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A Teen Zone takes shape at the library, six sports stories, how Light & Power tackled the windstorm and more!

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Chas Hundley

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As of today, we have 114 free email newsletter subscribers and 18 paid email subscribers. If you've been on the fence about a subscription, [consider one today!](#) Our next subscriber goal (43) allows us to get liability insurance, which unlocks all sorts of interesting news coverage we can tackle.

Good evening, Forest Grove! This is our seventh email newsletter. I spent a lot of time writing about the windstorm that blew through Forest Grove and the rest of the region this week. I also have a story that's [relevant to the youth of Forest Grove](#), our [popular history column](#), and our [first sports roundup of six](#) (6!!) stories written by student journalists right here in Forest Grove. Read on for all the details!

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[Check out this event](#) coming up on March 6, which will also feature News in the Grove!

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8 AM - 9 AM

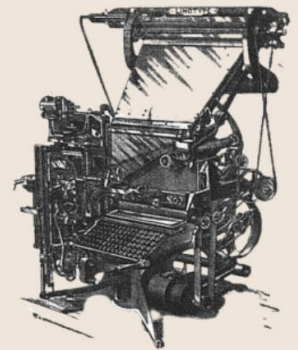
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I built a list of supplies I need and [have turned it into an Amazon wishlist](#), and our readers have sent me some much-needed office supplies.

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.

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.

[Windstorm knocks down trees, damages Forest Grove homes, businesses](#)



A windstorm tore through Forest Grove starting Monday afternoon, taking out trees, damaging at least one apartment building, knocking out power for homes and much of downtown and damaging at least one business Monday. I was out in the field, snapping photos, talking to Light & Power workers, and even interviewed someone who had narrowly escaped being crushed by a tree.

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Fern Hill Road flooded, closed, and opened all in the time between this and last newsletter. Here are those stories, but right now, it's open!

Fern Hill Road is closed due to flooding

The gates at Fern Hill Road are up, blocking access to a popular route for Forest Grove commuters trying to get to the east side of the county.

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Fern Hill Road reopens after floodwaters recede
Fern Hill Road has reopened following a flood-related closure, according to Washington County Land Use and Transportation.

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[Ribbon cutting to mark opening of Teen Zone at Forest Grove City Library](#)

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[Read a rundown of how Forest Grove's unique Light & Power tackled the windstorm, and helped another city, too.](#)

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I announced that [News in the Grove is partnering with the Pacific Index](#) to share their sports stories on Monday. Since then, we've [published six stories](#) as part of a single round-up here.

Pacific University Sports Roundup, February 28, 2025: Rowing, track and field, softball and more!
We've got six stories about the student athletes at Pacific University, brought to you by the student journalists at the Pacific Index!



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More stories we published this week

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That's all for now, folks!

Next week: Barring unforeseen windstorms, I'll be working on an expanded events listing in this newsletter! - Chas Hundley, Founder, News 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

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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.

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