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23 Years of Publication! Thanks Mohawk Valley!

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

THANK YOU!!

We on Wendling Road are finally safe in our homes once more!

We've been going down every evening when all the Fire Fighters and our National Guardsmen come down Wendling Road for their shift change each evening.

We made signs and we stand there along our roadway and

Phil was Springfield Police Department "Sgt. P.T. Roberts" for 33 years, and now is in his second career of 21 YEARS with the Federal Marshals at our Eugene Courthouse.

We are so proud of all our First Responders!



God bless them all.

They have all certainly been a blessing to all of us in the Mohawk Valley and up Wendling Road.

A big shout-out and THANK YOU to each one!

Lois Roberts
38904 Wendling Road,
Marcola. OR. 97454



salute them all as they pass by — all their wonderful trucks and the men and women — and tell them, THANK YOU!

We are forever indebted to all these brave people who have literally saved our lives and properties, up here on Wendling Road!

As of today's date, September 25, 2020, the fire line is still only one mile behind our property.

This evening, Lori Rivera and her daughter and I are making dozens of BROWNIES and are going to give them to all the crew members when they come out of our forests again tonight.

The National Guard told us they will continue to be up there, and protecting us, until all the fires are put out. And Done!

The National Guardsmen also commended Phil Roberts for his non-stop 54 YEARS of continual LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTY.



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Meetings (Alphabetical) in the Community

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- **Boy Scout Troop 51**

Meetings: 6:30pm Thursdays at McKenzie Church of Christ, 250 51st St, Springfield, Contact Jim Smith 541-933-2256

- **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

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Contact Julia Mooney 541-915-9392

- **Valley Yoga Classes???**

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Thursday 11:00 am to 12:00; NEED TEACHER!

First class per week is \$10.

Second class in the same week is \$5.

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

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

MORE RESOURCES WE HOPE WE'LL NEVER NEED!

The Lane County Events Center (796 W. 13th, Eugene) has space live stock, including horses, and numerous goats, chickens and ducks. Contact the LEC at [541-221-8405](tel:541-221-8405) before arriving to confirm space availability.

Lane County Animals in Disaster is deploying to Greenhill Humane Society (88530 Green Hill Rd, Eugene) to help serve animals large and small affected by the evacuations.

Oregon Horse Center in Eugene has multiple options for horse boarding. Interested horse owners must call [541-998-3353](tel:541-998-3353) to confirm space availability before arriving.

Eugene Livestock Auction in Junction City is available to assist with hauling and transporting. Call [541-998-3353](tel:541-998-3353) to inquire.

Livestock Rescue has trailers available to help move large animals. Contact Matt at [541-508-9772](tel:541-508-9772).

Linn County Fair Grounds (3700 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany) is serving as a drive-in shelter only at this time. Pets are welcome and livestock stables are open for use.

Akins Trailer Sales is offering trailers if evacuation is needed. Call Thad at [\(541\) 335-9663](tel:541-335-9663).

Greenhill Humane Society has some ability to board small animals. Call [541-689-1503](tel:541-689-1503) for information. You can also call with concerns about domestic animals in regard to the McKenzie Fire.

FROM LINDA MOONEY, EDITOR:

Greetings Friends and Neighbors here in our valley and elsewhere!

The holidays are here, though at my house they look pretty bleak. I canceled our big Thanksgiving feast at the Grange, Christmas dinner and our 25th annual Coast trip with my kids, their kids and their kids' kids. That was sooo hard, but this virus is scary and I didn't want to risk anyone's lives including my own!

Be safe and careful out there. Take care of yourselves and your families. **THIS TOO SHALL PASS!**

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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!

NEED CAREGIVERS

Caregivers needed for a 90 year old man, who lives here in Marcola. He hopes to leave the McKenzie Willamette Hospital in a couple of weeks. He will need Home Health Care for 24 hours to begin his journey. If you would like to join this caregiving team to help this man gain his confidence and health back. Call 541 915 9392, ask for Julia M.

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Fever	Often	Often	Rare	Sometimes
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Often
Cough	Often (usually dry)	Often (usually dry)	Mild	Often
Sneezing	No	No	Often	Often
Aches & Pains	Sometimes	Often	Often	No
Runny or Stuffy Nose	Rare	Sometimes	Often	Often
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Often	No
Diarrhea	Rare	Sometimes in Children	No	No
Headaches	Sometimes	Often	Rare	Sometimes
Shortness of breath/ Difficulty breathing	Often	Rare	Rare	Rare
Loss of taste and smell	Often	Rare	Rare	Rare

EMERGENCIES CALL US ALL TO HELP!

Know your Neighbors when Emergency Strikes

The Mohawk Valley has experienced several emergencies in the past year. The ones affecting us most directly here in the valley have been the pandemic, the economic downturn, and the wildfires. Historically, we have also lived through flooding, snowstorms, cold snaps, severe freezing rain, and windstorms. A major earthquake is predicted in the future.

Results of these emergencies have sometimes been days without power/heat/running water, difficult access to town to purchase supplies, and property damage. We have experienced full or partial evacuations, including our families and animals. Through our experiences in these emergency situations, and on the advice from Lane County Emergency Management and our first responders, we know that we must take care of ourselves until help arrives. And, after taking care of our own family, we can check on, and help, our neighbors if necessary.

Getting to know our neighbors is important, even to the extent that we have their phone number and email address. There are likely many neighborhoods and areas of the valley who already do this informally. I volunteered, through the Facebook group (Mohawk Valley Emergency Preparedness), to start a contact list and circulate it, as well as update it when we get new additions.

This list is not posted on Facebook and currently we do not include addresses, just general area of residence. (Note: this is NOT sponsored by any group or agency, such as the fire department, sheriff's office, or Lane County.)

Get on the neighborhood contact list!! It has area of the valley (Marcola Rd/Conley Rd, for example), name, email address, phone number, yes/no to texting, animal/pet considerations and comments (for instance a specific concern, expertise, or resources during an emergency). If you would like to be added to the list, please contact me via Messenger through the Mohawk Valley Emergency Preparedness or Mohawk Valley Neighbors Facebook groups. I will add your information to the list and email you the latest version.

If you want to start one for your area/neighborhood, Messenger me your email, and I will email the Excel spreadsheet format to you. If you already have a list in place for your area, and a plan to use it, I would love to hear about it, or post about it on the Facebook page.

Thanks and be safe!
Jackie Rice

**ON A SMOKEY
DAY BEFORE
EVACUATING, KEVIN
LITTLE PARKED ALL
HIS VEHICLES IN
THE MIDDLE OF HIS
FIELD.....HOPING
THE FIRE COULDN'T
REACH THEM.**

Photo By
BOB RUSSELL



Leslie Hysell shared a post.

Admin · 1 hr · 📷

This goes for Law Enforcement too.....many are sacrificing for YOU! Respect that!



Kimm Esser ▸ McKenzie Residents Wildfire Group

Yesterday at 7:38 PM · 🌐

If this doesn't tell you a story, nothing will. What do you see when you look at this photo? I see fathers, sons, daughters, friends, neighbors, spouses, paid and unpaid, black, white, Christian, atheist, pro government, and not.. I see men and women banding together to save everything they can... to protect everything they can....

They're not asking who lives here, what do they believe, who do they support... They're simply doing their job until they literally drop in exhaustion, and then they sleep in their dirty, smelly firefighting turn outs wherever they can. They are not sleeping in beds, or air mattresses, or comfortable recliners.. they are just resting on the ground because that's what's available...

We all get to lost in our own world, our own worries, our own views, and we forget what it's like to be a community, to support one another no matter what, to love one another... I hope that when this tragic time is over everyone will remember this picture, these firefighters, the volunteers, the organizations, the individuals who didn't care what you thought, what you wear, what you do, your politics, or your race... they simply came, they donated, they worked, and they didn't quit.

This is what we should remember... in our time of need, they all came.

See MORE Resources
on Page 3





Mohawk Valley Lions News

We are all so fortunate that the awful fires spared the valley! We were probably going to burn if the east wind had blown hard for another few hours. Special thanks to our Mohawk Valley Fire Department for watching over all of us. And thanks to all of our locals that helped those of us that had to evacuate helping save farm animals and pets, transporting and fueling generators to save freezers and refrigerators and providing needed information to us all.

And on top of that, we are still dealing with the Covid 19 epidemic, worsening as I scribe this report. Our schools are presently able to operate under partial opening, providing 2 hour in person assistance to K-3 students needing extra help, though even this level is threatened if the cases numbers continue to swell. Distance Learning continues for all of the higher Grades. Lions have not met in person since Jan. or Feb. and have been meeting via zoom, as have ,many other folks.

The work at the Veterans Memorial park continues. Water service has been completed and we will be able to water the grass next year - it should make the park even nicer for community uses. We have a bunch of names to add to the memorial but the engraver fell behind because of the fire and Covid. The stone work must be completely dry before the engraver can cut names into the stone or the heat could make the stone erode or even explode. But we will get it done!

We will have hung the Holiday Candles along Marcola road by the time you get this edition of the Messenger and we hope everyone enjoys them. And thanks to all the volunteers who help get them put up. We are always open for suggestions on improving the display. Marcola is not incorporated, we have no city services outside of the Fire Department, supported by special levies. So it is up to volunteers like Lions to help brighten the streets with special decorations.

Speaking of volunteers, a huge shout out is due to all the volunteers at Helping Hands providing nutritional support for our community. Entry level and low wage jobs have been especially hard hit by the virus and there are many who appreciate the assistance provided by Helping Hands Pantry. Lions are grateful to be able to donate to Helping Hands every month, as are many

in the community.

We have heard that the annual Christmas Celebration will happen this year. Location will probably be decided soon, possibly the Youth Center. The Lions will be seeing that there is a frozen turkey in every food basket. This celebration shows the tremendous generosity of the local residents - thanks to all.

Bob Weaver, President
Mohawk Valley Lions Club



HAPPY HOLIDAYS, GRANGERS AND FRIENDS!

So here we go into a holiday season that's not like any we've had before.

Here at the Grange, we have our masked and socially distanced meetings once a month and AND THAT'S ALL!! It's no fun at all. We miss seeing our community. Our building looks gorgeous thanks to our wonderfully AWESOME Caretakers, Kelly and Thorp McClaren. We wish we could share it with you all!

We were very happy to donate \$200 to the Marcola Christmas Party. This is a super event put on by volunteers, headed by DeLana Hansen. See article on page 8 of this issue!

Recycling Note: Sadly we aren't doing any events at the grange yet, but there is a company, Garten at 2345 W Broadway, Eugene that will take #1 and #2. Call them at 541-868-1550 for details, appointments etc.

We elected our officers for another year: Linda Mooney, President; Bob Russell, Overseer; Gail Weathers & Carrie Jackson, Co-Secretary; Teresa Hill & Juliana Connell, Co-Treasurer; Julia Mooney, Lecturer; and Caretakers Extrordinaire, Thorp and Kelly McClaren.

We also canceled our December meeting as we do every year!

Well, Spring and Summer will be here before we know it with warm weather, growing plants, AND A VACCINE against this wretched virus. Then we can all go back to our active lives! Stay Hopeful, Stay Safe and love your family and friends..... from a social distance, of course!

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MARCOLA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Here is information on the Community Christmas Party this year. Thanks for printing our information. It is a great way to get the word out.

The Marcola Youth Center is preparing for their invitation only Annual Marcola Community Christmas event on Dec 21st. This year it will be different than any other as you can imagine due to the Covid19. The Marcola Christian Church has generously offered to allow us to use the church building for the party this year observing the COVID restrictions. The kids will pick out and wrap gifts for each of their family members, take home a wrapped gift from us and a food box.

We are seeking donations of:

- New gift items for all age groups
- Canned food and meat
- Peanut butter and pasta
- Financial donation

This year with so many families struggling financially we believe it is necessary to continue our tradition of bringing the Christmas Spirit of giving to the kids in our community. With your help we can make this happen!

Starting December 1st donations can be dropped off at the Marcola Christian Church on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 8am to 12pm.

Please send your financial donation to us at:
Marcola Community Christmas
Marcola Youth Center
PO Box 902
Marcola OR 97454

Thanks,
DeLana Hansen
delanahansen@msn.com
541-933-3907

FIRE NEAR THE FARM AT THE LOOP 9/10/2020

By Claudine Lundgren, Marcola

I was haunted throughout the night about Junie (oldest goat) dying without water, as I didn't think I left enough for 11 goats for another day beyond today and it looks like we are going to have to stay in town another day or two. I woke ultra worried, so called Kim to come get me, as Linda could stay here in Springfield with the dogs. I was low on gas and there are long lines to get any. And besides, Linda has a bit of COPD and doesn't need to be subjected to thick smoke. AND, Kim knows how to do everything at the farm with the cats and goats, and Midnite kitty was due for an injection!

SO, armed with a photo that shows where we are in relation to the cooling fires, we got to the road block 3 miles from Marcola and explained that we had to save the goats that are in need of water. The official there said "I have to tell you that the road is closed, but I cannot stop you". With that I said "thank you" and he said "stay safe" and we drove to the

I gathered some things that I had left behind and we headed out. Just as we entered Marcola Road from the Loop, I yelled "STOP! I think I see a fire starting!" Kim had to back up a ways for me to see what had caught my eye. YES, a hot spot ready to catch fire up high in a tree right across the street from the corner of the farm, way back from the corner of Johnson road! I tried to call 911 but no signal. So I took a photo and could hardly see the spark, so I zoomed the iPhone in for another shot and then Kim drove us quickly to the fire dept in Marcola. I was afraid that no one would be there, all out fighting the fires at the edges. But the place was crawling with fire fighters and Sheriff cars. One officer saw my photo and marched me into the guys inside. I showed them the photo and they all jumped like popcorn, into their equipment. I could hear the guy at the radio announce the fire and to get on it, NOW!.

We said that we could show them where it is, but they said that they would not come back until they find it. Once on the road we could see at least a dozen volunteer rigs and official fire rigs with lights blinking headed in the direction of the farm and probably beyond.



So, on the way back to town I realized that THAT was what called me to the farm. Not Junie nor the water at all. COSMIC connection of some sort. HOW IN THE HELL could I SEE that, while driving by, not even looking for or at anything? That spark found ME.

farm.

We got to the farm where the orange sky had turned to a thick gray and we could feel the dampness in the air.

We found all the goats were FINE and with plenty of water! WHAT! That is still hard for me to believe. Power was off so we had no water at the barn, but I have the cistern handy and filled up extra containers with water as Kim took care of the kitty and hay and grain.

The fire fighters said that I had just saved the neighborhood. And, I know it wasn't me, but something that came to me in the night. SOOOO AMAZED by it all. Still thinking about the TIMING of all of that.

So, now we are back in Springfield, safe. And, we can feel the dampness in the air here as well, although the light gray smoke hangs low and thick, blotting out the sun to a dim orange spooky glow. But I feel SOOOO relieved and had to share.

KARREN LANSKY'S PAGE

**STEPHEN SMEED (1842-1930):
LANDMARK HOTEL OWNER**

by Jane Lake

A rainy week before Thanksgiving in 1875 businessman Stephen Smeed and his family of four arrived by stage coach in Eugene, Oregon. Recent emigrants from England to Wisconsin, they'd decided to travel west by rail from Omaha, Nebraska to San Francisco.



"It took five days for us to come from Redding (CA) to Roseburg," recalled Stephen in a 1916 article in the Eugene Daily Guard. The roads were rough and washed out by floods. Trunks had to be shipped separately.

"Eugene was the first place between Sacramento and Portland where we could receive our baggage." So they stayed.

Oregon Pioneer Stephen Smeed (1842-1930) is at rest, along with his wife Elisabeth "Eliza" Swaffer Smeed (1846-1911) in the Smeed family's lot in Block No. 516 of the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery.



**SMEED FAMILY LOT
IN EUGENE PIONEER CEMETERY**

"The first winter we were here, the weather was unusually mild, and the season was long. I remember eating Christmas dinner with Uncle Jimmy, and we had green peas just picked from the vines," reminisced Smeed in a news article commemorating his 41 years in Eugene.

At first Stephen took an interest in the hops business. He purchased a tract of land in WALTERVILLE in the fertile McKenzie Valley. Although he sold it in 1918, it was a thriving hops farm well into the 1930s. Stephen and Eliza Smeed

The couple settled into a house on West 10th Street in Eugene, where they raised their three children: William, Carrie and Herbert.

In the 1880s Smeed purchased a three-story Italianate style building from Charles Baker for \$12,000. He opened "The Baker Hotel" in 1885 on Willamette Street near the Eugene Train Station. The name changed several times. It became Hotel Smeede in 1907, with the extra 'e' added for embellishment. (See sidebar Smeede Hotel: Silver Service Hospitality)

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Hotel Smeede remained in continuous operation until the early 1970s.

An eye for a good investment, Smeed was the first local businessman to purchase city bonds in 1911 for an electric street light system downtown. He purchased \$5,000 of the \$14,000 in bonds to install lamp posts along Willamette Street.

"That meant people could easily and safely be out and about at nighttime. They could come to his hotel and enjoy supper or stay for the night," said Glenn Smeed, one of Stephen Smeed's great-grandsons.

A well-regarded and affable gentleman, there was a fair amount of local interest about the Smeed family.

February 1912 the Eugene Daily Guard printed an "Interesting

Letter from Stephen Smeed who is in England." Spanning three pages, Smeed described a mid-winter tour of Europe with his son Herbert.

Born in Peashmarsh, Sussex County, England, Smeed noted, "The climate of England is very much like that of Western Oregon. And the winter there has been mild like it is here." On his homeward trip he was "struck that his favored spot, Oregon, reminded him very much of the country he most recently left."

Sadly, Eliza Smeed died Nov. 11 1911 in Ashland of long-standing heart trouble and dropsy. She and Mr. Smeed had left earlier in the month in hopes that the change would benefit her health. She was survived by her children and husband.

At the age of 88, Stephen Smeed died Dec. 24, 1930. His contribution to the hospitality offered to visitors during Eugene's formative years endures to current times.

Special thanks to a Great-Grandson of Stephen and Eliza, Glenn Herbert Smeed Jr., who currently serves as President of the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery Endowment Fund. Photos courtesy of Ralph Smeed, a Grandson of Oregon Pioneers Stephen and Eliza Smeed.

Smeede Hotel: Silver Service Hospitality

by Jane Lake

Dinner at the Smeede Hotel was an elegant affair. Visitors, local patrons and noteworthy guests like 1896 presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan were treated most royally.

Located in an Italianate style building steps from the Eugene Train Station, owners Stephen and Eliza Smeed offered "splendid" dining at a reasonable price.

Chestnut Dressing and Cranberry Sauce" and "Roast Young Goose with Gooseberry Sauce." A variety of vegetable and fruit salad sides were served as well.

Dessert consisted of "Hot Mince, Pumpkin Pie, Assorted Cakes, Nuts and Raisins."

All manner of oysters were regularly available at Smeede Grill. Menu advertisements promoted "blue points and toke points on the half shell." From the Columbia River, "Shoalwater, Olympia and eastern" varieties.

HOTEL SMEED IN EUGENE, OREGON

Now on the National Registry of Historic Places

A 1915 advertisement in the Eugene Daily Guard promoted

Christmas dinner at the Smeede Hotel with "the finest Turkeys and geese on the market."

For 50-cents a guest, holiday festivities began with oyster soup and fried fillet of Sole. The next course was braised suckling pig with apple sauce. Also, banana fritters and maple sauce.

The main course included both "Roasted Oregon Turkey,



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Original owner-proprietor Stephen Smeed (1842-1930) is at rest, along with his wife Elisabeth "Eliza" Swaffer Smeed (1846-1911) in the family's lot in Block No. 516 of the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery.

Jane Lake is an EPCA member who now lives in New York City. She enjoys contributing to Spirit of the Pioneer. Her website is dabadelic.com.



What's New: Friends of the Marcola Schools Media Center, Winter 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.

Blue River Library – Burned to the ground in the Holiday Farm Fire, the all-volunteer library established in 1928, now has Go Fund Me page, created by the Lane Library League. To help rebuild the Blue River Library: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/BlueRiverLibraryCampaign> .

Friends Awarded Pilcrow Matching Grant to Foster the Love of Reading!

In mid-October, the Friends received an eagerly awaited fat envelope from the Pilcrow Foundation in Cottage Grove. Hooray! We'd been awarded the maximum matching grant of \$1000 (if we can raise \$400...) for their Children's Book Project. All funds raised will put brand new books on the shelves of the Media Center.

More than 700 books are offered by the Pilcrow Foundation, all hardcover (or board books for little hands), fiction and non-fiction, for readers from pre-school to age 12. The authors include Margaret Wise Brown (Goodnight Moon...), Tomie DePaola (Cats and Kittens...), Leo Lionni (A Little Book About ABCs...), Megan McDonald (Judy Moody...), Katherine Applegate (The One and Only Ivan...), Michael Bond (Paddington...), Simon Winchester (When the Earth Shakes...), and so many more. Coordinating carefully with school personnel, we'll be selecting about 80 books, if we can make our match. That's where you come in.

We see this as a golden opportunity to pass along the love of reading.

- Do you have a favorite book, one you hope a child in your life will someday read and love?
- Do you hope that child will find that they love to read?
- Do you have a memory of a time, as a child, spent discovering books in your school library?

Unlike during your childhood, these experiences may not now be as common. The good news is this grant award from the Pilcrow Foundation (with the Chamber's Family Foundation, Eugene) can help rectify this situation. They are willing to match, 2.5 times, every tax-deductible gift (up to \$400). Every dollar, with its \$2.50 match from the foundations, will purchase new children's books for the Marcola Schools Media Center.

We ask in humbleness and gratitude: please make a gift of any amount and have it matched 2.5 times. One dollar becomes \$3.50... \$10 becomes \$35... \$100 becomes \$350... Or, be a Book Hero! Contribute the entire \$400 of the match (for \$1400 worth of books!) and your name (or that of a loved one) can be in every book obtained through the grant.

A reception will be held, when circumstances allow, at the Media Center, to honor all donors, celebrate reading, and peruse the books purchased through this Pilcrow Foundation grant.

We can accept your gift via cash, check, or credit card:

Cash – Call Eve King-Lehman, 541-933-2258, to arrange a meeting & get a receipt.

Check – Make checks payable to "Friends of the Marcola Schools Media Center"

mail to: Friends of the MSMC, PO Box 1181, Marcola OR 97454.

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Questions about our grant from the Pilcrow Foundation & Chambers Family Foundation?

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For information about the Pilcrow Foundation: thepilcrowfoundation.org

"Engineer It! Exploring Ancient Technologies" is back!



This summer's "Engineer It!," the virtual program from Museum of Natural and Cultural History, is back for the month of December through the last day of Winter Break, January 4th, 2021. We think this will primarily interest children from pre-K (over 3 years-old) thru 5th grade. It's designed to provide families with fun, hands-on learning opportunities.

For thousands of years, Native Americans have used science and engineering to create tools, homes, clothing, and more—passing this knowledge down through generations. In fact, many technologies that were invented long ago are still being used today. With the video, explore artifacts designed by Oregon's first engineers, visit with an archaeologist, then try your own engineering skills!

Watch the video: youtu.be/8LRqd8CR3ck , (about 25-minutes, for home viewing, at your leisure) then enjoy the 5 engineering challenges described in the Home Activity Bag.

Each bag has materials for one child and contains:

- a printed activity packet, with verbal and visual instructions
- materials for multiple hands-on engineering challenges, and
- ideas for continued learning and exploration that families can do from home.

The Home Activity bags will be available, while supplies last, beginning in December through Marcola Elementary and/or the Friends. Watch our Facebook page for more details.

Contact the Friends

See our Facebook page: facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacycenter/

E-mail us: friendsofmarcolalibrary@gmail.com , or call Sally Leete at 541-933-2141

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND THE COMMUNITY

Dear Editor and Community,

At the Fall Quarterly meeting of the Friends of the Marcola Schools Media Center, we voted to forward this email to you regarding rebuilding the Blue River Library (See below). We thought it might be of interest to folks here in the Mohawk Valley and that you might want to reprint it in the Letters to the Sally Leete, Marcola

Oregon's September wildfires burned the community of Blue River to ashes - and with it, the volunteer Blue River Library. The Lane Library League has launched a \$10,000 campaign to help rebuild. We've donated \$1000 to kick things off, but we need your help to meet our goal. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/BlueRiverLibraryCampaign> .

The Blue River Library began in 1928 when local teacher, Frances O'Brien began letting people check books out from her front porch. Operations later moved to a small building that became a community hub. Local volunteers now hope to build a larger library in its stead, in the spirit of a community determined to come back from the ashes. Let's all pitch in!

Best, Bill Sullivan
President, Lane Library League, www.lanelibrary.org

PS - Our popular Authors & Artists Fair fundraiser has been postponed this year due to the pandemic. We look forward to seeing you in person at the 21st annual A&A Fair on December 11, 2021. In the meantime we are still funding summer reading and other programs at volunteer libraries throughout Lane County. Donations to that broader effort are most welcome, and can be sent to the Lane Library League treasurer, Thanks!

Beth Hammond at 87728 Tiernan Road, Mapleton OR 97453.

Dear Editor and Community:

This is an open letter to the journalists who are reporting on the election and the COVID 19 crisis. This means television, digital and creaky old print. I follow most "news" on my phone and try to look at a number of sources in order to draw a factual conclusion. I have come to the conclusion that each of us can find sources that tell us what we want to know, stoke our fears and steal our determination to believe what they want us to.

I come from an era where reporting the facts was a little more important than selling papers or raising ratings. Remember Chet Huntley and David Brinkley? Remember Walter Cronkite? These men were followed by equally professional folks, but professionalism has eroded over the years. We are moving closer and closer to a time when what you read is designed to meet your expectations and prejudices - facts be damned!

Reading all of the opinions and analyses about COVID 19 and about the election has become truly exhausting and I need to take a break. I humbly request that someone, anyone, line up the Facts against the Truth, the verifiable data, and admit what we don't know for sure. We will never agree completely as a community, a state or a country unless we can begin to trust what we are told.

Is that too much to ask?
Penny Englert, Springfield (former Mohawk Valley Resident)

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Recommended send-by dates for expected delivery before December 25¹

Domestic Mail Class/Product	Date (excluding Alaska & Hawaii)
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ESPRESSO MACHINE

CHIPS—THE SEASON

By Gail Weathers

We are rushing toward the holidays, which are a lot of fun this dark time of year. We have a choice of more kinds of lights and decorations than ever before. I used to drive up to McLean Street in Eugene to see the spectacular lights, even though it was often foggy. One year I was going to ride the light-viewing bus to see all the best displays, but it quit running by the first week of December, and I wasn't up for it before that. Now there are neighborhoods in Springfield that are fun to view. This is something we can do that CoVid 19 can't interfere with.

In the Mohawk Valley, we have a couple of displays that I look forward to each year. The first season I was up here there was a yard that had lights strung along their driveway to Marcola Road. As I rounded the curve, I thought a tractor-trailer was crosswise in the highway. After an anxious moment, I realized that the highway curved and passed it and the lights weren't on a truck. A plastic snowman was among the decorations. Halloween decorations gave us a preview of what is going to be available in Christmas decorations. This year there already are some decorations in the Mohawk Valley well worth viewing.

I was thinking about when I was a child opening my gifts on Christmas. One of the wonderful presents was a treasure chest of activities: dot-to-dot, sewing a picture with a shoe lace, painting with just water, puzzles and more. I assumed that it was from my grandparents, as the giver sure knew what I would think was great. The label just said, "From Santa". All these years I gave credit to my grandmother, and she did a lot of credit worthy things, but it really was from my parents and they could have used the credit. Another "From Santa" gift was a white, wooden dresser with a skirt. I didn't know until after I had donated it that my grandfather had built it. I had little to remember him by and I gave this away. So I want to point out that a neat gift should be labeled with the true name of the giver, and if Santa needs to give a gift, let it be one of

less impact. A person needs to know who gave a memorable gift before there is no one left to ask.

We are a couple of months past the fire misery and things have settled down for most people. People who have lost their belongings and a pet have all my sympathy. My little problem is that gritty black/brown ash that is still falling from the trees and into the grass, and I still have to wash it off my feet and out of the cats' water dishes. The white fly ash was gone the first week. I envision archeologists in the future finding that layer of ash and puzzling over where the volcano was that made it. The quantity of it makes me think it was that which came up from California. As I was stacking my belongings by the car to evacuate, they accumulated a surprising amount of it. It was dry enough that I could dump it off. It was a mess in Springfield, too.

Much of the weirdness from that disaster is past, and I take comfort in the normal Oregon rain. I am so happy to be on a hillside instead of along the Willamette, where we regularly got flooded even though we lived only about a mile below the dam.

People haven't been able to get haircuts. Some people have cut their own hair and have done it well. Others don't seem to have gotten up the nerve. Just make the first cut to the length you want in that spot, then use it as a guide to cut the rest. Pay attention that it doesn't become a bowl cut. Some of you remember your parents forbidding you to cut your hair. If you don't have someone to do it or to help you, I give you permission to do it anyway. If you don't like the results, wait until it grows out. At any rate, cut the pointed locks square so it looks as though you have been paying attention.

I still haven't resolved my electronics lacks, so still watch mostly Direct TV RFD Channel. On Larry's Country Diner, Nadine advises that "You learn when to stop arguing and just let them be wrong." She, also, says she's "Too old for SnapChat and too young for Life Alert"



'tis the Season

by Juanita Turner Paslay

'tis the season . . . not for holly jolly, but for mating.

From my library window, I watched the squirrels seek a nest mate for their spring family. They run after each other in full speed ahead, then into quick reverse. A moment ago, three brown tree squirrels raced by the window with tails a flying.


I roasted filberts this morning. Maybe that's why the squirrels act excited. I smell the rich nutty flavor filling the house. Possibly they can too as the aroma drifts up the chimney, or through the walls, or maybe not.

Once the nuts cool, I rub off the thin skins and store them in the refrigerator for a healthy snack. For a better, healthier treat, I love to dip the nuts and raisins in melted dark chocolate chips with a touch of olive oil. Excellent brain food!

Twenty-five years ago, when we harvested our filbert orchard of one hundred ten trees, my husband made chocolate nut clusters to sell at our respective offices. One year, we sold over \$400 worth. I gained five pounds that winter. The aroma in the air must have been responsible.

The new year will soon be here. I wish everyone good health and happiness in all your endeavors. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





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Lane County's course is in Eugene at Lane Education Service District's main campus and on your computer at home. Classroom discussions, video presentations, and hands-on (behind-the-wheel) exercises will fill your days in class. You will have some homework to complete prior to your next class.

Tuition is funded by a grant from ODOT Transportation Safety Division for Oregon residents. Potential instructors pay \$145 for materials and criminal background check.

Please go to: <http://trivou.org/projects/tse> for more information and to register for the winter hybrid course (12/5/20-2/27/21 in Eugene and on your computer).

Enrollment is limited.

Questions can be emailed to trif@trivou.org. We would like to acknowledge the support of Oregon Department of Transportation - Traffic Safety Division.

REFRESH YOUR HOUSE/REFRESH YOUR SOUL!

Well here we are. Still stuck, frustrated, bored and worried. Don't know if we will ever get back to normal. Looking at the same four walls with the same things that have been there so long you don't really see them anymore.

Karl Jung, who was a contemporary of Sigmund Freud, proposed a concept that I have always found fascinating. He said that a house found in a dream was a representation of the psyche and the various parts of the house were parts of the dreamer.

We can turn that idea on its head and propose that freshening your house could refresh your soul. By the time you read this you have been mostly housebound for months. You have been looking at the same room with walls you used to love with the same things on the walls and in the rooms that you really loved. Maybe it's time to take another look.

If your house or living space is so large or crowded that you can only imagine a household staff to take care of it, you may want to consider trimming it down and simplifying. Here are a few tips.

Treasure Seasons

If your room is stuffed with treasures you have accumulated over the years; collections, souvenirs, gifts; consider sorting them out by seasons. You can look at colors, textures, or subject matter as possibilities. Put them in boxes labeled Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring. Put three of the boxes away.

Start to distribute the contents of the remaining box (probably winter). You will find that you enjoy them so much more un-crowded. You can be in the holiday mode any time. When you have had enough of Winter, put it away and start thinking Spring. You get the idea.

Collections

If you have been collecting something over the years, people tend to add to it as gifts they hope you'll like. So if you started out with a dozen elephants you find in a few years that you have many, many more. And now you can't really see them or appreciate them. So pare the herd down and display them in groups of three or five in different parts of the house. You will find yourself loving them all over again.

Paint

Let's start from the basics. If you can afford it a gallon of paint can do wonders for your room and your mood. You don't necessarily have to paint the whole room. If you ever considered eggplant purple a favorite or something equally smashing how about a feature wall. It's usually the wall facing you when you enter the room. When it's done, you can select some art, a mirror or three or a group of family pictures you haven't seen for awhile. Take a beautiful scarf or shawl that you haven't worn for awhile, put it on a velvet or satin hanger and presto! Art is whatever you think it is.

So there you have it! Give a room a facelift and that will give your heart a heart lift!

Penny Englert, Long time former resident of the Mohawk Valley
Comments?: penglert@aol.com

TAI CHI AND YOGA

Tai Chi and exercises begin at 11am on Monday and Thursday at Shot Gun Park. If it is not raining, you drive into the park and go right, park and come down to the river. If it is raining, you drive into the park and go left to the first shelter. This class is led by Karen Slater. She is new at being an instructor, but she studies and shares with us many new ways of stretching. This gets us ready for our Tai Chi class. If you are interested in learning Tai Chi, you're welcome to come and join in.

We are looking for a Yoga Instructor. We would like to start a class at the Grange. Please call me, if you would like to have a Yoga Class happen here at the Grange. If you are an instructor, we would also like to hear from you. Call Julia at 541-915-9392.



A Trusted Friend

By Juanita Turner Paslay
Gideon Aux. Chaplain

Best friends are few. That is why we call them 'best'. These special friendships could fill a book with memories of our pleasant and

trying times together.

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

Proverbs 17:17 NLT

Treasure those friendships and blessings we experience. Reminisce about our mutual good times to keep those hours fresh in our mind. Share appreciation with them by card, a phone call, or conversation over lunch. One special blessing is studying a certain book in the Bible, verse by verse, together. Jesus had twelve special friends/apostles and He considered Peter, James, and John as His best friends. Jesus chose these three men to witness His transfiguration on a mountain. Peter denied Jesus three times. This apostle possibly regretted that decision until the day Rome crucified him for following Jesus. King Herod had James, (John's brother) killed with a sword. John was so close to Jesus that he mentioned their unique relationship four separate times saying that he was the one whom Jesus loved. John was the only apostle who was not a martyr for his faith.

Lord Jesus, I desire to develop a strong and abiding love and fellowship with You. Help me share Your love with my friends.

**. . . I (Jesus) have called you friends,
for all things that I heard from My Father
I have made known to you.**

John 15:15 NKJV

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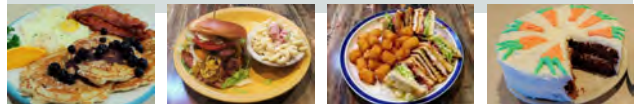
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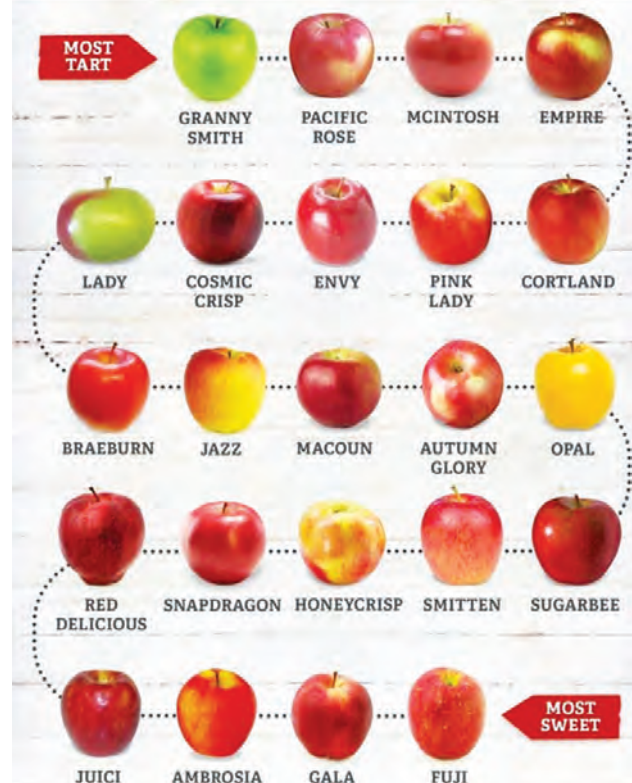
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Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services

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MARKET UPDATE: Selling And Buying In A COVID-19 World

I'm often asked how COVID-19 and the social restraints and government-imposed limitations are affecting the market and my business. In March and April of this year, it seemed nobody wanted anyone in their homes in fear of the unknown of this pandemic world. It was hard to get showing appointments for Buyers, and I had several listing appointments cancelled or postponed. However, as life does, the market must continue. Since May, many people became a bit more relaxed as the real estate industry embraced certain protocols for showing appointments including wearing masks, sanitizing & washing hands as recommended by the CDC and The Oregon Health Authority.

With that being said, we can see the effect of COVID-19 on the Active Residential Listings in the graph below. In 27 years in this industry, I have never seen inventory drop under 1 month before this Summer, and again in October. With this limited inventory, and still record low interest rates spurring heavy buying activity, this has become very much a Seller's Market.

October Residential Highlights

New listings (511) increased 20.5% from the 424 listed in October 2019, and increased 7.8% from the 474 listed in September 2020.

Pending sales (490) increased 24.4% from the 394 offers accepted in October 2019, and increased 9.6% from the 447 offers accepted in September 2020.

Closed sales (484) increased 18.3% from the 409 closings in October 2019, and increased 9.0% from the 444 closings in September 2020.

Year-to-Date Summary

Comparing the first ten months of 2020 to the same period in 2019, new listings (5,009) decreased 4.7%, pending sales (4,323) increased 0.2%, and closed sales (3,982) decreased 4.7%.

Average and Median Sale Prices

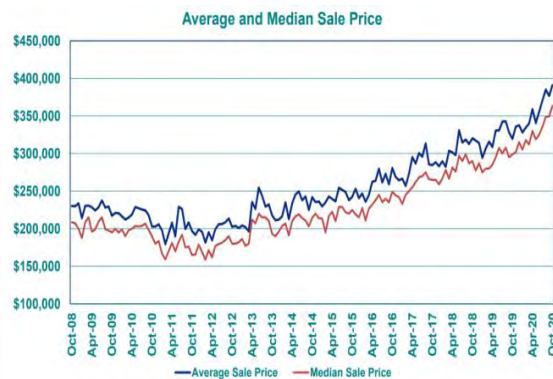
Comparing 2020 to 2019 through October, the average sale price has increased 11.5% from \$324,400 to \$361,700. In the same comparison, the median sale price has increased 13.3% from \$295,000 to \$334,300.

Inventory in Months*			
	2018	2019	2020
January	1.7	2.2	1.9
February	1.8	2.0	1.6
March	1.4	1.8	1.7
April	1.5	1.7	2.0
May	1.6	1.5	2.0
June	1.7	1.6	1.3
July	1.8	1.5	0.9
August	1.7	1.6	1.0
September	2.4	1.8	1.1
October	2.1	1.8	0.9
November	2.2	1.7	
December	1.9	1.4	

*Inventory in Months is calculated by dividing the Active Residential Listings at the end of the month in question by the number of closed sales for that month. This number includes proposed and under construction homes.

Inventory and Market Time

Inventory decreased to 0.9 months in October, which is tied with the lowest on RMLS™ record in July 2020. Total market time increased to 35 days.



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