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24 Years of Publication! Thanks, Mohawk Valley! "If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table, not a taller fence!

## Robert "Bob" Straub Russell July 26, 1941 - December 30, 2021

Public Health Expert, Rancher, and Environmental Activist Bob Russell -- namesake of his uncle, former Governor of Oregon, Robert Straub--died at his home on Mohawk Loop, Marcola, Oregon on Thursday night, December 30, 2021 surrounded by his loved ones. Bob's cause of death was Acute Myeloid Leukemia that defeated even his excellent medical care.

Bob Russell was born in Tucson,
Arizona, studied biology and
public health at the University
of Arizona, and upon graduating
served in the Peace Corps where
he was assigned to the Marshall
Islands in the Pacific. There he
became famous for the high
quality and potency of the beer
he brewed from coconuts.

Bob had a fine and generous sense of humor. He enjoyed good company and was overjoyed when many friends and neighbors helped him celebrate his 80th birthday at his ranch this past July.

Bob will be remembered for his interest in preserving natural habitats, his excellence as an underwater diver for Weyerhaeuser when the company was experimenting with raising salmon, and his abiding curiosity about how things work. This curiosity included an infatuation with machinery, whether agricultural, aeronautical, dental or whatever!



He was also instrumental in resurrecting the local Marcola Roadhouse Restaurant and Tavern.

He was a multi-faceted man with numerous interests and will be missed by those who loved him.

Bob Russell is survived by his daughter, Kalen Halter, her husband Kurt, and their three children Kyle, Kathleen, and Kevin of Marcola. In addition, he is survived by his brothers Alexander "Luke" Russell of Philadelphia and David Russell of Tucson, along with many relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, for details, please contact Kalen Halter at kalenh817@gmail.com

Editor's Note: Bob was a dear friend and a wonderfully complicated man. He was a member and a super supporter of the Mohawk Valley Community Grange. We have now named our high school scholarship after him. He was always generous with his time and resources when the Grange needed him.

We miss him very much!

Here's our Bob
doing what
he loved at
the Grange
surrounded
by friends. He
enjoyed sitting
with Grangers
from left Juliana,
Barry and Lew!

My recently deseased dog, Daisy Bella was happy to be included!





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## Greetings, Fellow Grangers and our Community,

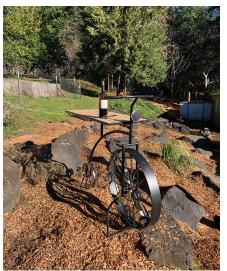
WOW, I'm so ready for spring! COVID seems to be diminishing and our lives may return to something resembling 'normal.' We will still be requiring masks...at least until March 31st when the state is theoretically revoking that mandate!

I put our good friend, Bob's life and death announcement on the front page of this paper for one big reason: Mohawk Valley Community Grange sponsors this paper and Bob was a very important part of our organization. We will miss him, his energy, and his support! We are happy to welcome his daughter, Kalen and her family to our valley and our grange.

#### OUR GRANGE IS COMING ALIVE!

We are open for rentals as well as community events. After March 19th (Ever-changing date), no masks will be required, though we will still be sanitizing our building and continuing to be safe.

#### WHAT DO WE HAVE PLANNED??



The Mohawk Valley LOVES Bingo and the Mohawk Grange loves hosting BINGO! Our last game on December 4th was a huge success....Oh... and a ton of FUN! So we're doing it again!

BINGO is returning on March

19th at 6PM. We have more great prizes including some of them pictured here. Great Item...an old bicycle made into a wine bar with places

for bottles and wine glasses

We will also make goodies to eat available for sale while you are playing. Please bring your children,

aunts, uncles, grandmas and grandpas!

Everyone is welcome.





Collectible Dolls, Emergency Lights Plus MORE

We are currently scheduling our **bi-annual Road**Clean up. It will be April 16th. Please meet at
the Grange at 10AM. It should only take a couple of
hours....the road really needs us! Come and help!

- \* Also in April is our Open House. At this point we are planning it for April 23rd. More details will be on flyers around town and our Reader Board at Teresa's house opposite the Post Office in Marcola.
- Mothers' Day Baskets: We will be selling the beautiful sun or shade baskets to help with our building maintenance. We recently discovered that our women's restroom at the Grange needs to be redone...new toilets and flooring!

We will also be adding to our scholarship fund.

The beautiful baskets will be available for sale (\$30) in Marcola at Teresa's house hopefully at the aforementioned Open House. You know the baskets are gorgeous and whose mother wouldn't love one...Mother's Day is May 8th!

One more event we are thinking about and doing some preliminary planning for: Anyone know what a **Piccadilly-style sale** is? Well, you bring whatever you want to sell: crafts, plants, baked goods, household stuff, books, tools, etc, We will be hosting an event for you. You will purchase space, we'll supply tables/chairs, we'll do the advertising and hopefully serve some snacks or goodies for the public while they shop at your tables. It'll be a Friday, Saturday and Sunday event and we are thinking about late summer or fall, more info in the June issue of this paper!! Watch This Space for dates and prices!!

Whew, we are going to be busy. That'll feel good after all this quarantining etc! I will be posting more details on all events at

our website, mohawkgrange. org as well as on the aforementioned Reader Board!

A BIG SHOUT OUT OF THANKS to all the Grangers who came to the February meeting. Peggy Jillson from the State Grange was very happy that we have such a vibrant Grange!!



Let's all have an enjoyable spring ... it's gonna be great!

## ATTENTION: SENIORS ROBERT RUSSELL SCHOLARSHIP IS HAPPENING THIS YEAR!

The Mohawk Valley Community Grange is excited to announce that this year we are offering a \$500 Robert Russell scholarship to a graduating senior.

We are looking for applicants residing in the Mohawk Valley, who are graduating from high school or homeschool and are headed for a college or a vocational/trade school.

The scholarship is intended for an applicant, who has participated in his or her community in a beneficial way, particularly in volunteer activities.

Applications will be available at Mohawk High School and Thurston High School after Spring Break and after completion, must be received or postmarked by May 26, 2022. Look for fliers in your local markets and in the high schools.

For more information, call Jean at 541–969–6802!

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### FIRE HOUSE UP-DATE

We are approaching the summer here in the Mohawk Valley and I hope everyone stayed safe and healthy this last year. The fire district had another record-breaking year with a total of 485 calls for service for an average of 1.3 calls per day. These calls are answered by 3 paid employees and 19 dedicated volunteers.

The break down for this year's calls are as follows:

EMS Incidents:	279	57.6%	
Includes Medical, and		Traumatic Injuries	
Outside Fires:	8	1.6% Vegetation Fires	
Hazmat Calls:	3	0.6%	
Structure Fires:	10	2.2%	
Vehicle Fires:	4	0.8%	
Rescue Calls:	4	0.8%	
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This includes water and rope rescue incidents.

Assistance Calls: 75 15.4%

This includes lift assists, lock outs, and burning complaints

Mutual Aid Calls: 44 9.0%

This includes auto aid and mutual aid calls

Motor Vehicle Crashes: 58 12%

5 of these crashes required extrication for the vehicle.

As this article comes to you, the Mohawk Valley Fire District looks back at the last ten years. The district has gone through a lot of changes in staff, equipment and calls for service. In 2012 MVRFD answered 283 calls for service. This is a 71% increase in call volume with the same staffing levels and fewer Volunteers then in 2021. In addition, the district has added Rope and Water Rescue to the services it provides the community.

In 2018 MVRFD was successful in passing a 5-year bond to replace 1 engine, 2 rescues, and all of the district air packs. In addition to this the district added a Rapid Deployment Craft (RDC) to its fleet. The RDC is an inflatable raft used for water rescues and snow rescues. This gives the district the ability to perform these rescues without having to wait on specialized rescue equipment and teams from neighboring agencies.

MVRFD has also been successful in receiving \$948,220 in grant funding over the last 5 year. This includes:

- Firehouse Subs Grant of \$22,541.00 to replace Extrication Equipment
- Two Special Districts Association Of Oregon Safety Grants totaling \$4,285 to add safety equipment and security camaras at all stations.
- Two Oregon Volunteer Assistant Grants for a total of \$6,597.00 to replace wildland firefighting equipment and clothing.
- An Oregon Fire Chiefs Association Health & Wellness Grant in the amount of \$3,604.00 for work out equipment for members of the district.
- An Oregon State Fire Marshalls Wildland Urban Interface Grant of \$14,544.00 to update communications equipment.
- Two COVID Assistance Grants totaling \$115,018 Used for additional COVID response equipment and personnel.
- Oregon Seismic Retrofit Grant totaling \$781,631 to retro fit the Marcola Fire Station to better withstand a seismic event.
   MVRFD has also delt with its share of large-scale events including:
- Snowstorm of 2019
- The COVID 19 Pandemic
- Holiday Farm Fire
- Small flood event in 2019 and 2021

Also, the fire district has responded to assist the Oregon State Fire Marshals Office with Conflagration fires to include: 2017

- Bay Area Fire (Sana Rosa California)
- Chetco Bar Fire (Brookings Or. 2 Deployments)
- Milli Fire (Sisters, Oregon)

#### 2018

- Camp Fire (Paradise California)
- Garner Fire (Southern Oregon)
- Graham Fire (Southern Oregon)
- Hugo Fire (Southern Oregon)
- Klondike Fire (Southern Oregon)
- Ramsey Canyon Fire (Southern Oregon)Substation Fire (Northeast Oregon)
- Taylor Creek (Southern Oregon)

#### 2019

Kincade Fire (Sana Rosa California)

#### 2020

- LNU Complex (California)
- Glass Fire (California)
- August Complex (California)
- White River Fire (Northern Oregon)
- Holiday Farm Fire

#### 2021

- Bootleg Fire (Southeast Oregon)
- Cougar Peak Fire (Southeast Oregon)
- Jack Fire (Southern Oregon)
- Middle Fork Complex (Oakridge Oregon)

With all this the members of the Mohawk Valley RFD continue to answer the call of our community while helping those that have and someday may be helping us too.

Finally I would like to talk about a couple of projects we are currently working on.

#### Staffing.

MVRFD continues to look for members of the community that would like to volunteer to serve. If you are looking for a way to make a difference, think about becoming a Volunteer Firefighter. 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.

This year MVRFD has submitted an Assistance to Firefighters Staffing Grant. If awarded this grant the Fire District would be able to hire three additional firefighters on 24-hour shifts. This would put at least one paid employee on 24 hours a day seven days a week. This would be in addition to the 3 employees that currently work 8-5 Monday thru Friday. This would be the first time in the district's history we would have paid staff on duty 24/7.

#### Station 1

With the funds from the Seismic Grant the main fire station in Marcola will be undergoing retrofitting this summer. This will have an impact on the look of the main station and include replacement of bay doors and the roof. During this time the district will be operating as normal though it may look a bit busier around the main station.

MVRFD would like to thank the community for the continued support and wish you all a safe and happy summer.



#### FROM LINDA MOONEY, EDITOR:

It's Spring.....finally! And the COVID 19 numbers are diminishing. With any luck, we can get back to approaching normal!

Let me recommend that you still GET VACCINATED and BOOSTED and then get out and resume your life!

Many activities are coming from local organizations, Meet your neighbors, enjoy our amazing valley and BE WEll!

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#### Editor's Note:

I have ordered and she delivered (!) delicious whole chickens, amazing ground beef and pork. I highly recommend this local farmer and her yummy homegrown food!

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By State Farm Agent, Corkey Gourley
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Medicare Part A and Part B may cover many of your health expenses. But there are plenty of expenses Original Medicare doesn't fully cover. So you may be wondering: If Medicare doesn't pay for everything, what are my options.

You could simply pay for it yourself, using your savings and retirement income. But that could leave you with less money for living expenses.

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#### What is a Medicare Supplement Insurance?

Medicare supplement plans help pay some of your share of health care cost not paid for by Medicare - such as coinsurance, copayments and deductibles.

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#### When is the best time to buy?

Purchase your Medicare Supplement policy during your one-time Open Enrollment Period. This period last six months and begins the first day of the month you turn 65 and are enrolled in Medicare Part B.

## Meetings (Alphabetical) in the Community

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

#### • Boy Scout Troop 51

Scout Troop 51 meets each Thursday at 6:30 pm at McKenzie Church of Christ, 250 51st Street in Springfield. Many of the Scouts in this Troop are from both Mohawk Valley and Springfield. Come join our Camping trips and adventures! POC is Tom Snyder at 541 729-7736

- Cub Scout Pack 450, Marcola, Contact is Richard Davey 541 510-9192 meets in the Marcola Media Center on Tuesdays weekly at 6:30 pm.
- Marcola Christian Church

Contact Brenda 541-933-3040 for updated times of services

- Marcola School District 79 Board Meetings: 2nd Monday of every month in Marcola Elementary Media Center 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 10:00 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

We are temporarily meeting only on the second Tuesday at 5pm and are rotating member's homes. WE hope to settle back in our old routine by late fall. Contact Bob Leeper @ 541-515-6907.

Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District -

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

- Tai Chi Classes: Contact Julia Mooney 541-915-9392
- Valley Yoga Classes: Contact Julia at 541-915-9392 for information!
- VFW Post 4166 meets at our Mohawk Valley Community Grange at 7:30 pm every 2nd Monday Monthly. VFW remains active in Community events and new members are always welcome!

#### MAKING SENSE

By Gail Weathers

Chips

Since I didn't have a piece in the previous quarterly issue of the Mohawk Messenger, I am making an extra effort to make this relevant. Last time, I was feeling so badly about things that I figured anything I wrote would bring people down.

I've gotten out and about and am finding that a lot of people have been feeling that way. I have been trying to pin it down. "Depressed," seems too severe a description of what people have been feeling, but "blue" seems too weak a term.

While mulling this over, I watched my favorite show, Rural Health Matters on RFD TV. The main person on this show is Dr. Jeffery Gold who brings us up to date on COVID statistics and other relevant information, and answers viewers' calls.



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This week's guest was Dr. Steven Wengel, a practicing geriatric psychiatrist. He said that in this COVID situation people are subject to long term stress. This stress raises cortisol levels. The prevalent mood is not depression, not burnout, but the "Blahs and restlessness, lacking the 'spark'."

The term the medical community is now adopting is "Languishing." The dictionary says languishing is being subject to long-term stress. So, while it is not on a

continuum between depressed and blue, it gives people something to orient to. They can take some comfort in the fact that what they're experiencing is being recognized by the medical community.

Stress causes the release of cortisol. Cortisol shrinks the hippocampus (temporarily) and affects short term memory.

Sound familiar? It can correct itself over time. Something he recommends to help relieve the stress is deliberate

breathing for a minute or so. Inhale for six seconds and then exhale for six seconds.

He reminds us not to deny the stress, nor become addicted to substances, social media, nor Internet surfing. It's good to remember that anxiety is often involved in depression, and I am finding that once in a while I have trouble differentiating between "anxiety" and "depression".

Having heard his explanation, I am feeling a bit better about the feelings. I didn't get the information but it can be found at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Speaking of sadness, I miss Bob Russell and feel that the community lost a true gem. When I mentioned him to people not in the Mohawk Valley, I said that he was one of the "white hat" guys. In a low-key way, he watched out for and helped various people in the Valley. Sometimes he did maddening things, but over all, he made up for it in a big-picture way.

Speaking of old guys, I happen to think of a moment at a family reunion. Some of us in the family have familial tremor, a shaking of hands. Uncle Joe was one of them. He had just fixed

himself a cup of coffee and one of his brothers asked, "How do you like that coffee, Joe?" Joe replied, "I'd like it just fine if I could get any of it into my mouth."

Nadine, on Larry's Country Diner, says that her son is not the quickest bunny in the woods, but she'll keep him.



#### THE LOST FOUND

By Juanita Turner Paslay

We purchased a family of five little yellow

ducks to enjoy our koi fish pond and for our pleasure. Last fall the count stood at four. I spent many minutes searching for one lost duck among the vines and lily pads in the not-soclear water. We didn't "leave the ninety and nine" to search for it, even though I



did spend a few anxious moments. Believe that? Well, maybe only one curious moment.

As in the parable of the lost sheep where the owner searched until he found a stray and rejoiced when he did, I'm here to report the fifth plastic ducky has been found

#### A CHORUS OF HARMONY

While a little house finch tugs fiercely on an old shred of bare jasmine vine, her dapper sentinel, flushed in red, sings melodies on a branch of pine.

~ Dianne S. Stewart, 2018 ~

#### Mary's Special Place

By Juanita Turner Paslay, Gideon Chaplain

...she fell at His feet ... John 11:32 NKJV

I rarely wear perfume because many people are allergic to strong scents. I purchased a jar of my Aunt Lois' favorite, Tabu. One squirt in the air of my office allows me to enjoy the perfume and remember my aunt. Another poof of air from a bottle of Here's My Heart recalls my memories of high school and college days.

Six days before Jesus' last Passover celebration, Mary anointed Jesus' feet with the essence of nard, an expensive perfume. This event took place after they served dinner to the disciples. That wonderful scent filled the whole house. Whether Jesus sat on a rug or a stone floor at a low table, I picture the scent lasting many days. When the family returned home after watching Jesus' horrific crucifixion and walked through the front door, the memory and scent of Mary's special gift to her Lord might have greeted them.

Among the many events of Jesus' ministry recorded in the Gospels, Mary honored Jesus on three occasions. She loved to sit at His feet and listen while He taught the disciples. She knelt at His feet to anoint Him with perfume before His imminent burial. She ran to Jesus and knelt before Him when He returned to Bethany after Lazarus died. I am sure Mary knelt again after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

Lord, with thanksgiving and worship, I bow before You, my Lord and Savior and King! Praise Your Holy Name!

Excerpt from As The Deer ©2018 Juanita Turner Paslay

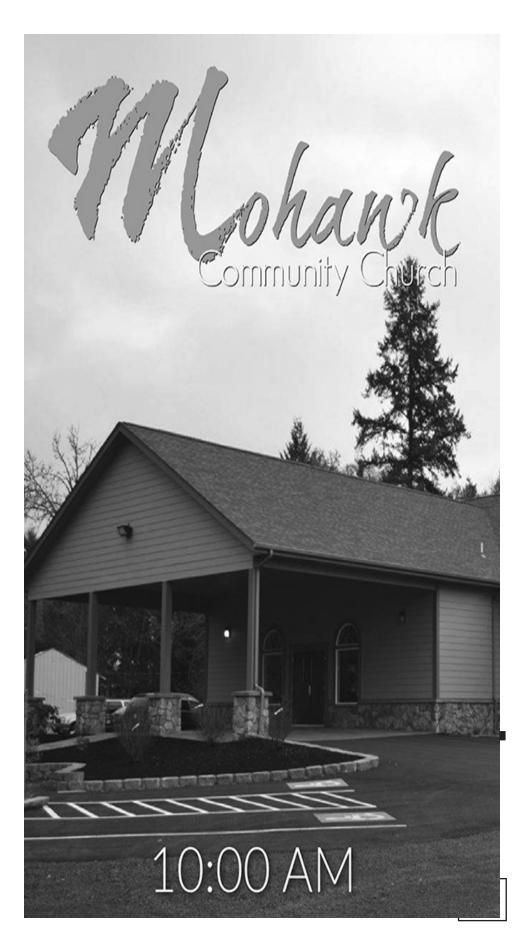
- on top of our seven-foot water fall. The duck did not have the ability to fly up there. I believe a hungry vulture kidnapped it. The yellow ducky showed signs of claw marks on its tail. Imagine the disappointment in their expected fresh meal. Another mystery solved.

Our property has many mysteries that will probably remain unresolved. We need wisdom to learn why the pond goes dry about twice a year and where the water goes. Craig says only God knows the answer to that mystery. Even our plumber had no success finding a leak.

What's a thinking, planning woman to do when the husband falls an ugly dying tree? Make the area into a shade garden, of course. What if he cuts down three more trees? He hopes she does nothing. I proved my creativity again, though God already enjoyed a head start on the project. He planted ten ferns in the right place among the rocks on the creek bank where the trees grew.

Interesting how ferns appear. I know, weeds pop up also. Ferns give green blessings and weeds exhibit part of the 'curse' in my opinion, and little ducks, plastic or downy, spread joy.

Excerpt from Juanita's blog View from the Library Window





Terry Augustadt - Superintendent

Heather Vanderploeg - Executive Assistant

#### **UPCOMING PROJECTS**

From Terry Augustadt, Superintendent

Format:

Project title Estimated costs Funding Source Estimated Completion Date Updates Here is a summary of the various "projects" we are working on in the district.

Some of these projects are already set in motion, some are well underway and some are just

beginning the process.

All projects have arranged funding sources identified, most will be grant funded and a few are linked inside of our strategic / short and long term plans for district improvements.

#### 1. Bus Maintenance Shop

\$340K - \$400K

Funding Source: CTE loan - from original \$2.5 M project at farm.

Estimated to be Completed by Spring 2022
Update - District must resubmit a new engineered sewage report / scheduled to be conducted Feb 22' - district will submit final SUP to lane county. Metal-bus shop building has been ordered and construction to begin as soon as permit has been issued by lane county.

## 2. MSD Career & Counseling Center \$105K

Funding Source: SIA Grant.

Estimated to be Completed by Feb/March 2022
Update - construction on our new C&C Center is almost complete and should be fully operational by mid-March 22'. Services to students are in full swing - MHS students have already made multiple college campus visits around the state (OSU, LCC, OIT, WOU etc) and some MHS students have begun the college application process. Partnerships with multiple local trade companies have also begun with campus visits scheduled. These meetings have been arranged so our students can gain contact opportunities, discuss career options and gain valuable insight with industry leaders.

## 3. Security Badged Doors - Phase II project \$90K

Funding Source: ESSR II Grant.
Estimated to be Completed by Jan 2022
Update - Computer upgrades on backorder - should be installed by March 2022.

## 4. Seismic Retro-fit HS Building \$2.5 M

Funding Source: ODE Grant
Estimated to be Completed by Sept 2022
Update - we have been able to value engineer some design choices and add in bathroom remodel to the scope of work at no additional cost to the district/grant. Project is progressing as planned, construction in full swing June 2022 and scheduled to be completed by Sept 2022.

## 5. Stadium Lights \$155K

Funding Source: SIA Grant
Estimated to be Completed by Sept 2022
Update - project on HOLD! The bids received exceeded funds available by a significant amount. Superintendent's

recommendation to the MSD board - share this project with our newly formed non-profit educational foundation board. Use as a possible "1st" project for them to consider. The MSD Educational Foundation is scheduled to meet in March for our first official meeting. Any community member interested in learning more about this foundation or mission, please contact the district office for more details.

#### 6. HS Security PA System

Amount TBD

Funding Source: ESSR III Grant and possible General fund to fill the gap

Estimated to be Completed August 2022
Submitting an RFP (Request for Proposals) Jan 2022
Update - District has received 2 of the 3 bids requested, waiting on final bid to select which company will be granted this project. The plan for this project is to install a complete communication and public service announcement system in the high school building. The new PA system will interface with our electronic door locking systems and grant instant access for communicating messages to the student body, staff and visitors.

#### 7. MSD Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Funding Source: BEFZEVI Grant (Bonneville Environmental Foundation Zero Emissions Vehicle Investment)

Estimated to be completed Spring 2022

Update- construction has begun and is progressing as planned. \*in front of MES. These charging stations will serve as a central charging location for electric vehicles and can be accessed by the general public. Details such as hours of operations, charging instructions and benefits will be posted on signage located at each station.

#### 8. MSD Secured Bus Yard

\$25K

Funding Source: CTE loan Completed Oct 2021

Update: Final touches and finishing details are being added to our driver's shack. This facility has been created to have a work station for our drivers to conduct daily required paperwork and safety inspections.

## 9. MSD Weight Room Facility \$50K

Funding Source: Measure 98 Grant Completed August 2021

Update: Students are using facilities daily through our health and PE classes. Additionally our sports teams have also accessed equipment for training. Once COVID restrictions are fully lifted, the district plans to offer these facilities for community use for possible uses like; adult workouts, weight training and yoga classes.

## 10. New Portable Classrooms (8) & Bathroom \$550K

Funding Source: CTE loan (\$400K) & ESSR III Grant (\$150K) Completed Sept 2021

Update: we currently have 7 of the 8 classrooms in full use, serving our middle and high school students. These classrooms have helped us expand and have additional classrooms and offerings of programs.

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erry Augustadt - Superintendent Heather Vanderploeg - Executive Assistant

#### 11. MHS Culinary Kitchen

Funding Source: Measure 98 Grant Estimated to be Completed Spring 2023 (Next school year)

Update: District is researching the criteria to bring back the culinary arts program to MHS. We are starting this initiative by building the infrastructure and developing the instructional pathways needed to expand another CTE pathway for future students.

#### 12. MHS Metals/Welding Shop

\$ (not sure of the costs involved, plan to retrofit existing maintenance shop into welding cntr)
Funding Source: Measure 98 Grant
Estimated to be Completed Fall 2022

Update: Once the bus maintenance shop construction is completed, we will empty out this facility and remodel with a new welding/metals shop.

## FUTURE MARCOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROJECTS

#### Stadium / Athletic Facility Upgrade(s) -

- a. Stadium Lights install new LED energy efficient lighting
- b. Evaluate feasibility of new track with proper drainage and use
- c. Evaluate options for all season turf fields with multi use designs (Football, Soccer, Softball)
- d. Develop funding source / needs assessments and feasibility study for completion

#### 2. Security Fencing around MSD campus:

- a. Needs assessment to be conducted to measure feasibility of campus security by installing auto locking fence systems around the perimeter of both MES and MHS.
- b. Consulting with multiple security companies to research most effective options that fit within our capacity to implement.
- c. Secure funding sources and options for completion of project.

#### 3. MSD's "Irish" FarmHouse building -

- a. Multiple stakeholder discussions
  - \*full district needs assessment to conduct
  - \*planning session options
  - \*solicit community input
  - \*measure district needs
  - \*allocation & secure optional funding sources
  - \*measure impacts on district strategic planning goals.

MSD is invested in honoring and recognizing Mr. Irish's endless support of our CTE and agricultural programs.

b. Timeline to begin this process: On HOLD until current projects are nearing completion and the capacity is available to correctly tackle this project.





## WHATS NEW??

Friends of the Media Center and Library have open hours!!

The new public community hours are 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm every Wednesday, and 10:00 am to 1:00 pm every second Saturday of the month.

Please come join your neighbors visiting our library with new books for all ages. We are following Marcola School District

protocol for Covid procedures.

#### Volunteers Needed

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the shelves. Other opportunities are helping with programs, advertising and fund raising. If you are interested, please come visit us during our open hours.

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#### Donating Books to the Library

Because Friends of the Media Center and Library are unable to hold a book sale at this time, we are overflowing with books donated from our generous community. New donations are by appointment only.

#### Contact the Friends

See our Facebook page: facebook.com/ friendsofmarcolamediacenter/ Email us: friendsofmarcola@gmail.com Phone: Cindy Miska 541-953-3725

#### MARCOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL A TEAM WINS!

Final Score of Mohawk vs McKenzie was a win for Mohawk! Our MSD Middle School A team came from well behind in the half to win 40-37.

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#### ENJOYING CHILDHOOD

By Lois Roberts

For us kids, Wintertime was always a time for praying for

We absolutely loved playing in the snow.

In those years of my own childhood, during the 1950s and 60s, we usually had a good snow each winter.

It was always really special to have snow before Christmas. But snow in January and February was great too.

Beside my Dad's house on Wendling Road, was a neighbor's field that sloped down from a



My brother Steve and sister Vicki, photo taken in early 1960s

lived right next door. In the third

house over lived my Twin cousins.

My Twins cousins had a long two-person sled. We all shared our sleds and spent all day sliding down the hill and pulling sleds back up the hill. We

on the sleds for each ride down the hill.

When I was 10 years old, in 5th grade at Marcola Grade School,

I got an answer to a very special

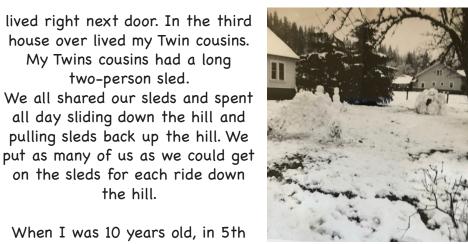
Home of my dad, Bernie Young on Wendling Road. He built his home in 1939

hill that was just right for snow sledding.

My older brother Tom had a nice sled, the real kind that you sat on and steered with your feet on a front wooden steering piece. Also on this, a rope was tied which you pulled from side to side with your hands.

My younger brother Steve was a champion snow sledder!

Two more families of Youngs cousins lived next door to us. Three of the oldest girl cousins



Our front yard was a winter playground!

prayer...my baby sister, Vicki, was born.

As she and the next generation of little Youngs cousins came along, we had all the more fun introducing them to fun in the snow with us.



Lois Young, sledding down the hill next door.

We played all year round with many neighbor kids, and snow sledding and building snowmen in our front yards along Wendling Road was one of our greatest joys.

While we played for hours in the snow, we finally got cold and would run into my Mom's kitchen to warm up. She had a wonderful wood cookstove with a nice hot fire going.

She would heat a kettle of hot cocoa and always had some home-baked cookies or a cake for us. We took off

our wet clothes and hung them up on the pipes that went from behind the stove to the water heater. After things dried out, we pulled our clothes and gloves back on, and right back out in the snow we went.

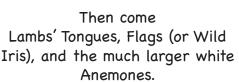
Before Spring officially came as marked on the calendar, our other great joy in the early months of February and March was to wait "with baited breath" to find the first beautiful wildflowers that always grew in our woods behind our homes. We kids literally lived in those hills all our growing-up days.

And we competed to find the first Blue Bell every year. We rushed home after school every spring afternoon, and up on the hill we went, to gather another gorgeous bouquet of wildflowers to bring back to our moms.

Our dads and moms taught us the names of all the wildflowers.

They still fill our forests here, and Phil and I have an abundance of their glories in the woods behind our house here at 38904 Wendling Road, where we built our home 50 years ago.

The wildflowers in order of blooming time are Blue Bells, Spring Beauties, Johnny-Jumpups, Anemones (which we always called Lemonies), and a favorite of everyone's, Lady Slippers, which usually can be found and picked for bouquets into the month of May.



Wildflowers, which grow in the forests of the upper Mohawk Valley. Here are pictured Blue Bells, Johnny-Jumpups, and Spring Beauties, and also some of my old-fashioned violets.

And the fragrance of each of these flowers is just delicious!

So, get out in the Wintertime and early Spring and enjoy the beauty and fun that our mountains and hillsides and fields offer, here in our Mohawk Valley.



Lady Slippers and Anemones. I especially love their fragrance!

#### MOHAWK VALLEY HISTORY

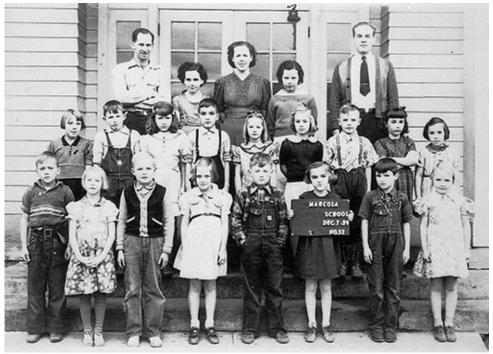
COMPLILED BY JAY SWOFFORD

We at the Mohawk Messenger are so appreciative of Jay Swofford's efforts to teach us all about our Mohawk Valley History.

We are creating a regular column for him! Thanks, Jay!

If you have a history question for Jay, please email it to me at lindamooney39361@gmail.com.

I will pick the top 3 questions, then send them to Jay to answer in our next issue



MARCOLA GRADE SCHOOL CLASS, DECEMBER 7, 1939.

#### Top Row:

Custodian Darwin Spicer, Donna Miller, Teacher Miss Aloha Duckworth, Ruby Dunn, Principal Eugene Dove

#### Middle Row:

Barbara Walters, Curtis Irish, Barbara Wiltse, Billy Don King, Avelta Nielson, Delsa Dee Lund, Albert Cook, Ann Vincent, Louise Davis

#### Front Row:

Ivan Erickson, Elsee Smith, George Landers, Hazel Erickson, Oliver Dorsey Jr, Gracie Warner ?, Roscoe Haynes, Onita Mabe

Gracie Wilson is identified on one copy of the picture in my collection. However, even there it is listed with a question mark This picture was taken on December 7 and the School Census was compiled on November 4, just a month prior. There are no Warners nor any Gracies on that census.

If you can positively identify the girl listed as "Gracie Warner?", please comment. Find me on FaceBook!

## SCHOOL HISTORY AT WHAT IS NOW THE IRISH HOUSE.

In May 1901, the District 79 schoolhouse was moved from just south of the conjunction of Paschelke and Wendling roads to a new property on Wendling road where the high school now stands. This was primarily driven by the creation of the new school district at Wendling which consumed the eastern portion of District 79 and the western portion of District 130. That took away enough students so that the location was no longer central to the student body. This new school held their first classes on May 13, 1901. The school, as built, was 24x36 feet in size.

This one room schoolhouse was built while the following men were serving as school clerks/board: M. J. Arnell, George Savage, Paul Paschelke, and J. Hughes.

This one room school was used until 1907 when Districts 79

(Lower Mill Creek) and 42 (Parsons Creek) merged into a single district. During those years the following teachers served at the school:

Lulu Poill, 1901–1902, Blanche Hunsaker, 1902–1903, Etta Bowerman, 1903–1905, Edith Hall, 1905–1906, Ada Smith, 1906– 1907

After the students were moved to the new school located adjacent to the old boundary between districts 42 and 79, this school building was left standing on the lot. Its usage between 1907 and 1924 is unknown at this time.

In July 1924, the Mabel, Wendling and Marcola districts (64, 163, and 79 respectively) voted to implement a Union High School (UHS Dist. No. 8). The start of the school year was already upon them, so the first year of Mohawk Union High School was taught in the old Marcola High School building.

In 1925, they built a new high school building on the old property. At that time Charles C. Irish (Curt's father) purchased the old one-room schoolhouse and had it moved across the road to the



Irish farm. This land was originally part of the James Cartwright Homestead. In the late 1940s, the home was added to using lumber from buildings being disassembled in Wendling. The Irish house was the fourth confirmed schoolhouse in District 79.

#### CHARLES C IRISH AGE ABOUT 21 YEARS OLD

Editor's Note I hope this letter is legible because it's fascinating!

Char. C. Strick

#### MARCOLA, AS I SEE IT BY CHARLES C IRISH

Sometime during the morning of Aug. 21 1906, I left opringfield, on a bycycle, over dusty roads, and arrived at Narcola near noon, covered with dust from head to foot, and wery thursty. Not seeing any soft drink Parler, I weny to the Columbus Cole Store, where the Not seeing any soft drink Farler, I weny to the columbus cole store, had victory Theatre is now.

Yr. Cole was the only one in the Store, and I asked if he had drinking water.

He says, Quote, "There is a picher of water on the shelf back there that I brought over from the house this morning." I picked up the grimey glass along side and drank a glass of that warm water. Then he said, pointing to a case of soda pop on the floor, along side the counter on east side, quate, "I have soda pop but seems like no body wants it."

I explained to him that I was looking for a job at the S. P. Hill.

He said that the Office was in a tent down the street a ways.

The S. P. Tent was set up about where the Keechem Tavern is now. The S. P. Tent was set up about where the Meechem Taverm is now. I went to the Boarding House of Jack and Rose Frost, for my dinner, which stood about where the vacant Lunch Countr is now, east of Odd Fellows Hall, and possably lapping over to it. The Marcola Post Office was in the small snnex to the Fischer Lumber Co. Office which stood acress the street from the fresent new Post Office Building, and J. S. Churchill, book keeper for Fischer Lumber Co., was Post Faster and Notary Public. A combined Barber Shop and Saloon, was operated by a Kr. Smith, about where the present Assembly of God Churchnow stands.

There was no Depot here then, just a granite strip, and a maintaine box car sat up on a tie crib, north of where the depot was built later,

Some body had chalked up on the side of the car, \* Donôt cry, little car, don't cry. You will be a depot by and by. Cole's wear house stood along the side track, sou A water tank stood up the track a ways on other side. In the middle of town there was high side walks on both sides of, what you might call a wide place in the road.

Columbus Cole had playted the town of Farcola, on his former farm, and was selling lots to home builders. I was told that the S. P. rail road was completed in 1899, and Henry Schwind Sr. was placed here as Section Foreman. He still lives in our midst. The first Station Agent was Leonard Humphreys, placed after the Depot was built. Previous to that, the Conductor sold the fare tickets. Before the building of the Rail Road, the Post Office was known as Isabell. The S. P. Co., after acquiring the right of way from the Coles, named the station Parcola, honoring Eartha Cole, wife of Columbus Cole.

I well remember Fartha Cole, in those early days, with the dist from the road settled on her shoulders, and straw hat. My brother Vick left Springfield at same time I did, only he came on the slow and easy combination passenger and freight train, and carried both our baggage.

Fare one way was 60%, and a Bloycle was faster than a train so he didnt arrive
till afternoon, then we went to the S. P. Office, where Kr. Young, the Supt.

asked us to go to Kill No. I, up in the timber above Hyland Siding. A Bonniville steel power line support stands where the mill pond was then. The Foreman said he wanted both us on the dam construction crew. The Bunk Houses could not be built until the Saw Kill was constructed. An S. P. Tent had been set up over on the McCornack farm, on Mable road, where we could sleep and board. We didn't like the looks of that lousy tent, so picked out a spot among second groth fir, choosing 4 saplings at right angles to each outer, and cut saplings with our pocket knives, and tied up a lean too, just like a chief, and cut saplings with our pocket knives, and tied up a lean too, just like a Phillspino, and un-rolled out bed roll in it. Pained on us once before those bunk houses were built. Continued to get our resis at Mc. Gornacks carrying lunches. The Kodern Woodmen organized here, and built a Hall where the Gora Arnel home is now. The Odd Fellows followed them and rented thier Hall for Saturday night meetings.

## MOHAWK GENERAL STORE



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#### Mohawk Valley Lions Update

The Mohawk Valley Lions continue to be active despite Covid pressures that have limited some members'

involvement.

We have recently contributed time, resources, and turkeys to support the Marcola Community Christmas and provided financial support to Canine Companions for Vets, Gales Creek Camp for those who are diabetic, Oral Hull Foundation for the blind, and Oregon Sight and Hearing. The club recently also enjoyed decorating Marcola with Christmas Candles and Wreaths on the power poles and decorations in at the Downing Veterans Memorial Park.

Recently the Mohawk Valley was well represented at the Oregon Lions District 36R Convention in Corvallis by Lions, Elaine Marsh and Regina Kirkland. Although one of the smallest clubs, the Mohawk Valley Club stood out with its poster presentation, gift basket presentation, and financial support for Oregon Sight and Hearing. Good job, Elaine and Regina!

As we look forward to spring we are working on plans to sponsor a community activity that involves a presentation by local wildlife photographer, Dean Dunson, and our annual chicken BBQ and music in the park. Stay tuned for dates and times for these two activities.

The Lions Club continues to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Marcola Christian Church. Thank you to the church for opening their facilities to the Lions. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact one of the Lions or drop us a note at PO Box791, Marcola, Oregon 97454.

Bob Weaver, President

#### MY HOMETOWN NEWS

#### By Julia Mooney

To start this article, I'm going to tell all of you, hope you're listening. I have learned so much about myself wearing a mask. I thought this season of space from the Community, Friends and Family might drive me crazy. Well, I was wrong.

My man, Dan turned me on to the You Tube channel where musicians and singers perform lots of songs. A song is sung, and I can understand the words. I know the words they are singing. It is like I'm at live concert without COVID 19 and no mask. Cool!

Just saw my friend Eve, at Tai Chi class. She helps organize the Media Center at the High School, here in Marcola. I dropped some books off for the Media Center. She wanted me to let the Marcola Community know they just got a bunch of new books. But they really could use a few more volunteers.

They also received a grant from Pilcrow Foundation of Cottage Grove to purchase books. Folks, this is our community Library, in the Elementary School. Here are the open times for our Library at the Media Center: Wednesdays 4-7pm, and the 2nd Saturday of each month 10 am to 1pm. Their space is in between the Elementary School and High School, and the door is at east end of the building. They have a great selection books just waiting for YOU!

I just heard from Hallie Edwards, one of Curtis Irish's caregivers. She got a message from Steve Williamson, Curtis' close friend from the UO. Curtis Irish was honored by the Lane County Museum of History with a Lifetime Achievement Award. They presented it on Saturday, February 12th. Jay Swofford, also a good community friend of Curtis', was there to accept the Award. The Award was done via Zoom.

Thanks for taking the time to read my newsy articles. Writing these articles is so much better than meeting with you and wearing a mask.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Dear Community: WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Okay neighbors, I need some input. I previously posted this request on FaceBook. If you already gave your support and permission to include your name, you don't need to do it again. This article is for people who may not have seen it there and want to be included.

A core group of us met with the Marcola School Board to propose the idea of making all, or a part of Curt Irish's house into a LIVING HISTORY CENTER/ HISTORICAL MUSEUM. The Board wanted to know if there is community support for this idea? I know some of you have supported this idea in the past. If you think this is a good idea, please comment by contacting me at susancmaier@gmail.com

If you are okay with me listing your name, that would be great, something I would only show to the school board. You don't have to do anything, just say you think it is a good idea! It is a project near and dear to my and others' hearts.

Curt has left us with so much History, it would be nice to be able to display it where everyone could view it.

Susan Maier, Marcola Area

#### Dear Mohawk Valley Residents,

It was the moment our family had to pack our bags and flee our home, not knowing if we would ever be able to come back as the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire approached our neighborhood, that climate change went from an abstract thought to our immediate reality. The fire burned within a couple hundred yards of our home, charring the landscape. These days we look out from our back deck at the scorched trees, and neighbors a quarter mile from my home who lost everything and are just now starting to rebuild.

In 2022, everyday life here in Oregon is uncertain. I worry about the next wildfire. And I worry that it is not just my family, but all Oregonians who have found themselves living in an uncertain future as the climate crisis hits home.

Yet when we hear politicians speak about the climate, it is always in lofty terms and lengthy timelines, in compromising tones and without naming those directly responsible. For too long, corporate politicians have played fast and loose with our futures, even as the impacts of the climate crisis become all too familiar. But the truth is, we can't wait for them to change, we need to elect better leaders now. And in this election, we can.

That's why I am supporting Doyle Canning for Congress. 2022 is our opportunity – potentially our last – to elect a climate champion to Congress. Canning has a proven track record of progressive values from fighting the climate crisis, to advocating for living wage jobs and Medicare for All. She is the only candidate who has what it takes to defeat the deniers, Republicans, and multinational corporations that have put my home at risk.

Doyle Canning has signed the no fossil fuel money pledge, and committed to running a people-powered campaign, without corporate campaign contributions. She also stood with us against the Jordan Cove Pipeline and fought for protections for essential workers during the pandemic. Her campaign talks about what matters to us today: affordable housing, healthcare and how our kids will pay for school. This is in stark contrast with other candidates in the race, who are taking huge checks from big tech, Wall Street bankers, billionaires and their dark money PACs. Corporate-backed politicians like Val Hoyle and Kyrsten Sinema run not to serve the people, but the interests of their corporate donors, and they are the reason our Congress is so broken and unable to pass critical legislation like Build Back Better.

Now is our moment. We can't wait to fight for our future. My family, my home, and Oregon are too important to settle for

a fossil fuel backed candidate. In this election, we are taking a stand to demand action. To create a Green New Deal, guarantee good paying union jobs for all, transition our economies to clean, renewable electricity, and take on the big corporations that have been profiting while our communities suffer.

The voters in our district have a track record of supporting progressive leaders and are ready to send another to congress. In fact we must send a progressive to Congress to get in the fight for our future. To hold this district, which now includes more Democrats than ever, voters need to be inspired to show up for this election and win. On election day, we need a candidate who can turn out the vote, who can motivate young people and those of us who have felt left behind, beaten down, and ignored for too long. We need someone to gives us a reason to believe in change and vote on May 17, and that is Doyle Canning.

It is time for a new vision for Oregon. It is time to elect leaders that act with the urgency that we felt as we fled our homes from a climate driven wildfire. It is time we elect a champion to Congress that will fight with the conviction that I feel when I drive up Highway 126 and see how close we came to being consumed by climate-driven inferno. It is time we elect Doyle Canning to represent Oregon's fourth district.

Jerry Sameniego Vida, Oregon

Editor's Note: In case you were wondering, I checked and all of Lane County is still in District 4 after the redistricting that gave Oregon one additional representative. We now have 6 representatives in the House of Representatives in Washington DC.

#### BINGO FOR THE YOUTH CENTER AND MORE...

Mark your Calendars!!! Marcola Youth Center is hosting BINGO NIGHT on Saturday, April 16. This is to be a



#### **Marcola Youth Center**

Serving the middle and high school students in the Mohawk Valley

fundraiser dedicated to replacing the roof on our Youth Center. We have stretched the life of this old roof for as long as we can and it has to be replaced this summer. The Marcola Youth Center has been saving for a new roof since we first got the building. We have well over half the money that will be needed, from our bottle collections, fundraisers, and the

individual donations from people who care about saving this building for the Marcola kids. Bingo Night will be our big fundraiser. We're hoping to provide a fun family night for you and your neighbors. There will be prizes, food, time to visit, and the opportunity to help us replace the roof. More information will come out closer to April 16th.

MYC was able to open up Fifth Quarter for the high school kids after Home Basketball games starting the first part of January. What a turnout! Between 35-45 kids showed up each night, eating pizza, playing games, and just hanging out. MYC will be opening up again the first and third Friday night each month. We are hoping to add movie night, game night and craft day.

If you have recyclable bottles or cans you'd like to donate to the Youth Center, we can give you blue bags labeled with our account number at Bottle Drop. Or you can call Lee Johnson at (541) 852-7382. He'll make arrangements to meet you, with your donation, at the Youth Center. We'll bag them and turn them in.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Marcola Community Christmas event again this year. It was a huge success. Thanks to the donors, volunteers and the Marcola Christian Church for allowing us to have the event at the church again this year. We were able to bless 43 students with gifts and food boxes. It truly warms your heart and makes you proud to live in this community.



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## FROM KARREN LANSKY

WHAT'S IN A NAME

By Karren Lansky

Marcola: The post office of this community was once known as Isabel. About 1885, the railroad was built through the Mohawk Valley and a station known as Marcola was established near the post office. There was already a station named Isabel. As a result of this, the post office name was changed to agree with the station name. The wife of the founder of the settlement, Mary Cole, was honored in the name.

Wendling: Wendling was named for George X.
Wendling, a prominent west coast lumberman and at one time a director of the Booth - Kelly Lumber Company. The post office there was established in 1899, and its first postmaster was George H. Kelly.

Wendling was established in 1898 as a sawmill town owned by Booth - Kelly. About 1,000 people lived there in 1940. The town thrived, complete with bowling alley, post office, grocery story, and dance hall.

A fire destroyed the mill in 1922, but the company rebuilt. In the spring of 1946, Booth – Kelly closed the mill due to a labor dispute. A fire destroyed the mill later that year. After that, the townspeople moved homes closer to Marcola and Springfield, and Wendling slowly disappeared.

Railroad Lane runs along the former railroad track.

Whitmore Street was named for the Cole's daughter, Nellie Cole Whitmore, and her family. They had inherited a house and lived there. This is a county maintained street, because of the elementary school traffic.

**Savage Street** was named for Sid and Millie Savage, whose home was on the corner with Marcola Road. Their big maple tree still stands there.

Carson Street was named for Charles E. and Elizabeth Carson. Their big, two story house stands halfway down the street. Their granddaughter's family lives there now.

Murdoch Street was named for the Tom and Laura Murdoch family. He died in 1929, and she became "Grandma" Murdoch, the favorite babysitter for the whole community.

Walling Street was named for the big Walling and Inselman Garage that still stands on the corner with Marcola Road.

**Queen Street**, actually more a driveway or lane is named after an early pioneer family.

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#### **NEWS FLASH**

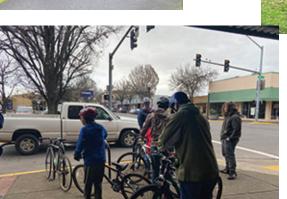
Mondays have turned into MAMA BEAR'S MEATLOAF MONDAYS, and this special is thanks to our amazing cook Merry Olsen.

#### SCOUTING FUN IN OUR AREA

By Jim Smith, Scout Leader

Troop 51 Scouts in Springfield recently biked from Clearwater Park to Springfield Mezzaluna Pizzeria for lunch, and back to Clearwater Park on December 18th.





Scouts enjoyed night Skiing at Hoodoo on January 29th having lots of fun!

In May, our Scouts will attend Camporee at Camp Malaqwa. Also in May, Scouts will be posting flags on Veteran Graves in our

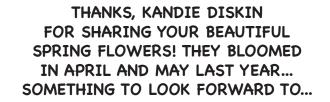
five Cemeteries located in our Mohawk Valley in preparation for Memorial Day weekend.

Recently, Ely Snyder and our Scouts were installing a park bench for his Eagle Project new North Wood Christian Church property purchased off Marcola Road near Albertsons.



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#### **Residential Highlights**

New listings (337) decreased 1.7% from the 343 listed in January 2021, and increased 40.4% from the 240 listed in December 2021.

Pending sales (335) decreased 3.7% from the 348 offers accepted in January 2021, and increased 15.5% from the 290 offers accepted in December 2021.

Closed sales (273) decreased 5.2% from the 288 closings in January 2021, and decreased 34.1% from the 414 closings in December 2021.

#### **Year-To-Date Summary**

Comparing the first month of 2022 to the same period in 2021, new listings (337) decreased 1.7%, pending sales (335) decreased 3.7%, and closed sales (273) decreased 5.2%.

#### Average and Median Sale Prices

Comparing 2022 to 2021 through January, the average sale price has increased 16.8% from \$383,700 to \$448,000. In the same comparison, the median sale price has increased 15.9% from \$354,700 to \$411,000.

Inventory in Months*					
	2020	2021	2022		
January	1.9	0.8	0.8		
February	1.6	0.9			
March	1.7	0.6			
April	2.0	0.7			
May	2.0	0.7			
June	1.3	0.7			
July	0.9	0.8			
August	1.0	0.9			
September	1.1	1.0			
October	0.9	0.9			
November	0.8	0.8			
December	0.6	0.6			

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