

City of Oregon 250 America Ad hoc
City Hall Conference Room
Thursday April 2nd, 2026, 5:00 P.M.
Join Zoom Meeting If Needed

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Public Comment

1. Introductions for any New Members
2. Discussion Items:
 - a. Oregon Historical Society Time Capsule
 - b. City of Oregon Banners
 - c. Others
 - d. Day Sponsors
 - e. Budget / Costs
3. Discuss Flag Day Events June 2026
 - a. Friday 12th - Conover
 - b. Saturday 13th - Depot
 - c. Sunday 14th - CMAAA and Most Patriotic Decorations
4. Other Business

<https://www.il250.org/events>

March 19th, 2026, 250th America Committee Minutes

In attendance: John Dickson, Dave Head, Mike Glenn, John Lindhorst, Jeff Hallock, John Dickson, Liz Hiemstra, Darin DeHaan, Jeff Hendricks, Karly Spell, Jessica Cash

Absent: Matthew Lenox, Roger Cain, Lee Haddick, Mark Herman

Chairman Dickson called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

Introductions: Karly Spell and Jeff Hendricks

The Historical Society time capsule - tentative: Committee has discuss having their ice cream social in August and install the time capsule then nothing confirmed.

Jeff Hendricks - Hands On Oregon student essay contest. Jen Speaks the Jr/Sr High principal is working to get the essay finished by the 27th of March. Awards given out on 5/13 and 5/22 at the Blackhawk Center. Jeff told her about the Depot presentation they just need time.

Chairman Dickson shared his research on food trucks for the events they need to hit their minimum sales amounts.

Committee discussed changing to a three-day event instead of four.

- **Friday** – Conover - 6p-8p – Essays, music from the school (Jeff H. is working on this). Possibly have a branded ball race as a fundraiser event. Tug across the rock? CMAAA also has their art award reception that night.
- **Saturday** – 10a-6p (TBD) - Depot – Dave Head – Depot - Mentioned putting bunting on the Silverview and banners. They plan to have Silverview ready for this event. Discussed the time frame for the Saturday event. Possible: Presentations, Silverview, Food Trucks, Music, picnic tables (Chris Vallillo or a bluegrass band were mentioned by John L.)
- **Sunday** – 1p-4p Flags, Most Patriotic - CMAAA – including most decorated and most patriotic winners that day. 1p-4p

Darin reported banners are ordered and will go at each welcome sign instead of on the bridge. Reported that AOP does not have 250 plans but suggested the committee could put a float in the parade in celebration. Chana School Museum has a huge US flag. He connected them with the school, maybe it could be stretched across the football field for a home game by students. I still need to check with Cork N Tap ref a trivia night.

Jeff Hallock shared some 250 swag that he purchased including a hat and banner from Amazon and a shirt from Dixon County Market. Conover. Mike Glenn shared that CMAAA has purchased some 250 banners to display on the building and on each side of the stage. John Lindhorst has purchased some flags and banners for the Music Garage.

Other discussions included a hot dog eating contest, watermelon seed spitting contest, drone show, bronze pouring and art tour, encourage local businesses to put on their own events.

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Motion to adjourn Jeff H. Seconded by Karly S. meeting Adjourned 5:52 p.m.

250th Celebration 3 Day Weekend

FRIDAY JUNE 12th Franklin Street

	5pm	6pm	7pm						
Welcome Speech	→								
Paul Revere									
Essay Readers	→								
HS Band		→							
Sing Along 4 Patriotic Songs			→						
HS Chorale									
Ball Race (fundriser)				→					
Food Vendors	→	→	→	→					
Sweets Vendor									

SATURDAY JUNE 13th Train Depot

	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm
Welcome Speech	→								
Essay Readers	→								
Sound of Music			→						
TBD Music			→	→					
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Silverview Tour	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→
Food Vendors	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→
Booze	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→
Pie Eating Contest			→						
Booze	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→
Hot Dog Contest				→					
Booze	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→
Trivia							→	→	→

SUNDAY JUNE 13th Coliseum

	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm				
Welcome Speech	→								
Declaration Read		→							
Kids Letter to Future			→						
Decoration Winners				→					
250 Flags Walk Tour	→	→	→	→	→				
John Phelps	→	→	→	→					
Mark Twain									
Frederick Douglas									
Abe Lincoln									
Food Vendors	→	→	→	→	→				