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 Elkton Station 14940 State HWY 38
 Tomaselli's Pastry Mill & Cafe, 14836 OR Hwy 38
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 Jacks Barber Shoppe, 1199 Highway Ave,
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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
 Fins, 4090 Main 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 Edensower 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

Juneur: **Erin Sparhawk**
 Council Position #1: **Melanie Lymath**
 Council Position #2: **Open Seat**
 Council Position #4: **Katie Decker**
 Council Position #6: **Aaron Lymath**
 City Administrator: **Ken Strobeck**
 City Council Meeting: 6/9/25 - 6pm

Yoncalla

Juneur: **Kathleen Wertz**
 Councilors: **Amy Grabinski**
 Open Seat
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
 City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
 Council Meeting: 6/9/25 - 6pm

Elkton

Juneur: **Daniel Burke**
 Council President: **Joan Smith**
 Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
 Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
 Council Meeting: 6/12/25 - 8:30am

Oakland

Juneur: **Bette Keehley**
 Counselor: **Jan Wier**
 Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
 Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
 Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
 Council Meeting: 6/9/25 - 7pm

Sutherlin

Juneur: **Michelle Summer**
 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: 6/9/25 - 7:15pm

Reedsport

Juneur: **Linda McCollum**
 Council Position #1: **Rob Wright**
 Council Position #2: **Clifton Jackson Jr**
 Council Position #4: **Sandra Rose Donnelly**
 Council Position #6: **Allen Teitzel**
 Council Position #6: **Rich Patten**
 Council Position #7: **Debby Turner**
 Council Meeting: 6/23/25 & 6/30/25 - 7pm

Cottage Grove

Juneur: **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: 6/9/25 - 7pm

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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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By Rusty Savage

Editorial

What a whirlwind the last month has been here at the Oregon News Herald. Events across our region has kept us busy with stories to tell and all with a background of demolition and construction at our new location here in Drain. A leap of faith has evolved into the opportunity to purchase the corner building at 301 N 1st St. Only 4 doors down from our old location, but heaps of work moving all of the Savage business interests the first couple of weeks and now to put together offices and retail space, well it's been a challenge for this old man, for sure. But we're excited for the future once it all comes together. Trying to upgrade and add to some of our equipment and capabilities is another fiscal hurdle on top of the escalating expenses. The Oregon News Herald, basically, is a zero sum profit endeavor. We run operate entirely on advertising dollars for production and distribution so that we can provide the news for free. As we strive to increase advertising revenue, we continue to feed the Herald out of pocket most months. Please support our wonderful advertisers, they make the Oregon News Herald possible. If there are any corporate sponsors who would like contribute to the support of providing FREE local news and information in print form to the public, please consider our cause for your support.

There is a new development that I hope will, not only increase our footprint across western Oregon, but may appeal to potential advertisers who will benefit from partnering with us to support the newspaper and to bring more business and organizational branding and messaging to our Readers. From Roseburg to Albany, including Sutherlin, Cottage Grove, Eugene and Springfield and on the Coast from Coos Bay to Florence - the Herald has, over the last 2 years, reached a total of nearly 5000 readers.

And what development is that, you say? The Oregon News Herald will be also publishing an extended electronic edition this month and next month, to over 40,000 recipients across social media, first in our current 75 mile diameter distribution area and then to all or most of western Oregon. The extended editions contain additional stories not published in our print edition and more photos and advertiser exposure with additional pages of material.

So welcome to summer everyone, it was a long winter and Spring but now that it is here, let's watch out for each other and mind the heat. Enjoy summer vacation or at least get out and partake of the endless joy of our great state of Oregon. Be mindful of fire safety, give your neighbors a hand if they need it and keep smiling. Trust me, it makes all the difference in this day and age.

Another little tidbit of news, the Herald has actually been featured in an online article by a couple of U of O students as a class project. As I have reported, many times, the newspaper industry is declining across our nation to the tune of 10 going out of business each week. The bulk of these, but not limited to, are rural and small circulation publications, creating News Deserts across the country. The class project was for students to fan out and get the stories from rural and small communities in Oregon and report on them. Journalism students, Denali Sleeper and Elise Haverland chose the Oregon News Herald and shadowed yours truly for a few days to make the following feature. <https://oregonsruraljournalism.wordpress.com/2025/05/01/tattoos-motorcycles-and-newspapers/>. I would like to thank them for the exposure and if you want to check it out and other articles on Oregon rural news publications, follow the link or scan the QR or <https://tinyurl.com/mpn5yk2b>.

