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but by strengthening and protecting what we love!”*

VIOLA HILEMAN TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS IN AUGUST

By Donna Heath

Looking at “Vi’s” bright eyes, watching her move about the house and listening to stories of being the second oldest of 12 children, you would never guess her to be older than 70. It’s easy to see why her daughter, Bonnie Halford says, “She’s got fire under her wings.” Her mother Viola Ruth Muriel Robison and her father Joseph Hatter married in 1918 and lived in Scotts Mill, Oregon where Vi was born August 11, 1921. Her older brother

Paul was followed by 8 more boys and, finally, when Vi was 13, she got the first of 2 sisters. Sadly, cancer has taken 5 of those brothers and 3 more to other causes. She still has 1 brother Don in Arizona and both sisters, Clara and Dorothy in Hillsboro.



Growing up during the depression in rural Oregon, they never went hungry having a garden, a couple of deer and when they lived near the coast, fish and clams. In fact, nobody ever went hungry in the sharing community where they lived.



Vi and Friends-1928 Buick

When she was 6 years old, Vi lived with her Aunt Lizzy for a year in Sweet Home while her Uncle Frank [Lizzy’s husband] was away logging. Her mom “Ruth” could “take nothing and make a meal.” Saturday was often a big pot of beans allowed to cook all day with rolls. Breakfast, Vi’s favorite, was generally a pot of whole wheat that simmered overnight. Her dad, “Joe” raised 200 rabbits, which he’d slaughter to sell, and the kids had the job of stuffing 2 gunnysacks full of grass by the time he got home. Fried rabbit was cooked more often than fried chicken. From her journal, “Moved to farm on the Tillamook River. Mom and Dad milked 20 cows morning and night. My job

was to watch the kids and have supper on the table. I was 9. One day we couldn’t find little brother Wally. We searched everywhere between the road and the river in a panic.” When Vi went back to cooking supper, she opened the kitchen closet and found him asleep on a big sack of prunes.

Vi never had much use for dolls since “her babies” were real and much more interesting. Other hobbies were embroidering pillowcases, quilting, crossword puzzles and word search. Her dad taught her how to dance and she in turn taught her husband ... but that comes later. A neighbor asked her dad one day if he wanted a cow as he was going to slaughter 2 and when Joe answered he didn’t have the money, the neighbor said, “Come work for me for 6 days.” And at \$2 a day, Joe got the beef for \$12. Only folks in town or ranches had telephones and indoor toilets.

As Mom’s helper, Vi even helped deliver her twin siblings and kept the other kids out of the house. The only child born in a hospital was the last one, Len, then sadly, 2 years later they all lost their mom at the age of 40. The one-room school was near the woods where they could go pick



Viola Hatter 1547014



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# Celebrating Viola Hileman, Continued from Page 1

lilies and flowers and play "Annie, Annie, Over" throwing the ball over the schoolhouse. High School was a 4-mile walk one way, which was only frightening in the 1/2 mile of woods before reaching home. One evening she saw a large furry animal in the middle of the road. She stood there frozen until big brother Paul walked down the hill and called what turned out to be the dog. Then they walked home together. Vi loved to hike with friends and come home to a stew her mom cooked for the lot of them.

When she was 14, her dad would "call" the square dance moves for kids who gathered there to dance. Nobody had bikes and hockey was played with a tin can ~ hard on the shins! On her 16th birthday, Vi wanted to go to the coast with friends but her mom said, "Not before these beans are canned!" So, she canned 117 quarts that morning and then she got to go.

Viola's first job outside the home was ... can you guess, a cook in a restaurant off and on for some years while still canning, making bread and pies at home. Friends introduced her to Roleoth Hileman, whom she found to be more of a pest at first and told him to go home, but persistence paid off and they married in 1942 in Vancouver, WA. Too soon he was sent off to the South Pacific Islands for the remainder of WWII. News of the bombing of Pearl Harbor hit her family hard since she had 3 brothers in the Navy but as luck would have it, the brother stationed in Pearl Harbor was out on maneuvers and survived that day. Vi remembered



Yes, Roleoth belonged to the 3 generations of Hilemans after which Hileman Road is named: his father owned the property on one side of the road; his uncle, the other side. He was a Cat Skinner for Weyerhaeuser, an avid hunter and loved to camp. Vi and Roleoth raised son Paul and daughter Bonnie in Marcola both graduating from Mohawk High School. Prior she also raised her brother Basil from age 13 until he graduated from MHS.

Here in Marcola, Vi was a Brownie [Scout] Leader with as many as 24 Brownies and 2 aides, taught cooking for the 4H youth organization, and was on call at the school where they didn't hesitate to call her to do something for the students and/or teachers. Her home was the house where kids and friends, once as many as 17, would come for cinnamon bread and hot chocolate bringing records to dance to. After 42 years without seeing much of her extended family, 118 Hatters came to a 4th of July Yamhill Family Reunion and "man, was it hot." Vi made 16 wild



blackberries pies.

Viola and Roloeth had son Paul who had 4 children, as did daughter Bonnie, and those 8 grandkids produced 26 great-grandkids, who in turn gave Vi, 33 great-great-grandchildren and helped raise many nieces and nephews. Roleoth died in July 1982, another victim of cancer.

Asked how she wants to be remembered, she said, "I want to be known as a housewife who worked for a while." She was also Grand Marshal of Mary Cole Day in 2010 riding in a new fire-red convertible.

**And what is her advice to the rest of us?  
"Don't be afraid to take on responsibilities."**

## VIOLA AND DAUGHTER, BONNIE





**FROM LINDA MOONEY, EDITOR:**

WOW, It's June and things are looking up, both weather wise and pandemic wise. HAVE YOU HAD YOUR SHOTS? I have and I feel much freer to return to my life. Join me, please!

Things are opening up. The Grange is open for rentals, we are scheduling Road Clean ups. (It sure got dirty from no attention). Our community restaurant is opening and hopping!. School's almost out and kids (and teachers) are ready.

By the Way: anyone out there interested in helping me edit this paper? I can't do it forever....call or email me!

Let's get back to having a thriving community! I'm soooo ready!

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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!

**CORRECTION FROM JUNE ISSUE:**  
MY APOLOGIES TO TERESA NOHRENBURG. IT WAS SHE AND NOT TERESA HILL WHO HELPED OUR NEW ROADHOUSE OWNER WITH HER BOOKKEEPING NEEDS. SO SORRY FOR THE MISTAKE!

**Have you heard of the struggles that our long time supporter and advertiser, Mohawk General Store is having?**

The article below was written by the owners and can be seen at <https://gofund.me/c2d76595>

There are also some more great old pictures of the store.

**Please join this newspaper and donate if you can and let's save this part of our valley's history!**

We( Terry and Sandy Alberts) purchased the Mohawk General Store almost 8 years ago. It was 100 years old when we bought it. One of the things that attracted us to the store was its history in the community.

The Mohawk General Store has been a part of the Mohawk valley community for 107 years. It is a part of Oregon's history. Built in 1914 via an agreement between the first owners and the Mohawk Brass Band members. The band supplied all the labor to build the store with the understanding that they could practice, hold concerts, and have dances on the second floor. The original stage is still in place.

It is much more than a country grocery. It's a place to gather. For over a hundred years families have come to the store to shop, catch up on local news, and visit. We love when people come in and tell us about their stories about coming to the store as a child or how their grandparents brought them here. Local customers bring in friends and family from out of town/state to show them the historic building and hear about its history.

The building has the original wood floors with square nails! On the walls are historical pictures, provided by community members, depicting the various eras of the store. At one time the Donna Train Depot sat across from the store and so did the

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Mohawk Lumber mill. They are long gone but the store remains.

Unfortunately due to the age of the building (107 years old) it needs extensive repairs. This year we replaced the siding on one side as it was in bad shape and couldn't go through another winter. Some siding on two other sides still needs replaced before the building can be painted. We recently discovered the roof needs replaced. In addition some structural work needs to be done upstairs. We would like to complete the work by this Fall.

We greatly appreciate the community support from present and past residents of the Mohawk Valley and from all of you who visit our community's store while enjoying this amazing part of Oregon! We realize you, too, love this place and the history contained within these walls. Would you please help preserve the memories of past generations and help update this historic monument to

yesteryear, allowing future generations to enjoy the experience of the Mohawk General Store? Thank you! Future generations will thank you, too!





# Meetings (Alphabetical) in the Community

DUE TO COVID PANDEMIC, CALL ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT WHETHER MEETINGS ARE IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL

• **Boy Scout Troop 51**

Meetings: 6:30pm Thursdays at McKenzie Church of Christ, 250 51st St, Springfield, Contact Tom Snyder 541 729-7736; Jim Smith 541-933-2256 who is Cascade District Assistant District Commissioner, and as a contact for all other BSA Troops and Packs within Springfield. Parents and children can simply locate a unit by putting in their zip code, pick a unit near them and sign up on “Be A Scout.” <https://beascout.scouting.org/>

• **Cub Scout Pack 450, Marcola,**

Meetings are normally in the MSD Media Center but due to COVID and the Media Center unavailability due to Oregon Department of Education COVID guidance currently; our meetings are currently being held Friday’s at 6:30 pm in an alternate location. Contact is Richard Davey 541 510-9192

• **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](mailto: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. Check with HS for specific times and locations. 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  
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Facilitator/contact Erica Shetzline 541-933-2568

• **Tai Chi Classes AT SHOTGUN PARK**

11:00 - Mondays & Thursday mornings  
Contact Julia Mooney 541-915-9392  
• **Valley Yoga Classes???** Contact Julia at 541-915-9392 for information!  
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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!



## Marcola/Mohawk Valley Community Garage Sales

Mark your calendars for June 19 for the Marcola/Mohawk Valley Community Garage Sales.

If you are interested in participating and would like to have your address listed in our information/list of sales, please contact Debbie at [d\\_cope95@yahoo.com](mailto:d_cope95@yahoo.com)

## CONTACT US

Interested in having your business added to the Mohawk Valley Directory? Get in touch with the team at Mohawk Valley Directory for a chance to pitch ideas, speak with an editor, and have your questions answered.

[DenizDunsonRE@gmail.com](mailto:DenizDunsonRE@gmail.com)

The Mohawk Valley Directory is designed to be a one-stop local business directory. Its aim is to equally showcase and support local businesses by providing them a free platform in which viewers will be able to search and discover Mohawk Valley businesses.

The website: <http://www.mohawkvalleydirectory.org/>





# FIRE HOUSE UP-DATE

Spring is coming to an end and we will soon be into summer, we hope this article finds everyone in good health and spirits. It has been one crazy year for all of us, starting with the COVID 19 Pandemic and including the Evacuations due to the Holiday Farm Fire. The Fire District has remained busy throughout the year responding to 437 calls for service. In addition, MVRFD provided resources to the following conflagrations:

- LNU Complex California  
MVRFD supplied one type six brush engine with three personnel for 13 Days.
- White River Fire  
MVRFD supplied one type six brush engine with two personnel for 3 Days.
- Holiday Farm Fire  
MVRFD supplied a full protection task force including 24 personnel over a 9-day period.
- Glass Fire, California  
MVRFD supplied a type three brush engine with 4 personnel over a 16 Days.

In addition to the wildfires MVRFD has had to adapt to the changes with the COVID 19 pandemic. As you might have noticed if you have seen crews out on calls the amount of personal protective equipment we wear has increased. It has been over a year since we have had to restrict access to district buildings, and we have had to cancel multiple community events. This has not been easy to adjust to, but am happy to report we have had no cases of COVID-19 among the ranks of the district members, and about 95% of these members have been fully vaccinated against the virus since early February.

As summer approaches, we would like to remind everyone that there are a few things we need to be looking at around the house.

1. Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors along with daylight savings.
2. Trees and other plants will be blooming. Make sure your house is assessable to fire trucks and ambulances.
3. Clean out clogged run offs and drains
4. Start to prepare for a wildfire situation by giving yourself a defensible space around your home.

You might ask what a defensible space is. Well the answer is, an area around your home that will act as a firebreak in order to protect your home in such event. Many times homes are lost in wildfires due to the condition around the homes. There are improvements that you can make to your home in order to increase the chance it will make it through.

Creating defensible space around your home is the best way to protect your home from wildfire. The first 30 feet surrounding your home - referred to as the primary ignition zone - is the most critical - and there are some simple actions that a homeowner can take to help protect their homes from wildfire that are easy, quick, and relatively inexpensive, such as:

- Removing dead and dying debris - particularly from places that it piles up near the home such as in gutters and planters, any "valleys" that can catch debris that embers and sparks can blow onto - the most common way for a wildfire to damage or destroy a home in the wildland-urban interface.
- Storing firewood at least 20 feet away from the home or completely covering it to protect it from those same blowing embers and sparks.
- Properly maintaining the plants that are in the area - pruning, removing dead and dying materials, and keeping them well-watered and green.

A defensible space also allows room for firefighters to fight the fire safely.

- Protecting your home from wildfire falls into three categories:
- using fire-resistant building materials (such as roofing)

- reducing fuels around your home (such as wood piles)
  - planting fire-resistant plants in your landscape
- While these steps do not ensure that your home will survive a wildfire, they substantially increase the chances that it will.

In addition you can use fire resistive plants around the house during your landscaping projects. Some examples include:

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| Carpet bugleweed     | Cranberry cotoneaster |
| Rock cress           | Orchid rockrose       |
| Yellow iceplant      | Oregon grapeholly     |
| Kinnikinnick         | Creeping holly        |
| Wild strawberry      | Vine maple            |
| Japanese pachysandra | Rocky Mountain maple  |
| Yarrow               | Dwarf burning bush    |
| Sea thrift           | Amur maple            |
| Columbine            | Bigleaf maple         |
| Basket-of-gold       | Mountain alder        |
| Delphinium           | Eastern redbud        |

These are just to name a few. You can find more landscaping Ideas at: [http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/20921/\\*pnw590.pdf](http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/20921/*pnw590.pdf)

If you would like more advice or would like us to come take a look, just gives us a call here at the station

As we all saw last summer, the Mohawk Valley is not immune to a large wildfire. This year is not looking to be much better as we are already seeing fires in the county and around the state. Please only burn on approved burn days and remember to call LRAPA every day you burn to insure that it is a burn day and that no burn bans have been put into place.

## What could happen if you violate burning restrictions?

1. You could start a large fire that could affect thousands of people.
2. You could be fined by LRAPA and or The Oregon Department Of Forestry.
3. You can be held Criminally Liable for damages.
4. You may be responsible for the cost of the fire suppression efforts. This could easily reach \$50,000 and up in costs. This includes any fire lit by your minor child as well.

Help Wanted!  
As always we are looking for people who would like to join the district and become a volunteer firefighter. So if you are interested in “Answering the call,” please contact the training officer for more information.

## Who We Are:

Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District provides fire and medical protection from Camp Creek Rd to the Lane/Linn County line as well as the Coburg ridgeline to the Camp Creek ridgeline. The fire district averages about 450 calls a year responding to a variety of calls including fires, medical calls, motor vehicle accidents, industrial accidents, and hazardous materials incidents. Currently the district is staffed with a paid Fire Chief, Maintenance Officer, and Training Officer as well as 20 volunteer firefighters and 7 intern firefighters.

When a resident of the Mohawk Valley has an emergency, they call 911. Whether it involves a fire or a medical issue, it is the volunteers of Mohawk Valley Fire District who respond. What would you think if no one responded? Everyone in our community needs someone who is willing to help in a time of need and that someone could be you. If you have the desire to help your neighbors and make your community a better place to live, then consider volunteering with Mohawk Valley Fire District.

Thank you for taking the time to read our article. Please feel free to call or stop by the fire station any time if you have any questions.  
Steven C Wallace  
Fire Chief / EMT I  
Mohawk Valley R.F.D  
Phone: 541-933-2907; Fax: 541-933-2908; Cell: 541-972-119







## OUR GRANGE IS OPEN!

WELL, we are slowly opening. We still have our meetings on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6PM. However, the June meeting will be a week later on June

27th. This is because our regular date is Fathers Day! Celebrate the fathers in your life!

We are opening for rentals at the Grange. Let me say the Grange looks and smells wonderful. Our caretakers, Thorp and Kelly have been busy cleaning, refurbishing and improving it. It will surprise and delight anyone looking for a great event venue. Because of the pandemic, we needed to charge for more cleaning time, but it is well worth it!

We still have Bat Guano for sale. That stuff is the best fertilizer ever....contact Teresa Hill at 541-912-1933. \$15 a bag with instructions.

We have scheduled our much needed Marcola Road Cleanup....and WOW, does it need it! It is July 24th. We can always use your help. Meet at the Grange at 10:00....usually takes about 2 hours!

We want to restart our Plastic Recycling Collecting, but we need volunteers. If helping our planet and our community is your passion, contact me at lindamooney39361@gmail.com.

Hopefully by fall, we'll be having those Bingo games and yummy dinners.

Please come and visit  
and let's enjoy each other again!

## MOHAWK VALLEY LIONS

The majority of the Mohawk Valley Lions are now fulling vaccinated and we are starting to emerge from our dens. By the time this is published the Lions will have had their first person to person meeting in over a year, thanks to beautiful spring weather that allowed us to meet outside. Although fund raising has been greatly reduced we have been blessed with a strong financial picture, local support, and monies from our Bottledrop donations.



With this support we have been able to continue donate to Honor Flight for veterans, Canine Companions for veterans, and Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing, as well as the local Helping Hand Foodbank. Thanks to extra efforts from our Sight and Hearing director, Regina Kirkland, we have provided eye exams and glasses for three Mohawk Valley residents. We continue to maintain the Veteran's Memorial Park for use and enjoyment of our Mohawk Valley family. Coming up we hope to be able to award two of our local graduates with \$500 scholarships and have tentatively planned a community chicken BBQ in the park on August 28th. Please keep us in mind should you want to volunteer to support the Mohawk Valley Lions or become a member.

Thanks, Bob Weaver  
President, Mohawk Valley Lions

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# SCOUTS IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

BY Jim Smith, 541 968-6505

Veterans Tom Green & Jim Smith of VFW Post 4166 of Mabel Oregon participated jointly with Oregon Trail Counsel Cascade District Scouts of Troop 51 in Springfield during clean up on Saturday 15 May. Their Scout Master Tom Snyder and his assistants accompanied our youth Scout members. Scout members posted Flags at Veterans' gravesites throughout most of the Mohawk Valley for the Memorial Day remembrance of Veterans by remembering their service to our Nation.



Troops 179 and 4719 (BSA Girls) at Valley View Cemetery in Springfield also posted Flags on 22 May 2021. Members conducted Cemetery clean up also at Pioneer Cemetery in Springfield, lower and upper Mable Cemeteries in Mable Oregon and Wendling Cemetery located on

Weyerhaeuser Property. Thank you Weyerhaeuser Company for allowing this Cemetery Cleanup/Community Service Project in preparation for Memorial Day weekend this year in remembrance of our local deceased Military Veterans.

Our special thanks to Weyerhaeuser Timberland manager Sasha Strain for her efforts in making this event happen for us. Our Scout clean up efforts benefits not only our readying Community Cemeteries for Memorial Day, it also benefits our Scouting program by Scouts gaining their Community Service hours needed for their Scout rank advancements.



It was a short drive through Weyerhaeuser's Wendling Gate to Wendling Cemetery. This Cemetery is pretty remote and many people living in the Mohawk Valley today likely don't know it even exists. It was a very interesting two-hour project for us as this area is full of history. On a personal note, I have hunted this area for the past 26 years and never knew this Cemetery was even there, though it was well marked several years ago by Weyerhaeuser. Wendling Cemetery is located on a small ridge just off an over-grown old logging road and a bit difficult to get to through the brush.

On arrival, we found Wendling Cemetery is in a pretty good state of being maintained, especially considering the caretaker group disbanded several years ago. Thankfully, we found the cemetery was spared any damage from our heavy Mohawk Valley wind storms over the last few years and our recent fire devastation by the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. Wendling Cemetery is located in a natural forested setting and required very little maintenance.

After some minor work, our trip turned into more of a history lesson for Scouts about this Cemetery, and the historic Mill & Town of Wendling. This area is also special to older Scouts who may remember the two Wendling Scout Camps once located there in use from the 1930s until 1947. The old historic camp is located just across the dirt road from Wendling Cemetery. In 1948, the

Wendling Scout Camp was moved to the south side of Mill Creek up to what is now the 550 line on Mill Creek.

The old town of Wendling has a rich timberland history as pointed out by our guide and local area historian, Jay Swofford. Jay's dad who was a Korean War Veteran maintained the Scout Camp for years. An interesting fact we learned is that Scouts of Wendling Scout Camp had observation posts set up on look out for enemy aircraft during WWII.

Stephanie Peters and her sibling, Chris Peters of Springfield are descendants of Wendling people. Their spouses who were participating in this years' cleanup accompanied them. Their group was very excited for their first ever visit to Wendling Cemetery to assist our effort.



We would like to work with Weyerhaeuser Company and place Wendling Cemetery on our annual cleanup list and repeat cleanup again next year. I will contact them several months prior.



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# KARREN LANSKY'S PAGE

## MATCH US!

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Valley Sanitation

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Say hi to the newest residents of Oregon Horse Rescue! Cisco is a 30-year-old white Appaloosa gelding who has been fully blind for some time. Shadow, his constant

companion, is a 25-year-old Quarter Horse gelding.



They came to us after their long-time owner passed away, and they will live out their days here as sanctuary residents. They're both friendly, and love attention.

This year has challenged all of us, and OHR is no exception; donations have been lower during the pandemic. Please help Cisco, Shadow, and our other four-legged residents with a tax-deductible donation to Oregon Horse Rescue. You can donate online at [OregonHorseRescue.com/donate](https://OregonHorseRescue.com/donate), or by mailing a check to OHR, 4325 Commerce St STE 111-463, Eugene OR 97402. The horses thank you!

Learn more about OHR by visiting [OregonHorseRescue.com](https://OregonHorseRescue.com), and by following us on Facebook.

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## What's New: Friends of the Marcola Schools Media Center, Summer 2021

### The Little Free Library Lives

In March, Lion Dean Dunson picked up from the Friends the Little Free Library (LFL), which had formerly been languishing by the old elementary school. Dean spruced it up with a door repair and fresh coats of paint, inside and out. Lions Bob Weaver and Dean Dunson re-installed it on March 23rd, adjacent to the crosswalk at Marcola Road and Walling Street, as a welcome addition to the Lee Downing Veterans Memorial Park.



The LFL, initially installed at the old elementary school compliments of the Marcola Family Resource Center, is handy once again to walkers on their way to or from school. Since its re-installation, the Friends, and many other community members, have maintained a rapidly rotating collection of books for readers of all ages. Shana Hockema, coordinator of the Marcola Family Resource Center, said, "I'm immensely grateful to the Lions and Friends for help with the restoration, relocation of, and continued assistance with the LFL." To celebrate its re-birth, our Little Free Library is now registered on the official LFL website and can be located by anyone in the world with access to: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>.

### Pilcrow Grant - the Journey Continues

In March, the Friends received the 94 books from our matching Pilcrow Grant, awarded in October 2020. We had 15 local donors! Also contributing to our grant were: Mr. & Mrs. Halloran (Oregon), the Chambers Family Foundation, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Shout Mouse Press, and Mr. Hal Berenson & Mrs. Laura Ackerman, both of Colorado. Thank you to all our donors, near and far!

This summer, we plan to create entries for those books in the Media Center's catalog and to prep them for the library shelves. We'll have a reception to show off the new books to the community and to thank our local donors, when such an event in the Media Center is possible.

### The Friends Need Volunteers

Cultivate your inner library nerd and join the Friends of the Marcola Schools Media Center.

- Help staff our public hours (before Covid: Wednesdays, 4-7p & 2nd Saturdays, 10a-1p)
- Allow us to expand our public hours
- Prepare new books for the shelves
- Work our book sales: before, during, or after
- Mend books to get them re-circulating

- Plan and put on public programs
- Help with publicity, print or social media.

The opportunities are abundant and, generally, no previous experience is necessary. We'll provide training and coaching for all tasks. Just a few hours of your time every month would make a big difference in our world.

It's still too early for us to schedule introductions and training sessions, but, if you're interested, send your name and contact info to [friendsofmarcolalibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmarcolalibrary@gmail.com) and you'll be among the first to know about future sessions. Also, watch our Facebook page for training announcements.

### Summer Reading Fun

We have three things up our sleeves for Summer Reading 2021.

#### Thing 1: #caughtreadinginmarcola Photo Contest We want to see Marcola reading!

From June 15th to August 15th, post photos to our Facebook page of yourself, your friends, and your family reading. Or post to your own FB or Instagram account. Tag all your photos with #caughtreadinginmarcola. We'll display the photos in the Media Center. You'll be entered in a prize drawing to be held on Wednesday, September 15th, 4:30pm, at the Media Center. Also, beginning in August, all Marcola students (K-12) who participate in the contest (as subject or photographer) can pick up a free book at the Media Center.

No FB, no Instagram, no camera? No problem! Email your picture to us or drop it off during open hours at the Media Center. Or contact us and we'll send our roving photographer to meet you at the Lee Downing Veterans Memorial Park to take a picture of you reading. See the flyer on page 13 in this issue of the Messenger for more details.

#### Thing 2: Open hours at the Media Center

As soon as we find out what they will be, we'll post the good news on our Facebook page and in the windows of the Media Center.

#### Thing 3: Blind Date with a Book

Once a week, for 10 weeks this summer, beginning the week of June 20th, we'll be placing at least one wrapped book in the Little Free Library. The wrapper will include some clues about the book's topics and its general reading level (keyed to the Media Center's collections of Early Readers, Chapter Books, Middle School, Young Adult, and Adult). We'll make sure each reading level is represented at least twice through the summer. Do you dare to have a blind date with a book? Visit the Little Free Library and give it a try.

Contact the Friends

See our Facebook page: [facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacyenter/](https://facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacyenter/)  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND THE COMMUNITY

CHIPS Mohawk Mysteries

By Gail Weathers

I had to read Claudine Lundgren’s story over and over to be able to grasp how significant the events were. The firemen saying she saved the neighborhood means she saved our place and all the wildlife with it. We owe her a big debt of gratitude, so big it can’t be put into words. THANK YOU CLAUDINE LUNDGREN! Thank you firemen!

She mentions that she concluded that the caring impulse that brought her out was her caring about the neighborhood rather than the animals. I say there was synergy at work here. If she hadn’t been caring about the animals, she wouldn’t have come back out. But the kitty did need some timely work and the goats were no doubt happy to see her. Making doubly sure that all had access to adequate water made the other aspect of this caring, work. If she hadn’t spent the time seeing to the animals, the hot spot may not have progressed to the point where it caught her eye. And thanks to Kim for facilitating these events. And thanks to both of them for listening to the firemen. The Grange was in danger too.

Recently, while helping Julia weed the flower bed in front of the Grange, I found a little piece of galena (an alloy of silver and lead), about half the size of a lentil. Immediately I wondered whether there were a silver deposit somewhere upstream of the Grange. Then reality stepped in and I guessed that it might have come in with the gravel in the construction in years past. I did manage to get home without losing the little thing, but kept misplacing it in attempts to keep track of it. Now that I can see it regularly, I’ve noticed that it has turned black. This was a short time for it to lose its shine. Are there fumes of some sort around here?

Another puzzler is where the fleas went. Last summer a cat came into my enclosed back porch, crawled under the freezer and died. I searched the room repeatedly and couldn’t find it. Meanwhile, the fleas that left the body multiplied and multiplied until the other cats would no longer come into the room to keep warm at night. Using a mirror, I finally found it and removed it. I fought the fleas with diatomaceous earth, but wasn’t making the progress I expected. I think it was of a lesser quality than I had used before.

When I got the call to evacuate, the smoke cloud from California had been with us for about three days. With a few ridiculous complications (Was a soap opera writer scripting this?) I got the cats into carriers and into the car. When I got to Springfield, my uncle wasn’t home and I decided to put the carriers into a side yard. He got home shortly after and I put the cats into his tool shed.

Once we were allowed back, I released the cats and they seemed befuddled at first, but adapted to their old routine. In the following months, I kept trying to figure out what was different, other than the fact that black/brown gritty ash was on everything and continued to come down as the rain washed down through the trees. When it was no longer noticeable, it dawned on me what was different. There were no fleas! Not in the back porch, not in my uncle’s tool shed nor side yard, not in the car, and not on the cats! The only thing I can attribute that to was that the ash from California. I don’t know what other insects perished, but there is an abundance of wood lice under everything. It makes me wonder about the pH of the soil, and why the evergreens aren’t looking good.

Some of the wildlife was still hanging around when we got back, but not as many as before the smoke. There were fewer turkeys, fewer raccoons, fewer deer, and fewer skunks, but still a number that visited daily. At one point there were thirty turkeys twice a day, or else sixty coming in two groups. By the end of April only one raccoon came, but not every day. No skunks were showing up. One turkey wandered around acting lost, then he didn’t show up at all. What was going on? Was Fish and Wildlife relocating them? Was all that shooting I hear intermittently eliminating them? To my relief, there were two skunks visiting last night, and they were the ones who don’t like each other. A big bird flew down from somewhere and landed in the trees next to the highway. It was the lonesome turkey!

Life is filled with inconsistencies and mysteries, but some are of specific interest to those in the Mohawk Valley.

Nadine said not to walk a mile in her shoes. That would be boring. Spend a minute in her head—that would freak you out!

THANKS JAY SWOFFORD

Unknown lady walking on Southern Pacific Mill Flume No. 3, Parsons creek valley, Marcola, Oregon, c1907-1910.

In 1906, the Southern Pacific railroad built three mills around Marcola. The No. 3 mill was about three miles from Marcola up Parsons Creek. The flumes ran from the mills No. 2 (on Cartwright creek) and No. 3 to a loading dock just north of the old grade school. The deep ditch that currently runs along Railroad Lane in Marcola, at one time extended all the



way to this platform. It was used to return the flume water to the Mohawk river. The flumes commonly included walkways along their length to allow workmen to clear jams in the flume. However, these elevated walkways made a safe and easy way to walk to and from Marcola. Oral histories tell us that some folks would climb up here to get a bucket of water, but would sometimes lose the bucket to the flow. Oral histories also note that sometimes bootleggers would float shine during the night to pickup spots lower in the valley, so it could be sold at dances, etc

If you can identify the woman in the photo, please comment on Facebook

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# #caughtreadinginmarcola Photo Contest June 15<sup>th</sup>-August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 #caughtreadinginmarcola

- Post photos to our Facebook page ([facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacenter/](https://facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacenter/)), June 15<sup>th</sup> - August 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, of yourself, your friends, your family, caught reading.
- Or post to your own FB or Instagram account.
- **Very Important:** tag all your photos with #caughtreadinginmarcola.
- We'll display the photos in the Media Center.
- You'll be entered in a prize drawing held on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm, at the Media Center. Prizes include wooden spoons, travel chess, jerky and more.
- Books for every student! Beginning in August, all Marcola students (K-12) who participate in the contest (as subject or photographer) can pick up a free book at the Media Center.
- No FB? No Instagram? No camera? No problem! You could:
  - Email your photo to us ([friendsofmarcolalibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmarcolalibrary@gmail.com)).
  - Drop off your photo during open hours at the Media Center.
  - Contact us by email, at the Media Center, or by phone (541-933-2141) and we'll send our roving photographer to meet you at the Lee Downing Veterans Memorial Park to take a photo of you reading. If you're under 18, we'll need your parent or guardian to sign a consent form that we'll bring to the photo shoot.
- By using the tag #caughtreadinginmarcola, we assume you are implying consent for us to post your photo on our Facebook page and to display it in the Media Center. And, if you are under the age of 18, your parent or guardian provides this consent.



## Mohawk FFA Update!

By Spring is here which gives us the opportunity to celebrate the year's accomplishments. Even in the shutdown or most school events, Mohawk FFA stayed strong competing in 9 different Career Development Events (CDE) ranging from ag sales to poultry judging, had four extremely successful record book entries, and had 17 different meeting showcasing their Supervised Agricultural Education Projects (SAE) at the Lane County fair this summer.

Our members have continued to demonstrate grit and tenacity in these gloomy times. We want to thank the community, the Mohawk FFA Alumni and Supporters, and our amazing parents and families for their continued support. The Mohawk FFA Spring Banquet will be held on June 16th with dinner at 5:30 and awards presentation at 6:15. Tickets will be going on sale June 1st. All are invited and encouraged to attend. The members will be holding a dessert auction to compensate for the cost of awards. Every member has lots to be proud of and we will be honoring our outgoing seniors. Please contact the FFA advisor or member if you are interested. The advisor can be reached through the MHS school office.

So Much to Celebrate! (just a few of our accomplishments)  
There are many ways to exhibit the hard work of our members. SAE's, CDE's, and Chapter book competitions. Mohawk FFA completed many different leadership books which all earned first for the Upper Willamette District qualifying them for state competition. Here is how they placed at state:

Winning their division -

Alexis Robinson's Beginning Portfolio

Mohawk FFA Scrapbook completed by Hanna VanderPloeg

Accomplishing high standards -

Mohawk Secretary Book completed by Kaitlyn Franklin, earned Gold recognition

Natalie VanderPloeg Advanced Portfolio earned Silver recognition

Completing these books is a huge undertaking and we are so proud of you! CONGRATS!

CDE accomplishments: Big congrats to our Advanced Parli Pro team and Natalie VanderPloeg for qualifying and competing at Sectionals!!!!

LCLA (Lane County Livestock Association) awards 3 youth individuals with the Youth Producer of the Year. Each applicant completes an application describing their livestock production project and how they will integrate their skills into their future careers. Mohawk FFA had 2 winners. Kayson Eck who placed 2nd, and Lilly Eisele who placed 3rd.

Go to [lcla.org](http://lcla.org) to watch the winning Youth Producers award video!

Mohawk Member State Degree Recipient:

Lily Eisele is a senior at our school who is in our FFA chapter. She is the second member in our chapter to receive a state degree! Earning this honor required documentation of \$1500.00 earned or 150 hours of work related experience, 30 FFA events 10 of which had to be at the state level, 25 community service hours, knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and a 6 minute educational presentation to members or the community. The time required to fill out the application is as deep and fulfilling as the expectations. We are all so proud of the hours and time she spent preparing and working towards this degree! Lily, we are all so proud of you!



Kelli Fisher

Mohawk Jr. Sr. High School

Agriculture Education CTE, Health Pathways CTE, Science

Mohawk FFA Advisor





# Heart Of Marcola

on Facebook

Heart of Marcola is a newly formed group of Marcola and Mohawk Valley community folks who are volunteering to serve our neighbors, and working to create a more self-sustaining community.



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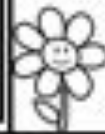
Free seeds from the Eugene-Springfield NAACP Seed Library

Would you like to volunteer?



Do you know of an elderly, ill, or alter-abled person who could use a home delivered lunch?  
Do you have ideas or plans on how to make this community healthier and better?

THANK YOU for all the generous support and donations from our community members and friends.



## Free GRAB & GO LUNCH

Our first project is our community free Grab & Go Lunch, and a morning beverage and snack.

We will host this every Monday and Thursday from 9:30—10:30am

(except during the week when *Helping Hands* happens), next to the Post Office, and is open to anyone.

The Grab & Go Lunch includes a sandwich, snack, fruit, and drink (you may take one or all).



The morning beverages includes a choice of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, or juice.

Everyone is welcome, even if you choose not to participate in the Grab & Go lunch offering. Come have a nice morning chat with your neighbors!



Community  
Produce & Plant Swap  
Free Seeds from NAACP Library

Saturday, June 19th, 10am—noon  
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Heart of Marcola  
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sponsorship of  
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Community Workers.  
We also make 300  
sandwiches per week  
for Breakfast in the  
Park, Eugene.

Please be aware that we are a new group of community VOLUNTEERS. We rely completely on donations from community members and some non-profit organizations for our supplies.

We are still trying to figure out how to make this work and grow, and some things will change as we go on. Suggestions and ideas are welcome. Sandwiches and some other items are made in our homes with safety precautions.



## RESTING IN THE LORD

By Juanita Paslay, Gideon Aux. Chaplain

Two rusty red biplanes chased each other around the pond, north to the waterfall, through the fir trees, and then back to the pond. These sporty dragonflies performed for more than an hour. I enjoyed their flight patterns

and saw three close collisions. That day was one of those rare times I chose to relax in the garden instead of trimming plants and pulling weeds.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

Psalm 23:2 NKJV

Resting from the day's chores is almost as important as resting in the presence of our Lord. Rest from our labor is healthy, but oh, the strength we derive from waiting on our knees before the Lord. Jesus often left His disciples, removed Himself from the crowds, and found a place to pray. Though He was the Son of God, He was also human and found strength and pleasure communing in private with His Father God.

Jesus invited weary people with burdens to listen to His teaching as He offered rest for their bodies and their souls. Jesus understood that carrying a load of guilt can affect a person physically.

Lord, I give You my burdens and concerns. I trust You to direct my days and my life as I rest completely in Your care.

Come to Me (Jesus), all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28 NKJV

Excerpt from *As The Deer* by Juanita Turner Paslay

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Bible studies,  
Children's Church,  
Community



## OUR FLAG

By Juanita Turner Paslay

Our Stars and Stripes perform a graceful dance as the wind plays a solo. The flag moves in rhythm with the concert.

The colors breathe slowly. The Stars pulsate; the Stripes wave and float as if lifted by invisible hands. The mood changes as the wind increases. There is a flutter, a turning, a rising, only to hang still for a moment as the wind hesitates.

The calm ends, the dance begins: waltzing, marching, furling, then unfurling.

The crescendo of the wind raises the flag to its highest point, twisting and turning in victory. The flag earned its freedom to fly with the wind.

Through the centuries, the American flag symbolizes our hard fought freedoms. Celebrating the flag is a privilege—a salute to honor those who sacrificed.

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### April Residential Highlights

New listings (523) increased 27.3% from the 411 listed in April 2020, and increased 14.4% from the 457 listed in March 2021.

Pending sales (457) increased 29.1% from the 354 offers accepted in April 2020, and increased 5.3% from the 434 offers accepted in March 2021.

### Inventory and Market Time

Inventory increased to 0.7 months in April. Total market time decreased to 25 days.

### Year-To-Date Summary

Comparing the first four months of 2021 to the same period in 2020, new listings (1,715) decreased 4.6%, pending sales (1,560) increased 12.0%, and closed sales (1,350) increased 10.6%.

Inventory in Months*			
	2019	2020	2021
January	2.2	1.9	0.8
February	2.0	1.6	0.9
March	1.8	1.7	0.6
April	1.7	2.0	0.7
May	1.5	2.0	
June	1.6	1.3	
July	1.5	0.9	
August	1.6	1.0	
September	1.8	1.1	
October	1.8	0.9	
November	1.7	0.8	
December	1.4	0.6	



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