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 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,
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 Dari-Mart, 1875 Main St
 Dari-Mart, 1554 M St
 Fins, 4090 Main St
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 7-11, 1396 Main St
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 Center Smoke s, 1230 W Central Ave.
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 Center Market #42, 206 E Central Ave.
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 Lil' Pantry, 2611 NW Edensbower Blvd
 Buy 2 Arco, 2530 NE Stephens St
 Mini Pet Mart, 333 NE Garden Valley Blvd
 Mini Pet Mart, 2820 NE Stephens St
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 7-11, 333 34Th Ave SE
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 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: 5/12/25 - 6pm

Yoncalla
 Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**
 Councilors: **Amy Grabinski**
 Open Seat
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
 City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
 Council Meeting: 5/12/25 - 6pm

Elkton
 Mayor: **Daniel Burke**
 Council President: **Joan Smith**
 Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
 Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
 Council Meeting: 5/08/25 - 8:30am

Oakland
 Mayor: **Bette Keehley**
 Counselor: **Jan Wier**
 Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
 Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
 Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
 Council Meeting: 5/12/25 - 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: 5/12/25 - 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: 5/05/25 - 7pm

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 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: 5/12/25 - 7pm

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Editorial

By Rusty Savage

Well, it has been an eventful month here at the Oregon News Herald. Our cramped and dismal little office has been a challenge since the Herald was first started. I've been plodding along and looking but there has been no opportunities to upgrade. Until a few weeks ago we got the opportunity to get the building just down on the corner.

Our new address is 301 N 1st St. But, of course we had to move out of the old place, which we managed to do just in time and everything is stacked up in the new building. Well it figures our new office will be nice & well sized for us, but unfortunately its bare walls, without sheetrock and bare floor. It'll take a couple weeks to actually get a functioning office ready.

So, in the meantime, I set up just enough layout desk area and computer and monitors to get the May issue finished. It may be a little smaller but we got it out the best we could this month.

I'm always intrigued by the economic news of the newspaper industry. It's a tough business, we are losing an average of 10 newspapers per month in this country, up from 7.5 in 2022. The news about the closing of a 115 year old local acclaimed and highly awarded weekly paper in eastern Oregon fits right into that narrative.

I found a more positive bit of news on the Eugene Weekly, which survived a near catastrophic fiscal blow when an employee was alleged to have embezzled over \$100,000 around Christmas of 2023. Not only was it a Cinderella story that the publication survived nearly intact but a testament to the staff and the public for such a cooperative effort. I look forward to an upcoming interview with Camilla Mortensen, the long time editor and recent new owner, especially in light of the news that there has finally been an arrest and with more information coming soon in a coming article with the full story and an interview with Camilla.

115 Year Newspaper Legacy Closes

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Publisher Les Zaitz, 69, and his wife, Scotta Callister, 72, former Enterprise publisher, have owned the newspaper since 2015. They each have been in Oregon journalism for 50 years – a combined record of a century of service to the state.

“The Enterprise is a strong business and represents the very best in community journalism,” said Zaitz. “With no successor in sight, it's time for us to step back from decades of journalism to a slower pace with a renewed focused on family and friends.”

The decision was hard, the couple said, but inevitable. Large newspaper groups no longer buy such independent newspapers, and the pool has shrunk of people who want to, as owners, both run a business and a news organization.

Callister said the question of succession seems likely to continue to challenge independent news operations as owner-operators age.

“There's been a lot of talk about saving rural news operations – focused on funding, training programs, digital upgrades – but you still need someone to run them, someone with both a passion for community and an understanding of the news business,” she said. “That's increasingly tough to find.”

Zaitz said efforts to merge the Enterprise with the county's other weekly newspaper, the Argus Observer in Ontario, were rebuffed. Newspapers, especially rural and small town newspapers, are experiencing dwindling numbers and in the US they are going under at an average rate of 10 newspapers per month. This means that approximately 127 newspapers have closed in the last year. Since 2005, the U.S. has lost over one-third of its newspapers, with a total of 3,300 publications closing. This decline has led to the growth of “news deserts,” where counties lack a locally-based source of local news.

Capricorn Manor

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Come and experience our grand opening party on Saturday, May 17, 12:00 noon. We'll have live music, samples, mocktails, and a chance to win a fantastic raffle basket with contributions from each artist !

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