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- Mark Twain

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 Hwy38
 The Rose Bar, 413 Umpqua Hwy 38
 Mildred Whipple Library, 205 W. “A” Ave.
 Beaver Creek Unique, 416 W “B” Ave.
 Zolezzi Insurance Agency, 208 W C Ave
 CG Market, 333 W B Ave
 US Bank, 229 N 1st St
 Hacienda Viera, 237 West B Ave
 Brothers Cafe, 439 W B Ave
 Studio Tattoo, 329 N 1st St

- Yoncalla**
 Eagle Valley Supply, 2570 Eagle Valley Rd
 Food Center & Deli, 2580 Eagle Valley Rd
 Why Not Bar and Grill, 164 Main St
 Yoncalla Public Library, 194 Birch 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
 Elkton Community Education Center, 15850 HWY
 38 W
 Farm Pickins Mercantile, 326 1st Street

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 Buy 2 Arco, 614 John Long Rd
Scottsburg
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 LULD Library Box at Fire Station, 33237 OR HWY
 38

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 Jacks Barber Shoppe, 1199 Highway Ave.
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 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.
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 7-11 Store, 2011 Winchester Ave. US-101
 Oregon Coast Restaurant, 2165 Winchester Ave
 Harbor Light Restaurant, 960 Highway 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.
 Safeway, 1500 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
 American Market, 911 E Main St

- Eugene**
 Dairy-Mart, 1495 River Rd #2
 Dairy-Mart, 2735 River Rd
 Dairy-Mart, 3620 River Rd
 Dairy-Mart, 2920 W 11th Ave
 Dairy-Mart, 4099 W 11th Ave
 7-11 Store, 3762 W 11th Ave
 7-11 Store, 1107 S Bertelsen Rd
 7-11 Store, 895 River Rd
 7-11 Store, 3821 River Rd
 7-11 Store, 190 Hwy 99
 7-11 Store, 701 Polk St
 7-11 Store, 590 E Broadway
 7-11 Store, 445 Coburg Rd,
 Albertson Grocery, 311 Coburg Rd
 Market of Choice, 1960 Franklin Blvd
 Classic Smoke Shop, 733 State Hwy 99 N
 The Embers Lounge, 1811 Hwy 99 N

- Springfield**
 Dari-Mart, 1950 Mohawk Blvd #48
 Dari-Mart, 220 W B St
 Dari-Mart, 1875 Main St
 Dari-Mart, 1554 M St
 Dari-Mart, 6898 Main St #17
 Albertson Grocery, 5755 Main St
 7-11, 5808 Main St
 7-11, 1396 Main St
 Heartless & Hopeless Tattoo, 329 Main St

- 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
 Oakland Tavern, 104 Locust 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 Smoke s, 1230 W Central Ave.
 Shop Smart Grocery, 811 E Central
 Center Market #42, 206 E Central Ave.
 S-Mart, 333 E Central Ave.
 Central Food Mart, 1021 E Central Ave.
 Chevron/S-Mart, 1484 W Central Ave.

- Roseburg**
 News & Smokes, 457 NW Garden Valley Blvd
 Ridgeway Market, 1800 NW Garden Valley Blvd
 Safeway, 1539 NE Stephens St
 Roseburg Tobacco & Food Mart, 2050 NE Stephens St
 1 Am Market, 1931 NE Stephens St
 Lil’ Pantry, 2611 NW Edenbower Blvd
 Buy 2 Arco, 2530 NE Stephens St
 Mini Pet Mart, 333 NE Garden Valley Blvd
 Mini Pet Mart, 2820 NE Stephens St

- Albany**
 7-11, 333 34th Ave SE
 AM PM, 33200 OR-34
 Dari-Mart, 1005 Queen Ave SW
 7-11, 6190 Pacific Blvd SW

Government

Know your local Representatives!

Drain

- Mayor: **Erin Sparhawk**
 Council Position #1: **Melanie Lymath**
 Council Position #2: **Kevin VanPelt**
 Council Position #4: **Katie Decker**
 Council Position #5: **Aaron Lymath**
 City Administrator: **Ken Strobeck**
 City Council Meeting: 4/14/25 - 6pm

Yoncalla

- Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**
 Councilors: **Amy Grabinski**
 Open Seat
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
 City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
 Council Meeting: 4/08/25 - 6pm

Elkton

- Mayor: **Daniel Burke**
 Council President: **Joan Smith**
 Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
 Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
 Council Meeting: 4/10/25 - 8:30am

Oakland

- Mayor: **Bette Keehley**
 Counselor: **Jan Wier**
 Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
 Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
 Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
 Council Meeting: 3/10/25 - 7pm

Sutherlin

- Mayor: **Michelle Sumner**
 Council President **Debbie Hamilton**
 Councilor **Lisa Woods**
 Councilor **Larry Whitaker**
 Councilor **Adam Sarnoski**
 Councilor **Shawn Smalley**
 Councilor **Gary Dagal**
 City Manager **Jerry Gillham**
 Council Meeting: 4/14/25 - 7:15pm

Reedsport

- Mayor: **Linda McCollum**
 Council Position #1: **Rob Wright**
 Council Position #2: **Clifton Jackson Jr**
 Council Position #4: **Sandra Rose Donnelly**
 Council Position #5: **Allen Teitzel**
 Council Position #5: **Rich Patten**
 Council Position #7: **Debby Turner**
 Council Meeting: 4/07/25 - 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: 4/25/25 - 7pm

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: **Tobias Read**
 Attorney General: **Dan Rayfield**
 Governor: **Tina Kotek**
 Vice-President: **JD Vance**
 President: **Donald Trump**

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 MEMBER it is vital to your freedoms to vote.If
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Editorial

By Rusty Savage

Whew! What a whirlwind March was. I’d
 been watching the weather across the country
 this year and it seems to have been phenomenal.
 Winter storms in the Midwest and the North-
 east. Storms and tornadoes in the Midwest and
 Southeast. Floods everywhere from West to
 East and blizzards and rains as well. Talk about
 active weather patterns. But I was feeling pretty
 good about things here in western Oregon so far
 this whole winter. Then came the catastrophic
 rains, floods and landslides of March.

It was a sudden and violent turn of events
 across the Oregon region. It was only the eve-
 ning before the 16th that I noticed any alarm
 coming across the Internet and Social Media.
 Duly, on Sunday morning we started monitor-
 ing rivers and creeks. But from the time we saw
 Elk Creek breach it’s banks, there was little to
 do. Some folks evacuated, some didn’t, our
 house was lifted on higher blocks in ‘98 and we
 felt like we could stay. We did OK, the water
 was a few inches from the top step when it
 finally receded. But many, especially in north
 Douglas, Jackson and Coos counties, had seri-
 ous flood and landslide damage. For those who
 suffered property damage and loss, remember
 to reach out for help and resources, put our tax
 dollars to work.

As I clean up the mess in the back yard and,
 Oh man, the garage, I ruminate on the lack of
 preparedness that seems be the result of
 procrastination and the over riding doubt that
 something bad will happen here or now. HA!
 Not likely. Something bad is always happening
 somewhere so the best bet is to use a little com-
 mon sense along with a good portion of ‘Get
 up and Go’.

I had been watching and grumbling about
 the rain for months. I know the rivers and creeks
 can swell pretty quickly. I figured the ground
 was totally saturated, the snow melt is coming
 and I’ve been around and here long enough to
 know what may be coming. Pro-active is the
 word, or preparedness if you prefer. Of course
 you can’t anticipate the unknown, but if there is
 mitigation possible, then we owe it to ourselves
 to at least be better, more observant and vigilant
 to see the potential problems and solutions.

I think our local governments owe it to us to
 follow the same advice, especially the pro-active
 part. Neighbors are prone to help their neighbors
 and their community. City’s and Counties actu-
 ally have an obligation to residents and citizens
 for just such observations and response. I found
 in reporting on different locations, that we had
 widely varying responses and or lack of.

Overall I see an energetic effort and evidence
 of emergency planning leading and addressing
 the problems as they are anticipated or when
 they arise. Then there are the reports of a lack
 awareness of the situation, leading to late and
 even non-responsive efforts towards informa-
 tion and communication or simply leaving it
 to the other powers that be. Require better from
 those who should be in charge and responsible
 for those important observations and decisions.



This is a 500,000 lb. transformer that is on a
 railcar. The transformer is going to Roseburg.
 The problem is the train bridge by my house
 can’t take the weight, so they have to unload
 it and put it on a truck trailer to take to Drain,
 and then put it back on the train to Roseburg
 and then put it back on a truck trailer.

The truck trailer is over 100 yd. long. I
 told them not to leave it in Curtin too long, the
 local tweekers will strip it.