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Grange**



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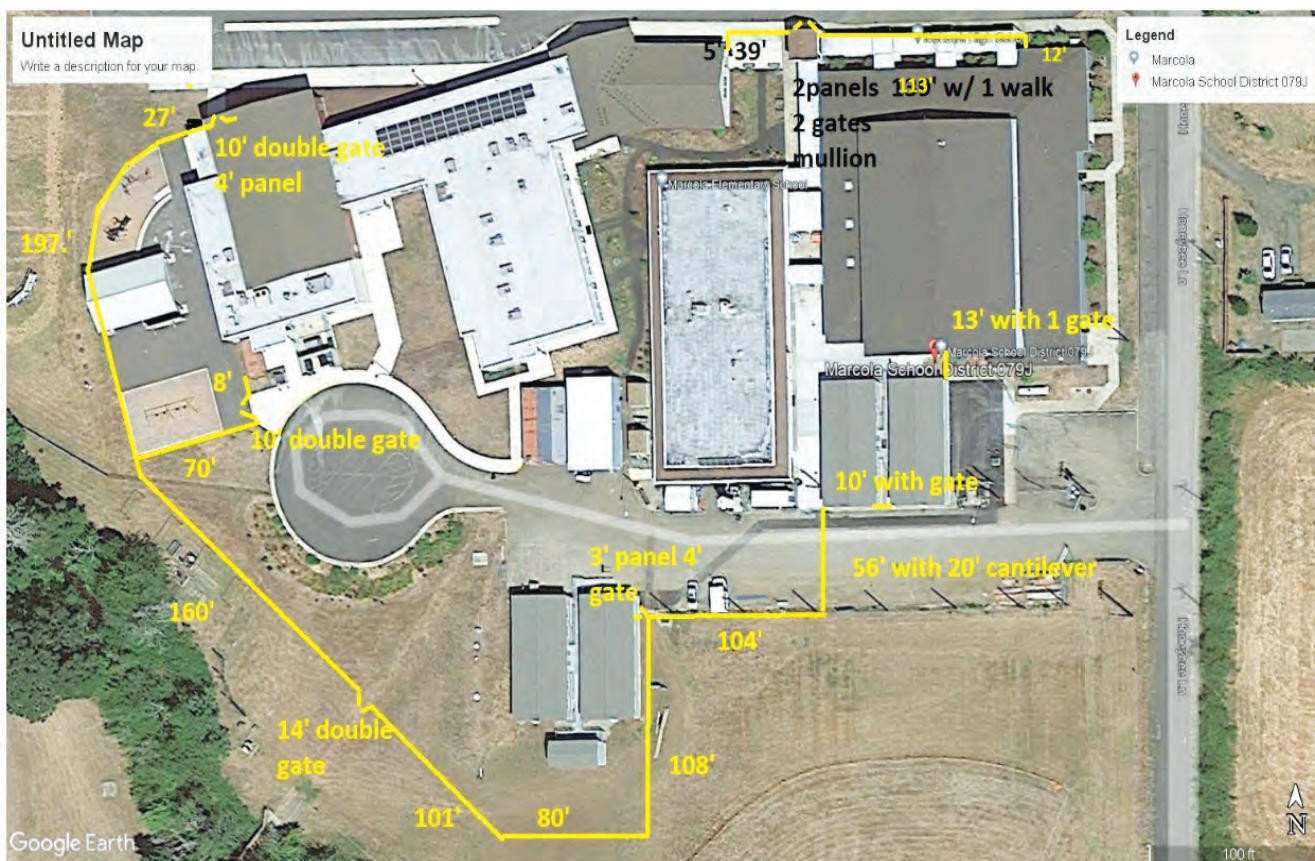
**MARCOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY-
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE:**

By Terry Augustadt, Superintendent

The Marcola School District is excited to share plans about improving our security system with upgrades planned for our campus this fall. The biggest shift is the installation of a new security fence system around the perimeter of our main campus buildings. The security fencing will encompass the Elementary, Middle School classrooms and the main building at the High School. These upgrades are essential in adding another layer of security for our students, staff and visitors while on our campus.

As the su-

perintendent, my job is to prioritize and direct our efforts to get great results. I have established 4 specific priority areas; Student Outcomes, Community Centered Culture, Instructional Excellence and Future Forward Facilities. The new security fencing and badge system along with practice in the SRP, all address potential safety concerns and facility upgrades.



There are Key Areas of Focus by ODE that are recommended in order to build a comprehensive and effective school system that addresses increasing numbers of student behavioral safety concerns, mental health crises, and school culture and climate challenges have developed predominantly from a public safety model.



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Citing Oregon Department of Education: School Safety and Prevention Systems Guidance

Access control measures serve to reduce risk on a campus - Monitored and secure access points in and

out of all buildings. MSD response: we are in the third phase of installing secured badging access controls on all exterior doors and gates, these additions will help further our security measures around campus.

Emergency procedures are practiced with staff and students on a regular basis. Practiced procedures include but are not limited to the following; evacuation, lockdown, lockout and shelter responses - MSD response: We use the Standard Response Protocol system. Every staff member has quick response cards attached to their access badges as a quick ref-

erence tool in the event of an emergency. Information detailing these procedures are posted around campus with families receiving periodic safety updates and informational flyers.

Property security and video surveillance, can be a deterrent to bullying, theft, vandalism, and drug use and other activities with potential for violence - MSD has recently doubled the amount of security and video surveillance cameras through the upgraded Seismic Grant work under completion this fall.

STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL



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LOCKDOWN
Locks, lights, out of sight.



EVACUATE
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SHELTER
Using the announced hazard and strategy.

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What's New at the Media Center??

Open 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. (Closed the Wednesdays before Thanksgiving and Christmas.) We have been busy adding new books to our shelves. There's a large selection of books by J.D. Robb, over 50 adult mysteries to read! Multiple new series have been added for kids!

Borrowing is free to anyone in Mohawk Valley.

Our Annual Book and Vinyl Sale

At the Marcola Elementary School Media Center Stock up on Winter Reads, collectible LPs, Gifts, and more, for all ages.

Most kids' books: \$.50! Most adult books & LPs: \$1!

Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday, December 4th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Half Price, All Day!

New Year, New Books

Do you enjoy reading about different sports? Our kids definitely do, but we need your help—the Media Center's sports section is in need of a big boost! Studies have shown that children become better readers when allowed to choose their own books, but the sports section currently has limited appeal. The average age of a book in our sports collection is 30 years old, and the collection has no books on a variety of sports, such as cheer-leading, softball, track and field, or gymnastics!

Will you make a donation today to help drive a child's love of reading? Every gift of \$25 to the Friends of the Marcola Schools Media Center brings us one book closer to our goal of purchasing 40 new books to completely update the sports section of the collection. This New Year, please help support reading choice for the children of our community by donating through our Facebook page; by cash, or check, to the Friends of the Marcola Schools Media Center, PO Box 1181, Marcola,

OR 97454; or at this link: <https://donorbox.org/new-year-new-books>

Book shelves overflowing?

Sack of books by the door, waiting...? Want to make a clean sweep for the Holidays and New Year? The Friends of the Media Center's Annual Holiday Books & Vinyl Sale is back and we want your donations!

Bring your clean, gently-used books to the Media Center on Wednesdays, 4-7, or another time by prior arrangement. Thanks

Used Calendars and Greeting Cards...

...but they seem too beautiful to recycle? Drop them off at the Media Center. Our volunteer bookmark maker extraordinaire, Kelly Davison-Adams, always needs more materials for her ever popular Media Center bookmarks.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library free books offer

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails a free, high quality, age appropriate book, every month, to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income. Registration is at the website: www.imaginationlibrary.com. A great way to expand your home library and provide varied reading material for your kiddos.

Little Free Library

The Little Free Library, just inside the Lion's Lee Downing Park, has books available, night and day. There is a rapidly rotating selection of books for all ages. The Friends of the Media Center and Library are also stocking it with new books weekly.

Please feel free to check it out!

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Phone: Cindy Miska 541-953-3725

FROM LINDA MOONEY, EDITOR:

Winter came in as a downpour....finally! We had snow up here on Howard Hill! I can now breathe a sigh of relief as fire season is over! It's the Holiday Season, one of my favorite times of the year!

SOME WORDS OF CAUTION: Landowners should be aware that if you give permission for someone to camp on your land and they set up residency, you will be considered a landlord and tenant rights apply.

Thanks to all of you out there as the Messenger transitions to our new publisher, Oregon Lithoprint, INC in McMinnville, OR. I received so many kind words for the continuance of this paper and I'm so happy to keep it going! As your editor, I do appreciate all of you!

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Meetings (Alphabetical) in the Community

Organizations: please check your information below and call me at 541-913-3799 or email me at lindamooney39361@gmail.com if anything changes!

• OPEN ART EVENING

6-9PM Tuesdays at the Mohawk Grange
Work on your own projects in your favorite media including yarn and fabric. FREE to anyone who would like to work individually or in a small group. Tables and chairs available. A model poses at a shared costs for those wishing to draw or do sculpture. 18 and under with permission. For more information, call or text: Erica Shetsline, 541-505-4788

• 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 Wednesday of every month. 6PM
More information, check website or call Linda Mooney 541-913-3799

• **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!

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"The History of 'APRONS'"

I don't think most kids today know what an apron is. The principle use of Mom's or Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.. And when the weather was cold, she wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, she walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come

in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

Moms and Grandmas used to set hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

**I don't think
I ever caught
anything**

**from an apron
- but love"**



"THERE WAS NOTHING QUITE LIKE IT."

By Karren Lansky

"You were the first to see the sun rising in the morning and the last to see it go down at night. The moon could be so bright you couldn't sleep and when the wind blew, it ranged from the warm, friendly updrafts of late afternoon to the violence of shutter-flapping, wood-tearing, bolt-popping gusts - usually in the middle of the night - when all you could do is huddle in your bed and wonder which of the flapping shutters would finally snap off and come crashing through the windows, showering glass in all directions."



The fire lookouts of the Northwest have attracted a wide range of individuals, from school teachers to newlyweds to poets, architects, writers, and an occasional hermit. The key word has always been "individu-

als." Here, they share their stories: adventure, humor, beauty, tragedy.

In Finding Fire: a Personal History of Fire Lookouts in Lane County, Oregon, (1982, 2007, Lane County Historical Society) Doug Newman provides the details of how men and women, machines and mules built and operated the lookouts, protecting the Cascades in peace and war:

the daily routine, the evening telephone gabfests, the sunrises, sunsets and lightning storms. His book also provides a guide to the present status of lookout towers, including which ones are still standing and open to visitors.



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MOHAWK VALLEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT: MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This week you are going to meet Kyle Heflin. Kyle started with MVRFD in 2013 as a volunteer firefighter. After a couple years with the district, Kyle became a Resident living at Station 4. After about a year Kyle move out but continued to volunteer to serve the Mohawk Valley community.

When Kyle is not volunteering his time with MVRFD he works for the Oregon Department Of Forestry. In 2020 Kyle received a Unit Citation for his actions going above and beyond during the Holiday Farm Fire.

Kyle loves to spend time with his GF and young daughter. During the summer you will find them riding the sand dunes and camping. Kyle enjoys all outdoor activities.

Thank you for your years of service to the citizens of the Mohawk Valley.



GIVE HONOR TO JESUS

By Juanita Paslay, Gideon Aux. Chaplain

Give unto the LORD the glory
due to His name;
Worship the LORD in the
beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:2 NKJV



I struggle to decide on a worthy gift to give. Will the receiver appreciate it? Will the gift fit their style?

The season of giving provides an opportunity to honor friends and family. A unique gift purchased or created generates the pleasure of giving and receiving.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus honored Jesus when He traveled through Bethany by providing meals and a place for Jesus and His disciples to sleep. On one unique occasion, Jesus presented the two women with a gift, a special gift of life—their brother Lazarus—after he had laid dead in the grave four days.

The end of Jesus' ministry drew near, though His followers did not comprehend that fact. Martha had prepared their usual meal. After dinner, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and honored Him with a perfect gift of love. Her bottle of essence of nard was expensive, and she poured out the full bottle. She did not instruct a servant, but she herself anointed Jesus' feet, then wiped the excess off the floor with her long hair. Imagine the scent lingering in the room until after Jesus' resurrection about a week later. The aroma would remind the family of Mary's precious gift to her Savior and become a reminder of His gift of salvation to them.

Jesus, I desire to sit at Your feet like Mary and give You honor and praise. Your gift of salvation is beyond my understanding. I praise Your Holy Name!

A SPECIAL DAY FOR GIVING THANKS

By Juanita Turner Paslay

May I introduce you to Sarah Hale, author of the most popular children's rhyme, Mary Had a Little Lamb?

Sarah Josepha Buell was born in 1788. This self-educated young woman taught school at age eighteen. Sarah supported her family after her husband, David Hale, died at an early age. In the middle 1800s, Sarah became a published poet, novelist, and magazine editor.

Sarah's campaign for a day of national thanksgiving began in 1847. Her state governor had chosen November 25 as a day of annual thanksgiving. Thus, she began her crusade for every state in the union to celebrate on the same day.

In 1863, through persistent contacts with President Lincoln, Sarah Hale convinced the president to declare a specific day of thanksgiving to God for all His blessings.

I learned of Sarah Hale's devoted efforts through an article written in 2007 by Peggy M. Baker, director and librarian of the Pilgrim Society and Pilgrim Hall Museum.

Sarah's passion to thank the Lord for His many blessings can serve as a model for us in the twenty-first century. Our personal and national blessings come from the Lord. Let us express our heartfelt thanks to Him every day.

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 118:1 NKJV



Chips Questions

By Gail Weathers

Questions, questions, questions! As I see things happening around me I have lots of questions swirling around in my head like flood waters. That guy with his arm out the window, signaling a left turn or airing his arm for a quarter mile and then not turning—didn't he read about hand signals in the drivers' manual? Why do so many people not know why they were given the name they go by? For a time people were giving themselves the names they preferred, like "Sierra." Now people I meet were given a name like that by their mothers. I've heard mothers putting lots of thought into the decision as to what to name their babies. When I meet a man with a name like "Orville," I can't picture a baby called, "Orville," though I don't think twice about a man named that. What was my great grandmother's maiden name? Do people my age realize that they have spoken to people from three centuries? What did I do with my coffee? Is that vase a family heirloom or did they buy it at a yard sale? What are John Wayne dolls selling for? Why didn't they save the box? Why is this ten foot expanse of wall devoid of electrical outlets? Are building codes different for manufactured houses from stick houses?

Why don't we think about the questions we need to ask family members until after they are gone? If they had siblings, often the event being questioned happened before they were born and they don't know either. Did Grandma have a diploma? Who was her sister living with when she taught school? What was my other great grandmother's maiden name? Where did my grandparents live when they were

building their house? They lived with my parents and us kids in a fifteen-foot trailer. That raises the question as to why they didn't kill each other!

Some questions reflect assumptions. I assumed the guy with his arm out the window was a licensed driver. I assume that the name influences how people see themselves. I assume that gravity will keep me from flying off into space, and that it always will. I assume that there still is a market for collectible dolls. I assume that builders will follow code, or that they even know what their workers are up to.

Who won the Powerball and where do they live? Did they do a quick pick or did they have favorite numbers? How many tickets did they buy? Did several people participate in the purchase? What would happen to the Mohawk Valley if it happened here?

The question that haunts me regularly is, who discovered that you could find out the presence of microbes from the epidemic by testing wastewater and how did the practice spread so widely so quickly. Why wasn't that scientist (assumption) given an award or a parade? If he/she were given recognition, how did I miss it? Why didn't it get more publicity? Am I missing other momentous discoveries that are under-publicized? I phoned Rural Health Matters on RFD channel and got on-air to ask that question of Dr. Gold of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He said that waste water testing has been going on for decades but the information about COVID incidence has been widely reported, and many people have been involved. Oh.

I once saw a bumper sticker on an unremarkable car that said, "If I won the lottery, I'd keep on farming until it was all gone."



Heart of Marcola has been going through some big changes. And we would like your help.

Big Apologies

to those who have offered to help recently, and have not been contacted.

Heart Of Marcola is going to focus solely on serving our local *Mohawk Valley Community*.

While we have enjoyed serving the unhoused in Eugene, it is time to pull back, and work with our own folks here at home.

There are no solid plans yet, but two main ideas have come up so far:

1. Clothing and Blanket Drive in January.
2. A food pantry/cabinet where people can donate food, or get food. First off, we need a safe spot in town, and a solid, weather & animal proof cabinet. There is a possibility of working with Waste to Taste and other groups to get donated foods.

Stay Tuned (mostly on Facebook)

During the past 24 months we have made and served approx. 20,000 sandwiches for Breakfast in the Park in Eugene.

Additionally: buttered bread, numerous snacks, fruits, pet food, and other supplies packed in individual portions.

Thank You, Super Volunteers!



Information, suggestions, or to volunteer please contact :

Ellen Furstner
by private message
or 541-933-2246

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS IN THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY

By Cindy Murdoch

For many of you who live in the Upper Mohawk Valley (approx. Earnest Bridge area to County line), you may have noticed that when the power goes out, shortly afterwards, your landline no longer works. This has been a cause of concern for a few years now as people are noticing during emergency situations they have no way to contact help or get current status on an emergency situation or weather related issues. In this Upper Valley area, once power is out, that means to all of us up here, no cell phones or internet either. I have talked to many, many people about the danger in an emergency situation of having no way to communicate to the Fire Station or receive communications telling what EVAC level we are at, or even getting help if one of us slips and falls or has a heart attack etc. during a power outage. There isn't any easy answer is what I've been told. Many of us have gone up the chain with Century Link and they are not interested in putting a generator back in Marcola so we have a backup power source for landlines and the battery bank they have left in place is so old they only last a very short time. The batteries last around 10 minutes, so many people think they do have landline access, but they have just enough time to quickly call into EPUD to report an outage, and after a short time, the landline doesn't work but people have made their call within the time the batteries are working and don't check again.

So with that short history of why there are no landlines when the power goes out, and how the Upper Mohawk Valley residents are literally cut off from all communications during that time (emergency power outage or any type of situation where power is off), here is what we have pieced together for a communications option during a power outage. There have been meetings for at least 2 years, if not a little longer, at the Mohawk Fire Station discussing this issue. I recently attended the meeting up Camp Creek because they have run into the same situation.

The option we are choosing to go with for radios is a GMRS V-1 handheld radio, and I recommend you purchase a long antenna, given the distances in the Upper Mohawk Valley the radio needs to

reach and our mountainous terrain. The radio comes with a short antenna.

We've tested the radios up here and the distances they can be used vary widely. For those down by the Mohawk River (Marcola Road leading up to the 12 mile marker; Hileman; The Grange; Mohawk Loop Road; Mohawk River Road; Kelso East; Log

Creek), having a radio in every house would allow you to at least reach those on your road. You may, depending on how your house

is situated between the mountains, be able to reach almost anyone on your Road, depending on if a mountain blocks or not, but you should be able to reach your immediate neighbor and do a chain of communication to reach out for help.

For those on the upper side of Marcola Road, we get a bit more reach. From my place on Johnson Road, because of how my house faces, I can reach someone at the County Line to the north (4 miles), but can only reach a 1/2 mile south before the mountains block me. I can reach the entire Mohawk Loop Road area also. I can reach neighbors above me, to the north, below me and to the south. But distance for these radios out here has range that is affected and blocked by the mountains.

We've discussed at meetings the necessity of installing repeaters on some of the surrounding mountains to be able to piggyback a call from the original person reaching out to the next available person they can reach, and then that person reaches a bit further down the Valley until a message gets to the Base Station at the Fire Dept. Whether checking in during an emergency, or reaching out for emergency help, this is the best we are going to be able to do to bring a communication method to those at the Upper End of the Mohawk Valley during power outages. It is not ideal, but it what will work in an emergency. On Johnson Road, we have 7 people with radios currently and can reach out to each other during a power outage.

Everyone who buys the GMRS radio does need to obtain an FCC license. There is a fee for the license, but it is the only legal way you can use this form of communication. The test is pretty simple. Once you have your FCC license, they will assign you a Call Sign. Your Call Sign becomes your name when using the radio. I suggest you tape your Call Sign on your radio. You will only need one license for your entire family. In the Upper Valley area, you will reach further with the taller antenna. You can buy both the radio (comes with the short antenna) and the longer antenna online.

In a very simplified version, this is what things will look like when this is all in place.

1. GMRS Radio per household
2. Repeaters on surrounding mountains
3. Base Station at Fire Station

We will also be including CBs and Ham Radio Operators in the plan, so if you have the equipment, please reach out to me if you are in the Upper Valley area and let me know where you are and how we can connect in an emergency.

I thought it was important for residents to be aware that when the power goes out for whatever reason, in this Upper Valley area, you will not be able to communicate with the outside world. We are on our own to get set up with

what can work. It's a work in progress. In my neighborhood, we've gone as far as we can without bringing in repeaters. So that will be our focus beginning after the first of the year.

If anyone in the Upper Valley has questions, wants more information or has skills to help with repeater placement, please reach out. You can send an email to me at cascade18@gmail.com. I work night & day 24/7 until Jan, so I'll be back in contact with people after the first of the year to answer your questions.





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**The Marcola Youth Center is preparing for our
Annual Marcola Community Christmas event on
December 16th
at the Marcola Elementary School.**

This event is sponsored by local businesses, organizations, and community members to help bring Christmas joy to some of our local students. We need your help to make this event successful. Approximately 50 students from the Marcola Elementary School will attend this invitation only event. We rely on over sixty local volunteers to ensure an organized and fun day. Students will get a picture with Santa, pick out and wrap gifts for every family member, do a special craft plus much more. They will go home with a complete food box including a turkey, potatoes, bread, rolls, cookies, fresh fruit, and canned goods.

We are seeking donations of:

- New gift items for all age groups (Mom, Dad, brother, and sister)
- Canned/boxed food (vegetables, fruit, gravy, rice, potatoes, pasta, tuna)
- Peanut butter and jelly (kid food)
- Financial donation

We also need volunteers to help set up, take down and be student buddies. Let me know if you would like to volunteer.

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

Starting December 1st donations can be dropped off at the Marcola Elementary or Marcola Christian Church on Tuesday through Thursday from 8am to 12pm. Please drop off all donations by December 13th. Thanks, DeLana Hansen
541-933-3907
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Please make financial donations to:
Marcola Youth Center
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Obituary

Helen Kennedy

10/19/1955-10/23/2022

Helen Marie Kennedy, aged 67, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2022 of ovarian cancer. Her beloved husband Bob Leeper and cousin Penny Robertson were at her side. She was born October 19, 1955 to the late Margaret Dillon Kennedy and Dr. Alpheus T Kennedy in Pensacola, Florida. She was orphaned at age 12. Helen's guardianship was assumed by her late aunt, Helen (Aunt Sissy) Kennedy Gunn of Pensacola.

Helen graduated from Woodward Academy in Atlanta, GA, and then earned a B.S. in biology in 1977 from Vanderbilt University and an M.S. in environmental science from University of Florida in 1980. She worked at the Gulf Ecology Division station of the EPA at Pensacola Beach. She then headed west and worked as a National Park Ranger at Death Valley National Park, leading the Scotty's Castle tour.

Helen received her Juris Doctor from Lewis and Clark College of Law in Portland, OR in 1987 with an emphasis on environmental law. She was employed by the Department of Justice in Washington DC for 3 years. She returned to the Pacific Northwest to Seattle where she practiced environmental law, initially at the law firm of Miller Nash, and then as a solo practitioner.

She married Robert Leeper, the love of her life, on July 31, 2004. Shortly thereafter Helen and Bob moved to Guam for five years when she represented Guam in environmental litigation. She and Bob then returned stateside, settling in Marcola, Oregon in 2010 where she and Bob lived surrounded by deer, wild turkey, and other creatures of nature.

Helen was a passionate supporter of the planet Earth as evidenced by her years of practice of environmental law and her pursuit outdoor activities. She enjoyed mountain climbing (including Mt Rainier), birding, hiking, and scuba diving, logging more than 400 dives during her time on Guam.

She supported her community wherever she lived, and was a Rotarian in Seattle and Guam, a board member of the Marianas Yacht Club in Guam, and a Lion's Club member in Marcola. She supported pub-

lic education and was instrumental in the development of the recently constructed Marcola Elementary School and the school's publicly accessible Media Center.

Helen was a loyal, dedicated, and treasured friend. She is survived by her husband Robert Leeper, her brother Alpheus Kennedy of Hollywood, Florida; sister Peggy Jeannault (Roger) of Madera, CA, niece Eve Abellera, great niece Allison Abellera, both of Sacramento; nephew Robert Leach, great niece Elizabeth Leach, great nephew Thomas Leach, all of Rancho Cordova, CA, and numerous cousins on both Dillon and Kennedy sides who will miss Helen dearly.



In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Friends of Marcola Schools Media Center
<https://donorbox.org/friends-of-marcola-media-center>

that Helen founded, or other environmentally or educationally focused charity of your choice, or plant a tree or shrub in her memory.



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LOVE THAT LITTLE TREE

By Dianne S. Stewart

Each April tiny buds emerge
in the midst of a light frost.
Will these tender new flushes
surge
or die young, forever lost?



....that little tree with the big heart.

Mid-May bursts with wee pink florets
gracing bare limbs, "I'm alive!"
Rain pounding in heavy torrents
merely spurs them to survive.

....that little tree with the big heart.

Blossoms fade, drift, scatter-flying,
till June greets the second act.
Garnet leaves sprout, soft and shining-
shaped just like hearts. Welcome
Back!



....that little tree with the big heart.

One gray December day, perched high,
the last leaf let go its grip.
Thanks for the show. Well-Done. Good-bye,
to the finish line of its trip

....that little tree with the big heart.



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TWO DAYS BEFORE THANKSGIVING

Written in 2019 by Ellen Furstner

It was two days before Thanksgiving, and all through the town
Freezing rain was coming down.
People were driving with care
Thinking of the happy holiday they soon would share.
I, in my car, with batteries and food for a homeless camp to be had,
While visions of pumpkin pie danced in my head.
When down 13th I went,
And saw people breaking up tents.
I stopped to see what was the matter,
For people to do this in such nasty weather.
I sprang from my car in a flash
And let out a big gasp
When to my wondering eyes should appear,
A sign that said "YOU ARE EVICTED! YOU CANNOT SLEEP HERE!".
No sun shining above, only a wet wind with a hard blow,
Making a soggy mess of objects below.
A little old man, so down trodden and sick,
He knew in a moment he must leave quick.
More rapid than eagles the crew and cops they came
And whistled and shouted and called them by name:
Now bum, now degenerate, now trash and looser,
On transient, on punk, on addict and drunken boozier!
Get off that planting strip, get away from that wall,
Now dash away, dash away all!
People were raised from their bed
Told to move their meager belongings, now soaking wet.
Frozen fingers prying through their soggy goods,
Trembling in freezing temperatures they stood.
They had no place to go
And in a few hours it would snow.
The few items rescued, soaking wet,
Would soon be their frozen solid bed.
It was a cruel and inhumane move,
What did this county want to prove?
I can (sort of) understand the businesses' view,
To them this is nothing new.
I also would not want on my stoop
To have to walk through someone's poop.
IT IS THE COUNTY THAT IS IN THE WRONG,
This has gone on much too long.
While you sit on your thrones and do nothing but talk and lie,
There are more people who will die.
Run over by a truck.
Running out of luck.
Dying from lack of care,
Down by the river, on the street, who knows where.
This matter rests on your shoulders alone.
YOU are the ones who send out the crew to remove the
people from their only home.
So completely unnecessary, cruel and inhumane,
We all know your name!
Although I do not hold businesses as much in contempt be-
cause this is on you,
There does not seem to be much compassion with some, as
greed will do.
I hope you will all find it in your hearts to make this a coun-
ty that cares,
A county that is rich and beautiful, and in ALL MATTERS
shares.
So we can truly say with delight:
Happy holidays and to ALL a good night!



MOHAWK VALLEY LIONS NEED YOUR HELP

Our local Lions Club is on the ropes and close to throwing in the towel. A majority of our most active members have faced personal and family health crises this past year and it has become too much of a commitment to keep the club running. We still have sufficient volunteers to keep up with the community services we provide, like the seasonal decorations, maintenance of the Lee Downing Veterans Memorial Park, our support of Helping Hands, road cleanups, helping with the vision testing of all of our students and supporting all community members who need assistance with vision care or hearing needs. We collect deposit bottles and cans to support Honor Flight, The Eugene Mission, Canine Companions and more.

Our primary issue is just maintaining all of our club duties to Lions. Operating through Lions International allows us to keep the park open as they provide us with some insurance coverage. In recent years, the Mohawk Valley Lions has added electricity and water service at the park, with a sprinkler system in the near future. We also added many names to the Memorial this year. Please come by and honor our Veterans. The club owns the park, but without Lions insurance support, we would be forced to close the park.

The club is financially in good shape and can continue our present level of support to the community for the immediate future. **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The Lions Dis-

trict has committed to helping the club solicit and train new members and that commitment will extend for a couple of years. Our needs include Treasurer's Duties, Secretary, President and Board members. There is also a need of someone with the technical ability to lead us into the modern era with webpage and social media. Membership can provide opportunities to serve at higher levels with Lions, District, State, National and even International. The time is now for those local residents who believe in community service to step forward and join the club as new members. We have no political or religious affiliations and welcome everyone into the club. The rewards for helping out are personal - you'll feel really good about yourself and the community. And you will be part of keeping the park open for all.

We never spend money on ourselves - every cent we raise is for the community. If we throw a party, it is for everyone - we hope we have a Flag Day Celebration next year at the park with barbecued chickens & live music. With a reduction in Covid cases, it will be fun to see the valley fill the park once more for these events.

We have a business meeting once a month on the second Tuesday of each month at the Marcola Christian Church at 6PM, open to the public. Check us out, come and meet other Mohawk Valley residents.

Bob Leeper, President, 541-515-6907, rmleeper@hotmail.com

WHY ARE BARNES RED?

Hundreds of years ago, farmers painted their barns with linseed oil to help seal the wood and keep it from rotting.

Rust was mixed with the oil to keep fungi and moss from growing on the wood. This turned the oil red.

Barns are still painted red in honor of that tradition.



HELLO AND HAPPY FALL AND WINTER TO OUR GRANGERS AND COMMUNITY

By Linda Mooney, Grange Co-President

Lots to tell you to bring you up to date with your Grange! First of all, we have changed the date of our regular meetings. We

have been meeting on Sunday evenings, because I taught night school during the week and being president of the grange, I needed to attend. However, now that I am RETIRED, we have moved our meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Having just told you that, I must say that there will be no meeting in December...everyone is too busy! Our next regular meeting is January 18, 2023!!

Please come and visit us at 6:00PM



Phil's Produce while listening to some great music from Eve and Dan and a new musician, Evan Belize. The day was beautiful and happiness was everywhere. We then had a feast of Chili, Cornbread and desserts upon which people voted for their favorites. Licia Shulz won the Best Chili Award, Julia Mooney won for Best Cornbread and Kathleen Halter took the Best Dessert Award! Thanks to all who brought food to share!



Finally, on Nov. 19th we did our second Road Cleanup for 2022. We had

While you are visiting you can check out our Grange Library. We have all types of books and you may borrow or keep any that strike your fancy!

So what's been up with our Grange? Some happy things and one sad thing! The sad thing was the death of our dear friend, Bob Russell last December. We did get to celebrate our friend with a party at his ranch on July 30th. Lots of people attended to eat, drink and share stories about our Robert! Thanks to his daughter, Kalen and her family for giving us this gathering to say goodbye to our friend! We are happy to share that Bob left the grange money to help us with our scholarship fund. THANKS BOB!!

I'm sharing a mixed blessing with you all. Most of you knew Barry Rogers, a grange member and previous part owner of the Marcola Roadhouse. He moved back east to settle in Pittsburgh, PA. He got married in August and my friend, Wendy Kimball and I got to travel there for the wedding. What a joyous occasion as Barry married his high school sweetheart, Martha!



a good turnout, and the day was sunny though pretty cold! Thanks to all who showed up to help!

So now it is onward into 2023 and I'll

leave you with this thought:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!

After traveling to Pittsburgh, my family and I took a cruise to Alaska. We had an amazing time bringing home wonderful memories, lots of pictures, oh and COVID! Covid didn't last long and we got over it quickly!



In late August we gathered for another BINGO night! Lots of fun with friends and prizes too! We hope to do another BINGO event in February. We are searching for prizes, so if you get one too

many Christmas gifts, we'd love to include it as a prize!

On October 22nd the Grange celebrated our annual Harvest Festival. We had a great turn out with folks carving pumpkins and shopping with our local Hummingbee Nursery and

My wish for the New Year —
That you have someone to love,
have meaningful work to do,
and have things greater than yourself to believe in;
that you have a reason to smile every day and
a shoulder to cry on when you need it;
that you keep your integrity even when the choices are hard;
THAT YOU LOVE DEEPLY,
give freely, forgive willingly,
laugh easily, and live well enough
to be grateful for every day.

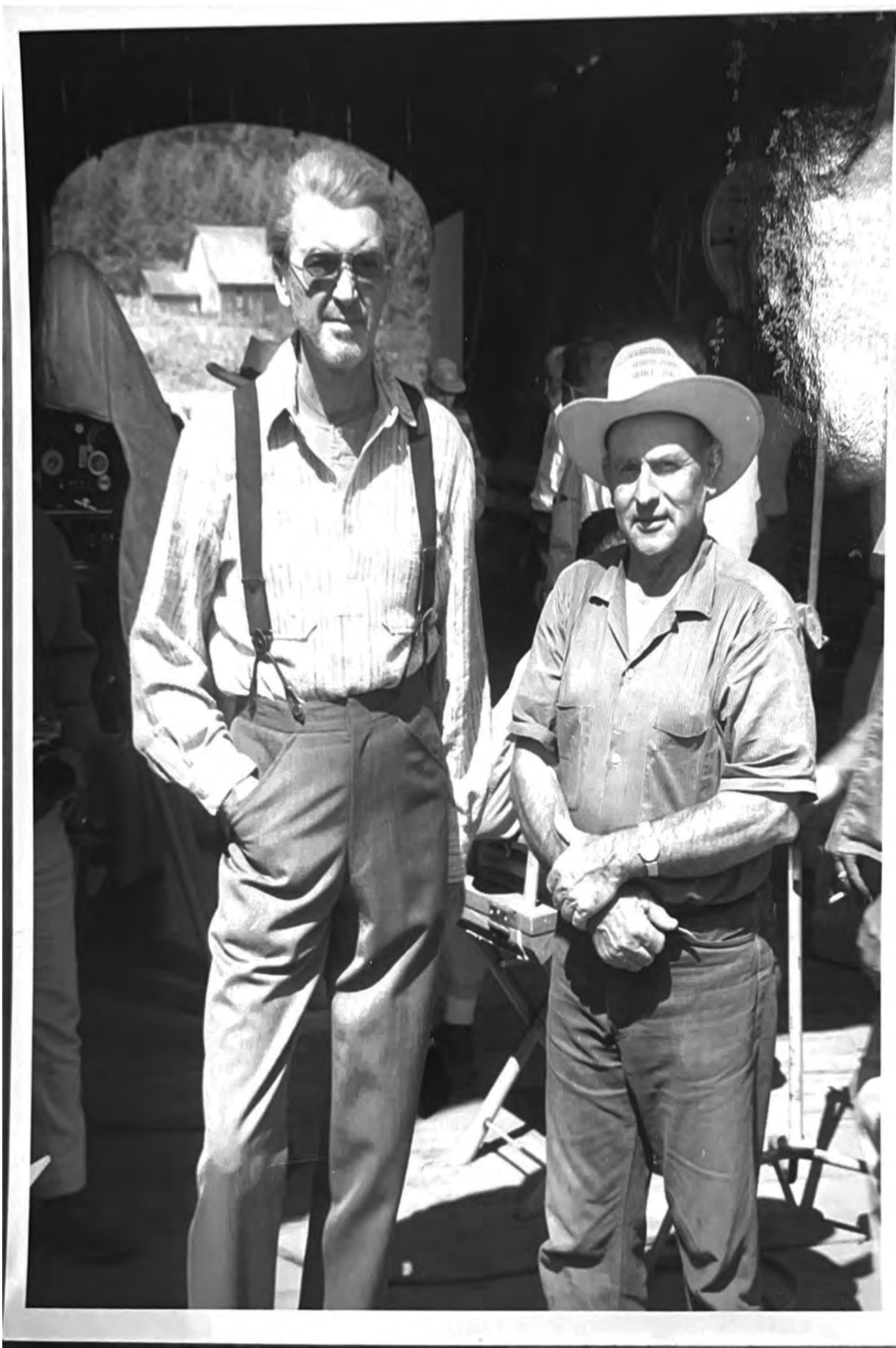
Iconic Mohawk Valley, Virginia

By Britt Sheflin

"Britt Sheflin is a Mohawk High School alum and author of Human Dreaming: The Dynamics of Dream Interpretation"

Many iconic films have been made in Oregon. From *The Goonies* to *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Oregon has a history of providing stunning backdrops to some of the most memorable films. If you're around my age and from the Mohawk Valley, you may have even developed a sudden fear of leeches when your favorite swimming holes made an appearance in *Stand By Me*.

I wasn't yet born when the American Civil War film "*Shenandoah*" made its 1965 debut on the silver screen. Perhaps there are some locals who can provide more insight as to what it was like to have such a large film production there at that time. The accompanying photo is the only clue I have. It was taken in 1964 on what is likely the Wendling Bridge. It was gifted to my grandmother, Sharlotta Sheflin (a long-time Parson's Creek resident) by Darcy Wilt and has remained on our family mantle since then. Standing by Mr. Stewart's side is an unknown local landowner.



Shenandoah opened to only moderately good reviews but quickly evolved into the classic film it is today. Marcola was a lovely stand-in for The Commonwealth of Virginia, and Jimmy Stewart brought the Mohawk Valley set to life as Charlie Anderson, a farmer and family man navigating the horrors of Civil War.

Please write in if you can identify the local landowner and the farm in the background. Any additional insight into the exact locations of *Shenandoah* filming sites throughout the Mohawk Valley is also welcomed.

Photo info: 1964. Jimmy Stewart in Marcola, Oregon, during the filming of *Shenandoah* with an unknown local man on what is likely the Wendling Bridge.

CHRISTMAS IN MARCOLA

By Lois Roberts

"Ho-Ho-Ho!!!" would be heard...Then, "HERE HE COMES!" came the yell from someone in the crowd, and everyone in the audience turned in their chairs to see! "SANTA CLAUS! Yes! He's coming! There he is!" And the whole audience then burst out in loud applause and began singing "Santa Claus is coming to town!" And then followed, "We wish you a Merry Christmas...and a Happy New Year!"

Our beloved janitor dressed in the red costume with the flowing white beard, came down the center isle of our gymnasium at Marcola Grade School, bringing the big bag of treats flung over one

teachers in every classroom would begin to prepare their students for the yearly Christmas Program that would be held one evening for the community in the large grade school gymnasium.

Just before the Christmas Break, the gym would be filled with rows and rows of chairs and each class would have its presentation, given on the large stage. So, early in December, teachers called in parents to help with preparation. It began with selecting a skit for each grade, and then students would each be given a part in their class presentation. Each class performance would also include the students singing a special Christmas song.

The kids would have a week to memorize their parts at home, with Mom and Dad helping, and then class rehearsals would begin. During the week before the program was scheduled to happen, and during part of an af-

shoes or boots polished - and moms would make sure their fingernails were clean. Girls would have on a pretty dress with a ribbon tied in their hair.

Big, wide smiles were on every face the night of the performance, as the boys and girls would come out on the stage and stand in a row - each one a little shy, but with faces so beaming and happy, as they looked out into the darkened audience, trying to spot Mom and Dad. Most remembered their little speaking part, but their faithful teacher was just behind the curtain to prompt any child who needed help. Their voices sounded like angels singing when they all joined in together to sing their Christmas song. Moms and Dads and grandparents, too, couldn't be prouder, watching these kids perform.

The month-long celebration also included a class party on the last day before students were excused for the two-week break from school. Kids in each classroom drew names. Anyone remember doing that? It was so much fun! The name you drew had to be kept a secret until the day of the party. Then, the children brought their gifts wrapped in Christmas paper, topped with a bow and with a name tag on each, which showed "to and from" on it.

Students were so delighted on party day to be excused from regular studies and to have time to make one last Christmas craft - maybe a card to take home to their family - and then they would sing some Christmas carols together. And they were even more excited when their classroom door opened and in came two or three moms with homemade treats of cupcakes or cookies and punch, enough for all the students to share. The janitor or a parent always brought in a fresh-cut Douglas Fir tree that last week,

and the kids had all made decorations to go on it. Remember making paper chains? And the room was fragrant with the delicious smell of fir in the air!

At the end of the day, as the students were dismissed to go to the bus and ride home, each one hugged their best friend and said, "Have a Merry Christmas! And I'll see you during the break! Maybe it will snow...and we can go sledding together!"

Celebrations were also held throughout December at each of the Marcola churches. Before Christmas Day, different presentations of the Nativity could be enjoyed there as Mohawk Valley people came together to sing, "Joy to the World! The Lord has come!"

So much love is shared at Christmastime. Even among strangers in stores as each family is doing their Christmas shopping. And at places of work the greeting "Merry Christmas!" can be heard among the employees, and hand-shakes given and wishes and blessings passed from one to another. Family members come from afar to be with their loved ones once again. Food and frolic and much fun and laughter are shared. Those with much give help to those in need. Those who have suffered loss are comforted by those who greet them and extend their kindness.

Kindness. That's something we all have lots of. We can all give it away and never go without it for ourselves, because we are told in the Bible that whatever goodness we give away, will come back to us one hundred fold.

So enjoy your family and friends this year - and most of all, share your good memories. And always give a part of your own heart to someone else. That's the best gift of all.



Here's my piano... with music ready!

I love to start playing Christmas music in November! And I know many of you also enjoy the sounds and sights of Christmas as the season approaches.

Have a wonderful Christmas.!

shoulder, as he sauntered in his big black boots down to the front and took his chair at the side of the giant lighted Christmas Tree that was there. The applause went on and on! This is what kids had waited for all year!

But I will have to take you back a month earlier, to show you how the wonderful holiday season began here in Marcola, in homes and schools and churches.

At our grade school here in the 1950s, as soon as Thanksgiving Day was passed, the

ternoon class time each day, the teachers would march their students out to practice on the big stage in the gym. Sometimes a skit would require special costumes. The kids would come rushing home saying, "Oh boy! Mom! We get to dress up this year!"

Parents would be told what each child needed to wear, and would assemble each costume. Sometimes children were told to wear their nicest clothes. Boys would come in clean jeans and a pressed shirt and maybe wearing their first tie, with their

JAY SWOFFORD'S PAGE FROM MOHAWK VALLEY HISTORY

FROM THE EDITOR: THANKS, JAY FOR THE ACCESS TO THESE WONDERFUL PICTURES

RAILROAD SECTION CREW, NEAR MARCOLA, OREGON UNKNOWN DATE

This section crew photo is undated and unlabeled except for identifying John "Joe" Condos, second from right. He was a Greek immigrant that lived and worked in Marcola for many years.

Section crews were used by the Southern Pacific railroad as well as the various lumber companies who maintained their own rail systems.

This is most likely on the Fischer Lumber Co railroad system along the ridgeline above Parsons and Cash (Cache) creeks west of Marcola.

It is a great picture to see the various tools that they used.

Wooden-handled flat blade shovels can be seen. While these are commonly called "coal shovels" due to their heavy use in delivering and utilizing coal as a heat source, they were also used for gravel in ballasting sections of track. A lack of ballast could result in a dip or spread of the lines, which in turn can cause a derailment.

Also in the picture are several lining or claw bars. These were long steel pry bars. The difference is in the point (which is mainly blocked in the photo). A lining bar had a square end and was used to pry rails into alignment. A steel claw bar was used for pulling spikes (very big nail puller). The curved board on the far left is most likely a claw bar.



Also in the picture are a few spike drivers. These are essentially sledge hammers with very pointed ends for driving in spikes without hitting the nearby rail.

In front of the men is a standard jack that would be used to leverage many things into place.

The handcar has been tipped over and the bottom of it can be seen behind the men. In the bottom right is what appears to be a wheel valve, like those used on rail brakes, but in this context is unknown.

If you can name any of the other men in the photo, know the date, location or which RR this was from, please comment.

FISCHER DAM, PARSONS CREEK, NEAR MARCOLA, OR

This dam is a bit of a mystery. In this picture it stands alone on Parsons Creek. The mill pond dam was surrounded by the mill and associated working.

There are two theories on this picture:

1. This picture is labeled correctly and this is the old Fischer Mill pond dam on upper Parsons Creek, however it is after the mill was gone.

2. This picture is actually of a second dam that was used to supply water to the flume to Marcola and Fischer's camp.

I believe that option 1 is correct as some of the buildings of Fischer's camp are visible in the photo. To be a water supply the dam would need to be uphill of the camp/flume.

The Fischer Brothers bought this mill in March 1903. Previously it was owned by four different entities. The mill was originally built by Otto Darelus (who had grown up in Mabel, Oregon), upon his untimely death in 1902, it became known as the Marcola Mill as the men ran it while his widow ran it. It was then sold and became known as the Parsons Creek Lumber company for about six months before finally becoming the Fischer Brothers mill.

Originally logs were dragged directly to the mill. Later the dam was built (exact date not known yet) and a pond formed so that timber supply could keep the mill running at regular pace.

The picture is believed to date from the 1920s or 1930s.

If you have additional information about this dam and location, please comment



GUEST COLUMNIST,

Abraham Mooney, Development Manager

Hydrogen and the Energy Transition

After spending my first 18 years in Marcola, my heart will forever be here roaming the hills or exploring the endless logging roads of Shotgun Park. I write you today to draw attention to the energy transition, hydrogen and hydrogen electric vehicles. If you have wondered if electric vehicles will ever work for you, let me tell you, they will. If you are concerned about the range and charge times, I'm with you. If you worry about the gigantic battery and its longevity over the years, I'm with you there too. Or if you are a tree hugging dirt worshiper and you are concerned about the resource extraction required to make batteries, I'm with you there also.

Hydrogen is coming to the rescue. A hydrogen electric vehicle is actually all-electric. It has an electric motor and a battery too, just a lot smaller one compared to a regular EV. The power comes from a fuel cell that uses stored hydrogen and converts it to electricity. The only emission is water vapor and heat that's useful to warm the cabin. Hydrogen electric vehicles, or HEVs, store all their energy as hydrogen that is a fuel just like gasoline, diesel or natural gas. You fill your car up at the fueling station in just a few minutes and you go on your way. No long wait time is required to recharge the battery like an EV. And just a note to those regular EV lovers out there, even if batteries are 'perfect' someday, the grid is still not available to charge your EV in 10 minutes. Think of trying to control a lightning bolt, it's just not physically possible to transfer that much power in a short time. I am not against EVs, to be clear, I actually own one but I chose to spend less money for a smaller battery so it does not go more than about 60 highway miles.

Hydrogen electric vehicles are perfect for country folks that drive long distances or love long drives into the woods for hunting and camping trips. The Ford F150 Lightning is all electric, but reportedly has a range that drops dramatically when a trailer is pulled behind. The F550, as Ford tells it, will never be a battery (only) electric vehicle, instead it will be an HEV just because the only way to haul around enough energy to meet the necessary duty cycle is using hydrogen.

After nearly 10 years working at TriMet, the transit agency in Portland, I left in February because they were not moving fast enough on HEV buses. This is where hydrogen really shines; heavy duty vehicles will be hydrogen powered,

eventually. This includes buses, trains, planes, ships, trucks, you name it, all of them. You simply can't carry enough batteries and still have capacity for cargo. It's true that batteries could be a partial solution, but understand that charging is an issue. Brand new substations are needed to charge even a small fleet of EV buses, for example. Power grid infrastructure is badly needed, and it will be built, I have no doubt, but hydrogen infrastructure will too. My new job, in fact, is working on just that. We are focused on the east side of Oregon and Washington, however, because that's where all the sun and wind is located. The new company I work for, Obsidian Renewables, plans to take renewable energy and make hydrogen from water using electrolysis. Yes, really! And it turns out the best way to store renewable energy for days, weeks, or even seasons, is as hydrogen. Bring on the hydrogen economy! Personally, I could not be more excited. Transportation is just one aspect of the nearly endless opportunities - the sky is the limit. Hydrogen is not just the first element, it is also the building block of life, hydrocarbon fuel, plastic, fertilizer (NH₃ is ammonia) and more.

As a transportation fuel hydrogen is stored at extremely high pressures, much like natural gas, but even higher. Pressurized, the energy density of hydrogen is much greater than batteries. Hydrogen can also be used to create ammonia or methanol, as a fuel. The latter is currently the favorite alternative fuel for the shipping industry. Maersk, the world's largest shipping company, is currently building a fleet of ships that will run on methanol. Methanol does contain carbon, so it's not a perfect fuel for the coming carbon free age, but it's a whole lot better than diesel or bunker fuel and existing carbon emissions from industry can be captured at the smoke stack and combined with hydrogen to make net zero carbon methanol.

Pure hydrogen can also be combusted, or burned, just like any other fuel. That is true for combustion turbines in airplanes or for power plant turbines like those connected to the grid today. In fact, this latter application is likely our first hydrogen customer at Obsidian Renewables. There are still some nitrous oxide emissions, or NO_x, when hydrogen is burned but the combustion turbine application allows existing installed infrastructure (for natural gas) to be re-used with zero carbon fuel.

Hydrogen's biggest opponents tend to be environmental groups that see hydrogen as pathway for the fossil fuel industry to hang on. It's true that most hydrogen today is extracted from natural gas, or methane (CH₄) and carbon dioxide is emitted. Green hydrogen, which is our target at Obsidian Renewables, is just hydrogen made from electrolysis of water and it's the perfect fuel for the energy transition. Some of you may be aware of the EWEB's recent interest in hydrogen. The project, now canceled or at least postponed, was a partnership with NW Natural and was problematic. Their intention was to take energy off the grid - not the purpose built, direct connected renewable energy that Obsidian proposes - and make hydrogen for electrolysis. The difficulty with that project is that the grid is not as clean as you think; there are plenty of dirty fossil fuels in EWEB's portfolio and the plan was to inject hydrogen into the natural gas grid for general consumption, including heating. Heating with hydrogen should be relegated to situations where renewable energy (in a heat pump preferably) is not available. All of you rural folks with propane tanks are safe for now, but do consider your next HVAC system closely. Heat pumps are a much better solution. As for cooking with gas, please understand that electric stoves are amazing and your gas stove is emitting moderate amounts of poisonous carbon monoxide in your house every time you use it.

The hydrogen economy is heating up now thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed last year and the Inflation Reduction Act passed just this last summer by the Biden Administration. Hydrogen is now subsidized (as fossil fuels have been for ages) to the point that it is substantially less expensive than traditional fuels (even before this current spike in prices). In 5 or 10 years when electrolyzers are mass produced and therefore much less expensive and hydrogen infrastructure is built, these subsidies will no longer be required. So keep an eye on green hydrogen, it is only in the most beginning stages right now, but it will become a significant economic driver and it will rebuild the economy from the inside out to a degree that has not been seen since the beginning of the petroleum age, 100 years ago. Fossil fuels are a trillion dollar industry - one that's about to flip upside down in the next 10 to 20 years. Hold on to your hats, it's going to be a wild ride.



OREGON HORSE RESCUE

Inflation has affected all of us in some way this year, and it has certainly hit Oregon Horse Rescue hard. The cost of our most common grain feeds has gone up an astonishing 25-70% in the last 16 months. Gas and diesel for farm vehicles has skyrocketed; insurance premiums have increased. Tighter financial conditions for our wonderful donors have led to significantly smaller donation totals this year. Drought in growing regions has raised the cost of hay and alfalfa to levels we've never seen, and our hay stocks are dwindling and will soon need refilling. And now, the need for feed and forage is climbing to its annual peak as we enter the fall and winter.

All of these factors have combined to make us worry about our ability to continue to help the horses. Our work continues for the present - we bring in surrendered or neglected horses and improve their lives. We adopt healthy horses into wonderful forever homes. Our permanent resident horses - many of them elderly or blind or both - look out over their pastures, grateful for the comfortable lives they can now lead. And yet, the long-term outlook is uncertain.

Ten years have now passed since Oregon Horse Rescue rescued and saved its first horses. We reflect with humble joy on the many four-footed and two-footed lives that we have positively impacted. We are honored that we have been able to give so many special creatures new beginnings and happily-ever-after endings.

We hate to contemplate the possibility of needing to close our doors, but that may become reality if we cannot build and solidify our financial standing. If you are in a position to donate, you can help us continue to let older horses live out their lives with good quality and be buried here on the farm. Your donation also helps us to rehome younger horses into forever homes.

Every dollar helps! Whether you can contribute one time only, or can set up automatic monthly donations, we and the horses will very much appreciate your assistance. Another opportunity is to sponsor one of our horses, for a donation of \$200 per month.

You can donate online on our website at OregonHorseRescue.com/donate or by mailing a check. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and thus all donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. If you donate because of reading this article, please let us know that you learned about us in the Mohawk Messenger.

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To learn more about us, please visit our website at OregonHorseRescue.com or find us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/OregonHorseRescue](https://www.facebook.com/OregonHorseRescue).

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our local rockstars are playing
on December 10th, starting at
8pm**

**Also, performing for our
New Years Eve Party on the
December 31st**

**The Roadhouse
will be closed on Christmas Day**

**A BIG THANK YOU
TO ALL OF THE MOHAWK
VALLEY CUSTOMERS WHO
HELPED US RAISE OVER \$600
FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK,
HELPING HANDS!!**

**WE ARE OFFERING KARAOKE IN THE BAR
FRIDAYS AT 9PM.
COME AND HAVE FUN!**



Merry Christmas & a Happy "Neu" Year!



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Principle Broker



Real Estate Market Update for Lane County

Residential Highlights

New listings (357) decreased 25.9% from the 482 listed in October 2021, and decreased 16.2% from the 426 listed in September 2022.

Pending sales (288) decreased 37.5% from the 461 offers accepted in October 2021, and decreased 24.4% from the 381 offers accepted in September 2022.

Closed sales (364) decreased 20.0% from the 455 closings in October 2021, and decreased 13.9% from the 423 closings in September 2022.

Year-To-Date Summary

Comparing the first ten months of 2022 to the same period in 2021, new listings (4,936) decreased 5.9%, pending sales (3,976) decreased 11.8%, and closed sales (4,023) decreased 5.5%.

Average and Median Sale Prices

Comparing 2022 to 2021 through October, the average sale price has increased 10.5% from \$431,400 to \$476,900. In the same comparison, the median sale price has increased 11.0% from \$395,000 to \$438,400.



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	1.1
July	0.9	0.8	1.6
August	1.0	0.9	1.2
September	1.1	1.0	1.3
October	0.9	0.9	1.6
November	0.8	0.8	
December	0.6	0.6	

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