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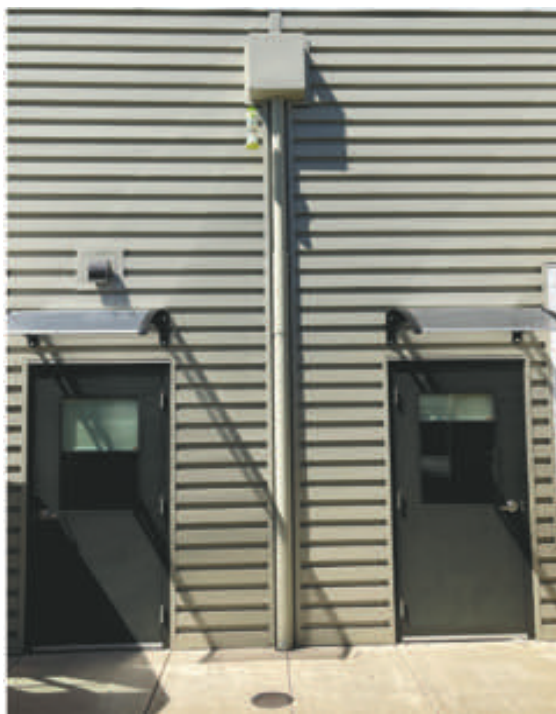
*"If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table, not a taller fence!"*

DEAR MOHAWK COMMUNITY MEMBERS,



I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks for all of those that joined us on May 13th to celebrate and participate in our 2nd Annual MayDay of Caring event.

It was a great success because of the dedicated volunteers that came out and helped us beautify our district campus and tackle a few of those "extra" projects that are challenging to complete when school is in operation.



**6 BIG PROJECTS COMPLETED:**

- \*Weeding flower beds in front & back of elementary school
- \*Relocated curriculum materials to newly constructed curriculum area
- \*Installation of Weather Awnings over Elementary Doors
- \*Cleared Space for new Elementary Principal's Office (that safe was a struggle!)
- \*Relocated District Files to new storage room area
- \*Filled Planter Boxes for new Commons area at HS

A Giant Shout Out to our Parent Teacher Organization for sponsoring morning treats and coffees for all of the volunteers. We ended the 4 hours of fun with a BBQ hotdog lunch. It takes a village and our campus is taking shape to show the pride of ownership we all hold for this great little place. If you missed our MayDay of Caring event, don't worry we will be hosting



another community event with our annual MSD Open House on August 31st from 5pm-7pm.

Please take a moment to join us on campus to see all of the great things happening in OUR community. The Open House will be open to all community members, we will have tours to show off some of the new programs like; our new state of the art weight room, career and counseling center, new metals/welding shop, remodeled high school building that is seismically sound, new middle school section and the community walking path around the elementary fields. Multiple other projects are underway and on the horizon to complete.



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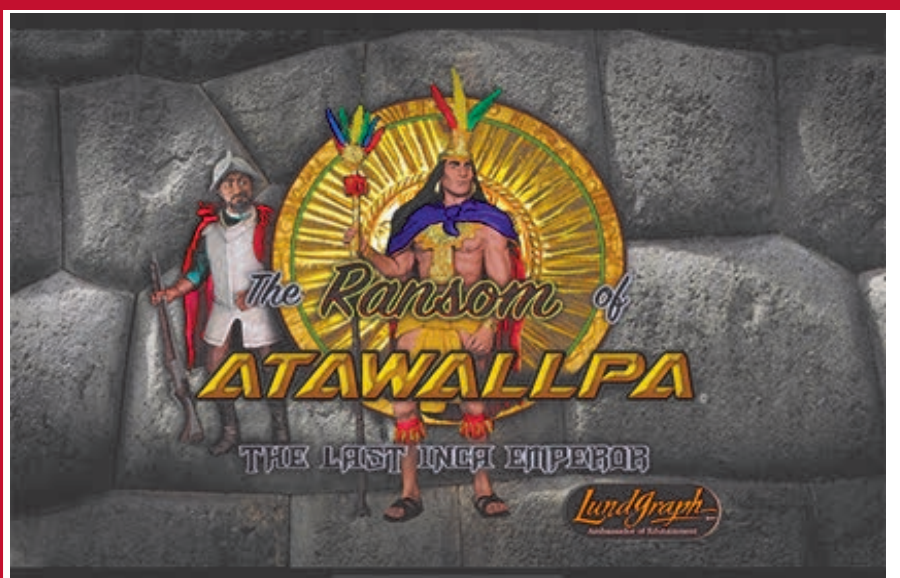
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## Meetings (Alphabetical) in the Community

Organizations: Please contact me if your information changes.  
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- **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 **IN JULY IT WILL BE THE 2ND TUESDAY!**
  - **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!
- FYI:** Contact info for all of our elected officials can be found at this website: <https://lwwlc.org/publications-2/represent/>

## CLASSES OR POSSIBLE CLASSES AT THE MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY GRANGE



### 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



### NAMASTE MOHAWK VALLEY~

I teach yoga & I have started a group here!

If you have an interest,

text me to be added to the contact list OR just come to the Mohawk

Grange Fridays at 11:00AM!

First time is FREE, so come and check it out!

ALL LEVELS,

ALL ARE WELCOME!

~Jaya Devi~ 541-844-9143  
(if you don't text, email Linda at address below  
lindamooney39361@gmail.com



# MOHAWK VALLEY LIONS CLUB NEWS

It is a great time to be a part of the Mohawk Valley Lion's Club! We have had 8 new members join and the energy level is sky rocketing. We just finished our semi-annual road clean up from Hill Rd. to Parson's Cr. Rd. and collected a small mountain of trash. The prize for the best finds has to go to Lions Glenn and Teri Scott - a large truck tire strip and a burned out microwave.

We are now finalizing plans to bring back our annual Chicken BBQ, live music and a Flag salute in honor of Flag Day on Sunday June 11th from 3-6 PM. You cannot beat the price - \$10 for a half a chicken, potato salad, side and a drink. And \$5 for a hot dog, chips and a drink. Mohawk Grange will be selling yummy desserts also!

Parking available at the school, the Youth Center, Helping Hands and the Marcola Christian Church. Drop the family at the park and enjoy a brief walk back from parking. We have tables and chairs or bring your picnic blanket and enjoy the food, music and visit with friends and family. And don't forget to stop for chicken to take home if you can't make it for the party. This event was really going well and then Covid put the brakes on everybody's party. We hope you can make it this year.

We are planning on a work party this summer to do some maintenance on our holiday decorations. Repaint, new hinges where needed, replace a few wreaths and some hanging hooks, maybe even add a few new ones to enable the Lions to widen our Christmas coverage. Keep an eye on the community Facebook site for time and place.

And we have just obtained an email account. You will be able to reach us soon at mohawkvalleylionsclub@gmail.com. This is all new, so have patience as we get up to speed. We are also working to get our website improved.

I am proud to let everyone know who belongs to the Mohawk Valley Lions Club. The odds are good that you know one or more of us. Every one listed here serves the community. Ted Arnold, Jack Barrowcliff, Tammy Bonney, Harold Clark, Jessica Dees, Michael Deeds, Kandice Diskin, Kathy Downing, Barbara Dunson, Dean Dunson, Michelle Freese, Kitson Graham, Patricia Hansen, Scott Hansen, Regina Kirkland, Sally Leete, Bob Leeper, Elaine Marsh, Glenn Scott, Teri Scott, Robert Shaw, Cassidy Vassallo, Bob Weaver and Jackie Weaver.

We built and now maintain the Lee Downing Veteran's Memorial Park to honor our community members who have served and to provide a nice park for everyone, help vision test all students every year, provide assistance to the Youth Center, Helping Hand and the Christmas Celebration, keep the roads clean and more. And most importantly, we can provide sight and hearing assistance to any community members in need! We would like to welcome all interested in helping locally to join. Do you have an interest in a new project to help others? Bring it on!

My term is nearing an end, it has been a pleasure serving.

Mohawk Valley Lions Club President  
Bob Leeper  
541 515 6907  
rmleeper@hotmail

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Julia Mooney

Do we realize how community service has moved into our daily lives here in Marcola? Sometimes it feels like we're one big Family. But I have experienced a feeling of "does anyone really care" about our community of Marcola?

You can reach out to your neighbors to give or receive help. I'm sure we have all done this in this wonderful community. Someone, maybe a stranger needs help on the road. Do we feel comfortable going and seeing if we can help them on their way? I'm not always comfortable with this situation, so I bring someone with me.

I didn't ever picture writing this article until now. Linda Mooney said people here in Marcola are saying "we need more people to participate in our community service programs."

I think back to 1972 when I first arrived in Marcola. My husband Dan, our friends, and many other relationships are still the main players in our lives. I remember a meeting with a group of Marcolians who wanted to celebrate our Marcola Community and Mary Cole Days was born and celebrated for years...but not now because of a lack of volunteers. O.K. Folks it is time to give assistance to our rural Community Service Programs.

Here is a short list of groups that need volunteers: Helping Hands, Road Cleanups, Schools, Churches, PTA, H.S. Media Center, Mohawk Grange, Our Elders, H.S Booster club, Lions Club and the Leland Downing Park, Messenger Newsletter. I know there are more services we can help with. I do want to thank the employees at our Marcola Community Market. If I have an idea or question and no one seems to know where

to go next, they have always been encouraging and helpful in their directions.

This true thought was given to me by Selena Roloson.

**YOU CAN PRETEND TO CARE.....BUT  
YOU CANNOT PRETEND TO SHOW UP.**

### THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY!!



## BRINGING LIGHT TO THEIR WORLD: SUPPORT BLIND HORSES AT OREGON HORSE RESCUE

BY DAVID KELLY, CO FOUNDER OF OREGON HORSE RESCUE

### Our Mission



Just west of Eugene, there is a remarkable place that embodies compassion, resilience, and the unwavering spirit of equine beings. **Oregon Horse Rescue (OHR)** stands as a beacon of hope for horses in need, including those with visual impairments. Among the incredible creatures that find solace within our gates are blind horses. Today, we invite you to discover their inspiring stories and join us in supporting these remarkable beings

through your generous donations.

While many people may perceive blindness as a profound disability, at OHR we celebrate the remarkable abilities of blind horses. These majestic creatures demonstrate extraordinary resilience, proving that even in darkness, they can embrace life with joy and enthusiasm.

At OHR, blind horses receive specialized care, a safe environment, and the opportunity to thrive. Their other senses, particularly hearing and touch, become finely attuned, allowing them to navigate their surroundings with astonishing precision. The bond that forms between these horses and their caregivers is a testament to the indomitable spirit of these gentle giants.

The efforts of Oregon Horse Rescue are powered by the generosity and support of individuals who believe in the inherent value of all living beings. Donations play a pivotal role in ensuring that blind horses receive the specialized care they deserve.

Here's how your contribution can make a significant impact:

1. **Veterinary Care and Rehabilitation:** Blind horses often require specialized medical attention, including routine check-ups, vaccinations, and treatment of any underlying health conditions. Your donation will help provide the necessary medical care to ensure their well-being and rehabilitation.
2. **Training and Enrichment Programs:** OHR is dedicated to nurturing blind horses' physical and emotional well-being through training and enrichment programs. Your support will enable the implementation of tailored programs that focus on building confidence, trust, and enhancing their quality of life.
3. **Facility Enhancements:** OHR aims to create an environment that is safe and enriching for blind horses. Your donations will aid in making necessary adaptations to facilities, such as additional sensory stimulation areas and improved fencing to ensure their safety and happiness.

Your support can make a profound difference in the lives of blind horses at Oregon Horse Rescue. If you are able to

donate, know that every donation counts no matter the size. Consider making a one-time or recurring donation to support the ongoing care and rehabilitation of blind horses.

Also, please spread the word: Share the stories of blind horses and the work of Oregon Horse Rescue with your family, friends, and social media networks. Help create a ripple effect of compassion and inspire others to get involved.

Oregon Horse Rescue is a sanctuary of hope for both blind and sighted horses, providing them with a second chance at a fulfilling life. Through your generosity, you can illuminate the world of these extraordinary beings and help them overcome the challenges they face. Your donations will empower Oregon Horse Rescue to continue its vital mission of compassion and ensure that blind horses receive the love, care, and support they deserve. Together, we can make a lasting difference and create a brighter future for these remarkable animals.

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

Mailing address: Oregon Horse Rescue 4325 Commerce St, STE 111-463 Eugene OR 97402

### THIS IS HONEYBUN



**She is our super-sweet blind mini pony. She has a great quality of life - she enjoys running around outside, her peppermint treats, carrots, and lazy afternoon naps**

# Hello and, WHOA, SUMMER IS HERE!!



By Linda Mooney

Well, I believe that summer is here, finally. I did enjoy spring with the rain....guess I'm a true Oregonian!

Our last 3 months have been great! Our April 15th Open

House was lots of fun. We had several booths with plants and other fun stuff for sale, Our local resident Bubble Guy paid us a visit to the delight of all



the kids, big and small! Dinner, as always, was delicious and plentiful!



Thanks to all the

community who came, we so appreciate you!

We did our semi-annual Road Cleanup with a full complement of worker bees..10! That road was gross! Our teams found all manner of junk, though one person found a \$1! Once we found a \$20 bill!

The group filled 11 huge yellow bags with junk. Thanks to the workers and to Lane County, who picked up the filled bags! We will be doing it again in probably October, watch for announcements!

BINGO returned to the Grange on May 20th. We had a smaller than usual crowd, but they all had a great time and went home with wonderful prizes! Thanks to them for coming!



**SCHOLARSHIP** On June 10th, at the Mohawk High School graduation, our winner will be announced ....see page 9 for the winner. We had 4 very well qualified candidates, but our winner stood above them! Congratulations to her!

Flag Day Celebration, sponsored by the Lions Club is return-

ing to the Lee Downing Veterans Park near the bridge to the high school. See the ad on page 10. We will be selling desserts to complement the super BBQ Chicken Dinners being sold by the Lions, cooked by VFW. The time is 3-6PM. If any of you grangers out there are willing to help us with our dessert table and/or contribute desserts, please let me know at lindamooney39361@gmail.com

**FOR SALE!!** The Grange is always raising money for hall maintenance, scholarships, community Christmas donations, etc. We still have beautiful BASKETS - \$30; BAT GUANO - The best fertilizer from our own bats in our belfry! \$15/bag with instructions for use!

**NEEDED:** The Grange is asking for donations of insulation. It can be new or gently used. Our amazing caretaker, Thorp, is insulating underneath the floor in the hall. We in the Yoga class will appreciate a not-freezing-cold floor this winter. If you have some, call the grange and we will arrange to pick it up!! Thanks in advance!

**LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, I WANT TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST GRANGE MEMBERS, ROMA AND BRUCE GARDNER! WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE YOU WITH US!**

**Thanks so much to all of you who support and/or attend our events!!**

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**All Valley residents, not only District students, may borrow books from the Media Center.**

New books are added weekly. You'll find mysteries, science fiction, and drama for adults, teens, tweens, and younger readers, and so much more. We have recent additions of books on photography and geology, and a variety of Oregon guides and nature books.

By arrangement with the School District, the Friends open the Media Center to the public every Wednesday, 4-7pm, and every second Saturday of the month, 10a-1p.

Media Center location: 38300 Wendling Road, East end of the Elementary School.  
 Book donations can be made during our open hours.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer in our valley? We are seeking volunteers to help us process new books. See contact info below.

### **Oregon Rocks! for Families, Wednesday, June 7th, 3pm**

Take off on a geology adventure and explore our ever-changing planet Earth. Dig into rocks, fossils, earthquakes, and volcanoes through hands-on activities and rockin' specimens, discovering the dynamic forces shaping Oregon's landscape over time.

The Friends are delighted to sponsor this program for families with elementary-age children, Oregon Rocks!, from UO's Museum of Natural and Cultural History. It begins at 3pm, on Wednesday, June 7th, and takes place in the Elementary School Gymnasium.

Presented by a museum educator, the 60- to 90- minute experience begins with an interactive presentation for approximately 20 minutes, followed by time at activity tables featuring fun, hands-on activities, and touchable specimens.

### **Summer Reading Club, starts in July**

Check our Facebook page and local bulletin boards for the full program, beginning in July, Wednesdays at 2pm, in the Media Center.

### **Book and Vinyl Sale, Date Change!**

Our next Book and Vinyl sale will be August 26th and 27th at the Marcola Elementary School Media Center. There will be Gift Book Bundles available for purchase, as well as a selection of gently used books and vinyl. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

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### **Little Free Library**

Our Little Free Library, by the Lions' Lee Downing Park, has books available, night and day. There is a rapidly rotating selection of books for all ages. We stock it with new books weekly.

### **Contact the Friends**

See our Facebook page: [facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacenter/](https://facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacenter/)

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# GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS!



**BROOK DANIELLE (MOONEY) SCHRUNK**, daughter of Christopher Mooney and Dawn Corrigan Mooney received her Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)

June 17, 2023 4:00  
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## CONGRATULATIONS!

**COLTON MICHAEL MOONEY**,

son of Christopher Mooney and Dawn Corrigan Mooney received his high school diploma from TeachNorthWest.

June 10, 2023 1:00  
at  
Lane Community College



## WE HAVE A WINNER!



Congratulations to **KALLEE MAREE ECK!**

She is the 2023 winner of the Mohawk Valley Community Grange student scholarship. This coming fall, as she enters Lane Community College, \$1000 of her student fees will be paid by this scholarship.

The purpose of the scholarship is to reward not just academic excellence but also to recognize and encourage community involvement and service.

Kalee has shown an exemplary commitment to serving her school and community. She has volunteered as a buddy at the Marcola Community Christmas and has assisted with various jobs at the Booster Club Chicken Dinner, at the Lane County Livestock Association Banquet, and at local bingo nights. She has rolled up her sleeves to help maintain the Marcola Youth Center Garden, to clean up the Hill Road cemetery, and to bag up produce for Food for All. In addition to these community activities, she has served in leadership positions in FFA and the student council, has received numerous awards in academics, sports and FFA, and has even been brave enough to act as referee for youth athletics. And that's not all. She has maintained a 3.87 cumulative GPA.

Folks who know Kalee report that she is "caring, compassionate, and hardworking" as well as "tirelessly kind" in her relationships. Kalee herself admits that she will always cherish her experiences in community service and hopes to be a role model for younger students. She plans to attend the Dental Hygiene program at Lane Community College.

The MVC Grange salutes Kalee for her hard work and commitment to her community. We believe she will be successful in any career path that she chooses.



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**Marcola Elementary School Gym**  
**Wednesday, June 7th, 3-4:30pm**  
**co-sponsor: Friends of the Media Ctr.**

Presented by the Museum of Natural and Cultural History, University of Oregon





**The Marcola Youth Center**

is so grateful for our community and all the support you give us. Our new roof kept us dry and without weather worries. One family saw the potholes and

puddles in our parking lot and donated gravel and labor. Several cheerful volunteers keep vines and weeds under control, lights shining, doors working, etc. Many of you care about our kids and are willing to help. **Thank you!**

Our Bingo Night fundraiser came together smoothly this year with more students committed to helping out. We reached our goal of having a fund in place for keeping up with the building and utilities. Thanks to all of you who participated: adults, students, and the patient younger kids. **You all contributed!**

It is great being able to include middle school students this year. They held a dance at MYC and participated in Fifth Quarter. A once-a-month time for them to get together is planned for this summer.

More high school students have been involved with MYC this year in helping to organize, serve as representatives, and assist in making projects and events more successful. An END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR BBQ is planned for the high school students on June 2nd. Details to follow!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL YOU GRADUATES!**



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Mondays - Mama Bears Meatloaf

Taco Tuesdays

Wednesdays - Pub nights with many quick pub food bites.

**MARCOLA SUMMER CELEBRATION  
Saturday, August 5th from noon till 6pm.**

Festivities include various local vendors from 12pm-6pm

Kids Karaoke 2pm-4pm

Food specials all day including a Kids Area with face painting and other activities.

**OUR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES  
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**JUNE 11TH  
3:00-6:00PM**

**BBQ CHICKEN, HOT DOGS, BEVERAGES, AND A LIVE BAND!**



# "A CHIP OFF THE OL' BLOCK"

By Lois Roberts

In our early childhood years, during the summer and fall months each year, my Dad, Bernie Young, had a truckload or two of planer wood dumped in our driveway.

Does anyone remember planer wood? The lumber mills in town would cut kiln-dried 1x4s, 2x4s, and sizes up to 4x12-inch width lumber to various lengths. The end pieces could be bought by the truckload and delivered to homes, where the dads would split the pieces into firewood for the winter.



**My dad, Bernie Young, building new fence around our place on Wendling Road in the early 1960s**

We kids had fun the first week or so when Dad had a load delivered. We spent hours building "houses" out in our driveways with the wonderful "giant blocks" that Dad let us use for a few days. We had the most fun, stacking the walls and



**Me with my brother Steve and my next door cousin Lucinda in the mid 1950s**

We would play for days in our houses.

Since we had cousins living right next door, and also neighborhood kids across the street and on each side of us there on Wendling Road, we had many days of fun playing together in our "houses!" We would also stack some of the planer pieces into chairs and tables, and our moms would fix picnic lunches in boxes for us to take out and eat together in our houses. We girls would also bring our baby dolls out and sit them around with us. "Playing house" was so much fun!

The planer wood was also good for other things. Dad would take a longer 1x4" length and sketch out a rifle, carving out a complete gun and barrel with a trigger and trigger guard. He would finish each gun by hand-sanding down the edges with fine sandpaper. My brothers would let us girls pretend shooting the rifles once in a while! Everyone could become a hunter!

Dad would also take three pieces and nail them together, two boards on the sides and one across the top - and then we had a little bench to sit on. These were nice to use in the summertime, under a shade tree in our back yard.

When the time came for Dad to get his wood inside his woodshed, down came the house, as we all helped toss the planer pieces in through the big open window and into the woodshed.

Dad would then take his ax or hatchet and chop each piece on his chopping block into just the right size for Mom's wood cookstove in her kitchen. He stacked walls upon walls of the chopped wood in his woodshed, all dry and ready for fires to warm our house in our living room stove all winter, and for Mom to heat her kitchen cook stove even in summer months, in order to cook food for our meals each day.



**This is me with one of my dollies, sitting out in our driveway.**

Kids in our day learned to play outside everyday, even in rainy weather. The hills and fields around our wonderful Mohawk Valley were all of God's Green Acres to play in! And we Young families had a beautiful ridge right behind our own houses. There were always plenty of places to inspire our imaginations and give us great adventures.

One of our favorite outdoor pastimes was riding stick horses. We cousins would run up into the woods behind our homes and find a good vine maple branch for each of us, bring them down

to our yard, and have one of our dads drill a hole through one end of each stick, where we'd attach rope bridles - and off we'd go!...riding into the sunset. No store-bought stick horses for us country kids. Like so many of our "toys" and "games," most everything we had back then was produced from our good imaginations and the raw materials we found in nature all around us.



**Phil Loves Chopping Firewood**

Phil and I have also always had a wood stove which we installed to heat our house since the early years after we built



our house here, over 50 years ago. Phil uses a power saw, a splitting maul, and his ax to split and stack six or seven cords of wood to get us through each winter. Some of our local friends here in the Marcola area also chop and sell wood for anyone who wants to keep a wood stove or their fireplace going, to heat their house in cold winter months.

As anyone will tell you, wood heat is so good! Like no other!

# In Praise of Clotheslines

By Anonymous and Linda Mooney

My turn to sing the praises of clotheslines. Clotheslines are free to use. Clotheslines don't harm the environment or contribute to global warming or climate change. Clotheslines are easy to use and are a peaceful and meditative activity. Clotheslines leave your clothes smelling fresh and sweet, without using those harmful chemical fabric softener sheets folks put in their dryers. Clotheslines eliminate the need for ironing. Clotheslines are a great place to air out blankets and sleeping bags that have been used or stored all winter. Clotheslines save you money. Clotheslines don't 'eat' your laundry. (What do you think dryer lint is, but little bits of your laundry?)

Some subdivisions, gated communities and mobile home parks have tried to control how their residents dry their clothes by having rules against clotheslines, but there is a Right to Dry movement around this country that is helping to do away with these rules. Apparently the thinking went that hanging your laundry up to dry is tacky and lower class and heaven forbid that someone should see your undies hanging on the line! But, with the economy tanking and the temperatures rising, folks around the country have seen the light, or is it the sun, and an amazing thing has happened. People have found out that clothes will dry without the use of electricity or propane. Wow. Yes, I do have a dryer, but oh the clothes and bedding smell sooooo good when hung outside!!

All over the rest of the world folks have been hanging the laundry out all this time. In affluent Europe, folks who live in centuries old several stories high buildings hang their laundry from their balconies. In poor countries around the world, clothes are draped over fences, or shrubbery, and often just spread out on the ground to dry.



Here in the Mohawk Valley, I hang my clothes from my 12' high deer fence....it works quite well!

We can choose to put up long clotheslines, or those square ones built for small yards, retractable lines, or wooden drying racks. If you hang your laundry up right away after it is washed, and carefully, the wrinkles will fall away as it dries. Towels will be rougher than if dried in the dryer, but way more absorbent. (And why do you have a towel but to absorb moisture anyway?) If you are worried about clothing fading in the sun, put your clothesline in partial shade. The air will dry the clothes.

And what does a line of laundry flapping in the breeze say? Here is someone who cares about the planet and is a part of the solution, instead of a part of the problem. Still have questions, or really don't know how to use a clothesline, just call me. I will be glad to come and show you how!

## FIRE TIPS: Editor's Note, Because I continue to be freaked about forest fires, I'm including this abbreviated article from 2021.

Spring is coming to an end and we will soon be into summer, we hope this article finds everyone in good health and spirits. It has been one crazy year for all of us, starting with the COVID 19 Pandemic and including the Evacuations due to the HOLIDAY FARM FIRE.

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

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

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

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

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

**Protecting your home from wildfire** falls into three categories:

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

In addition you can use fire resistive plants around the house during your landscaping projects. You can find landscaping Ideas at: [http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/20921/\\*pnw590.pdf](http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/20921/*pnw590.pdf)

Please only burn on approved burn days and remember to

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## A MEETING TO FORGET

By Juanita Turner Paslay

Professional people want to look successful especially in the presence of their competition. We should walk into a room and walk out of a room looking professional (hair styled, wearing proper clothes, head up and shoulders held back). When a woman attends an important meeting, she wants to look her best.

A few years ago, I had a meeting with a college president, one of their professors and a Toastmaster speech winner. I brushed my teeth, fixed my hair, put my face on and dressed up in my best black dress. I've had that dress for a long time. With it, I wear a long black slip with a lace bottom. I've had it a long time also. In fact, the slip is incredibly old. I wouldn't mention this personal item if it wasn't the main object of this embarrassing moment.

Do you know what happens to an old slip? The elastic becomes weak and then stretches. I wasn't aware of its condition until after that important meeting.

After an hour discussing the possibility of setting up another Toastmaster club, we rose from our chairs to leave the conference room. We entered the hallway, talking as we exited. Then, I felt something down around my ankles. I looked and beheld my slip was falling fast. The bottom lace was touching my shoes.

What's a woman supposed to do when her arms are full of books and carrying a heavy purse? I could have asked Curtis to hold my purse, but that would have brought more attention to myself and embarrassed him too. Through this thin fabric, I felt the elastic band hanging on the widest part of my hips. Another step would have brought the slip over my hips and tangled my feet. A scary scene—in the middle of the hall with college students walking by.

Telling this reminds me when I notice a man's pants are unzipped, I don't have the courage to tell him because then he would know I was looking. I just look away.

Back to the hallway.

I leaned against the wall and shifted my purse to the other arm. With one hand free, I slowly inched the slip up on my left side. Then I reached behind my back and nonchalantly worked it up to where it belonged.

No one mentioned the slip and by the time we reached the



stairs to leave the building, I was presentable and breathing normally.

Fifteen years ago, my husband was speaking before a crowd of six hundred people. Craig approached the podium and was introduced. Then the MC sat down in the first row. Craig was into his speech for about five minutes when the MC pointed to Craig's zipper and raised his eyebrow. Craig was standing behind a transparent plastic podium and nowhere to hide. So, Craig just continued with his speech. The MC, a friend of ours, was a big tease.

I wish I could say my slip dropped because I lost twenty pounds, but that's not the case. The truth is: we all get older and so will elastic. I feel secure now because I put a big safety pin in the waistband. Did I remind you of one of your embarrassing moments? Be brave and tell us so we can laugh with you.

Thanks for laughing with me.

## THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD

By Juanita Paslay, Gideon Aux. Chaplain

Gazing out my library window, I enjoy nature in action as the squirrels and birds entertain me. One day I watched the blue scrub jays land on the neighbor's sixty-foot fir trees. They perched on the highest branch, giving them a view more spectacular than from the ground. Their flight looked effortless, but that feat did not belong to the newly hatched. Birds need experience and strength in their wings to fly so high.

The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;  
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,  
And with my song I will praise Him.  
Psalm 28:7 NKJV

Do we have a 'tree' or 'mountain' to climb today? A challenge or task high above our reach? Occasionally, we have opportunities from the Lord that appear beyond our strength or ability. When these times come, we pray for the Lord to direct our steps and our days. He will provide the wisdom and strength we need as we commit to following His will.

The steps of a good man are  
ordered by the Lord,  
And He delights in his way.  
Psalm 37:23 NKJV

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call LRAPA every day you burn to insure that it is a burn day and that no burn bans have been put into place.

### What could happen if you violate burning restrictions?

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

When a resident of the Mohawk Valley has an emergency, they call 911. Whether it involves a fire or a medical issue, it

is the volunteers of Mohawk Valley Fire District who respond. What would you think if no one responded? Everyone in our community needs someone who is willing to help in a time of need and that someone could be you. If you have the desire to help your neighbors and make your community a better place to live, then **consider volunteering with Mohawk Valley Fire District.**

Thank you for taking the time to read our article. Please feel free to call or stop by the fire station any time if you have any questions.

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## KARREN A. LANSKY'S 1/2 PAGE

### SUMMER

When summer comes to our valley it comes without a single doubt. It does not sneak in; it is not like spring, that sort of side steps in...and then Wham! There it is! No! Summer waits right around the nearest blackberry bush—and waits until you are SO CONFIDENT that you have almost everything planted and then HERE IT IS –and how very much ahead of the whole game you thought you were!! Summer laughs up its cuff at all of us – because no matter how very much we thought we were ahead of the whole thing...Summer is...in fact...The Game... and we are only tiny little pawns in THE BIG game. I went to sleep one night feeling very satisfied with myself...because I believed that I was well ahead of the fire-season. My lawns and gardens were well-watered, I was MORE than ready!!

Well, so much for planning ahead! Summer came to our little Parsons Creek Valley much like a roaring lion!!! It pounced on us...and we were left only wondering... what was that??? The intense heat...sort of shimmering up from the rapidly wilting flowers, how quickly they went!!! And

I thought I was so far ahead of the Game!! I guess the main problem is that...we don't know when summer is really coming. Sometimes it pretends to be here—like a "pretend friend", we are so sure it is for real... only to be just a little surprised when it is gone in just a few hours. I stand on my lawn, letting the cooling breeze bathe my sweating body, resting before my next attempt at the over-grown lawn, I know that I have only so much time before the entire lawn will be only a vague memory!!!

Springtime in Parsons Creek Valley is lovely, it is warm, soft and very gentle – the tall trees sway slowly, the animals and their young, move about through the young green grass – all things seem to be thriving in the warmth and light of the sun.

But then- almost at 12:45 P.M. Summer Came!! Wow!! Did it ever...I was just standing there on the deck—and it rolled right over me. I knew it! What else could it have been????? I stood there for a few minutes, hoping that it could have just been a big 'puff' of wind from California.... Ha!! No such luck...it was...**SUMMER** !!!!

## JAY SWOFFORD'S 1/2 PAGE FROM MOHAWK VALLEY HISTORY FROM THE EDITOR: THANKS, JAY FOR THE ACCESS TO THESE WONDERFUL PICTURES



In 1910, the Coast Range Lumber Company bought the remnants of the Sunset Lumber Company at Mabel. Over the next couple of years, they rebuilt and enlarged the sawmill, built three dams, created a gravity town water supply, erected numerous cabins and houses for employees and married employees, a store, cookhouse and bunkhouse. They also built a power plant that provided the mill and town with electricity.

The image shows the bunkhouse (left) and the cookhouse (right). The dirt area in the foreground is today, Marcola road, at that time, this section was known as Oshkosh road. This mill and facilities were sold at auction on February 27, 1926 to cover debts owed to the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago who brought the foreclosure suit. The Dollar Portland Lumber Company was also a debtor.

Two young men sit on the fence and are currently unidentified.

For spatial reference, the Mabel cemetery would be directly in the center of the pic a hundred feet or so behind these buildings.

If you can identify either of the young men or know more details about this photo, please comment.

### Marcola Grade School, bet. 1928-1953 Marcola Elementary School, unknown date between 1927 and 1953.

In the early morning of January 28, 1927, the Marcola school burned to the

ground in forty minutes. The cause was attributed to faulty wiring in the basement.

That building was the first school at this location in Marcola. It had been built in 1906 after school districts 42 (lower Parsons Creek) and 79 (lower Mill Creek) joined. The school was built on the boundary between the old districts on property donated by Columbus Cole. That building also housed Marcola High School and was used for the first year of Mohawk Union High School (1924-25).

This is the school building built in 1927 to replace the burnt school. It was only one-story as Mohawk Union High School had its own building since the summer of 1925.



The exact date of this picture is unknown but we do know it predates the Columbus Day Storm of October 1962. In that storm the school lost the bell tower and the top of the entrance. It also must be pre-1953 as in that year, the district purchased the four home lots to the west and built additional classrooms and a gymnasium. Those additions are missing from the left side of the picture so it must be before this occurred.

The kids are too small to identify even at very high magnification.

If you know more about this photo or the date, please comment.





## MOHAWK VALLEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

BY STEVEN WALLACE

Last year brought a few changes for Mohawk Valley Fire. The biggest of which being the seismic update to station 1, if you drove by you may have seen countless construction vehicles and the remodel to the station including a new roof and paint. This project was funded by a grant awarded the year prior, and ensured the station's structural integrity for years to come. One thing that stayed the same even through this was our response to emergency calls in the valley. In 2022, Mohawk Valley RFD responded to a total of 491 calls. Here is the breakdown:

Fire calls - 24 including structure fires, brush fires and vehicle fires EMS calls - 293

MVA calls - 55 including non-injury and those requiring extrication Public Assistance calls - 119

This year, we have had a part-time staff member on top of our 3 full time staff. This has helped tremendously with response and administrative duties. This summer we are planning on bringing on this individual full time, and hiring two additional summer staff through the OSFM summer staffing grant.

Although we are hiring more, volunteers are still needed! No experience is required, and our training cadre will provide you with all training needed. You can start as early as 16 through our junior firefighter program. If you are interested in volunteering, stop by our main station on Marcola Rd. or call us to schedule a tour and pick up an application today!



### A QUAIL OF A PRODUCTION

Chubby plumed shapes  
feeding,

Scratching, pecking, dart-  
ing,

Running, searching, finding,

Halting, watching, hear-  
ing,

Fleeing...

Whirring feathers flapping,

Lifting, saving, landing,

Hiding, guarding, nesting,

Staying, sensing, waiting,  
Napping...

Dapper cocks apprising,

Inspecting, observing,

Assessing, listening,

Assembling, strutting,  
Supervising...

Demure small hens mingling,

Chirping, chip-chip-chip-  
ping;

Guard cock calling, crow-  
ing,

Assuring, emerging,  
Signaling...

Dianne S. Stewart, 2023

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Mohawk Valley RFD is now looking for volunteers. No experience needed!

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- Valid Oregon Drivers License
- Able to pass a drug test and background investigation

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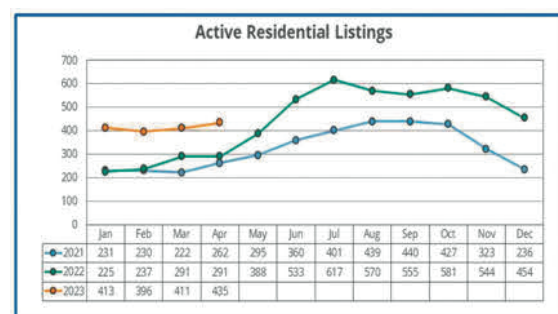
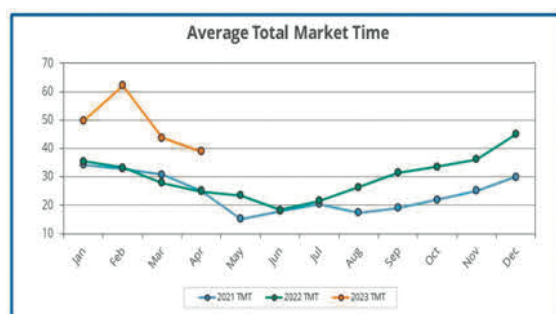
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### Lane County Market Update – Spring 2023

With interest rates higher than the previous several years, Buying activity has slowed significantly. However, as you can see in the statistics below, listing activity is down nearly 22% compared to last Spring. That has kept our inventory lower than expected. The result? Average sales prices are still strong but leveling off, marketing time is up, and we are seeing more seller's concessions (repairs, closing costs, personal property, etc.) being negotiated in today's market.



### Residential Highlights

#### New Listings

New listings (383) decreased 21.8% from the 490 listed in April 2022, and decreased 4.3% from the 400 listed in March 2023.

#### Pending Sales

Pending sales (339) decreased 25.2% from the 453 offers accepted in April 2022, and decreased 0.9% from the 342 offers accepted in March 2023.

### Inventory and Time on Market

Inventory increased to 1.5 months in April. Total market time decreased to 39 days.

#### Year-to-Date Summary

Comparing the first four months of 2023 to the same period in 2022, new listings (1,390) decreased 22.9%, pending sales (1,219) decreased 24.4%, and closed sales (1,015) decreased 26.9%.

#### Closed Sales

Closed sales (284) decreased 30.9% from the 411 closings in April 2022, and decreased 2.4% from the 291 closings in March 2023.

Inventory in Months			
	2021	2022	2023
January	0.8	0.8	2.3
February	0.9	0.9	1.7
March	0.6	0.7	1.4
April	0.7	0.7	1.5
May	0.7	0.9	
June	0.7	1.1	
July	0.8	1.6	
August	0.9	1.2	
September	1.0	1.3	
October	0.9	1.6	
November	0.8	2.1	
December	0.6	1.9	



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