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 Safeway, 1500 E Main St
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 Medication Station, 1041 N Pacific HWY-99
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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
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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.
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Roseburg
 News & Smokes, 457 NW Garden Valley Blvd
 Ridgeway Market, 1800 NW Garden Valley Blvd
 Safeway, 1539 NE Stephens St
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 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

Juneor: **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: 7/14/25 - 6pm

Yoncalla

Juneor: **Kathleen Wertz**
 Councilors: **Amy Grabinski**
 Open Seat
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
 City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
 Council Meeting: 7/14/25 - 6pm

Elkton

Juneor: **Daniel Burke**
 Council President: **Joan Smith**
 Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
 Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
 Council Meeting: 7/10/25 - 8:30am

Oakland

Juneor: **Bette Keehley**
 Counselor: **Jan Wier**
 Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
 Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
 Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
 Council Meeting: 7/14/25 - 7pm

Sutherlin

Juneor: **Michelle Summer**
 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: 7/14/25 - 7:15pm

Reedsport

Juneor: **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: **Deby Turner**
 Council Meeting: 8/4/25 & 8/25/25 - 7pm

Cottage Grove

Juneor: **Candace Solesbee**
 Councilor Ward 1: **Christine Hyink**
 Councilor Ward 2: **Randell Lammerman**
 Councilor Ward 3: **Dana Merryday**
 Councilor Ward 4: **Greg Ervin**
 Councilor: **Jim Sattelmeyer**
 Councilor: **Darrel Wilson**
 Council Meeting: 7/14/25 - 7pm

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 Dist 3: **Laurie Trieger** Dist 4: **Pat Farr**
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 District 02: **Virgle Osborne**
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Jeff Merkley
Ron Wyden
 U.S House of Representatives:
 District 4: **Val Hoyle**
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 Governor: **Tina Kotek**
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 President: **Donald Trump**

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Editorial

By Rusty Savage

The heat is on. You know, the days of summer have arrived and I think I forgot how much I looked forward to this during the last dismal, wet and cold winter. Yea, as I'm out there sweating my yard work I guess I forgot all about that. But that is how easy we forget. If I decide I'm fed up with the summer heat and all I want now is a cool breeze, then I'm just foolin' myself.

So, yea the heat of summer has got me sweating a little, I think I'll take a little Spanish pause and have a cold drink and ask the neighbor kid if he wants to finish the grass for 20 bucks. It's all mind over matter. If you don't mind, it won't matter.

But it is summer, and summertime in Oregon is chock full of activities and things going on. There are festivals and get togethers happening in communities and neighborhoods across the region. One thing that intrigues me are the community and citywide yard sales that take place each summer. I see whole towns organizing maps and signs and volunteers working hard to bring some visitors and commerce to their residents. Enterprising and people friendly, it seems to me this is a worthwhile public venture that rewards participants, vendors and travelers equally. Check them out, I think you'll agree.

Is anybody else wondering what in the heck is going on local governments here lately. From little towns to the small cities there seems to be a big commotion and dissatisfaction with our leaders. And it's across the board. Mayors, Council persons, Administrators and Managers are resigning left and right. If not resigning officials then they are being recalled and at the very least the local community boards are rapt with accusations, innuendo, rumors and calls for pitchforks. There are resignations, recalls and firings from Roseburg to Cottage Grove, Grants Pass to Lakeside and little communities like Yoncalla and Mitchell and even here in Drain. Are these officials breaking our backs with overreach or are the constituents so moody and critical that they're fickle and can't be satisfied? Is it citizens against officials? I don't know but I would like to find out.

Take, for example, the situation that is transpiring in Drain. Drain is known as the Gateway to the Pacific. A quaint little town, an old logging town, maybe a sleepy little burg that doesn't have a huge ambition but it has it's character and a certain pride. But it found itself in a pickle. A few months back the City Administrator had some medical challenges and had to resign. The Mayor soon announced an interim CA and continued to function as a search went out for a permanent replacement. In response, a popular City council person resigned to apply for the position and eventually there were several other contenders.

The selection was accomplished and the council voted and a person was hired, not the former council person, whose seat has to now be filled, not by citizen vote but again by council vote. Well there it began. A person was hired who had worked in a couple of other towns and the community boards lit up with accusations of malfeasance and claims that tar and feathers would have been more appropriate than the firing and resignations that occurred there. And there were stern warnings and admonishments towards the residents of Drain and questions about the vetting process by the City. Adding fuel to the fire, this new hire proceeded to immediately cause several dust ups with a few of the residents. It's not known what the City knew or didn't know about the background of this person but strangely enough, within a week or so, the new CA was terminated in a closed executive session meeting and no explanation given to constituents.

To make a short story shorter, a new council person was appointed by the council and lo and behold, the CA position was appointed to the original Administrator who had resigned for medical reasons. There is no official response as to how or why did all this happen and there are questions unanswered regarding payroll specifics and other concerns of these Administrators as well as the officials who are driving this bus. Like I said earlier, what the heck is happening. I for one would like to find out...