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Country Cabin Coffee & Laundry, 438 W "B" Ave Hwy 38  
The Rose Bar, 413 Umpqua Hwy 38  
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

**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.  
7-11 Store, 2011 Winchester Ave. US-101  
Oregon Coast Restaurant, 2165 Winchester Ave

**Cottage Grove**  
Old Mill Farm Store, 327 South River Rd.  
Kwik Pik Market #2, 925 E Gibbs Ave.  
Daves Corner 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  
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  
Lil' Pantry, 2611 NW Edenbower Blvd

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# Editorial

By Rusty Savage

So here we are, winding down the summer, it's been a warm one hasn't it? Just when I think it might be easing up, old man Sol cranks it up, like a last gasp of hot air. Oh well, is it hotter than it was a decade or so ago? It looks that way to me.

But the change of season is definitely on the horizon and that is fine by me. I'll be looking forward to it because it's the change that invigorates and helps to define the growth that comes with the seasonal cycles that mark the passage of time. Like the concentric rings in a tree trunk that expresses the spiraling growth spurts, each new season is also an ascending step to the future. We experience spring, summer, fall and winter each year, but we can distinguish each season anew, as it advances forward and upward, revealing the journey from the past and the pell-mell race to our futures. A metaphor to ponder.

In this particular slice of time, we are approaching our national phenomenon, the participation of the great experiment of self government. The responsibility and privilege of voting for our representatives for our democratic system. It's the voting season and I hope you are paying attention. There is a short time left for registering, are you prepared? I hope so...

Well I am pleased that the North Douglas Herald has reached a small milestone last month. The first issue of the herald was in September of last year and this is the 13th issue. I began the journey of establishing this publication nearly 2 years ago when I decided that a newspaper was needed in our region and I set out to make it happen. I am very happy that the newspaper has been so well received and we have gone from around a thousand readers to now, over 4 thousand readers across 2 counties. For me, personally, it has been a fulfilling experience. I have met so many wonderful people and had the



privilege of looking into many local businesses and municipal processes that serve and provide support to our citizens and neighborhoods. We live in a vibrant and exciting network of communities and I'm honored to report on the dynamics of the many issues we face and live with.

There have been many challenges along the way. Newspapers are a disappearing resource and that's a fact. Across this country we have constantly failing newspapers. In spite of this, I find that folks do like to have a newspaper to hold and read and rely on. It's the economics that breaks down the production and distribution of the printed periodical, not the desire to receive and read them. I felt, originally, that it might take a year to establish and make the venture a solvent and possibly profitable venture. Well, that hasn't happened yet.

My passion is that the news should be freely available to the public and I have felt that advertising would pay for the expense of printing and distribution. Mailing to subscribers seems a very plausible way to bring advertising messages directly to the public and serve those advertisers. The problem is that I have found over this last year is that it is a hard row to hoe (as my Dad would say). We just had postal increase that has made it difficult and last month we, again, incurred further deficit in our resources. I just received news that our paper costs have just gone up again. It's time to pivot and find some new avenues of distribution. At this time I am looking to expand our pickup locations and increase the availability, perhaps double the 42 locations we have now and discontinue the mailed subscriptions altogether. This is not an easy choice but may be the deciding factor in continuing this publication. We are looking into making some changes and expect that it will come to pass in the coming months.

## Surplus Equipment Auction City of Drain taking Sealed Bids

The City of Drain has declared the following items as surplus property. Sealed bids will be received at Drain City Hall 431 Payton Avenue or PO Box 158, Drain, Or 97435, until Friday, September 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. PLEASE WRITE "BID" ON THE SEALED ENVELOPE.

The City makes no implied or expressed warranties as to the condition of any items and all items are sold as is and where is. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. If the items listed below have more than one available, bids must include the bid amount for one item and how many items are wanted. For example, 8-foot-long wood tables; bid might look like \$10.00 each, want 5 tables. Total bid \$50.00.

List of items with Minimum Bid  
23, 8-foot-long wood tables with folding legs None  
1, Grader \$500

- 1, 1985 Caterpillar Generator \$4,000
- 1, Whacker Packer, ditch compactor \$500
- 1, 1981 Chevy dump truck \$1,000
- 1, Vermeer Chipper \$1,000
- 2, Lumber racks None
- 1, Tilt deck equipment trailer \$500
- 1, John Deere backhoe \$500
- 1, B7100 Kubota tractor \$500
- 1, 1966 Chevrolet Flatbed \$500
- 1, New Holland Manure Spreader \$5,000
- 1, FMC Sprayer \$500

Winning bidders will be called September 20th, between 1:30 and 4:30. Items must be picked up by September 27th or the 2nd place bidder will be contacted and awarded the item.

Anyone wishing to inspect surplus property may do so by contacting City Hall, 541-836-2417, to schedule an appointment. [www.cityofdrain.org](http://www.cityofdrain.org)

## September 1st Oregon Bans 'Ghost Guns'

**Salem, OR** – Oregon's new ban on ghost guns went into effect on Sunday, September 1st. According to the Oregon Department of Justice, ghost guns create a serious risk to public safety. Parts needed to assemble a ghost gun can often be obtained online and do not need a background check.

Under HB 2005, which passed during the 2023 Oregon legislative session, ghost guns are defined as "firearms that do not include a serial number and are home-built or assembled using parts purchased separately."

"Responsible gun ownership means respecting the gun laws of our state, and that now includes a ban on unserialized and undetectable 'ghost guns.' Oregonians who own guns lacking serial numbers will be in violation of the law after September 1," said Attorney General Rosenblum. "For the safety of your families and communities please make sure you understand our new law and that you are in compliance."

For more information on HB 2005 visit the Department of Justice's ghost guns webpage.

## 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: 09/09/24 - 6pm

### Yoncalla

Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**  
Councilors: **Dan Wagoner**  
**Gene Vroman**  
**Harold Gilpin**  
**Bryce Wertz**  
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**  
Council Meeting: 09/10/24 - 6pm

### Elkton

Mayor: **Daniel Burke**  
Council President: **Joan Smith**  
Council Members:  
**Kim Moore**  
**Dan Shepherd**  
**Sandra Galli**  
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**  
Council Meeting: 09/12/24 - 8:30am

### Oakland

Mayor: **Bette Keehley**  
Counselor: **Jan Wier**  
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**  
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**  
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**  
Council Meeting: 09/09/24 - 7pm

### Sutherlin

Mayor: **Michelle Sumner**  
Council President: **Debbie Hamilton**  
Councilor: **Lisa Woods**  
Councilor: **Joe Groussman**  
Councilor: **Larry Whitaker**  
Councilor: **Shawn Smalley**  
Councilor: **Gary Dagal**  
City Manager: **Jerry Gillham**  
Council Meeting: 09/09/24 - 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: 08/06/24 & 08/26/24 - 7pm

### Cottage Grove

Mayor: **Candace Solesbee**  
Councilor Ward 1: **Open Seat**  
Councilor Ward 2: **Jon Stinnett**  
Councilor Ward 3: **Dana Merryday**  
Councilor Ward 4: **Greg Ervin**  
Councilor: **Open Seat**  
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Council Meeting: 09/09/24 - 6:55pm  
09/23/24 - 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 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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