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"MEET YOU AT THE SWIMMING HOLE!"

By Lois Roberts
In my childhood years, during the 1950s and early 60s, rural life in the Marcola area was a simple life.

As the warmer days increased during the months of May and into June, we school kids could hardly wait for the school year to be over. Looking out of the classroom windows, we always developed "Spring Fever..." in anticipation of the long and glorious summertime days ahead. And, after our dark and rainy winter months, the only cure was to be let outside to play for unlimited hours in the sun once more. "Summer Vacation" was just around the corner!

With my classmates, cousins, and myself, the thing we liked most of all in the summer, was to have our rivers get warm enough so we could spend lazy afternoons swimming and playing in these local streams. There were several good swimming holes all around Marcola.

In the Mabel area, I remember the **Brown's Swimming Hole**, which was located in a bend of the Mohawk River, just east off the roadway before you came to the little town of Mabel itself. Also, we often went swimming in Shotgun Creek at the Old Mabel Park, where you entered on another side-road to the west, also turning just before entering Mabel.



Walking down the bank to The Wendling Swimming Hole

middle of the rapids in the center of the creek and out over the deepest part of the pool. The other protruded from the high bank on the north side. Country teenagers made many a double-flip dive off those boards in those memorable years.

Another small and shallow swimming hole could be found as you walked from Paschelke Road, by the Mill Creek Bridge, down a path along Mill Creek. It was just right for young children to play in and that's where many of us learned to swim!



- Looking across the rapids, to where the old diving board extended out over the beautiful Wendling Swimming Hole

Our Marcola Community Church folks gathered there every July for our annual church picnic. Water baptisms were also held there each year. Alongside the creek there, at the gathering area we called "Little Paschelke's," Leo Paschelke had built a large table made out of slabs of maple, so that picnickers could use it for their outdoor food-buffet spread.

As with many country families back in those days, our own home on Wendling Road had no indoor plumbing, which meant we had to walk outside all year round to use an outdoor toilet. We also had no bathroom inside our house with a shower or bathtub. So, during the winter, our parents put Mom's washtub on the floor in the kitchen, next to the warm cook stove, and that's where

we took our baths.

In the summertime, we found another way to take our baths - by swimming! When my dad came home from a hot day of working as a logger in these local woods, he would put on his old green swimming suit and load us little kids up in the family car, and we would take off for one of the swimming holes.

Mom would pack a meal for us of hamburgers, beef roast or fried chicken, with a pot of beans or fried potatoes, and a salad, and a loaf of her homemade bread - and she always included a chocolate layer cake or a fresh-baked fruit or berry pie.



On the rope swing at The Forks Swimming Hole

All of the old parks had good outdoor "stoves" made of bricks or stones, which had metal sheets over the top of them. So, after a kindling fire was started in the stove, a fine meal could be heated for the family. While Mom prepared and tended our meal at the picnic site, where each park had big wooden tables to sit at, Dad would take us kids swimming for an hour or so. And it was also the way we got a good bath several times a week! Again, this was part of the simple life, which, looking back was the best life there was.



Here, you can see the two diving boards and the top platform on the 23-foot tower

River. It was known as "The Forks." Off one bank, Leo built a 23-foot-high log tower with diving boards and a jumping platform, for us kids. Many of us learned to dive from the 9-foot and the 16-foot boards. We also climbed up to the 23-foot platform at the top and worked up enough courage to jump off - feet first - into that deep hole. You really had to learn to hold your breath and swim under water, as you surfaced!

In the early 1960s, as we kids approached high school age, Leo Paschelke cleared the area for a great swimming hole, down where Mill Creek runs into the Mohawk



Looking down at swimmers in The Forks pool, from the top of the 23-foot tower platform

In later years, Shotgun Creek Park was established and has been a great place to cool off on a summer's day, with swimming or wading and a picnic.

And our little park by the Marcola Bridge, dedicated in Lee Downing's memory, is another nice spot to go down by the banks of the Mohawk River, and watch the glistening water.

Wherever you have access, make it a part of your summer to spend time in the peace and quiet, beside a local stream....And take off your shoes and get your feet wet!



Phil Roberts and the wonderful old spring-fed water-fountain, located up at The Wendling Park... It is still there!



EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE THIS YEAR

Mission

Recognize students monthly for exceptional performance at school.

Exceptional Student Performance this Year – This award is given to students who are doing well academically and have an exceptionally positive attitude about school. They demonstrate respect and responsibility towards staff and their peers. They show courage by not conforming to Peer pressure and refuse to accept anyone who bullies.

The MSD School Board and the District want to recognize these students by celebrating their success at the beginning of each Board Meeting. Students receive a certificate, meet each of our Board members, and their names are announced on the website.

MSD would like to publicly celebrate the ESPY Winners for 2021-22 School Year

September 2021

Elem - Peyton Reese - 3rd grade
MS - Corbin Dalton - 8th grade
HS - Hayden Cesena - 11th grade

February 2022

Elem - Arianna Meray - K
MS - Annabel Bingham - 8th grade
HS - Erin Holvey - 11th grade

October 2021

Elem - Juliet Devenport - 6th grade
MS - McKenna Gallaway - 8th grade
HS - Anna Kinnigkeit - 11th grade

March 2022

Elem - Emily Ludwig - 3rd grade
MS - Caleb Denton - 8th grade
HS - Ashley Roser - 12th grade

November 2021

Elem - Weston Payne - 5th grade
MS - Ryan Goodman - 7th grade
HS - Quentin Makinson - 11th grade

April 2022

Elem - Summer Ludwig - 5th grade
MS - Maya Chanley - 8th grade
HS - Abrianna Roberts - 11th grade

December 2021

Elem - Amelia Mars - 5th grade
MS - Eddy Yi - 7th grade
HS - Alexis Robinson - 10th grade

May 2022

Elem - Jorge Peres Anderson 5th grade
MS - Violet Eisele - 8th grade
HS - Konor Robinson - 11th grade

January 2022

Elem - Tinslie Croce - 4th grade
MS - Addison Barrowcliff - 8th grade
HS - Kallee Eck - 11h grade

**Grand Prize ESPY Winner of a \$50
Amazon Gift Card, Ryan Goodman!**



MSD’S BUS MAINTENANCE SHOP PROGRESS:

FROM TERRY AUGUSTADT, SUPERINTENDENT

- *Original application included plans of utilizing the existing bathroom located in the green shop, but the county deemed that would not pass as a functioning restroom.
- *A functioning restroom is required for the proposed use, and for students/staff working on the farm. This facility must meet current Code requirements for accessibility.
- *A new restroom was added to the Bus Barn building. The plans were resubmitted.
- *Since we’re adding a restroom, the County came back to us in late October requiring a test of the existing septic system as a condition for re-submittal of the Special Use Permit application.
- *Over the winter the system was flooded and could not be reliably tested.
- *Once the groundwater receded and a test was possible, District leadership procured the test. The result of the test was that the septic system is failing and needs to be replaced.
- *Prior to re-submitting the Planning Application, the District needed to prove that a new septic system was going to be installed.
- *The District contracted with DJM to do complete septic replacement work. Doug had to submit and have approved a permit for the new septic system. That was done.

- *Once all this documentation was completed, the team was able to submit the required information to Lane County Planning. That submittal was finally accepted and deemed completed in late April 2022.
 - *The Planning official noted that final approval might NOW take up to 3 months to clear the planning phase.
 - *The current confirmed delivery date for the metal building is backordered until December 2022. McKenzie Construction is making contact with Pacific Building System to see if we can move the building delivery date up to this spring/early summer.
- MSD’s Plans Moving Forward: *(separate but connected)***
- The district has received a lot of interest from various community members requesting to know our plans for the farmhouse and the CTE farm property. Combining this level of interest with our short and long term strategic planning, we have decided to order a district wide comprehensive needs assessment to be conducted by an approved and certified assessor.

Ideas shared with the district so far are:
MSD Daycare Facility w/ priority family access, Pioneer History Museum, Converted Office spaces, CTE Farm to Kitchen conversion, rental property (keep as a rental house), district rental (employee use - w/ limited housing available), Retail use (farmers market/coffee business), storage facility, District Office, Personnel and Human Resources, possible - relocation of house to a different site, possible re-develop of site, keep status quo as undeveloped.

- *The District intends to embark on a public process to better understand the community’s input with regard to the use of the farm and farmhouse. MSD will begin with a Comprehensive Needs Assessment *District plans to use the TAP Grant, which is focused on 3 primary areas; facilities, long term planning and environmental impacts.
- *The District is working with a consultant to frame this process and conduct a comprehensive needs assessment; to better inform us of all the op ons available, engage all voices, determine costs associated with each option and assess best use of these facilities:
- *The district is working to get that underway in the next few weeks.
- *Public input will help the district by engaging in discussions about ALL possible avenues to explore.
- *The goal is to incorporate community activities, engage input while keeping the focus on the core mission of student centered decision making. “It’s About The Kids”.

Please see our district website for more details:
<https://www.marcola.k12.or.us/>



**Mrs. Krebs 2022
OnPoint
K-5 Educator of the Year**

The Marcola School District is proud to share the exciting news of our very own Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Krebs being named the 2022 OnPoint Educator of the Year for K-5.

Jennifer Krebs was cited for her unique curriculum and passion for ensuring students are ready for their next step in education. Half her Kindergarteners reached a first-grade reading level in the first five months of school.

She says her secret to success is creating individualized lesson plans rather than teaching the entire class at once. Krebs utilizes songs, props, movement, and storytelling. She also teaches financial literacy to her students, understanding the importance of engaging children at a young age about money management.

Her methods were so successful that she was asked to assist in the development of a preschool program for the elementary school. She also serves as a teacher mentor and supervisor to new teachers.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING MRS. KREBS!

FROM LINDA MOONEY, EDITOR:

Yippee, Summer is finally here. I'm ready, though torn between this endless rain and the wildfire danger. It's hard to imagine a drought with all the rain we've had, I've had nearly 18 inches of rain...just in April & May!!

Sorry about the lateness of this issue. Publisher was backed up!

Let's have a happy summer with no fire threats because we are all being SOOOO CAREFUL WITH FIRE!!

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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!

Mohawk
Community Church

91190 Hill Road

**Worship Service
10:00 AM**

**Bible studies,
Children's Church,
Community**

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

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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:** 2nd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH at Marcola Christian Church, 92419 Marcola Rd, 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!



Hello and Happy Almost Summer, Grangers and Community,

Our Grange hall is looking spectacular thanks to the hard work by Caretakers, Thorp McClaren and Kelly McClaren, our rental manager. Did you know we have a wonderful stage? We hope to do a talent show at some point in the future!

It has been a busy few months at the Mohawk Grange. Coming out of COVID restrictions slowly at first we did BINGO on March 19! It was very well attended with lots of folks we haven't seen for quite awhile! We had great prizes and much fun...so much so that I forgot to take pictures! Guess I'll need to delegate that job next time...

How about all this rain?? I sure hope it helps temper the fire season...that would make it worth it. It's true though that our beautiful valley wouldn't look like this if it didn't rain.... I measured nearly 18 inches in April and May...and June's been really wet too!

We had a super Open House on April 23rd! We had a nice man who blew those huge bubbles, Cee O'Neill. He lives here in our valley and we so appreciated him coming to our event! We also had two local farmers bring plants and products for sale:

1. **Moondog's Farm**

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2. **Hummingbee Nursery**

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They were wonderful! Support our Local Farmers! We had a great potluck with everyone and it was so good to see everyone!

We at the Grange finally managed to get our 2 mile stretch of



Marcola Road cleaned on May 14th....it hadn't been done for months and it sure was dirty! We stacked up 17 big yellow plastic bags for the county to come and get! We even found a 1952 Oregon license plate! Thanks for all the great folks who turned out to help....and it didn't rain!!

Finally, our scholarship committee chose a wonderful young woman from Mohawk High School as our scholarship winner for 2022.

Her name is
ERIN HOLVEY,



CONGRATULATIONS, ERIN!

Future events at the Grange are in the works! Another BINGO game will be on August 27th, so SAVE THE DATE! Watch the reader board or check out our website for more info on other events: mohawkgrange.org. Also, our popular Harvest Festival will be in late October with the Chili/Cornbread/Dessert cooking contest, pumpkin carving and other surprises!

HAVE A SUPER AND SAFE SUMMER!



MOHAWK VALLEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 92068 MARCOLA RD, MARCOLA, OR 97454 541-933-2907

CHIPS: TOGETHER AGAIN IN SPRING 2022

By Gail Weathers

I have been thinking about the Mohawk Valley and how lucky we are to be living up here. We get all the privacy we want and have scraped by with natural events. The fires didn't get any closer than Wendling Road. The latest ice and snow and freezing rain stopped just north of here, despite weather predictions.

I haven't met anyone who has gotten Covid-19 and everyone I've seen in Mohawk public has been wearing masks, for which I am grateful. On Rural Health Matters, they addressed the issue of stress brought on by the pandemic. While acknowledging minimal Covid distance, Dr. Bernstein emphasized cultivating relationships, even though it may have to be at a distance. Having a professional acknowledge the stress we undergo is reassuring. She advised that we do what we enjoy to feel better. She pointed out the benefits of having to stay home: fewer of the stressors associated with traffic and work, and having a slower pace of life. This is a topic about which I am heartily weary and have paid more attention to it than I wanted to. I have one more piece of information which I feel that people have not heard: two masks worn at the same time are more effective than one.

Some have considered that this is a sign of worse times to come, but I am confident that, while times will be different, I don't see their being worse. I am reminded of the plagues in Europe that lasted more than a lifetime. I recently saw a piece about the Tuberculosis sanitariums and how like prisons they were. We have much more humane ways of dealing with the

chronically ill.

In times past, people were kept illiterate on purpose. Most of the educated who could chronicle contemporary events and their significance had an agenda (politics or power) and their reportage could be suspect. Sometimes a rare diary has survived that seem to be more accurate chronology of what actually happened.

The traffic on Marcola Road is lighter than in the past and there are fewer cars. Traffic is mostly commercial trucks, pickups, and SUV's. Sometimes I see something startlingly large and I wonder where they are setting up another logging operation. I was wondering about all the gravel trucks, but was told that someone on "Our neighborhood," praised a gravel company, so someone local is using some of the gravel. So far I have seen only one snow-covered load of logs.

While wandering around, I have noticed that hyacinths, tulips and daffodils are coming up. Bleeding hearts are developing their root systems, Irises are getting a leaf, the hazelnuts are almost through blooming. The violets have been blooming all winter, but now there are lots more of them in bloom.

Nadine on Larry's Country Diner was telling about finding out that her husband had picked up a hitchhiker. She pointed out that the person could have been a serial killer. He said that the hitchhiker had pointed that out, too. He replied that he wasn't worried. What were the odds of there being two in the same car?



Summer Saturdays 2022

- All programs are in the Media Center, on select Saturdays, at 2 p.m.
- They are approximately 45 minutes to an hour long.
- And are oriented to K-6, but all ages and the entire family are welcome.
- The Media Center stays open after programs until 4 p.m., for book browsing check-out.

JULY A World of Movement: Art with Ellen

9 Celebrate world athletes coming to Eugene. Ellen Furstner will have supplies & ideas for a project to finish & take home.

JULY Yoga for All Ages

16 Come learn tried & true techniques to gain strength & flexibility in the body, mind & heart. Libby Cox: teaching yoga the world over since 2004.

JULY F.E.T.C.H. Therapy Dog Teams

23 Greet at least four therapy dog teams & learn all about F.E.T.C.H.

JULY Dr. Delusion's Illusions Comedy Magic Show

30 Amazing! Mesmerizing! Mystifying! Dr. Delusion, has been performing Comedy Magic Shows for... quite a few years.

AUGUST Mohawk Valley RFD

13 Fire safety, life as a firefighter, maybe a fire engine to view, too!

AUGUST Woodland Creatures, Fairies, & their Houses: Art with Ellen

20 Tap into your creative self this summer. Ellen Furstner will have supplies and ideas for a project to finish & take home.

*** BONUS *** **Engineer It! Native Innovations Activity Kits**, from UO Museum of Natural & Cultural History, may be picked up at the Media Center during any open hours in July & August, while supplies last.

The Media Center: also open for our regular hours this summer: Wednesdays: 4-7p, 2nd Saturdays: 10a-1p

Thank you to the Lane Library League and the Marcola School District for their support!

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WHATS NEW??

You're Invited to our Pilcrow Party
Stop by the Media Center from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on July 13th to help us celebrate our Pilcrow Foundation Rural Public Library Grant. Meet our Community Donors who made it all possible. Peruse the more than one hundred, award-winning books we received. Light refreshments. A short presentation at 4:30.

Summer Saturdays events are here!!

See what's offered on the list to the left!!

Engineer It! Exploring Ancient Technologies, DIY Museum Activity Kits

These kits, from the UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History are available in the Media Center during our open hours, beginning July 6th, while supplies last. With the video, <https://vimeo.com/470367717>, explore artifacts designed by Oregon's first engineers, visit with an archaeologist, then try your own engineering skills! Included are verbal and visual instructions for families to complete the engineering challenges in the Kits. They're designed to provide families with fun, hands-on learning opportunities. Primarily of interest to pre-K (over 3 years-old) thru 5th grade. Thank you to the Lane Library League for their generous support!

Friends of the Media Center and Library have open hours

Our 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. We have been busy adding new books to our shelves, it's a great local resource for Summer reading!

Summer Volunteers Needed

Friends of the Media Center and Library provides volunteers to host public community hours. We are in need of volunteers for proctoring, which includes checking books in and out, shelving books which have been returned and getting our new arrivals in the system and onto the shelves. Other opportunities are helping with programs, advertising and fund raising. If you are interested, please come visit us during our open hours.

Little Free Library

The Little Free Library by the Lion's Lee Downing Park has books available, night and day. There is a rapidly rotating selection of books for all ages. Friends of the Media Center and Library are also stocking it with new books weekly. Please feel free to check it out!

Contact the Friends

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By Corkey Gourley-State Farm Insurance

In today's world of trying to do things faster and better we often find ourselves asking the question, why did I choose to go with an internet insurance company instead of .a local agent Your reasoning might be something like this:

- I wanted to save money and I can handle my own insurance.
- I can do all my transactions on my cell phone.
- I don't need anyone to explain insurance to me.
- I know what I want to buy, and I won't be sold anything extra.
- I only need the minimum.

Anybody can say and think those statements are 100% correct and some people can do and handle their insurance as stated above until the unexpected happens.

- What do you do if you have a bad car accident, your passengers are injured, and you need immediate answers for the passengers in the car?
- What if the insurance company totals your car and you need an advocate in understanding the procedure and getting the correct value for your car?
- What if your home is caught in a wildfire and you are found to be homeless and you need to know what your next steps are to get by?
- What do you do if your dog bites the neighbor's son or daughter?
- What do you do if a guest slips and falls at your home and they decide to sue you for their injuries?

I am fortunate to be able to say that I have served State Farm families for 35 years and I am proud of the industry that I represent in helping people navigate the circumstances of life that families didn't think could happen to them.

When we sit down with a family to review their insurance for their family, it is not about trying to sell s'them another policy. It is about helping to educate the policyholder on what their policy can do and how it protects them from the unexpected. Your local agent is the person in the community, just like you, that goes to the grocery store, their kids go to school with your kids, and they are your neighbor.

The value of a local agent is just that, they are local. You can go see them in real time and they are not just a phone call away - they can be present for you. The local agent's business is one that supports families in the community and their money stays in the community that they live in. The best part of a local agent can be summarized in three words:

RELATIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP & RELATIONSHIP

HAPPY

“HAPPY” can mean a lot of different things,
and be found in lots of places...
It can be kept inside us or it can be
shared in many cases.

When I see a smile on someone's face
even when they wear a mask...
I often wonder what their HAPPY is –
but of course I never ask.

My HAPPY is when my squirrels & birds
see me coming out to feed...
they chirp & talk (they're saying thanks)
that's my HAPPY, yes, indeed.

I'm happiest when I can help
a Mohawk Valley friend or pet...
It warms my heart down deep inside,
and that's the best HAPPY I can get.

By Cheryl

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MOHAWK FFA WINTER/SPRING UPDATE

"I call the meeting to order, we are now starting the June 2022 Mohawk FFA Messenger Update," these are the words spoken by the president of the parliamentary procedure/conduct of meeting teams. Parli Pro is one of many Career Development Events Mohawk FFA members have completed in the last 6 months. The purpose of Career Development Events is to develop individual college and career readiness skills through personal growth and premier leadership. Leadership based events focus on developing students' ability to guide from a space of respect, conviction, and knowledge. Key skills included CDE's such as public speaking, job interview, conduct of meeting, and parli pro. There are multiple categories of public speaking so each member can progress their personal skills as they get closer to the end of their high school career.

- The FFA Creed outlines the FFA organization's values and beliefs regarding the industry of agriculture, FFA membership, and citizenship and patriotism. Written by E.M. Tiffany the creed is a previously prepared speech which is recited by the member. Each member then asked about parts of the speech and how it applies to their personal experiences and agriculture knowledge.
- Beginning, sophomore, advanced, and extemporaneous speaking requires each member to write and deliver a minimum 5-minute speech.
- Parliamentary Procedure and Conduct of Meeting is a six man or seven man team respectively where students demonstrate their knowledge of running a legal proper meeting using the Roberts Rules of Order.
- In job interview, members are evaluated on their cover letter, resume, letters of recommendation, and job interview skills. Students apply for a job they would currently qualify for and present their best attributes.

Our Conduct of Meeting and Parli Pro teams had great success this year! Both teams earned banners at districts qualifying for state sectionals.



(Parli Pro Team: Kaitlyn Franklin, Kallee Eck, Emma Romane, Lucy Barrowcliff, John Cheechov, and Addison Barrowcliff left to right)



(Conduct of Meeting Team: Avery Bigbee, McKenna Gallaway, Quinn Devenport, Jay Andrews, Bellece Bendix, Chloe Smith, and Violet Eisele left to right, not pictured Xander Boosinger represented us at state sectionals.)

The spring also means ramping up the many agricultural career CDE's. Starting with our first ever Farm Business Management Team. This CDE is a pretty extensive test which requires students to apply economic principles to agriculture business.



(Quentin Makinson, Alexis Robinson, Ashley Roser, and Amelia Tulloch left to right)

Evaluating the quality of your stock is an imperative skill for all livestock owners. The first judging CDE is dairy. The cows we use for "dairy" products. Congrats to our advanced team: Kallee, Kaitlyn, Ashley, and McKenna.



(Both teams, beginning and advanced: left to right back row Violet Eisele, Kallee Eck, Damien Smith, Quinn Devenport: front row left to right Ashley Roser, Kaitlyn Franklin, McKenna Gallaway, Avery Bigbee)

Upper Willamette District field encompasses 5 different CDE's. We sent 6 teams, beginning and advanced, in 3 different events. Every team brought

home a banner. The meat and poultry teams then tried their best at the state competition.

The Vet Science CDE entails the skills needed to be a vet tech. Students identify tools, parasites, and animal breeds. They were then evaluated on their handling and clinical skills by an active veterinarian as they gave a stuffed animal a shot and restrained it by applying a muzzle. Congratulations to the 1st place advanced vet science team: Xander Boosinger, Natalie VanderPloeg, Damien Smith, Ashley Roser, and Aiden O'Dea. The beginning team was 3rd: Bellece Bendix, Liam O'Dea, Eddie Yi, and Violet Eisele. We would like to give a big shout out to Xander Boosinger for earning the 1st place individual in the advanced vet science competition.

Meat evaluation and poultry judging both focus the members ability to evaluate the food they purchase at the grocery store for quality including individual cuts of meat, eggs, and chicken patties. Congratulations to our 2nd place advanced meat judging team and 3rd place beginning meat judging team.



(Left to right: Matthew Million, Aiden O'Dea, Ashley Roser, Cameron Andrews, Alexis Robinson, Henry Yi, Lucy Barrowcliff, JW Cheechov, Brody Robinson, Jay Andrews)

At state the team competes at Oregon State University and enters the certified butcher floor. Therefore, they must play the part!



(left to right: Cameron Andrews, Brody Robinson, Aiden O'Dea, Henry Yi, and Alexis Robinson)

Both Poultry Judging teams earned 1st place banners! Natalie VanderPloeg

and Quinn Devenport earned the first place slot in the advanced and beginning, respectively.



(Beginning poultry team left to right: Addison Barrowcliff, Violet Eisele, Avery Bigbee, Jay Andrews, Quinn Devenport, Damien Smith, Caleb Ogg, Eddie Yi, Liam O’Dea) This team took the top 5 individual placings! They rocked this event.



(Pictured above is Henry Yi evaluation broilers at the State Poultry Judging CDE. The team finished 6th and Natalie VanderPloeg was 5th high individual)

Most recently students attended the District Tractor Driving CDE. Putting a tractor on a trailer, raking a field, hauling a trailer, and using the 3-point hitch are evaluated by the members of the Linn County Farm Bureau.



(Quinn Devenport)



(John Cheechov)

(Brody Robinson)



The 2022 CDE season ends with Forestry. We are so grateful to their coach Ken Ball who spends countless hours designing lesson plans and giving them hands on education and training. Students are expected to cruise timber which requires them to measure trees and calculate the board footage, decide how to improve a plot of trees, identify tools, identify plants, use a compass, read maps, and so much more. The top 5 individuals at districts included all of the young ladies pictured below!



(Left the right: Alexis Robinson, Erin Holvey, Natalie VanderPloeg, Brooke Whaley)

However, CDE’s is not all Mohawk FFA does. We take 2 weekend trips in the spring. First, we spent 4 days and 3 nights in Redmond attending the State Convention. The Oregon FFA state convention is an opportunity for members to compete in career development events, leadership events, earn individual awards and recognition, conduct business and take part in officer elections. Mohawk FFA members engage in personal growth, gaining leadership skills, see college opportunities, and learn about agriculture opportunities. Each day starts and ends with sessions which are presented by the Oregon State Officers. They honor sponsors, give the state level awards and degrees, retire the state officers, listen to fabulous guest speakers, and during the last session induct the next year’s state officers. Each session is its own small production centered around some aspect of leadership or professional growth. They are a priceless experience for each member to find their strengths and learn about how others have overcome hard times. Beyond the learning, it is so much fun!

(Prior to each session is a dance party on the floor and a large tunnel welcoming the state officers.)



(Violet and Bellece in the career convention learning about the Young Farmers and Ranchers.)

(The career convention also gives members a chance to make significant memories: Quinn and Jay were showing off their best costumes)



(Wilco sponsored a fitting clinic as one of many options of workshops students could attend during the day.)



(Ag in the Classroom is another amazing program our students have the opportunity to learn about. Students learn about a book (different one every year) to read to elementary students, activities, and ag facts. FFA members will then share all these great opportunities with our elementary students as teachers in the classroom.)

(These 2 individuals were given the greatest accomplishment with the acceptance of their FFA State Degree: Tyler Wallace and Natalie VanderPloeg.)





(As a result they earned their moment on the Oregon State Convention stage.)

The second major trip is Boatman’s Lamb and Goat Camp. This year we had 11 Mohawk School District students attend (elementary and high school students). Camp is always fun when you also camp as a big group.

(As the advisor, I’m so blessed to have these fabulous young agriculturalists in the lives of my personal children. I’d like to thank the Mohawk families for welcoming them with open arms.)



Camp starts on Friday with lots of sitting in class learning about nutrition, fitting, housing, medical treatment, showmanship, and evaluation.



Saturday afternoon, students bring out their personal animals to practice and get sound experience and advice to improve themselves.

(Left to right: JW Cheechov, my son Colton Kaiser, Lucy Barrowcliff watching demonstrations in class.)



(Bellece Bendix in the beginning intermediate class.)

The last day is SHOW DAY! The camp gives away amazing prizes for the top 5 showmen.

(Congratulations to Abri Roberts on her 3rd place advance showmen finish!)



(Our camp crew left to right: Lucy Barrowcliff, Cameron Andrews, Ashley Roser, Colton Kaiser, Abri Roberts, in front of her Addyson Hedrick, Violet Eisele, JW Cheechov, Bellece Bendix, Avery Bigbee, in front of her Juliet Devenport, Damien Smith, Valen Smith)



Our spring banquet on June 2nd, we will send off our senior FFA members. It will be a sad day to send off Natalie VanderPloeg, Erin Holvey, Aiden O’Dea and Ashley Roser. Both Natalie and Erin have chapter leaders for the past 4 years and their guidance will be greatly missed. However, most importantly I can’t wait to watch the legacy they are leaving behind grow. All 3 seniors have been our CDE leaders, classroom examples, greatest FFA advocates. Even though none of them are headed to a career in agriculture I know they will also have agriculturally based hobbies on the side.

Beyond the FFA chapter, our water ecology team has been working with the Education Coordinator the McKenzie Watershed Council. Water has changed greatly with the recent fires and the team was able to restructure as a result of 2 years off from COVID. So this year we did multiple trip learning restoration projects, the pros and cons of fire to the ecology of the land and the impact on water, and how to evaluate water and stream quality.



(Stream survey up Parson’s Creek)

(Evaluation of the riparian area next to the McKenzie River up near Blue River.)



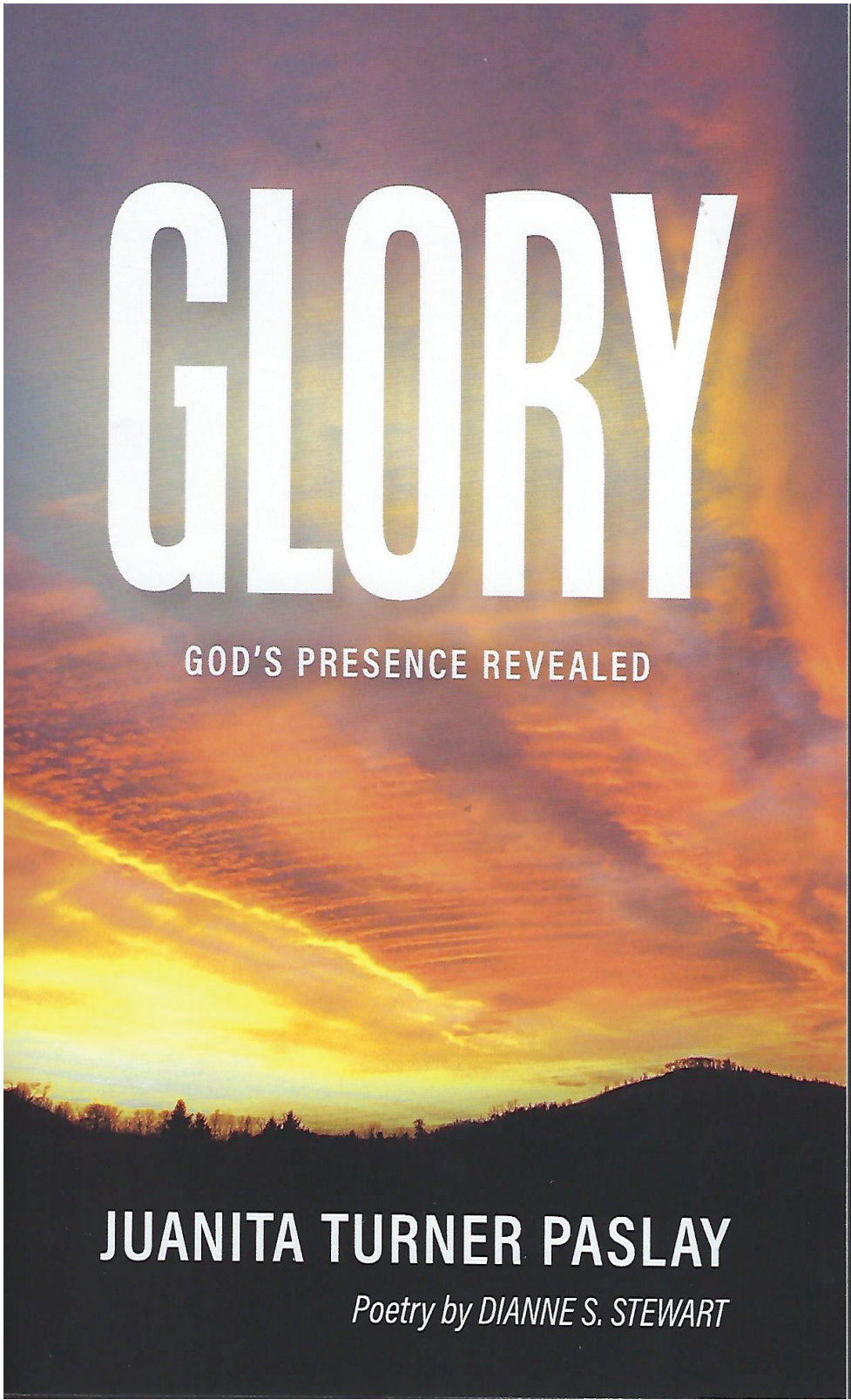
Lastly these fabulous individuals represent Mohawk at the state Envirothon competition. This contest is unique as it is one group test for 5 different areas including water quality, soils, wildlife, forestry, and previous picked current environmental topic. Thank you to Petra Yi for being this group's biggest fan and filling in. She has been very supportive and the greatest team mom for our FFA chapter.



(Left to right: Henry Yi, Eddie Yi, Quentin Makinson, Xander Boosinger, Anna Kinnigkeit, not pictured Brooke Whaley)

This summer Mohawk FFA has 14 members representing us at the Lane County Fair who will be showing their animal projects either as market or

breeding projects. All members taking market projects have been working hard to raise, train, and prepare. Raising an animal is a financial risk for all of these members. It is also an opportunity for them to earn money to continue their projects in the future and hopefully expand them. There are multiple ways to support them. First come to the Lane County Fair and purchase their animals. Please stop by at minimum and meet the amazing young men and women that make our community so great! If purchasing an animal is out of your reach, you can give a student an “add-on”. This can be any amount and goes directly bad to the students. Please see the school Facebook page for forms as we get closer to the fair dates July 20-23. The Youth Auction is July 23. Thank you for continually supporting our chapter and members!



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REFLECTIONS ON SUMMER

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~ Dianne S. Stewart, 2018 ~

KARREN LANSKY’S PAGE

TINY PROFILES IN PLUMAGE - HUMMINGBIRDS

By
Karren A. Lansky

For some of us in the bird-watching game, a special interest in a certain species or family of birds develops. This interest can vary in intensity from mildly curious to an all out fascination with that particular group of birds. I fall somewhere in the middle when the hummingbirds return to our feeders in very early Spring [usually around March 15]. I believe that almost everyone—even among the general non-birding public— likes hummingbirds. Of all birds, hummingbirds, or hummers, have generated the most curiosity.

Not only are hummers beautiful to look at, they have near mythic flying abilities. Unique rotating joints close to the body, let hummingbirds swivel their wings through figure-eight arcs and do outrageous aerobatics. They need this maneuverability because hummingbirds feed by hovering and drinking nectar from flowers. It’s a good thing they can fly so well because hummingbirds have such tiny, weak legs and feet that they aren’t able to walk at all. They fly everywhere, even if they only have to go a few inches.

Hummingbirds are unique to North America, Central America, and South America. They are the 2nd largest bird family in this hemisphere—338 species, most hummers are in the tropics; 16 different species exist in North America. Unique, reduced wing bones distinguish hummingbirds; whereas most birds flap the entire arm, hummingbird’s wings are derived mostly from their hand bones. Okay now, flap your arms. Can’t do it very fast, can you? Now, pull in your arms and just flap your hands. Wait!! You’re taking off!!

Hummers have a high metabolism; as their name implies, their engines are always humming. What better fuel for a hyperactive little bird than sugar? Sugar burns quickly and cleanly. And always being on a sugar high, they have hyped-up behavior to match. A person having as high a metabolic rate as a hummingbird would have to eat almost twice his weight in food every day: 155,000 calories. That’s a lotta cheesecake! No wonder they are always in motion and are so feisty in defense of their food sources. Their lives depend on it.



Male hummers have absolutely nothing to do with nesting or caring for their young-- their specialty is fancy courtship displays, which in most species involve swinging-pendulum-like flights-- special buzzing noises

produced by their wings, and breathtaking displays of their colorful throats, or gorgets. These gorgets, and their body feathers as well, are cloaked in tiny feathers that have droplets of oil trapped inside them. These oil droplets actually refract the sun’s light, bending it to different wavelengths that human eyes perceive as brilliant color. Not for hummingbirds are the ‘usual’ colors- browns, reds, or yellows of other songbirds. No, hummers go for ‘glory’—cerise, magenta, violet, copper, emerald, armor green, cerulean blues- every hue you’d find in a stained glass window- and then some!

After a male hummingbird has so dazzled the dull-colored female that she consents to mate with him, they part ways for good. She flies off to gather the softest plant fluff and binds it together with spider webs, often pasting lichens on the walnut-sized nest for camouflage. The thick, fluffy walls of the tight little nest provide great insulation for her 2 [or, rarely 3] pea-sized eggs. After an incubation period ranging from 15 to 22 days, the chicks hatch. As the young grow, the nest actually

stretches to accommodate and cradle them. The female works doubly hard to feed herself and her young, pumping them full of regurgitated nectar and tiny insects



like aphids and gnats, which are often stolen from spider webs! Young hummingbirds stay in the nest much longer than most birds; sometimes as long as 31 days.

In winter, most of our hummers leave, seeking warmer climes where flowering vegetation and lots of insects sustain them. Along the Pacific Coast, as far north as southeastern Alaska, Anna’s hummingbirds are year-round residents, able to withstand the cold and occasional snow.

These are the hummers that are seen most often here in the Mohawk Valley— although several other species visit us, but generally are just “passing through”. The advice given to me by a long -time resident of the Valley was to make sure that I had my feeders up by March 15TH, although this year, 2022, they usually come back on the 1st of March, though some stay all winter. They are really hungry when they return, and go back to where they found feeders last year, so— when you see them



HUSTLE—and get that feeder out! I have observed that the males generally are the first to return—and set up their territory LIKE RIGHT AWAY!!! The females seem to follow in about 2 days, and go to a feeder, ANY FEEDER. It seems to take about 3 or 4 days before the couples appear to become established, that is from an amateurs observation! I have talked to several people who try and supply several feeders in various locations- to try and satisfy the “territorial” problems that the hummers present. I have only so much space- considering the fact the Gold Finches have also returned, and will fill, and empty, all finch feeders that I have hanging- so I hang only 2 feeding stations for the hummers. They all seem to sort it out! Although, I seem to be filling empty tubes almost daily.

It is very important to REMEMBER – once you start feeding the “HUMMERS” you have to continue!!! Once they find the feeder and begin to visit it- they will establish a nest close to a safe source of food—and become dependent upon that source of food. Remember, that is now solely the female that will incubate the tiny eggs- so she cannot be “looking” for food—if she is away from the nest for too long- the tiny eggs, and the life within them will be lost. I have always found it fascinating that the tiny nest is made out of spider webs-, as the tiny birds grow- the nest is able to expand, and provide security and warmth for the tiny birds.

We here in the Mohawk Valley are very fortunate to have Hummers as our visitors!!!

MOHAWK VALLEY HISTORY
COMPILED BY JAY SWOFFORD

Swimming in the rivers and creeks
was a favorite past time of valley
children and families.

This is the Paschelke swimming hole located at the confluence of Mill creek and the Mohawk river. It is the only man-made swimming hole in the rivers of the Mohawk valley that I am aware of.

Today this hole is on an artificial oxbow in the Mohawk. Originally the river was straight here. There was a natural ford in the river here for many years, and was used as part of the county road along the north side of Mill creek.

Long after it was used as a road bed, Leo Paschelke decided to dig it out and make a swimming hole. He used a drag bucket to dig out the bank just above the Mill creek mouth and draw it up into the old ford access road on the opposite bank. As the dirt piled up, this created the oxbow we have today.

At some point later he built this high dive. This platform was quite popular with the locals. It was not as high as the high dive at Wendling (which had the advantage that it was boosted by being placed on a rock ledge that was already about 8-10 feet above the water line) and was comparable in height with the wooden slide at the Donna swimming hole.

If you know the year this was dug out or the year he built the high dive, please comment.

How you can help with Mohawk Valley history.

Many people have asked how they can help preserve our history.

- Here are some simple things you can do to help.
1. Record the tales and oral histories as best you can onto a thumb drive or cassette tape. Note the name of the speaker(s) and date of the recording.
 2. Preserve and make copies of old pictures of the valley.
 3. Preserve school, church, business and lodge memorabilia.
 4. If you have ever found interesting sites around the valley, record where it is (Google Maps screen shot or GPS coordinates are great as they translate across generations) and all the details you know (photographs, drawings, detailed written descriptions).
 5. If you have ever found Native American artifacts in the valley, record the location of the find (see item 4 but also include how far underground it was if it was not on the surface as that helps with age estimations) and, if possible, photograph any finds with something for scale (ruler, quarter, etc.). For arrowheads and similar tools, photograph both sides to record the various facets.

If you are willing to share this information with me and the archive I curate, I would consider that a blessing. To prevent looting of archeological sites, think carefully before you share any locations of artifact sites. You can send me copies of the above information at jayswof@gmail.com. Or contact me for physical transfer of non-digital items.

What would all this be used for:
It would be used to fill out our knowledge of the history of the valley and used for the education of future generations..

For instance, imagine if you have had maps of historic Native American trails through the valley (already have some in the archive) and detailed locations of every Native artifact find in the valley by location and type. It would then be possible to identify Native villages, hunting areas, battle sites, etc. throughout the valley.



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MOHAWK VALLEY LIONS UPDATE

The Mohawk Valley Lions are in their busy time of the year. We have just completed sponsoring a fantastic wildlife photograph presentation followed by a dessert for our Mohawk Valley family and

friends. The presentation was made possible by the incredible work of accomplished photographer, Dean Dunson, a long time Lion and resident of the valley.

The club continues to financially support the Marcola Helping Hand Food Bank, in addition to providing eye exams and glasses for those in need, raising funds to support diabetic camps for children, supporting canine companions for vets, supporting the OBOB reading program at the Marcola schools, as well as several other projects.

Of course, the Lions are working hard to maintain the Lee Downing Veteran's Memorial Park in Marcola and decorate poles in Marcola for special holidays. Our Lions chapter also gave one \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships to deserving Mohawk High School seniors this year!

Sadly, the Flag Day chicken BBQ & music in the park had to be canceled- it was a good decision on our part as the weather was awful & we had a band problem.

We want to announce that Bob Leeper has been elected president of our local chapter. We continue to reach out to those who would like to join us in serving the Mohawk Valley Community. If you are interested in being a local Lion, feel free to call Bob Weaver at 541-520-6609.

We extend a big thank you to all of you for your continued support of the Mohawk Valley Lions.

Bob Weaver, President

THANKS, JAY SWOFFORD!



**Community
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Where is it?
Anyone know??

MARCOLA SCHOOL WITH COWS!!



Marion "Mid" McKay McClure 5/13/1917 - 12/3/2005

Born in Buena Washington to William and Sarah McKay. As a kid she lived in Fisher's Mill Camp and loved riding down the water-filled log flumes covered with moss. Attended Fisher Mill Camp grade school and graduated from Mohawk High School in 1935. Mid loved attending dances as well as played the piano and organ. Around the start of WWII started working the shipyards. Mid was a "Rosey the Riveter" and worked as a welder at Albina Shipyard. Was married to Francis McClure for 59 years, loved cooking large meals, gardening, and growing flowers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Your publication is a gem! I especially love the historical tidbits and reminiscences of longtime residents. Lois Roberts’ fond memories of romping through the woods to gather wildflowers mirror those of my own childhood.

Yet all of the “newsier” items covering the breadth of community interests – the grange, the fire and school districts, meetings, and activities, not to mention the heartfelt letters and obits -- show (as opposed to telling) what a welcoming and vibrant area Marcola is. I’m always reading excerpts to my husband Joe.

Knowing how costs are rising exponentially, causing papers large and small to cut back or close up shop altogether, we want to help the Messenger remain the lifeblood of the Mohawk Valley. Many of us in Springfield love it, too!

Sincerely, Maddie Berney, Thurston

Editor’s Note: Thanks again for both your generous donations! We do appreciate it!

Dear Editor...

HORSES TALES

The Horses of Proud Spirit by Melanie Sue Bowles

There are approximately seven million horses in the United States. Each year, over 70,000 end up going to slaughter. Hundreds of thousands more are abused, neglected or abandoned by callous and irresponsible owners. With a heart as big as a pasture, author Melanie Bowles takes some of these horses into her sanctuary called Proud Spirit. Here, horses that arrive listless and broken find a home where they finally know safety.

The bond between horse and caretaker does not happen overnight. It hangs by a fine thread of trust, which the author earns with endless patience and a full commitment to the well-being of the horses in her care. The horses, some of which have suffered severe abuse astound her time and again with their ability to trust, return the love they are given, and enjoy the companionship of other horses.



Hoof Prints: More Stories from Proud Spirit. In this sequel to The Horses of Proud Spirit, we learn more about the horses the author cares for in her horse sanctuary, which had

relocated from southwest Florida to the hills of west Arkansas. In the new location, the Proud Spirit horses run free on 320 acres of rolling hills, living the life every horse deserves. You will meet some people who have no idea how to treat horses, and some wonderful, kindhearted people who open their lives to the beauty of these creatures with so much to teach us. You will meet Cosmina, a Romanian orphan who finds kinship with these horses, who have also been abandoned. You will, of course, meet the horses – and two donkeys, one of whom can fly! – each one bearing a different scar, recovering at Proud Spirit in the warmth of the care offered there. Website: <https://horsesofproudsprite.org/>

YOUTH CENTER NEWS

Marcola Youth Center thanks all the people who showed up at the Elementary School to support our Bingo Night-Taco Feed fundraiser. Thank you to all the students and friends of the Youth Center who helped with the preparations, service during dinner and game time, plus the setting-up and clean-up. We appreciate the participation, the private contributions and all the work done to help reach our goal of a new roof this summer.

Thank you to the following businesses who supported our community by donating the gifts used for prizes. We are grateful to: Wilco, Wildlife Safari, Willamalane, Turner Family/ Lawrence Air Service, Track Town Pizza, Sweet Life, Starbucks, Rooster Coffee, Papa’s Pizza, Oregon Aquarium, Oregon Contemporary Theater, Mohawk General Store, Les Schwab Tires, Lane Forest Products, Jerry’s Home Improvement, Jerry’s Rogue Jet Boats, Home Depot, Fiddler’s Green, Family Fun Center, Eugene Emeralds, Dickie Jo’s, Costco, Bi-Mart, Abby’s Pizza, Ranchito Grill, Terry Duncan, Arlint, Busby and Starkey Families.

A local \$5,000 donation match challenge has been made. If the Marcola community can raise \$5,000 for the Roof Replacement Fund, they will match the amount. That will be \$10,000 toward our goal of \$20,000. Please send your donations to PO box 902 Marcola OR 97454

We are asking for you students, grandparents, aunts and uncles to help out. One family saved up their loose change and made a donation. How about a penny drive or collect cans and bottles. We would be happy to meet you at the MYC if you would like to drop off bottles and cans.

If you can help raise any amount of cash, let people know you’re doing it for the Marcola Youth Center Roof Replacement Fund.

Put these dates on your calendar; June 17-18, and June 24-25. We are holding a big indoor Rummage Sale at the Youth Center. There will be more information coming out later.

Remember the Youth Center is open to High School Students the 1st and 3rd Friday night of each month. Middle School activities coming soon.

MARCOLA’S TOWN BASEBALL TEAM



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THE BEAVER COALITION

By Kay Allen

Perhaps the song had it wrong: it is not Smokey Bear that prevents forest fires, but Benny Beaver.

When we think of a healthy stream, we think of something like the Mohawk and its tributaries; water flowing as quickly and as straight as geography allows. They only look that way now because we are here after the settlers and trappers came and trapped and killed millions of beaver.

A healthy stream with beavers is messy. The creek will split and come back together again. There will be side channels, mud, impassable brush and lots of bugs. These beaver-created wetlands slow down water flow, spreading water across a floodplain. And when fire comes through this complex, a study showed that the beaver wetlands experienced about three times less burning than creeks without beavers.

So perhaps at a time we are looking for fire mitigation strategies, increases in biodiversity and places where other animals can escape to during a fire, we ought to be looking at nature's engineers. They are experts at water management and wetland creation, and will do it – faster, better, and cheaper. At least that is the contention of the Beaver Coalition, a group working out of Jackson, Oregon.

Jakob Shockey and Sarah Koenigsberg of the Beaver Coalition look at the beaver pond in downtown Phoenix, Oregon, which may have saved the Phoenix Civic Center from the Alameda Fire. If you're asking, "why would humans want to partner with beavers," one reason becomes clear as the pair looked at a dam beavers built in downtown Phoenix not long before the fire. The pond it created, along with a smaller stormwater retention pond, appeared to have slowed the flames and may have even protected the nearby Phoenix Civic Center from burning. And now the dam



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is filtering ash from the water for salmon and other animals living downstream. "Just think about how much toxic sludge is now in this pond from the fire run off," said Koenigsberg, pointing at the stagnant gray-black water above the dam, and the clear water trickling from its base. "Look at how nasty it is [in the pond] and how clean it is [below the dam]. You can't ask for better."

Hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands need riparian restoration. Currently, the Beaver Coalition is working with the Forest Service, The Rogue River – Siskiyou National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management on how partnering with beavers could increase the amount and function of aquatic habitat. During the first phase, the Coalition will map areas with the potential to host robust beaver populations but because of habitat degradation do not. Then they will develop strategies for removing these barriers. These techniques can be as simple as planting native trees and bushes, to building low tech structures that mimic some of the functions of a beaver dam.

They have also become the caretakers of the Beaver Restoration Guidebook, an open-sourced guide to the best available science, restoration techniques, and management practices for partnering with beavers.

The Coalition is aware that living with beavers is sometimes like living with a persistent and messy neighbor. They are producing information on coexistence strategies with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. These include how to protect specific trees from being felled, culvert protection, and pond leveling.

For more information on this group, check their web site: BeaverCoalition.org. *(Editor's Note: Photos from the Beaver Restoration Guidebook)*

A HUNTING STORY

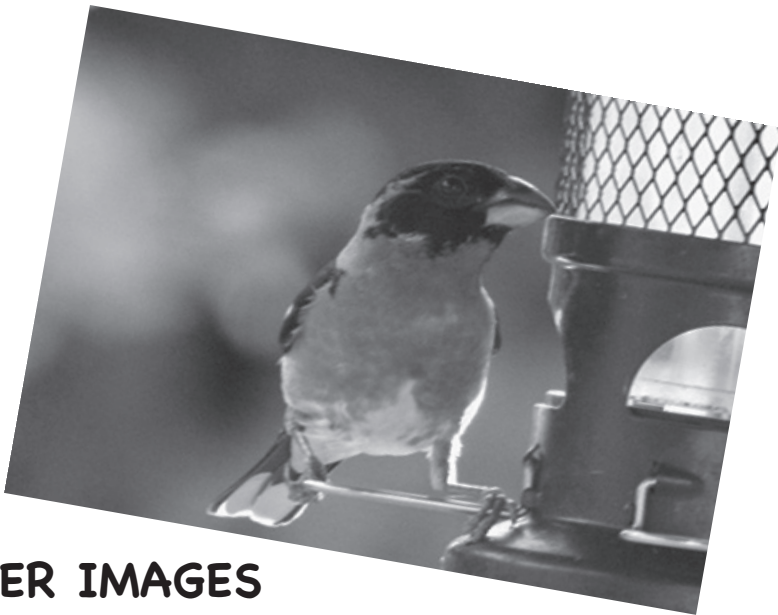
By Suzanne Madtson

My Dad was an excellent hunter. His friends would call on him when their sons were of hunting age and Dad would take them out and train them.

Dad was out hunting with one of his friend's sons. The dogs had treed a cougar. The cougar jumped out of the tree and the dogs were right on it. Dad said that this was the first time he ever went hunting without a pistol on him. For some reason he had laid it on a tree stump nearby.

Dad didn't want the dogs hurt, so he grabbed the cougar by the tail. Of course, once he had the cougar there was nothing else he could do. He yelled at the kid to get his gun and kill the cougar. The kid did, but grabbed his camera and took a picture first.

Well, the kid didn't get Dad's head in the picture. So I looked through all of my pictures, looking for one where I could line up the head with the body. I finally found one that would work and took it to Evergreen Film where they put it all together. My Dad loved that picture. And all of his friends wanted a copy. Dad was quite impressed.



SPRING & SUMMER IMAGES THANK YOU, KANDIE DISKIN!

Editor's Apology, Kandie
The printer took away my color for this page.





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11AM-8PM

BAR IS OPEN

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**BOOKED UP
WITH BANDS AND
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**JULY 16TH:
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**AUGUST 6TH
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**with vendors, local artists,
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music, and family fun.**

**LOOKING FOR
LOCAL ARTISTS TO
ATTEND!**

**AUGUST 20TH:
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**WE ARE OFFERING KARAOKE IN THE BAR
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COME AND HAVE FUN!**

JOHN HAROLD LEOPARD

July 8, 1934–December 3, 2021

A celebration of life service will take place on Saturday, July 9, at 1 p.m. at Mohawk Community Church, 91190 Hill Road, for John Harold Leopard, a 61-year resident of Marcola. He died last winter of heart failure at age 87. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church.



Harold was born on July 8, 1934, in Glenville, North Carolina, the second child of John Ansel and Gertie (Whitmire) Leopard. After his father died in 1940, Harold started working young, first in the fields

with his mother and siblings and then on trucking runs to different cities in the South. He married Grace Johnson in Walhalla, South Carolina, on November 28, 1955.

Harold became frustrated because steady work in their area was difficult to come by and paid very little. His older brother suggested that he come to Oregon for logging work. In 1958, Harold and Grace set out for Oregon. They settled first in Sweet Home, then in Ashland, where their oldest child, Gayla, was born. Later they lived near Sweet Home again, in Springfield, and finally in Marcola. Two more children, Mark and Carol, were born in Springfield after that.

Harold worked for Weyerhaeuser for 31 years, first in the woods and constructing logging roads and last in the Springfield office as a labor pool coordinator. He also did long-haul trucking and briefly drove a tour bus. In the 1990s, he drove a special education bus for the Marcola School District. Harold did whatever was at hand for work. When he was a logger, he supplemented his income by doing mechanics jobs for people from his home garage.

Harold also was known for his determination. When he was injured on the job at Weyerhaeuser and prospects were poor, he contacted George Weyerhaeuser himself about his need for a job. It worked. He got a call back, with Mr. Weyerhaeuser saying, "Give this man a job."

Harold was quick to volunteer his services for people in need. In particular, he helped people in his church with repairs on their property and with their vehicles. He also mowed the grounds for the Marcola Cemetery each spring. For years, Harold was a member of the Marcola Water Board.

In addition, Harold and Grace worked tirelessly to help their son, Mark, attain an education despite his disability. In the 1960s and 1970s, Oregon law was not on their side. They faced professionals in the field and advocated for Mark as much as possible. Harold donated and did upkeep on a station wagon that was used as a school bus, allowing Marcola children with developmental disabilities to attend school in Eugene.

Harold had a wicked sense of humor and liked practical jokes. With friends, he once kidnapped another friend's billy goat, only to be butted the length of the pickup bed. It took a while to live that one down. On the other hand, he was a comforting presence at times of trouble. When Gayla was in a near-fatal car crash in 1997, he and Grace kept vigil by her bedside and stood up to doctors when needed.

Harold is survived by his wife, Grace, of 66 years and 5 days; a son, Mark Leopard; two daughters, Gayla Leopard and Carol Arce Amorrortu (husband Antonio); and a granddaughter, Alicia Sarro. All are of Marcola. He also leaves a sister, Bernice Merritt, of Brush Prairie, Washington, and a brother, LeRoy Robinson (wife Gayle) of Marcola, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents and by four brothers, Eldon Leopard, Arnold Leopard, Thomas Leopard, and Kenneth Robinson.



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Your Home Is An Investment, But Not A Commodity!

Our Area has experienced a low-inventory market for several years. That along with sustained low interest has led to record high prices and it has been a great time to sell. The question is often asked, “if this is such a great time to sell, why is there not more inventory?” The high level of purchasing is the simple answer. That has kept the Active Listings number below a ridiculous 1 month for nearly 2 years, which has been frustrating to buyers. The less obvious answer is that **real estate is not a commodity**. Home Owners have been hesitant to become Sellers, because they are fearful of experiencing the frustrations of replacing the roof over their heads. This makes real estate investing much more complicated than simply **buying low and selling high**, like you would with other investments. With interest rates on the rise, we would expect that inventory will begin to rise as well, alleviating some of the stress of finding a replacement property. Often, buying and selling go hand in hand, and replacing your home is likely one of the most important decisions you will ever make. So, call us today and plan for the right steps for success!



Residential Review: Lane County, Oregon

Residential Highlights

New listings (605) decreased 0.5% from the 608 listed in May 2021, and increased 23.5% from the 490 listed in April 2022.

Pending sales (484) decreased 12.6% from the 554 offers accepted in May 2021, and increased 6.8% from the 453 offers accepted in April 2022.

Inventory and Market Time

Inventory increased to 0.9 months in May. Total market time decreased to 23 days.

Year-To-Date Summary

Comparing the first five months of 2022 to the same period in 2021, new listings (2,413) increased 2.9%, pending sales (2,082) decreased 0.7%, and closed sales (1,826) increased 3.9%.

Average and Median Sale Prices

Comparing 2022 to 2021 through May, the average sale price has increased 17.1% from \$404,100 to \$473,000.

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

May 2022 Reporting Period

Inventory in Months*			
	2020	2021	2022
January	1.9	0.8	0.8
February	1.6	0.9	0.9
March	1.7	0.6	0.7
April	2.0	0.7	0.7
May	2.0	0.7	0.9
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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