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Drain

Mayor: **Erin Sparhawk**
Council Position #1: **Melanie Lymath**
Council Position #2: **Kevin VanPelt**
Council Position #3: **Katie Decker**
Council Position #5: **Aaron Lymath**
City Administrator: **Jeni Stevens**
City Council Meeting: 2/10/25 - 6pm

Yoncalla
Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**
Councilors: **Amy Grabinski**
Open Seat
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
Council Meeting: 2/11/25 - 6pm

Elkton
Mayor: **Daniel Burke**
Council President: **Joan Smith**
Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
Council Meeting: 2/13/25 - 8:30am

Oakland
Mayor: **Bette Keehley**
Counselor: **Jan Wier**
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
Council Meeting: 2/10/25 - 7pm

Sutherlin
Mayor : **Michelle Sumner**
Council President **Debbie Hamilton**
Councilor **Lisa Woods**
Councilor **Larry Whitaker**
Councilor **Adam Sarnoski**
Councilor **Shawn Smalley**
Councilor **Gary Dagle**
City Manager **Jerry Gillham**
Council Meeting: 2/10/25 - 7:15pm

Reedsport
Mayor : **Linda McCollum**
Council Position #1: **Rob Wright**
Council Position #2: **Clifton Jackson Jr**
Council Position #3: **Sandra Rose Donnelly**
Council Position #5: **Allen Teitzel**
Council Position #5: **Rich Patten**
Council Position #7: **Debby Turner**
Council Meeting: 2/3/25 - 7pm

Cottage Grove
Mayor: **Candace Solesbee**
Councilor Ward 1: **Christine Hyink**
Councilor Ward 2: **Randell Lammerman**
Councilor Ward 3: **Dana Merryday**
Councilor Ward 4: **Greg Ervin**
Councilor: **Jim Settelmeyer**
Councilor: **Darrel Wilson**
Council Meeting: 2/10/25, 2/24/25 - 7pm

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Lane County Commissioners:
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District 02: **Virgle Osborne**
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District 1: **David Brock Smith**
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U.S House of Representatives:
District 4: **Val Hoyle**
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Editorial

By Rusty Savage
As we trudge into February, glad to have made it this far, a last gasp of winter is the gorilla on our back. It’s been decent weather this last couple of weeks, but surely something is going to dump on us before it’s over. That’s how it feels anyway. No matter, we’re up for it, maybe not ready but we’ll tackle head on whatever is in store. And if it doesn’t bite us on the backside, well c’mon Springtime I say.

Gathering the news, lately, seems to reveal a lot of problems with the government’s of municipal and county officials. It bares a closer look at the difference in individual and the office or position. We often look to our civic leaders as so called pillars, carrying the torch of our sense of justice and fairness while stewarding our resources to the benefit of all. That is truly what we need to cultivate our growth and prosperity so that we can multiply and satisfy our desire and “the pursuit of happiness”.

When it turns out that the individuals fall short or are maybe caught, hand in the Cookie Jar, it’s the citizenry who bear the consequences. Because positions of power look out for themselves and those around them, citizens are left in their own shadows, lamenting yet another slight or injustice, pondering their own intentions of restructuring new tactics and plans of action to continue their causes.

There is the need for continually watching our watch dogs to make sure they are in fact working for us. For those in service as representatives of the people, there should be some expectation that the citizens want transparency and inclusion in the goings on, big and small. Citizens, remember the power is in your voices, individually and, especially, collectively. Not just the voice of your vote every few years, but every day we have the power to question and ask for clarity. Most municipalities have at least 1 city council meeting each month. Find yours and attend a couple. Find out how the issues of your town are addressed and look towards city groups or advocate your own. Listen and question on the methods if you agree or don’t agree. Volunteer and join your neighbors if you have a desire to serve. If we expect that things are being taken care without any efforts on our own part, that’s when things can fall apart.

It’s been a great migration for us here at the Herald. Our new name is the Oregon News Herald, but the mission is the same; bringing local & community pertinent news, to Oregonians for FREE. As we look a little wider around Oregon for our news, we also are spreading out wider. We now have over 90 locations where you can pick up the Herald locally. Check for a location near you.

It’s a grueling quest to research, layout, publish & deliver the newspaper far and wide. Gathering the news and formatting the Newspaper is first. Then, it takes 3 days to get all of the newspapers delivered in our old truck. Then about mid January our main computer, that manages and lays out the newspaper, fried itself with all of our electronic and graphic files. We managed to save the hard drive and installed it on my home computer, saving the paper.

Then the freeze we had about a week ago cracked the engine block. Without much choice ,we got a rental car so that you can get your BEST FREE newspaper delivered to your closest pickup point. Just part of the commitment to bring you the printed news.

You may notice we’re a little smaller this month, the North Douglas Herald is supported by our display advertising, and our support kinda falls off a little this time of year. After the Holidays but still shy of the wonderful springtime economic awakening, so our coffers are a little low. We want to attract more advertisers and we need YOU, our readers, to support our advertisers and tell them to support your newspaper.

Dogs

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moum both of their dogs, customers at Beaver Creek Unique will be saddened to also learn the news.

The shock of their dogs deaths is rough enough but that they ingested poison is more than a little concerning. Russ spent a couple of days looking and insuring that there was nothing around the property they could have gotten into. At a loss for any answers he asks folks in the area to be vigilant and if there is any information that pertains to this, please report it to the authorities.

Like the loss of any treasured pet, it hits hard for the Kaleese’s. As Russ reported this to me, he mentioned his wife had to pull over for a moment, on the way home from work, when the Neil Young song “Old King” came over the radio.

*“I had a dog and his name was King
I told the dog about everything
There in my truck the dog and I
Then one day the King up and died”*