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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,
 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

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 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
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 7-11, 6190 Pacific Blvd SW

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Mayor: **Erin Sparhawk**
 Council Position #1: **Melanie Lymath**
 Council Position #2: **Ben Simons**
 Council Position #4: **Katie Decker**
 Council Position #6: **Aaron Lymath**
 City Administrator: **Jeni Stevens**
 City Council Meeting: 9/08/25 - 6pm

Yoncalla

Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**
 Councilors: **Amy Grabinski**
 Open Seat
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
 City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
 Council Meeting: 9/08/25 - 6pm

Elkton

Mayor: **Daniel Burke**
 Council President: **Joan Smith**
 Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
 Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
 Council Meeting: 9/11/25 - 8:30am

Oakland

Mayor: **Bette Keehley**
 Counselor: **Jan Wier**
 Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
 Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
 Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
 Council Meeting: 9/08/25 - 7pm

Sutherlin

Mayor: **Michelle Sumner**
 Council President **Debbie Hamilton**
 Councilor **Lisa Woods**
 Councilor **Larry Whitaker**
 Councilor **Adam Sarnoski**
 Councilor **Shawn Smalley**
 Councilor **Gary Dagel**
 City Manager **Jerry Gillham**
 Council Meeting: 9/08/25 - 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 #6: **Allen Teitzel**
 Council Position #6: **Cindy Wegner**
 Council Position #9: **Debby Turner**
 Council Meeting: 10/06/25 - 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: 9/08/25, 8/25/25 - 7pm

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Ron Wyden
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Editorial

By Rusty Savage

It seems that the change has a way of sneaking up on you. You feel like you just got a rhythm going and, what? Time for changes already? Yep, whether it's the change of season, school days coming or kids growing up and moving out of the house - you thought you would be ready but you are not.

The surprise doesn't make any sense because, of course, you know it's coming. Not our first Rodeo! But, yea, I guess I wasn't ready for that. You see, I was focused on keeping my status quo, on keeping on keeping on. It seems like you just got your summer routine working smoothly, or almost anyway - just a little more time and it would have been perfect. File it away and save it for next year, time to winterize the car, till over the garden and get some wood split.

That's OK, we will get with the program and try to settle in and swear it won't sneak up like that next year. But if things go along the winding road as they tend to do, we'll surely be just as surprised as ever. The saving grace of all this is our second nature of rebounding from the shock and jumping right in the new arena. Hopefully it doesn't even really slow you down, time to pivot, that's what we do.

There is something in the air these days. I don't know if you notice it but there is apprehension hanging in the air and a soft whisper on the wind. I can't put my finger on it but it's like anticipating a pause in a dwindling conversation. Something tells me that it is a good time to put forth my best efforts, make sure that I have things prioritized. Measure out a good helping of good will and neighborly care and consideration. Especially, keep good company and offer a hand where I can. It's just a feeling but I think it's worth considering that this world is like an oyster, there is a pearl inside and it takes some luck, some skill and a lot of desire to reap the reward. Let's treat each other right, to help make each other right.

I am pleased to start my 3rd year of publishing the Oregon News Herald. I am encouraged by many readers that I meet across the State of Oregon. The biggest complaint I get is that I can't keep up with the demand. And that is from Roseburg to Albany and out to the coast and just about every town in between. All I can say is thanks to all...

Logging Worker Shortage

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are too small to produce enough graduates to meet industry demand, forcing employers to rely on workers from other states. Additionally, the evolving skill needs are another factor, while technology has advanced, requiring new technical skills for operating machinery, the education system hasn't kept pace with these evolving needs. In particular, Oregon's colleges and universities aren't producing enough forestry graduates to meet demand.

There are challenges and opportunities. Housing needs and forest health goals both present divergent avenues of pursuit. There's a growing need for more workers to implement state objectives related to forest health and of course the need for the production of timber-based building materials for housing. The logging sector is adapting with new technologies like drones and advanced machinery, creating demand for a workforce with these and many more technical skills. Some call for expanding temporary foreign labor. A reliance on the H-2B visa program for temporary foreign labor in forestry services has increased significantly in the Pacific Northwest, highlighting the labor shortage.

Among the proposed solutions there is a focus on modernizing and expanding training. First, develop accessible, modernized training programs, including apprenticeships and stackable credentials, to support on-the-job learning and new technologies. Then increase youth engagement and public awareness to show how forestry careers contribute to crucial environmental goals like forest health, ecosystem restoration, and carbon sequestration. Expand post-secondary forestry programs to meet industry demands and potentially rely less on out-of-state workers for technical positions. Support existing programs by partnering with organizations like the Associated Oregon Loggers to advance accessible employment and educational opportunities in forest careers.

Oregon's forestry sector, once the state's driving industry, has scaled back dramatically, the result of modernization and reduced harvests since the 1990s. Yet the industry is still adding workers and looking to replace retirees, now with a growing demand for technical expertise. The industry's employers say they're struggling to fill the jobs they have.

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