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“Only if we understand will we care; Only if we care will we help;
Only if we help shall all be saved!” Jane Goodall



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What's New: Friends of the Marcola Schools Media Center, Fall 2020

Public hours? Programs? Book and Vinyl Sales?

When will we be able to restart these community services? We wish we knew. We're looking forward to that time. Stay tuned.

Voter Registration Deadline

October 13, 2020, is the last day to register to vote, or update your registration, before the November General Election. Paper registration forms may be available at local commercial establishments in the Valley. Or, for online voter registration, see the Lane County Clerk's Elections web site <https://www.lanecounty.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=4081147> or call them at 541-682-4234 for more information.

Summer Reading Bingo. Still time to enter! Prizes galore for ALL AGES!

Dust off your summer reading list, grab a copy of our Bingo card (on our FaceBook page or in this Messenger on page 3), and see how close you are to BINGO. Figure out what you need to read to complete your card and drop it off at a Marcola Schools office by September 15th.

The prizes are fabulous,
thanks to our generous sponsors:

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*Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District:

*Lunch with the Firefighters! Includes being picked up in a Fire Truck!

*Marcola Auto Repair: \$40 towards a car service

*Riverview Market and Deli: \$25 certificate (2 available)

*Wannaspoon!: \$25 certificate

*Marcola Community Market: a Pizza certificate

*Paschelke Massage: Twenty-inch Heat Pack (4 available)

*Mohawk Valley Meats: A pack of Jerky (4 available)

Free Monthly Books for Newborns through Age Four

For the youngest residents of the Mohawk Valley: A FREE book mailed monthly to ALL Marcola area children, newborns through age four! Thanks to a recent partnership with United Way of Lane County, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now providing this free service to Marcola and other rural areas of the Mohawk Valley and Lane County. Register online or by mail for this terrific service: www.lanekids.org/imagination-library or call United Way of Lane County at 541-741-6000.

Contact the Friends

See our Facebook page: facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacycenter/

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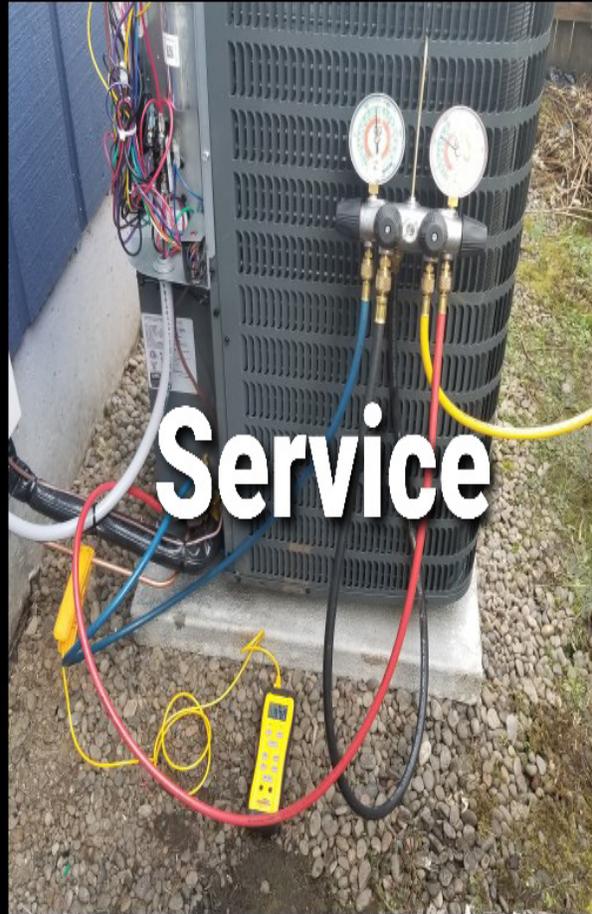




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Meetings (Alphabetical) in the Community

- **Boy Scout Troop 51**

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- **Marcola Christian Church**

8:15am & 10:45am Sunday Worship Services
9:30am Sunday School
7pm Thursdays Youth Group Meetings (Grades 6-12) -
Contact Brenda 541-933-3040

- **Marcola School District 19 Board Meetings:** 2nd Monday of every month in High School library at 6PM

- **Marcola Water District Meeting**

6:00PM @ the Marcola Fire Station
3rd Wednesday of every month

Contact: Jill Lindsay
Rainbow & Marcola Water Districts
541-746-1676
jill@rwdonline.net

- **Mohawk Community Church**

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship 10:45 AM

- **Mohawk Valley Community Grange**

Regular meetings on the 3rd Sunday of every month. 6PM
More information, check website or call Linda Mooney 541-933-2511

- **Mohawk High School Booster Club:** 1st Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Commons. Check the reader board at the fire station for specific dates and times. Members needed!

- **Mohawk Valley Lions Club Meetings**

Business Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7PM at the Mohawk Valley Lions Club Hall.

Social/Dinner Meeting 4th Tuesday of the month, dinner at 6:30 PM, program/speaker/games/ fellowship at 7:00. Contact Bob Leeper @ 541-515-6907.

Eugene Mission Items collected at every meeting, contact Kathy Downing at 541.933.2553

Everyone is welcome, let us know if you are coming for dinner, we like to serve full plates.

- **Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District -**

2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM at Fire Station #1

- **Open Art Evening CURRENTLY NOT HAPPENING**

6:00-9:00PM Wednesdays

Work on your own projects in miscellaneous media FREE

Tables and chairs available. Model at cost for those wishing to draw or do sculpture.

Facilitator/contact Erica Shetzline 541-933-2568

- **Tai Chi Classes at the Grange CURRENTLY NOT HAPPENING**

9:30 - Thursday mornings for Beginners

10:15 - Everyone .

Contact Julia Mooney 541-915-9392

- **Valley Yoga Classes at the Grange CURRENTLY NOT HAPPENING**

Monday 11:00 to 12:00pm. with Jean Nelson.

Thursday 11:00 am to 12:00 with Sadie Lovino

First class per week is \$10.

Second class in the same week is \$5.

Your first class is free--so give it a try!

Located at the Mohawk Valley Community Grange

Contact Julia at 541-915-9392 for information!

Editor's note: Organizations - please check these times and let me know if there are changes.

lindamooney39361@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW THESE THINGS HAD NAMES?

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet.
4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
5. The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
6. The prongs on a fork are called tines.
7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
9. The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
10. Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
11. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
12. The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called vocables.
13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!), it is referred to as an interrobang.
14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
15. The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armscye.
16. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of the bed in the morning is called dysania.
17. Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage.
18. The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called tittle.
19. That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
20. The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called Bannock device.



FRIENDS OF THE MARCOLA SCHOOLS MEDIA CENTER

Summer 2020 Reading Bingo Prizes for All Ages

Read a book, Listen to an audio-book, Read an e-book...

Return your completed Bingo card for a chance in our FABULOUS prize drawing. (Other side for details.)

B	I	N	G	O
Oregon History	About Love	Graphic Novel	Solar or Wind Energy	Mystery
Includes Family Traditions	Watch a Movie Based on a Book	Ancient History	Involves a Musical Instrument	Science Fiction
Water: (waterfalls, icebergs, rivers...)	Has Lots of Magic	FREE	Involves an Island	Building Something with Wood
Food from Foreign Lands	Planets or Outer Space	Scary Story	Rocks	Trucks, Trains, or Cars
Fairy Tale or Fantasy	Features: Olympic Sport	Features a Desert or a Dessert!	Features Medical Technology	Art

- Complete 5 in any direction or play Full House, filling in all the squares!
- On the back, write your activity for each square that made your BINGO.

- **Your Contact Info - PLEASE PRINT**

Name (and age & grade, for students) _____

Your Mohawk Valley address _____

How should we contact you? (Phone #, email address,...) _____

FROM LINDA MOONEY, EDITOR:

Greetings Friends and Neighbors here in our valley and elsewhere,

So it's fall, one of my favorite seasons! This one is going to be much different than others. Parties, celebrations, and holidays are going to be much more sedate due to the pandemic!

We will get through this mess if we are smart and careful. Wear your masks, wash your hands, and stay socially distant from people who are not in your bubble. We will succeed!

I want to thank our advertisers that have now returned to our Mohawk Messenger. If this paper is to continue, we are dependent on our community, both its businesses and its residents!

We love articles, opinions and announcements from all of you! Please send them to me in an email for publication....our paper only continues if advertisers advertise and residents submit articles!

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All checks **FROM NOW ON must be made out to Kay Allen, our treasurer.** She will be invoicing all advertisers and sponsors by the 15th of the month in which the paper comes to you, currently by March 15, 2020

In the memo slot of your checks, please note Mohawk Messenger, Summer Ad.

Please mail checks to: MOHAWK MESSENGER, P.O. BOX 1133, MARCOLA, OR 97454 THANK YOU!

Thanks to this newspaper's ever-so-generous

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Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District

Friends on Parsons Creek that need a bit of help with elder care. It is a paid position, with nice ladies. Please call them at 541-933-2429 if you can help.

GLEANING TO SAVE LIVES: EUGENE AREA GLEANERS DONATE BLOOD TO AID A COMMUNITY IN CRISIS!

A "gleaner" is traditionally someone who collects leftover crops after they have been commercially harvested, or on fields where it is not economically profitable to harvest. Today a gleaner is someone who collects excess fresh foods from a variety of sources in order to provide it to those in need.

Eugene Area Gleaners is run by dedicated volunteers who want to connect hungry people with available food and to reduce local food waste. We have an expanding roster of donors – farmers and private property owners – that request we glean their extra produce. Eugene Area Gleaners offers their membership of nearly 1000 families with food resources that would otherwise be wasted. Since the group's founding in 2009, volunteers gleaned over 174,000 pounds of produce at 634 gleans in our community.

Today, the 100% volunteer nonprofit wants to give even more. Eugene Area Gleaner founder and board president Brandy Collier organized a blooddrive with BloodWorks Northwest when her daughter became interested in donating blood. Brandy, who had never given blood before, learned of an urgent blood shortage due to COVID-19/coronavirus and wanted to bring the gleaners, who she considers family, with her. "This group and these people, it's about so much more than what they can get. It's about community, it's about giving back, it's about how everybody works together, and this is amazing. This was my first time and I was terrified," said Collier, "but knowing that I wasn't alone made it so much better."

Mark Smith of BloodWorks Northwest said "Our community's blood supply has dropped by over 25% since the beginning of June with some types dropping as much as 40%. Brandy, it is scary and the trend is not looking good. Thank you so much for your support!!"

About Eugene Area Gleaners

We are a group of volunteers working to bridge the gap between growers with surplus food and hungry families. We glean from farms as well as backyards. Volunteers are trained on proper harvesting techniques by Glean Leaders on-site. Gleaning is done based on the donor's guidelines and produce is split 50/50 with the donor, unless requested otherwise. The remaining produce is divided between the volunteers. Liability is covered by the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Act. Anyone with produce or foodstuffs are welcome to contact eugenearegleaners@gmail.com or phone 541-632-4153 to leave a message about your harvest or becoming a volunteer. Tax deductible donations may be mailed to PO Box 1022, Eugene, OR 97440

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541-556-3874

Eugene Area Gleaners

<https://eugenearegleaners.com/>

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MOHAWK VALLEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

It is hard to believe that summer 2020 is now in its latter half. With all that has been happening and the changes to our lives from COVID-19, this will be a summer that we will remember for years. Currently all district buildings remained closed to the public and admission is only allowed after COVID Screening via district personnel. All public that are permitted into a building will always practice social distancing and wear a face covering.

It is important for us to remember that even though summer drawing closer to an end, we have just started to reach the peak of our fire season. The threat of wildfires is still real and we need to think about all the ways we can protect our homes and families in that event. If you would like to find out more information on wildfires, or even ask some questions, feel free to stop by the district's emergency preparedness facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2379908638805350/>

One of the biggest ways you can help our local emergency responders during any type of emergency is to have your address clearly marked and your home accessible. Too many times, minutes can be lost due to a lack of address markings. When marking your address you need to make sure it is clearly visible from the road and that it is reflective to help insure it can be located at night. If you need an address marker placed at the end of your driveway, please contact the station and we will get one out to you.

In addition, fire engines, ambulances and rescue are large vehicles. Remember to make sure that your driveway is passable for these different types of apparatus. Our local fire engines are in the range of 13 feet tall and 10 feet wide. Spend a little time each evening to trim up and clear debris from your driveway, because in the event of an emergency we can't help if we can't get there. If you have any questions about your driveway, please contact us here at the station and we would be happy to come take a look for you.

With the cancellation of Mary Cole Days this year, the Fire District Volunteer Association will be looking at alternative ways to hold its annual raffle and silent auction. Watch for this information on the district's web site and Facebook page.

BOND UPDATE:

Due to the great support of the community, the Mohawk Valley Fire District was able to pass a bond in 2018 to replace some apparatus and equipment. As of May 2020, all that equipment and apparatus has been in service and supporting the community. The fire district was planning to hold an open house this summer to thank the community and show off all the new equipment but COVID has not allowed that to happen. The following items are the equipment purchased due to the generosity of all of you.

- 2019 Rosenbauer Fire Engine
- 2 - 2019 Ford F-250 Rescues
- Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Electric Positive Pressure Fan for Engine
- Rapid Deployment Craft for Rescue Apparatus

Thank you again for your continued support.

DID YOU KNOW???

The Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District has expanded its level of service to the community. Due to the severe weather events, flooding, and lack of resources available the Mohawk Valley RFD has added a rope and water rescue team to its services. In the past, the fire district has relied solely on the Eugene-Springfield Fire Department, and the Lane County Search and Rescue Team to provide any rope or water rescue services. With the increase in call volume, it has become exceedingly difficult to get these services in a timely manner. After a couple of incidents over the last few years and a long delay in available resources, we felt it was time that the fire district looked at adding these services.

Members of the district train frequently on these skills and both rope and water teams work closely with neighboring agencies to effect rescues and to train. I would like to end this issue's article by talking with you about a challenge facing volunteer fire districts throughout our country. And that is a lack of volunteers. As some of you may or may not know, your local fire district is made up of mostly volunteer firefighters. These are your neighbors in the community that answer the call for help and risk themselves without compensation. When

you talk to the members of this district and ask them why they do it, you will most commonly hear one phrase, "To Help Others."

We are always looking for interested members of the community to volunteer at our local fire station. When you volunteer you not only get the opportunity to help others in need, but you also become part of the Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District Family. You will have the opportunity to make new friends and to do things you have never even imagined.

When someone decides to volunteer with the district, they fill out an application and go through a quick interview with other members of the district. After this you can start coming to weekly training and meet the other members of the district and see what we do.

The next step involves going through a Firefighter 1 academy that is put on and hosted by the district. In this five weekend academy, you will learn the steps and the skills needed to become a firefighter. The academies are usually held 2 or 3 times a year and are on an every other weekend schedule. In addition, the district will teach an Emergency Medical Responder that you are welcome to attend at no cost to you.

It is also important to remember that we are always looking for volunteers that can help even if they don't become a full firefighter.

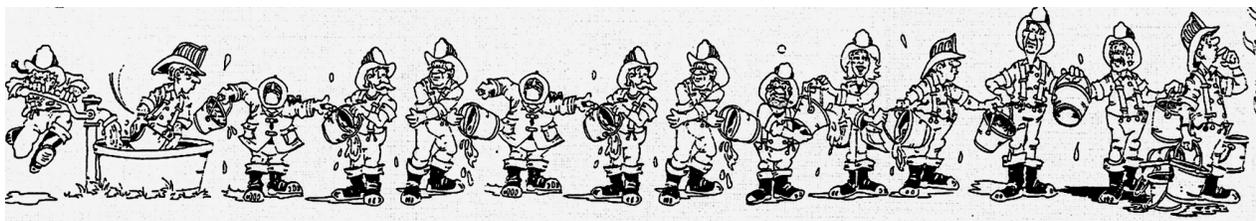
This includes:

- Support Services
- Apparatus Operators
- EMS Only Personnel
- Cadet Firefighter (16 through 18 Years of Age)
- And Others

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information, contact Patrick Watson at 541-933-2907.

Thank You

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LIONS NEWS

The Mohawk Valley Lions has a new President. Hi, my name is Bob Weaver and I have been elected to fill the President's position of your local Lions Club. Bob Leeper is still around and helping fulfill the Lions' pledge To Serve.

The happiest news is that your Lions Club was able to award 5 scholarships totaling \$3,500 to graduating seniors from Mohawk High School. Our normal pledge is \$1000, but we really felt we could give a bit extra this year. All 5 of our applicants were outstanding candidates and we were fortunate to be able to recognize all of them. The 1 winners were: Chandra Craig, Payton Robinson, Laura Holvey, Valeria Bautista, and Joshua Rowe. Congratulations to them all!

I am sorry that we have had to cancel the annual Flag Day celebration at the Lee Downing Veterans Memorial Park due to the Covid-19 virus. We will do all we can to bring the event back next year, complete with the Chicken BBQ prepared by the local VFW and Music in the Park. We will start planning after the yearend Holiday season. And through the generosity and donations from the community, we have water service at the park. Hats off to Lion Dean Dunson for his tireless efforts in that regard. Of course, he will be leaning on all of us to volunteer this fall to get a sprinkler system installed. Look forward to a much nicer lawn there next year.

The Lions will also be adding 31 new names to the memorial stones that surround the flag. We hope to have this completed by September. Please contact me if you have ideas for additional uses of the park that contribute to the community!

We will soon be planning our holiday decorations and then preparing and positioning the Thanksgiving displays and then the Holiday Candles all along Marcola Road through town. The Mohawk Valley Grange usually assists with these doings and all help is welcome.

We continue our financial support of Helping Hands. We have stayed out of their hair since the virus hit because we have not been having in person meetings at their building. It will be great when we can meet face to face again, celebrating fellowship amongst our members. And remember, we always need and welcome anyone and everyone from the community to join as members or volunteers in any of our local causes.

Thanks,
Bob Weaver

Hi Grangers and Friends,

Wow, it seems like forever since things were normal...whatever that is! We were ordered by the state grange to close in March. We stayed closed for 3 months. In June we received an official document of rules and regulations to be followed due to the pandemic. We were told we could open, but with very precise and strict restrictions.



1. All people who enter the grange building must sign a paper with their names and addresses. This paper is to be used for contact tracing should any positive COVID-19 tests of people in the group occur.
2. All participants in grange activities must wear masks, use hand sanitizer frequently, and stay 6' of social distance.
3. All parts of the building are to be sanitized both before any event and again afterwards.

We chose to not open to the public and only held a meeting once a month. We signed the paper, wore our masks, and wiped down surfaces or met outside.

As you can imagine this has thrown a big wrench in our event calendar: no fundraising, no Open House, no BINGO and as it stands now no Harvest Festival..

The good news has been that our caretaker, Thorp McClaren, has been working on our wonderful building. He sanded and refinished the floors....**AWESOME!** He has painted the entry hall and put laminate down to replace the old linoleum. **BEAUTIFUL!** The grounds have been watered, mowed and tended to...he's amazing. Just wait til we open again and you will be astounded! **THANK YOU, THORP!**

Our next meeting on September 20th, we will look again at the state of the pandemic and decide if we can begin opening our building to plastic recycling, Yoga, Art classes, VFW meetings, do our road cleanups and ...who knows what else.

WATCH THE READER BOARD FOR OPENING INFORMATION OR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: mohawkgrange.org

We are still selling our super Bat Guano fertilizer supplied by our 'BATS IN OUR BELFRY'. It is very concentrated and 1 pound is \$15. Please text or call Teresa Hill at 541-912-1933. We have only 17 bags remaining, so give Teresa a call and get yours before it's all gone!

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Experiences in a small town like Marcola made me who I am today. Without support from neighbors, a poor kid from Blachly couldn't grow up to be a Colonel in the Air Force and a State Representative. I can never repay the people who supported me, but I can pay it forward to make sure that other kids get opportunities like those I had.

Fighting for Oregon families – that's what I do for you in the Legislature. Passing the biggest investment in public schools in 30 years, keeping health insurance for over 1 million low-income Oregonians, saving the Leaburg Hatchery—these are some of the ways I help make sure



that Oregon families and small businesses succeed. Just last June, we passed a rural relief package to improve market access for small farmers, get rural broadband going, protect funding for rural schools, and ensure safe drinking water.

I'm running for re-election to keep working for you. For me, that means providing affordable career training and college, accessible healthcare for everyone, and support for our small businesses and family farms. I hope I can count on your vote in November!



Marty Wilde is a member of the Air National Guard. The views expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

KARREN LANSKY'S PAGE



America's Longest Graveyard

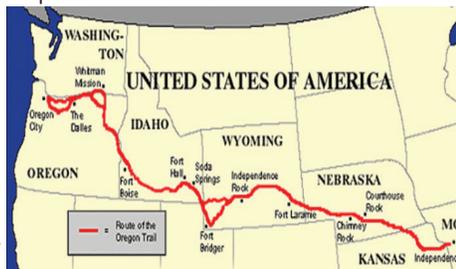
Ash Hallow, June 23, 1852
14 miles from Ft. Laramie

Dear Uncle-

" I find here a station for the purpose of conveying a letter to the states, and I hasten to inform you of our travels and the incidents pertaining thereto. First of all I would mention the sickness we have had and I am sorry to say the deaths. First of all Francis Freel died June 4 1852 and Maria Freel followed the 6, next came Polly Casner who died the 8 and Amos Freel the next, he died the 9th and Lafayette Freel soon followed, he died the 10th. Elizabeth Freel, wife of Amos died the 11th and her baby died the 17th. So you see we have had a sad affliction on our short journey. You see we have lost 7 persons in a few short days. Although I know it will be a sad epistle of news to send you, still I feel it a duty to let you know how matters are progressing, but Thank God we are all well and likely to do well for we have had no sickness since the baby died."

Your affectionate nephew
George Kiser
Ann Kiser

George Kiser informing the folks back in Iowa of the fate of seven members of a family of eleven.



The Oregon Trail was America's, and possibly the world's largest voluntary migration. It lasted throughout the 1840s and 50s. During just these two decades it was estimated from 350,000 to half a million used the trail to head west, and a few of them to head east.

The Oregon Trail is a pathway, a route, from the Missouri Valley to the Pacific Slope. It is likened to a rope, frayed at both ends. It has multiple starting points and multiple end points, most in Oregon's Willamette Valley or California's gold fields. The Oregon Trail has been used as a highway almost continuously from 1832 to the present. It has seen many different types of migrating people, some emigrating, some immigrating, some commuting and some transient.

These people were leaving the United States because of all its problems and heading to what they considered a better place. They were escaping the epidemics ravaging the Midwest, the economic depression of the east, the northern versus southern politics over slavery, or just to escape their own personal past. The exchange was free land, a healthy climate, and a chance to start over.

Wherever you have great numbers of people, you have many different types of death. The mortality rate of the settled portion of the country in those years has been estimated to be one in thirty-five per year. Estimates for the mortality rate on the Oregon Trail are as high as one in ten for the six-month migration, almost double the national average.

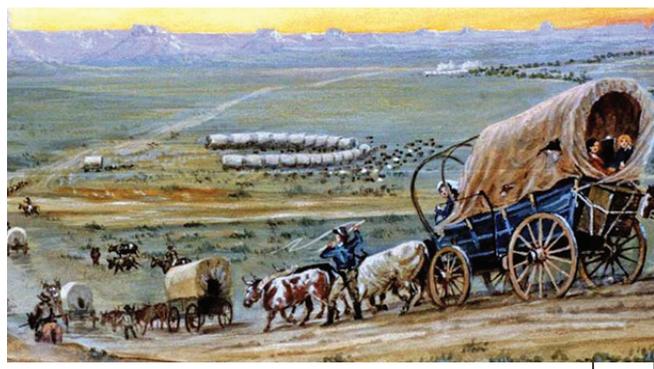
That means at least 25,000 and possibly as many as 50,000 people died and were buried along the 2,000-mile route, during that 20-year period. If spread out evenly there would be one grave every 75 yards, or 25 graves every mile. The Oregon Trail is America's longest graveyard. But, it is a graveyard in which only 200 graves are visible, 150 have been identified and only 60 are being protected.



Many people that died in the mid-19th century died from the same causes that would have killed them whether they were on the trail or staying at home. In the nineteenth century many people died of diseases medicines could not cure, of accidents with firearms or wagons, of complications of childbirth, of disputes with other people, and various causes such as weather, animals, and on occasion old age.

In addition to these normal causes of death, the Oregon Trail offered some new and different ways to die. Some types of death were unique to the trail. For example, not one single death by buffalo stampede was reported in Washington City during these twenty years. Some types of death, which would normally occur anyway, such as gunshots and wagon accidents, were accelerated along the trail. On the Oregon Trail there were far more people using firearms, many of whom had never had used a firearms before. Oregon Trail wagons were constantly moving companions, six or seven days a week for eight to ten hours a day, unlike back home where they were used to only occasionally. Oregon Trail emigrants suffering from disease or complications due to childbirth did not always have the luxuries of doctors or medicines that might be more readily available at home or in a hospital.

The Oregon-California Trails Association was created in 1982 because a farmer in Echo, Oregon was plowing a field to plant potatoes. The field contained a beautiful set of ruts. The word was spread that another section of the Trail was about to be lost. Twelve men rushed to the farm and persuaded the farmer to spare that section of the field. From the original dozen trail preservationists, the organization has grown to over 3000 members in 1998 representing every state of the union and seven foreign countries.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND THE COMMUNITY

Dear Marcola Community,

Is anybody having fun yet? I am 72 years old with some of those conditions that they are cautioning us to be careful of and so I've been pretty much quarantined since probably March. It's not fun but I'm healthy and alive. I'd like to address my concerns about the extremes that have been flying around in the news that politicize on both ends of the spectrum something that is the scariest thing that has happened to most of us in a long time.

My mother and grandmother were in San Francisco in 1918 when the Spanish flu pandemic hit. Many of the same things happen there as are happening now: rumors, conspiracy theories, refusal to comply with regulations and of all things "an anti-mask league" in San Francisco. The death toll was estimated at between 17 and 50 million people all over the world.

It would seem as though we haven't learned anything in the last hundred years. The pandemic is being politicized and the same conspiracy theories are flying around as were 100 years ago. Science and medicine are searching frantically to pin down the right way to address this terrible crisis. The things we must do

Dear Community

OUR FUTURE SEEMS TO BE THE PRESENT.

Does anybody else besides me feel time is flying by? Maybe students who were hoping to have a normal school year, time might be dragging. When I think about our community it seems like it is sleeping in or secretly working hard on home projects. I am amazed what is getting done and being planned. We are in this time of history together, which will be written up in history books for future generations. Now that is something to think about, right? We all are working hard to keep our families, friends and community healthy. We want these people to stay well. We have learned how important it is to wash our hands and wear masks. When COVID-19 gets written up in schoolbooks, I hope they mention that. This



CHIPS

I think they should sell round calendars to make it easier to visualize that the length of the rays of the sun in September are the same as the ones in March. Remember how close to winter March seemed? It takes my breath away how fast this year is going!

Lately many people I talk to tell me they are feeling old because they walk into a room and can't remember why, or they cannot supply a word they are trying to fit into a sentence. It isn't age—it's overload! Our environment is filled with words, sights, things and sounds coming at a brain not designed to take in so much. A wild guess is that we get a hundred times the stimuli our great grandparents had. Additionally, not only do we have multiple electronics to get used to: I was in a car that made a phone call—the car did—but we have a whole new set of rules for public conduct, and a big public health issue for which there are few consistent and concrete answers. It is not age. If you don't believe me, notice a kid staring into the refrigerator.

Even up here in the Mohawk Valley there is a lot of extra stimuli. Someone commented on its being quiet in the country. I started listing all the sounds I hear, good, bad, and indifferent, near or far, early or late: a bawling child, a lot of traffic, a rooster, geese, wild birds, a goat, a neighing horse, shooting, trees rustling in the wind and creaking their limbs, dogs barking, skunks fighting, people enjoying each other

and can do are the things that are being asked of us : To stay home, to wear a mask when you can't, and to wash your hands often. That's what my grandfather did and his wife and baby daughter survived. That baby daughter became my mother and so I am here.

Nobody is having fun! They are making fun where they can. It's hard not to visit friends, go out to eat or just to have a drink with a pal. Can't go to Church? I believe that somebody said 'wherever two or more of you were gathered in my name...' With your computer, you can gather everybody and pray together. You can pray alone next to your bed like you did when you were little.

The Lord is listening no matter where you're speaking from. These are a lot of serious questions to be answered, but I think we shouldn't wait for our leaders to answer them.

Let me conclude by saying that we are smart, sensible people! WE CAN DO THIS!

Penny Englert, formerly of Marcola

was a time in communities when people realize "we are in this together". Many times I have noticed a smile on my neighbors' face. Thank You!

I can't help thinking about yoga and how that would help with relaxation. Could we set up a class with strict guidelines? Does anybody else feel we could? Well, we are going to do this at the Grange. We don't have a time set to start yet. But we will be

doing some trial runs with a few community members. With these people, we hope to put together a safe class following the COVID-19 guidelines, "Reopening Guidance from Oregon Health Authority". I will say that our goal is to create a safe and healthy experience. You will hear from me in the next Messenger about how well this class is doing.

Julia Mooney
Marcola

and laughing, music, un-muffled vehicles, turkeys commenting, a hunter's elk call. The traffic is most noticeable and I have gotten to where I can identify UPS trucks, gravel trucks, Fed Ex trucks without looking. Occasionally quiet breaks out until a plane or helicopter flies over. One night I heard someone yell, "Wooo." I yelled, "Wooo." Farther south someone yelled, "Wooo." I loved that and wonder how far the wooo went. Wouldn't it be fun if it made it all the way to Marcola? The thing that made it so surprising is that it was around 11 o'clock on a weeknight. How many people are outside that time of night?

I still prefer to be outdoors enjoying the weather and the sounds. My indoor tasks can wait until dark or fall. The one show on TV for which I will drop everything and run indoors is Rural Health Matters on Direct channel RFD 345. The main personality is Dr. Jeff Gold, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska Health Sciences Center. He brings with him guests from various relevant fields and with impressive credentials. They start the show with the most current information on the virus. It is a phone-in show and they answer questions from people who phone in or connect by Internet. It shows here on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. I caught it repeated once on a Thursday at 7:00 p.m. ruralhealthmatters.com phone: 877-731-6733

My brother told me something he read: "A burglar broke into my house. I shone the red dot on him and let the cat do the rest."

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Is "Kalitan" Really Chinuk Wawa? By Jay Swofford

"Chinuk wawa" is the Native American term for the Chinuk language. The word wawa literally means, "talk". If you are interested in the Chinuk language, there is an excellent book entitled Chinuk Wawa written and published by the Chinuk Wawa Dictionary Project, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde in 2012. Chinuk was a spoken only language and the project has done an excellent job of capturing the language from their elders.

For many years the Mohawk high school ran a student paper called "The Kalitan". Volume 1 Issue 1 was circulated on November 8, 1929. According to a newspaper article in the Eugene Register on November 9 (full article below), the origin of the name was given as the Chinook name for "arrow" and it stated that the name was also given to messengers of good will.

However, "Kalitan" does not exist in Chinuk wawa, but two similar sounding words do. The first is the word for arrow, "kalaytən". This is the word I believe was misspelled to create "Kalitan". However, there is another word that is very similar in Chinuk wawa and that is the word for horse, "khiyutən" which may have been used for messengers. I contacted my best resources for all things Native American and they do not believe that "arrow" was used for messengers. The language does not contain a specific word for a messenger.

The Dictionary of the Chinook Jargon, by George Gibbs, 1863, gives the Chinuk word for arrow as "ka-li'-tan" and horse as "kiu'-a-tan". So we can state that the origin of "Kalitan" was the Chinuk word for arrow, but I just cannot at this time substantiate the statement that the word was used for messengers of good will. Note that the Gibbs dictionary was written on his phonetic sounding out of the words, while the publication by the Confederate Tribes of the Grand Ronde was written and published by native speakers, so pronunciation guides are more accurate.

Here is the original newspaper article that appeared in the Eugene Register on November 9, 1929:

MARCOLA STUDENTS EDIT SCHOOL PAPER

The Kalitan Makes First Appearance; is Well Handled Sheet

A well-edited, well-printed monthly newspaper, The Mohawk Kalitan, made its appearance as volume one, number one, Friday. It is the work of students of Mohawk union high school, and the editor of the student venture is Bernard Young.

The Kalitan is a five-column, four-page, publication with an attractive makeup, and is printed in Eugene. The newswriting, editing, advertisement soliciting, and other work is all done by students of the Marcola School.

The name of the paper is that of the Chinook Indian name for "arrow," it is explained by Donald T. Evans, circulation manager, in the first issue. The name was often given by the Indians to their messengers of good will.

A fine selection of athletics, student body and faculty news, good editorials, and jokes make up the paper.

The staff of the Kalitan is:

Editor, Bernard Young; assistant editor, Earnest Drew; business manager, Lloyd Garrison; advertising manager, Frances Price; circulation manager, Donald Evans; copy reader, Ruth Matteson; cartoonist, Billy Pirlie; news reporter, Lucille Clearwater. sa
Class reporters: Freshman, Pearl Koons; sophomore, Vivian Snadgren; [SIC - Sandgren] junior, Violet Cole; senior, Viola Garrison; society editor, Esther Cowling; club editor, George Lunceford; assistant club editor, Viola Garrison; sport editor, Herschel Dorsey; assistant sport editor, Elizabeth Wojniak; joke editor, Vernon Maxwell; dramatic editor, Elizabeth Windham; music editor, Doris Morrow; exchange editor, Ruth Bauer. Typists: Lloyd Garrison, Viola Garrison, Reva Neet, George Lunceford, Loren Boggs; faculty adviser, Miss Finley.



HOW WE FOUND MARCOLA...

By Ayala Talpai, former resident and now our California Correspondent

After a few attempts at partnership, I was exasperated enough to write the Universe about this... gave 'em a rundown on the qualities of the man I was searching for. Decided that as unlikely as it might seem, he'd probably be in LA... went there, first with a load of plants and then with some clothes and books and stuff. I spent about 2 months wandering from one likely to place to another, finally found him while helping a girlfriend clean her dad's house - R was changing the post of a balustrade so you could hide a rifle inside. You could tell that he had worked with thought and care, finished, surveyed it and decided it was DONE. Plus, when my vacuum got hung up on a doorstep as he walked by, he actually noticed, and lifted it over! For some reason, this struck me hard. Other men I'd known would've tripped over it-

We were hard put. Moved from So CA to an island in Puget Sound to start a construction business with my #2 Son and his partner, but they'd changed their minds and headed south again. We'd changed our minds, too-- the island had a soul-source aquifer (rain) and one of the big rhododendron gardens already had a well go saline. Plus, due to heavy advertising from real estate agents, all these folks were moving in who expected a few bathrooms, swimming pools, 365-day lawns, etc. I'd been moved onto 3 bare pieces of land in my past, generally trailed by a herd of smudged little boys, and was not about to be blindsided into water complications YET AGAIN....

Ah me... and things otherwise were starting to look good! Always takes a while for folks to realize you're there, and R's reputation as a clever carpenter was just beginning to bloom.

Oh well...

December came on. We sent the teens living with us to relatives and headed off to find our place on the planet. Staying in Washington state did not indicate. Started looking at the Oregon border. Portland? BIG CITY! Keep driving he said, don't even stop! East to Bend. Friendly! And lots of building going on, great for my carpenter-- But once again, water was problematic, the WaterMaster was king of where you drilled, what you irrigated, etc. And it was common to drop a 400' well and come up DRY. Moreover, everything was brought in over the mountain! No one was gardening-- a killing frost could hit any of 365 days in the year. I'm like, well, put up a greenhouse? But then the wind comes up and blows it over. Hmm.

We moved along.

Eugene. Jefferson St., with those big chestnut trees clasping branches overhead... We like this! Feels real good! But how to get oriented? Nancy's Yogurt is my sister-in-law from an earlier involvement, we head on out to headquarters, check in for local wisdom & lore. Always delighted to see her! Last time, I nearly went into labor with #5 Son while camping in her driveway...

Okay Honey, where do you recommend we look? Marcola? And why's that? Well, they have a great alternative community out there. Alternative sounds good... We picked at random a real estate agent who sized us up as less than opulent, but let us use his files to see what was on the market.

We drove out to the 16-mile marker and scanned a doublewide there perched right on the road, with a huge meadow behind it but considerably lower, in fact right on the banks of the river. Hmm... Why not build down below?

Considering, we went back to town and sat in the diner, pondering over a cup of coffee. We asked the waitress about the river-- did it ever flood? She allowed as how she was only 3 years new to town, but the owner's husband had just stopped in, and he was a native, just a minute and she'd ask.

So out comes Cy Wise, with a pocketful of cigars and a resonant voice like the radio star he was... turns out he's currently a real estate agent, working for a logging company, which is looking to sell off a few properties whose timber they will be holding in escrow. We look at two of these... it's not the most glorious time to be considering property as everything is splattered with half-melting snow and looks real dingy, the trees all winder drab and smoke barely curling out of chimneys. One place has a ferocious dog, with an equally ferocious tenant, yelling at us for not having called ahead-- not that she could have accomplished much straightening on short notice, there were discarded diapers 18" on center all over the yard and distressed vehicles parked randomly as far as the eye could see.

We said farewells to Cy and headed north. Got about as far on the I-5 as Lebanon and pulled off, pulled over, looked at each other. That last one was IT, wasn't it? Fit all our specs-- Visible signs of water (2 creeks intersected on the property) Funky old house we wouldn't mind taking down when we got our own built. Our kind of price! Far enough outta town (25 miles) I got on the payphone and called

Cy...

My husband had had quite enough of real estate dealings in his life already so negotiating fell to me, Miss Fanatic Naivitee... we bought the place, it turned out, for a couple thousand less than the loggers had paid for it. This apparently was in deference to having retained the timber for logging later... nonetheless I breezed back down and signed papers, we were landed gentry now!! On impulse, I hired me a \$40 Sears & Roebuck lawyer just to look stuff over, make sure all was on the up & up... She scolded me thoroughly!! I had leaped right in, without circling the pond looking for hazards. Utterly no recourse if these devil loggers dropped a tree on the house, for instance, or destroyed the creek banks yarding logs around, etc. Chastised, I called the timber cruiser to check out their practices and intentions. We get to talking, me pushing for horse loggers as it was February and the ground was all soggy, him, Meh, not in to it...

I inquire about purchasing the stumpage rights. He gives me a figure and I call my mom... She can lend me something way short of the asking price.

Okay, time for wheeling and dealing! I call back and offer substantially less than I'm borrowing. He mumbles a bit then it's Aw Shucks, I'm no good at negotiating, their bottom line is \$\$\$, can you do that?? (Happenstantially, it's exactly what Mom says she'll lend me...!!) But I'm playing it cool, say I'll hafta get back to him tomorrow night. Heh!

So now the next night is both of us on equal footing. We get the finances squared away in a couple sentences and then relax into the space that leaves behind. He asks me, Say now... are you a member of the Church of the Open Forest? Startled, I regain myself and allow as how I am, and he allows as how he spotted me. Confesses that he could never sit behind a desk all day, although his wife wants him wearing a tie and showing up for dinner all regular... that there's nothing he loves more than being out in the woods. To myself I add Yes sir, and when you leave, the forest leaves right behind you... He admits that he's the one came up with Beauty Fringe-- the thin remnant of forest left along the edge of roadways, so that passersby will not have to be confronted with the devastation of logging. I make a vague appreciative noise... and we part, and go our separate ways towards opposing visions.



Seen and Unseen Monsters

By Juanita Turner Paslay

A scary monster appeared in my garden this week, hiding deep in the green sedums intermingled with orange-red geraniums. 'It' developed into a 'she' with lipstick and long, black eyelashes. Perhaps it is not a 'she' because if you look closely, you will see a green mustache growing under the nose - a dangling groundcover. As you follow the path to the koi pond, the monster hides tucked away within inches of your feet. My old and half-buried monster presents no threat to anyone.

When Elsie sees my silly fantastic artwork, she might want the strawberry pot back in her garden after she quits laughing.

Monsters appear in the garden. Monsters hide in dark shadows. Monsters live in our minds.



As a nine-year old child living near Terrebonne, my husband experienced scary times on a nightly basis. His father had dug the deep hole for the outhouse about sixty feet from their tiny, wood-framed house. The last event of the night held a trip to the outside bathroom with a flashlight and his guardian angel, Corinthian. Craig trembled with fear of invisible monsters in the dark, so he continued a loud, one-sided conversation with his make-believe angel until he returned safely to the house. Corinthian never allowed a monster to harm him.



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The Light of the World

By Juanita Turner Paslay

"... I (Jesus) am the light of the world ..."
John 8:12 NKJV

On rare occasions I rise before the sun appears in the morning, though I prefer to linger in bed if possible before I start my busy day. Whatever hour my feet touch the floor, I begin each day with prayer and Bible reading. I bring my cup of tea to the library, close the door, and sit in front of a large picture window. If the sun has not risen, there is nothing to see but blackness. No lawn, no flowers, no birds, no squirrels. Nothing to distract me from praying at that hour of the morning.

As the early morning hour advances, I watch the sky and garden change color. It is like watching creation expanding. Eventually, the black sky will become gray, then pale blue. The distant dark tree line is more distinct. Pale blue turns to azure. The brighter the sky, the greener the trees appear.

Philip P. Bliss wrote the old hymn The Light of the World is Jesus in 1875. Our present-day world needs the true Light. So much evil and darkness hangs over the hearts of people around the world, invading even our own neighborhoods.

Father, I pray for an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with someone today. May they understand that Jesus loves them and wants to dispel their darkness. I am thankful you gave me eyes to see Your spiritual and physical blessings.

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