**  
Council President: **Joan Smith**  
Council Members:  
**Kim Moore**  
**Dan Shepherd**  
**Sandra Galli**  
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**  
Council Meeting: 07/11/24 - 8:30am

## Oakland

Mayor: **Bette Keehley**  
Counselor: **Jan Wier**  
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**  
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**  
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**  
Council Meeting: 07/08/24 - 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: 07/08/24 - 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 #7: **Debby Turner**  
Council Meeting: 07/06/24 - 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: 07/08/24 - 6:55pm  
07/22/24 - 6:55pm

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**Ron Wyden**  
U.S House of Representatives:  
District 4: **Val Hoyle**  
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