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Happy Spring! Whether you are having rain, snow, sunshine or whatever weather at this time it is making many Oregonians ready to get outside. Some wanting to get things growing in their gardens, some hoping that the snow will stay around for a few more days of skiing or being in the snow. Many just hoping that it will warm up and be nice at the beach.

In FCE Yamhill County has held our Spring Festival. We had 32 attending from Yamhill, Lane, Washington and Klamath Counties. Our guest speakers were from Safe Families, covering Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties. We learned that there is something that we can do no matter how old we are. If you are able, they are always in need of people to help with child care, even if it is for a few hours while the parent attends to other appointments. Maybe providing a ride, how about being a listening ear on the phone to offer support and friendship.

We also had a short skit on "Great American Women, You've Never Heard of, Part 2". Sally Wyffels, our BaBa WaWa, interviewed three of these women: Elizabeth (Lizzie) Johnson Williams, "The Cattle Queen of Texas", played by Lynda Nyseth; Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper, "Computer Programming Pioneer, Scientist, Mathematician and Retired Rear Admiral", played by Sharyl Michael and Lisa Simone, "Singer, Songwriter and Actor", played by Anne Engen.

We played Safe Families Bingo, had a used book sale, door prizes and a catered lunch.

Yamhill County will be sponsoring the annual ACWW Women Walk the World on April 30th. We will be walking at Discovery Park in McMinnville. The actual day is April 29th for the walk so if you

cannot attend our walk do a walk of your own. We have a challenge from Southwest FCE.

"Join Women Walk the World"

Make a donation based on how much you walk. Make it worth your effort.

You can walk up and down in your home, on your sidewalk, driveway, weather permitting go outside into a park or nature trail. Make it fun and have others join and have breakfast or lunch or snacks together. You can also have a different activity than walking. How about a knit-a-thon? Quilting party? Do an activity that reflects what ACWW and FCE want to accomplish—food security and ending violence against women and girls.

Take pictures/video and share with both National FCE President July Fullmer and ACWW Headquarters. FCE would like one picture per group to put in the fce TODAY.

SWFCE is going to have a world map picture and walk around it—it will be hot in west TX and in southern AZ, so air conditioning is essential. We can walk, talk, and take pictures. We'll pool our money that we've pledged and give it to ACWW for their use.

We are trying to cut down our mailing list as to who is really interested in what FCE is doing, so if you know of someone that gets this letter who are deceased, moved, changed address or no longer want the newsletter, please let me know.

Send the changes to **Lynda Nyseth, 21461 S. Hwy 99W, Amity, OR 97101-2239** or e-mail LYNDATrose@aol.com

Sincerely,

Lynda Nyseth, Editor





From the Desk of the District III Lynda Nyseth

Take advantage of these invitations: from Washington County to a Spring Tea, Monday, May 5 at Tualatin Heritage Center and Lane County to their FCE Picnic at Elijah Bristow State Park in Dexter, July 16th. Both forms are in this newsletter and on our web site oregon-fce.org. If you can attend these events, they are always fun times of learning and meeting and making friends. **Since we are saving printing cost you need to write the invitation information: Name and address and any other information they request on a piece of paper and mail it along with your check to the address they give.** I hope that many of you will attend the events that are close to you.

In District III we have 33 members, in Lane, Marion and Yamhill Counties. Lessons given: “Your Marvelous Busy Liver”; “Keep Our Planet Green”; “Historical Women of Oregon”; “Electric Cars”; “Great American Women Part 2”; Positive Thinking for Better Living”; “Hearth Fire Series Developing an Immune System for the Soul”; “Egg Substitutes” and “What Does Food Security Look Like”.

We had a total reported of 227 volunteer hours for FCE and 508.5 other hours. These included preparing and teaching lessons, writing minutes and keeping records of funds. Working on newsletters, sending reminders of our next meetings and upcoming events. Volunteering in our communities also is a large part of our hours, they include knitting, crocheting and quilting items to be given away. Helping at our local hospital, church, helping neighbors, with chores and rides to appointments or shopping.

District I Washington County report Karen Walker

In District I we have two study groups, Groner and Tualatin. Groner didn’t report their current number of members. Tualatin has 10 members. Groner has presented one lesson this year “Your Marvelous Busy Liver”. Their volunteer hours are for FCE 209 hours and other 250 hours. Tualatin study group presented four lessons from October of 2024 through February 2025: “Keep Our Planet Green”; “Historical Women of Oregon”; “Electric Cars” and “Great American Women Part 2”. Volunteer hours 182 for FCE and 1698.5 for other hours.

District V Klamath/Jackson County Bonnie Teeples

Several years ago, Klamath and Jackson counties combined into one county council. We have 3 active Study Groups: Talent/Phoenix; Contemporaries and Prospect.

We have presented lessons on: Electric Cars; Your Marvelous Busy Liver; Beans, the Magical Medicinal Food; Positive Thinking for Better Living; Food Security-What can I do; Cooking for One or Two and an Air fryer Demo; What is the American Red Cross; Skillet Queen; Historical Handkerchiefs; Healing Power of Food/M meal in a bowl and Healthy Bladder.

They reported 1348 volunteer hours.



REMINDER

If you have an article, book or movie review for the MPY Tri-Line News send it to Lynda Nyseth, Editor MPY Tri-Line News, 21461 South Hwy 99W, Amity, OR 97101-2239. Our next deadline is August 1, 2025. If you want to send a donation, **make check payable to MPY Tri-Line News** and send them to me.

If you have a recipe, send it to Debbie Puckett, 23130 Zieber Lane NW, Salem, OR 97304. Thank you.



**Oregon FCE Conference 2025
Springfield, Oregon
Oct. 5-8, 2025**

“Power of the Past...Beacon to the Future”

Five lessons offered:

1. The Red Cross
2. Prostate Cancer, the Other Silent Killer
3. Spilling the Beans on Beans
4. Forgotten Towns in Oregon
5. Great American Women, Part 3

In place of a craft this year we are making Comfort Bears and Fleece Blankets. This will be our community project. It will be a time of bonding with FCE members, getting to know them, what they do in their units – as well as other activities they do with family and their FCE group.

In place of the live auction, we are raffling a stain glass hanging and a diamond dot picture. These tickets will be \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Money goes to the Margaret Seibold Scholarship Fund.

Salesroom will again be the same as last year, buy tickets and put them in the jars for the items you want to bid on and hope your ticket is drawn. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 20 tickets for \$10.00 or 40 tickets for \$20.00 We will also have door prizes. Games every night for those that like to play and visit.

We are again at Hilton Garden Inns hotel in Springfield.

As always if you need assistance with finances there are scholarships available, ask your District Director, check on the web site www.oregon-fce.org or contact Scott at sfteeples@outlook.com



Who ya gonna call?

Here's an extraordinary phone that can dial up any person from the past or present? We've listed some numbers that can be converted to one of three letters on the telephone keypad and just to make it interesting we've given you a clue as to who you are calling.

1	ABC 2	DEF 3
GHI 4	JKL 5	MNO 6
PRS 7	TUV 8	WXY 9

- A. 59632....For District III Director
 - B. 87867.....Current U S President
 - C. 77746434353....City for 2025 FCE Conference
 - D. 445866....Hotel to hold conference
 - E. 266643....FCE State Treasurer
 - F. 332243.....For MPY recipes
 - G. 9264455....County in District III
 - H 72688 ...For Oregon State FCE President.
 - I 27745....Month to hold ACWW walk
 - J. 9274464866...County holding Spring Tea
 - K. 5263 ...For County holding picnic in Dexter
- Answers on page 5

Taxes

A man who made his tax returns promptly and properly only found that he owed the IRS, in 1997, \$3,407. He packaged up his payment and included this letter:

Dear IRS,

Enclosed is my 1997 tax return and payment. Please take note of the attached article from the USA Today newspaper. In the article, you will see that the Pentagon is paying \$171.50 for hammers and NASA has paid \$600.00 for a toilet seat.

Please find enclosed four toilet seats (value \$2,400) and six hammers (value \$1,029).

This brings my total payment to \$3,429.00. Please note the overpayment of \$22.00 and apply it to the 'Presidential Election Fund', as noted on my return.

It has been a pleasure to pay my tax bill this year and I look forward to paying it again next year
Sincerely, Disgruntled of Oklahoma.

In Loving Memory

Mary Alene Showers

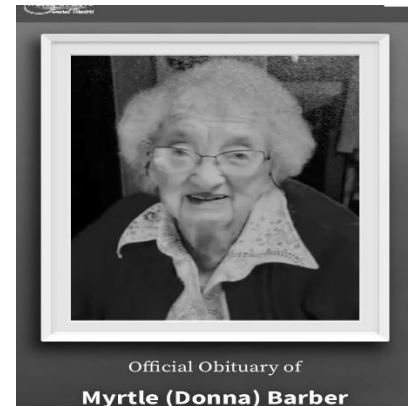
- **February 1937 – August 2024**
- **Long time member of FCE**
- **School teacher**
- **Wrote lessons for FCE**
- **Served on the Oregon FCE State Board for many years**

From a granddaughters Facebook page:
We laid you to rest today Grandma Alene Showers. I will forever be at a loss for words. It's only been a week since you've been gone, and my life is already not the same. Everything is too quiet without your presence now. You left some very large shoes to fill, and took a piece of my heart with you... You may have loved me since I was born, but I've loved you my whole life, and I'm not sure how to say goodbye... I guess for now, I will just say "see you later" ... I love you so much Grandma, Rest in Peace



earned went toward the purchase of her own sewing machine. Her husband Eldon, worked for the Oregon State Forestry and she took care of the books and radio at some of the places he served.

Annita worked at the Grande Rhonde library, a Sunday School and Bible School teacher and 4-H leader in the Home Economic Projects. For over 60 years she was a member of the Home Extension Society (FCE) between Grande Rhonde and Monmouth. She was a member of the Women's Temperance League and a member of the Yamhill Golden Rule Club.



Myrtle (Donna) Barber

- **August 31, 1926 – December 29, 2024**
- **Member of former Willamina/Grande Rhonde Study group**

Myrtle was born in Ballston, Oregon. She worked in a Dime Store in Tillamook, where she met her husband Ray.

She was involved in her children's activities as well as civic and community work. She wrote for four newspapers (Willamina Times, Sheridan Sun, News Register in McMinnville and the Salem Capital Journal). She worked with Home Extension (FCE) for many years. From age 19 until she was 90 she was caretaker of the Willamina Cemetery Records. She and Ray took care of the cemetery grounds, mowing and putting out the Veterans' Flags on Veterans Day.

We will miss these ladies and we thank them for their many years volunteering with FCE.

Annita Lou Gibson Yates

- **July 27, 1936 -August 6, 2024**
- **Homemakers Unlimited Study Group**



Annita was a 4-H member in her youth, doing canning and sewing. After graduation she worked at Newberry's in Salem, she also worked as the first female flagger in Oregon. She would often help her dad when he was on a road crew. The money she



District I Annual Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2025

Program begins at 11:30 am

Lunch will be served

Where: Tualatin Heritage Center

8700 SW Sweek Drive, Tualatin, OR 97062

Please bring your coins to play Tea Bingo, to support special funds.

Optional: Bring your favorite tea cup to use.

Directions:

- **From I-5** (N or S bound), take Exit 289 and turn west on Nyberg St.
- Stay straight- Road becomes the Tualatin-Sherwood Rd.
- At traffic light, turn right on Boones Ferry Rd.
- At 2nd traffic light, road becomes Tualatin Rd. Stay straight, stay left at the curve, go over the RR tracks.
- At the traffic light turn left. Tualatin Heritage Center will be on the right.
- Tualatin Police Dept is on the left. Go straight to large parking lot on left, behind Police Dept.

- **From 99W**, turn southeast on 124th Ave.
- At 3rd traffic light, turn left on to Herman Rd.
- At 4th traffic light, road becomes Tualatin Rd. Continue straight, stay right at the curve over the RR tracks.
- At the traffic light go straight. Tualatin Heritage Center will be on the right.
- Tualatin Police Dept is on left. Go straight to the large parking lot on the left, behind Police Dept.

For more information contact: Myrna Loucks
503-349-4329 or Karen Walker 503-964-4923

Registration deadline: April 25th, 2025.

Send your Name, Address, Study Group, phone number and check for \$15.00 to Myrna Loucks, 7150 NE Stonewater St., Hillsboro, OR 97124

Make Check payable to **FCE WA County Advisory Council**

PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

What: FCE Picnic

Where: Elijah Bristow State Park

38259 Wheeler Road

Dexter, Oregon

Big Leaf Maple Picnic Area

When: July 16th 10 am - 2 pm

- All State FCE members are welcome. Bring a friend along to join in the fun.
- Please bring a lawn chair and special drinks if desired. Also please bring a dessert or salad to share.
- Chicken will be provided and drinking water and an iced tea/lemonade mixture.
- Each FCE group that attends is asked to bring a basket (or) plant worth \$25. to raffle off to help cover expenses.
- We will also have a 50/50 raffle
- Small plants for a donation.

Registration fee is \$10. Deadline for registrations is June 25th.

Please make checks payable to **Elsie Gabrisch**.
Send registration and check to Elsie Gabrisch, 2536 Debra Drive, Springfield, Oregon 97477

Name: _____

Address: _____

Answers to Who ya gonna call (from page 3)

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| A. Lynda | H. Scott |
| B. Trump | I. April |
| C. Springfield | J. Washington |
| D. Hilton | K. Lane |
| E. Bonnie | |
| F. Debbie | |
| G. Yamhill | |

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Mother's Day

Mother's Day is an annual holiday celebrated in the United States on the second Sunday in May. We recognize mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general, as well as their positive contributions to their families and society.

In 1868 Ann Jarvis organized a committee to establish a "Mother's Friendship Day", the purpose of which was "to reunite families that had been divided during the Civil War." She had previously organized Mother's Day Work Clubs to improve sanitation and health for both Union and Confederate encampments undergoing typhoid outbreak, wanting to expand these into an annual

memorial for mothers, but she died in 1905 before the annual celebration was established. Her daughter, Anna Jarvis, would continue her mother's efforts.

The first "official" service of worship was on May 10, 1908, in Philadelphia. The next year the day was reported to be widely celebrated in New York.

On May 10, 1913, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution calling on all federal government officials (from the president down) to wear a white carnation the following day in observance of Mother's Day. On May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and requesting a proclamation. The next day, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring the first national Mother's Day as a day for American Citizens to show the flag in honor of those mothers whose sons had died in war.

Father's Day

Father's Day is an annual holiday honoring people's fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society. It was first proposed by Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, in 1909. It is currently celebrated in the United States annually on the third Sunday in June.

Father's Day was inaugurated in the United States in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day.

Sonora Smart Dodd's father, was the inspiration for her wanting to have Father's Day. Her father was the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, a single parent who raised his six children. After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis' Mother's Day at church in 1909, Sonora told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors of the Spokane Ministerial Alliance did not have enough time to prepare their sermons and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law on April 24, 1972.



History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Memorial Day Traditions and Rituals:
Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.

Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem. On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because Memorial Day weekend—the long weekend comprising the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day and Memorial Day itself—unofficially marks the beginning of summer.

Did you know?

Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.



2025 Oregon FCE Annual Conference

“Power of the Past...Beacon to the Future”

**October 5-8, 2025
Hilton Garden Inn
Springfield, Oregon**

- Sunday, 5th , Early Registrations, Board Meeting
- Monday, 6th , Registration, Service project, Workshops, Dinner, Evening program
- Tuesday, 7th , Annual Business Meeting, Program, Workshops, Banquet, Evening Program
- Wednesday, 8th , Memorial Session, Workshop, Conference Wrap-Up

Service Project this year is putting together Comfort Bears and Fleece Blankets.

Margaret Seibold Scholarship fund raiser: a Diamond Dot Picture and a Stained-Glass Hanging. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Country Store: Tickets are \$1 each or 20 for \$10 or 40 for \$20. Buy tickets and place tickets in jar by item you are hoping to win.

Door Prizes drawing at Monday dinner, Tuesday lunch and Tuesday dinner.

Come for learning, fellowship with other FCE members, good food and games.

Hope to see you in Springfield, Oregon, October 5-8.

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FCE CALENDER

April 2025

- 30 ACWW Walk, 10 am
Discovery Park
McMinnville, OR

May

- 5 Washington County Tea
7 Zoom lesson, Iceland
9 Yamhill Co. Council
11 Mother's Day

June

- 4 Zoom lesson
15 Father's Day

July

- 2 Zoom Lesson
4 Independence Day
16 FCE Picnic, Dexter
21-24 2025 ACWW-USA/National FCE
Conference, Erlanger, KY

August

- 1 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
6 Zoom Lesson
15 Mail Newsletters

September

- 1 Labor Day
3 Zoom Lesson

October

- 6-8 Oregon FCE State Conference
Springfield, OR

Oregon Association for Family & Community Education