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As of today, we have 108 free email newsletter subscribers and 17 paid email subscribers. If you've been on the fence about a subscription, [consider one today!](#) Our next subscriber goal allows us to get liability insurance, which unlocks all sorts of interesting news coverage we can tackle.

In this edition: A protest scheduled at the flagpole, a home built around 1873 is for sale, it snowed and we wrote about it a lot, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici to host town hall and more.

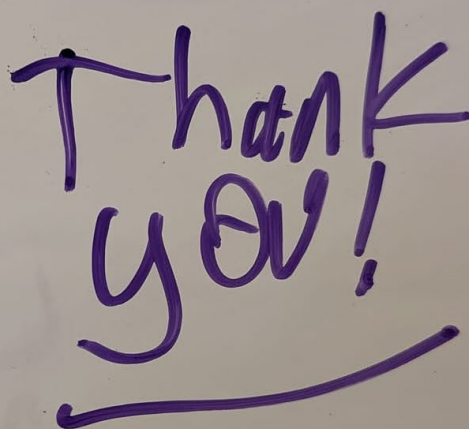
Good afternoon, Forest Grove! And happy Valentine's Day. I love you. This is our fifth email newsletter. You may have noticed it snowed. A lot of things closed, and we wrote about it in a liveblog and several stories. I'm not going to spend too much time on those, since those are most useful "in the moment" but you're welcome to [scroll through 'em on our website](#).

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❖❖ We've got whiteboard markers and post-it notes! Thank you Sharee! **I built a list of supplies** I need and [have turned it into an Amazon wishlist](#), and our readers have sent me some much-needed office supplies.

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.

A photograph of a white surface with the words "Thank you!" and a smiley face drawn in purple marker. The text is written in a casual, cursive style. The smiley face is a simple arc above the exclamation mark.

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.

💎💎 **There's a protest scheduled for Saturday at the flagpole over actions taken by the Trump administration.**

A [Facebook event](#) for a Saturday, February 15 protest from 3 to 4:30 p.m. created by Forest Grove City Councilor Donna Gustafson has attracted 50 participants who marked themselves as going or interested.

The protest will be held at the giant flagpole east of Safeway between Pacific Ave. and 19th Way.

"Stand up for democracy and fight the autocratic takeover of our country," the event's description read, noting the protest was intended as peaceful.

"We'll be protesting the attempted coup, the illegal access to the treasury department, the attempt at abolishing [DEI] and I'm sure a slew of other things," Gustafson said in an email to News in the Grove.

Gustafson clarified that while she organized the protest as a city councilor, it was not an official city council event.

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❖❖ **High school activities for Friday evening are back on a voluntary basis.**

"High school activities and practices for Friday, February 14th may take place after 5:30 pm," the Forest Grove School District said. "Participation is optional and based on coaches’ and teachers’ individual communications to families. Please do not travel to the high school without communication from your student’s coach or teacher. Students who are unable or choose not to participate will not be penalized."

"All activities, practices, and competitions for students/youth in grades K-8 are cancelled."

❖❖ **Susanne Bonamici is hosting a town hall for Washington County residents Feb. 17**

“Speaking with people in NW Oregon about issues that affect their lives is an important part of my work,” Bonamici said. “I invite everyone to attend one of these town hall meetings to hear about the challenges and opportunities in this session of Congress." The event is in Hillsboro.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Representative Suzanne Bonamici to host Washington County town hall Feb. 17
Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici will host a Washington County Town Hall Monday, February 17 at 6 p.m. at the Century High School Gym in Hillsboro.



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Also, a rerun from last week: Senator Ron Wyden is *also* holding a Washington County town hall, and that's tomorrow.

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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This old house

Is actually super historic and very cool in my opinion. I don't have \$610,000, which is why it is still for sale. [Read all about the Benjamin Cornelius House](#) (Note: yes, that Cornelius, but it's in Forest Grove) here. And [check out a little Reel I made to promote the story.](#)

One of the most historic homes in Forest Grove is for sale
Built around 1873 for Benjamin Cornelius Jr., who was later killed in a gunfight, a venerable Forest Grove home is for sale for \$610,000.



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More stories we published this week

Prohibition, Poetry and Pacific University: Forest Grove on February 12, 1925

1925: Moonshiners roamed the hills outside Forest Grove. The city pondered building a National Guard armory. Now-lost silent films played at the Star Theater. Step into Forest Grove history from the lens of newspaper archives of the day.



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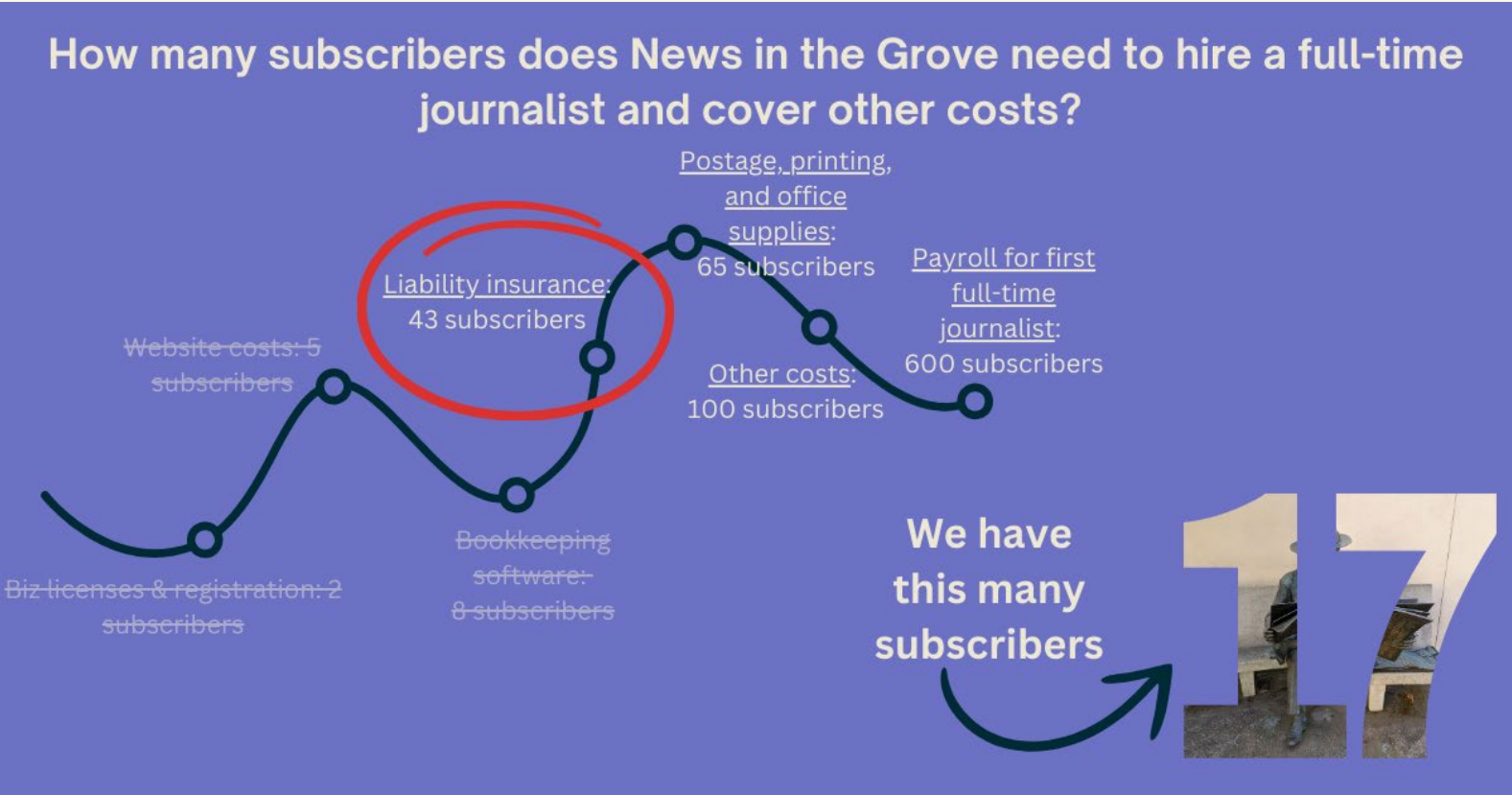
Teaching assistant who worked at Neil Armstrong Middle School arrested on sexual abuse charges

A teaching assistant who worked at Neil Armstrong Middle School was arrested near the U.S.-Mexico border and extradited to Oregon, where he faces several sexual abuse charges.



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That's all for now, folks!

See you around. Thank you to everyone who sent me snow photos this week!

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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.

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

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From the newsroom: I'm leaving for two weeks

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

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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.

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