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# News in the Grove Weekly Newsletter | February 7, 2025

Charlotte's web begins at Theatre in the Grove, two fires are investigated, the mayor is hosting bingo and so much more in this week's prelaunch newsletter.



**Chas Hundley**  
07 Feb 2025 — 4 min read

# News *in the* Grove

Hey look: a new logo!

*February 7, Volume 1, issue #4. Please ignore the fact that our first three newsletters said 2024.*

*As of today, we have 102 free email newsletter subscribers and exactly 15 paid email subscribers.*

***In this edition: Fires investigated at Circle Inn Tavern, Celebrity Bingo with the mayor, an upcoming Wyden town hall, and more***

**Good evening, Forest Grove!** This is our fourth email newsletter. My battle to launch News in the Grove continues. If you're one of the people who've volunteered to help, I'll be in touch soon! This week has been all about setting up an office in Forest Grove, and as of 4:11 p.m. Friday, I have internet, a desktop computer I raided from my home, and a rickety office chair that I believe is trying to kill me.

We're a bit light on stories this week (did I mention I just got the internet working 5 minutes ago?) in this prelaunch phase, but that hasn't stopped an incredible new business from sponsoring this week's newsletter!

*This newsletter is sponsored by [Johnson Real Estate Brokers PC](#). See and click the ad below for more information.*



## Exciting NEWS

After 15 years of dedicated service in the real estate industry, Susie Johnson is thrilled to announce the launch of her own brokerage, Johnson Real Estate Brokers PC, proudly serving Forest Grove, Oregon, and the surrounding area. With a decade and a half of experience guiding clients through successful transactions, Susie has established herself as a trusted expert in the local market.

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?? We've got a stapler! **I built a list of supplies** I need and [have turned it into an Amazon wishlist](#). Thank you to Leah, who bought the first item off the list, this sick stapler. As soon as I get some staples I'm going to staple so many things.

If you'd like to buy an item, please make sure to select our P.O. box to ship the item to, or you'll get it delivered to your house.



**As a reminder, News in the Grove is in prelaunch.** We don't have staff or stable funding yet, which means our publishing schedule is irregular and limited, but will grow as our capacity builds.

## **On to the news.**

### **◆◆ Ron Wyden is hosting a town hall for Washington County residents Feb. 15**

It's in Hillsboro, not Forest Grove, but that might be as close to town as he gets this year as part of his 1,100+ strong series of town halls throughout Oregon.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Oregon Senator Ron Wyden to host town hall for Washington Co. residents

Oregon Senator Ron Wyden will host a Washington County town hall Saturday, February 15 at 12 p.m. in Hillsboro.



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### **◆◆ Forest Grove Police are investigating two fires at the Circle Inn Tavern.**

This isn't a full story yet, but here's what I know: On Sunday, Forest Grove Fire & Rescue was dispatched to reports of a fire at the Circle Inn Tavern (near the BottleDrop for those unfamiliar with Forest Grove's dives). On Thursday, fire crews were again dispatched to the location. "It is unknown at this time if the incidents are related," a spokesperson for the Forest Grove Police Department said in an email to News in the Grove. "The investigation has been assigned to a detective and is ongoing." We'll have more on that later.

❖❖ **Bingo with the mayor.** You go to the bar (Vex). There's a bingo event. The caller is the mayor of Forest Grove - *a local celebrity*.

That's right, Vex is hosting another installment of their celebrity bingo series. Last time, it was FGPD Chief Henry Reimann. This time, it's Forest Grove Mayor Malynda Wenzl, who is donating half of the evening's pot to efforts to establish a veterans park. The rest is disbursed to the winners.

**If you go:**

What: Celebrity Bingo hosted by Forest Grove Mayor Malynda Wenzl

Date: Tuesday, February 11

Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Location: Vex, 1937 Pacific Ave.

❖❖ **Charlotte's Web begins tonight at Theatre in the Grove.**

Find [ticket info and times here](#). The show runs through Feb. 16.

Did you know Theatre in the Grove is in a historic theater building formerly known as the Star Theater?

Exactly a century ago, Forest Grove residents want to see this silent film, which is now lost to history. Speaking of history, read our weekly history column below.



How Big is "So Big?"-- The Biggest Thing in Life!

# Colleen Moore

IN 'So Big'

## The Story of a Girl with an Unconquerable Soul!

Life to her was just one grand adventure in which anything could happen.  
Fate reared her in luxury, only to try to make her a drudge.  
Hers was a gay, adventurous spirit, that was never to die, though it often led her into trackless wastes.  
But always that dauntless spirit triumphed over fate.  
Even in dreary commonplaces she found joy and beauty.  
Life has no weapons against a woman like this.

EDNA FERBER'S GREATEST NOVEL  
NOW LIVES ON THE SCREEN!

"How big is my baby--my man? So-o-o Big!"

"Always beauty, beauty -- take shame on you!"

FIRST NATIONAL PICTURES

A First National Picture

Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7

# STAR THEATER

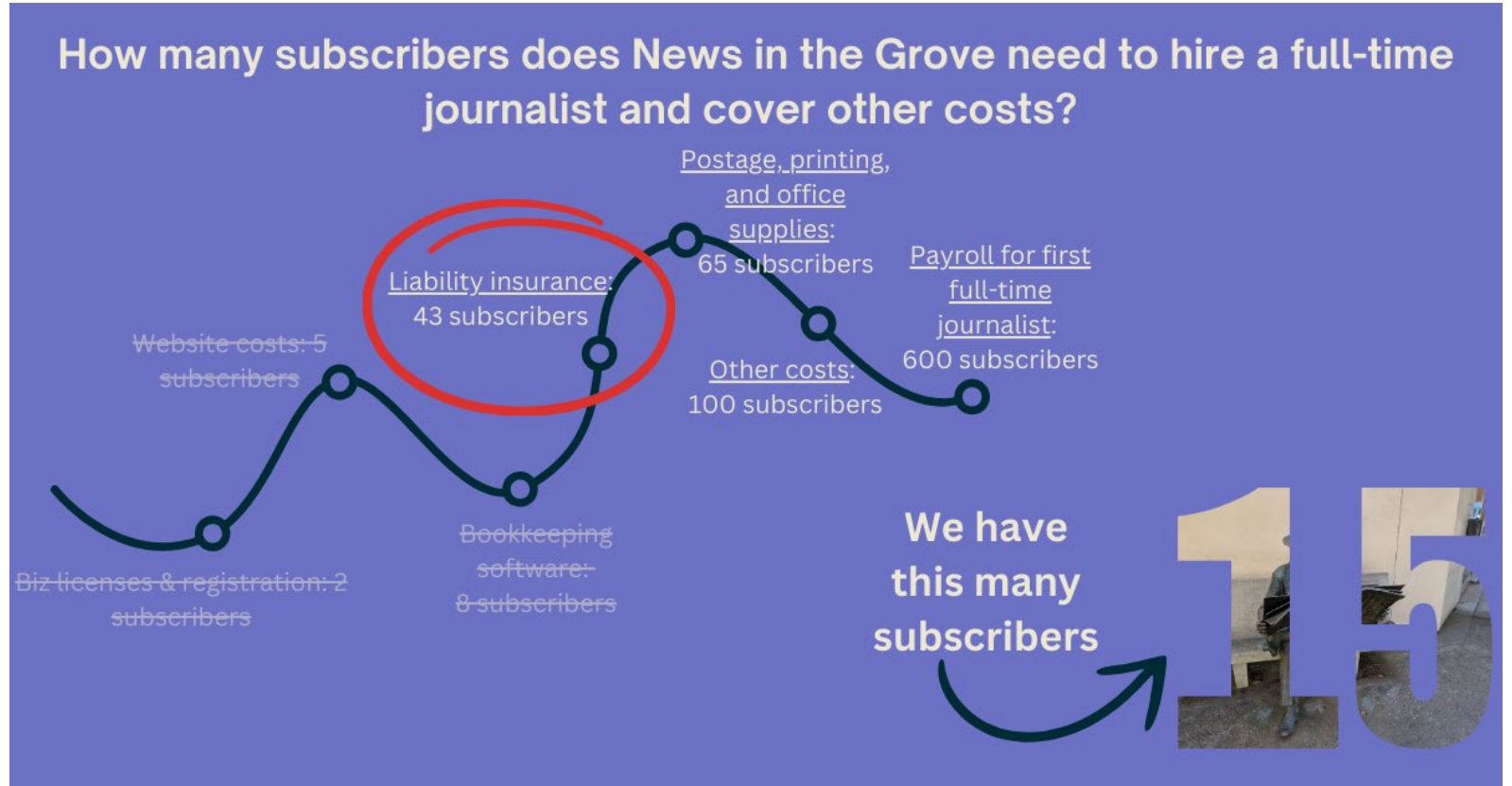
History in the Grove: February 5, 1925

Forest Grove armory bill moves forward, a film lost to history plays at the Star Theater and more in the news of a century ago.



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## That's all for now, folks!

See you around. Please check out our [new funding page](#), and feel free to visit me from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in our new office, located inside Gann Bros Printing next to Theatre in the Grove!

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### A 'Ruck' will bring marchers, soldiers through Forest Grove Saturday

A Saturday, May 3 event starting at the Forest Grove National Guard Armory will bring "ruckers" through Forest Grove to raise funds and food donations.

By Chas Hundley — 02 May 2025

### News in the Grove Weekly Newsletter | April 18, 2025

Red Rooster turns one, Forest Grove runners excel at half marathon, so many events and more!

By Chas Hundley — 18 Apr 2025

### From the newsroom: I'm leaving for two weeks

I'm going out of town, so nobody do anything newsworthy until May, please.

By Chas Hundley — 18 Apr 2025

### Red Rooster Saloon to host '80s party for first anniversary

The Red Rooster Saloon is turning one, and to celebrate, the saloon at the corner of Main Street and Pacific Avenue is throwing an

'80s anniversary party Saturday, May 3.

By Chas Hundley — 18 Apr 2025

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