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 CG Market, 333 W B Ave
 US Bank, 229 N 1st St
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 Oregon News Herald, 301 N 1st St
 38 Special Cafe, 439 W "B" St
 La Mota, 257 2nd St
 Savages Tattoo Studio, 301 N 1st St
 Langham's Quality Meats, 408 W B Ave

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
 Tornaselli's Pastry Mill & Cafe, 14836 OR Hwy 38
 Elkton Community Education Center, 15850 HWY 38 W
 Farm Pickins Mercantile, 326 1st Street

Rice Hill
 Buy 2 Arco, 614 John Long Rd
Scottsburg
 Riverbanks Speedy Mart 32841 State HWY 38
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Reedsport
 City Hall Community Center, 451 Winchester Ave
 Sugar Shack, 145 N 3rd St
 Jacks Barber Shoppe, 1199 Highway Ave.
 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.
 Lower Umpqua Library, 395 Winchester Ave.
 7-11 Store, 2011 Winchester Ave. US-101
 Oregon Coast Restaurant, 2165 Winchester Ave
 Harbor Light Restaurant, 900 Highway Ave
 McKays Market, 1300 Hwy Ave

Cottage Grove
 Old Mill Farm Store, 327 South River Rd.
 Daves Corner Market, 633 N 9th St.
 Safeway, 1500 E Main St.
 The Book Mine, 702 E Main St.
 Dori Mart, 1200 E Main St.
 Cottage Market, 603 OR HWY-99
 Medication Station, 1041 N Pacific HWY-99
 American Market, 911 E Main St
 Walmart, 901 Row River Rd

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
 Albertson Grocery, 55 Division Ave
 Market of Choice, 1960 Franklin Blvd
 Classic Smoke Shop, 733 State Hwy 99 N
 The Embers Lounge, 1811 Hwy 99 N

Springfield
 Dairy-Mart, 1950 Mohawk Blvd #48
 Dairy-Mart, 220 W B St
 Dairy-Mart, 1875 Main St
 Dairy-Mart, 1554 M St
 Firs, 4090 Main St
 Dairy-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
 Tyce Landing, 11424 Oregon HWY 138
 Oakland Tavern, 104 Locust St

Sutherlin
 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
 Roseburg Tobacco & Food Mart, 2050 NE Stephens St
 1 Am Market, 1931 NE Stephens St
 Lil' Pantry, 2611 NW Edenhouser 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
 Dairy-Mart, 1005 Queen Ave SW
 7-11, 6190 Pacific Blvd SW

Junction City
 Safeway, 1755 Ivy St
 Dairy-Mart, 875 Pacific Hwy W
 Everyones Market, 1610 Pacific Hwy W
 Ivy's Main Mart, 787 Pacific Hwy W

Harrisburg
 EZ Stop Market, 190 N 3rd St, Harrisburg
 American Market, 103 S 3rd S
 Dairy-Mart, 325 S 3rd St

Halsey
 Halsey Food Market, 360 W 2nd S
Shedd
 Shedd Market & Deli, 31901 B S

Government

Know your local Representatives!

Drain

Mayor: **Erin Sparhawk**
 Council Position #1: **Melanie Lymath**
 Council Position #2: **Ben Simons**
 Council Position #4: **Katie Decker**
 Council Position #6: **Rance Piley Jr**
 City Administrator: **Simon Dywer**
 City Council Meeting: 12/08/25 - 6pm

Yoncalla

Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**
 Councilors: **Amy Grabinski**
 Open Seat
Harold Gilpin
Bryce Wertz
 City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**
 Council Meeting: 12/08/25 - 6pm

Elkton

Mayor: **Daniel Burke**
 Council President: **Joan Smith**
 Council Members:
Kim Moore
Dan Shepherd
Sandra Galli
 Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**
 Council Meeting: 12/11/25 - 8:30am

Oakland

Mayor: **Bette Keehley**
 Counselor: **Jan Wier**
 Counselor: **Kent Rochester**
 Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**
 Counselor: **Betty Tamm**
 Council Meeting: 12/08/25 - 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: 12/10/25 - 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 #10: **Debbie Turner**
 Council Meeting: 12/01/25 - 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: 12/08/25, 12/22/25 - 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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Editorial

By Rusty Savage



You know, every so often I sit down with my morning coffee, flip through the pile of news, and wonder how in the world folks are supposed to keep their footing these days. Between the economic ups and downs, the endless chatter about politics (which I try real hard to keep out of these pages), and all the general fussin' going on in the world, it's a wonder any of us have time left just to breathe.

And yet, right here in our patch of Oregon — from Roseburg to Albany, Yoncalla to Florence — I see something every day that reminds me why I keep putting this newspaper together. It's the people. It's the communities. It's the way folks still look out for each other, even when the headlines try to convince us the sky is falling.

Small communities have a strength that big cities can't quite manufacture. When the chips are down, when the economy tightens, when leadership stumbles or the world gets louder than usual, it's the neighbor next door — not some distant official — who ends up making the real difference.

I see it in the shopkeepers who know your name and your story. I see it in the volunteer firefighters who drop everything at a moment's notice. I see it at school board meetings, church potlucks, roadside produce stands, and the line at the hardware store where somehow everybody knows who needs a hand fixing what.

Community doesn't make the problems disappear, but it sure makes the load lighter. And every week, as I gather the stories for this paper, I'm reminded how important you all are to one another. Not in the big dramatic moments — though we've had some of those this year — but in the little daily kindnesses. Checking on an older neighbor. Buying local even when the wallet's thin. Coaching a kids' team because no one else stepped forward.

If there's one thing this year has taught us, it's that nobody gets through tough times alone. But together? Together we're a force.

As 2025 winds down, I'd encourage each of you to stay involved in your community. Pay attention. Step up when something needs doing. Leadership doesn't just happen in city hall. Most of the time, it starts in the grocery aisle or over a backyard fence.

And while I'm at it, I'll remind you of something important: this little newspaper exists 100% because of our advertisers. They pay every penny of the printing, the reporting, the editing, the distribution — the whole works — so that you can pick up this paper for free. If you enjoy having local news in your hands each month, please support the folks who make that possible. Let them know you appreciate them. Spend a little with them when you can. It goes farther than you think.

Thank you for reading the Oregon News Herald, and for being the reason this paper continues to have a home in these communities. Let's head into the new year with our heads high, our hearts steady, and our neighborhoods front and center — right where they belong.