

Mohawk Valley Community Grange

Mohawk



Messenger

Serving the Mohawk Valley and Its Communities

SPRING EDITION • MARCH, 2024

26 Years of Publication! Thanks, Mohawk Valley!

CELEBRATE WITH US, THIS IS OUR 100TH ISSUE!

THANKS TO THE MARCOLA YOUTH CENTER FOR ALL THEY DO FOR OUR KIDS!

This year Marcola helped the most families ever at the Marcola Community Christmas event. This is a special area to live and be part of. Thank you. You really care about our kids.

The Marcola Youth Center has been a busy place. The Christmas Tree lighting was held again this year and thanks to Garrett Downing we had a beautiful tree to light, plus singing, entertainment, and treats.

Nick Cherrick with Gutter Solutions donated and installed gutters and a downspout on our new porch. It gives the building such a nice, finished look. It is so appreciated, especially while hauling things in and out of the building for events.

After the home ball games 25-35 students have been attending 5th Quarter. This extends their time interacting with friends and this is what the Youth Center is all about.

The High school students held their Sadie Hawkins/ Valentine Dance at the Youth Center on Feb 9th.

A "Hang out Day" is scheduled for the Middle School students on February 29th. The building will be open from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

MYC's annual Bingo-Taco Night fundraiser is scheduled for April 27th at the Elementary School Gym.

The Youth Center is available to rent for birthday parties or special events. Please send DeLana Hansen an email for more information at delanahansen@msn.com.

We are grateful for all the support and help from this community. We couldn't provide any of what we do for kids without you.

Thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers that made the Marcola Community Christmas event so successful.



(Editor's Note: A GIANT THANK YOU TO DELANA HANSEN AND ALL HER HELPERS FOR THIS SERVICE TO OUR KIDS!)



POSTAL
CUSTOMER

ECRWSS

PRSR STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
PORTLAND, OR
PERMIT NO. 3142

DRIVE THROUGH
WINDOW OPEN



LOCATED ON MARCOLA ROAD,
NEAR CAMP CREEK ROAD, NEXT TO HAYDEN BRIDGE

**IT'S OUR 12TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY,
THANK YOU, MOHAWK VALLEY!!**

LOWER TOBACCO PRICES!!



FULL ESPRESSO BAR
OVER 50 VARIETIES OF WINE
LARGE BEER SELECTION

PIZZA
HOT FOOD & SANDWICHES



LANE COUNTY PARK PASSES
DAY FISHING LICENSES
PROPANE EXCHANGE
LOTTERY-ATM-EBT

541-747-0321

**COUPON for \$1.00 off a
BREAKFAST SANDWICH when
you buy a 16 oz espresso
drink Expires April 30, 2024**



Hello America,

Spring is a wonderful time to refresh your garden and prepare it for the growing season ahead. Here's a list of to-dos to help you get started:

Clean Up: Remove any debris, fallen leaves, and dead plants from your garden beds and lawn. With the ice storm this year, check in on an older neighbor and ask if they need help and volunteer some of your time clearing and cleaning up for them.

Prune: Trim back any dead or overgrown branches from trees, shrubs, and bushes. Cut back perennials that need it, but be sure to research each plant's specific pruning needs. This is an "off" year for fruit tree production, trimming more than necessary if the tree is lacking balance or has not been trimmed regularly.

Inspect and Repair: Check garden structures such as fences, trellises, and raised beds for any damage that may have occurred over the winter. Repair or replace as needed. Winter is tough on hoses, wells and garden tools. Maintaining them now will lengthen the time they will serve you.

Soil Preparation: Test your soil pH and nutrient levels. Amend the soil with compost or organic matter to improve its quality and fertility. Turn over the soil in your garden beds to aerate and loosen it up. Gypsum added to break up clay and Lime added for PH adjustment. Nitrogen and Phosphorus leach easily from Willamette Valley soils, a good organic layer will ensure your plants the food they need in the season ahead.

Mulching: Apply a layer of mulch to your garden beds to help retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. This is especially important before the weather gets too warm. Carbons are a fantastic way to re-mineralize your soils and build much needed Humus.

Planting: Start planting seeds indoors for warm-season vegetables and flowers, if you haven't already. Transplant seedlings outdoors once the risk of frost has passed in your area. You can also directly sow seeds for cool-season crops like lettuce, spinach, and peas. Be extra careful, planting outdoors too early can have catastrophic results.

Divide and Transplant: Spring is an excellent time to divide and transplant perennials that have become overcrowded or outgrown their space.

Weeding: Stay on top of weeds before they have a chance to take over your garden. Regularly remove any weeds that sprout up, being careful to pull them up by the roots. Remove all non-Native weeds and plants as appropriate.

Pest and Disease Prevention: Inspect plants for signs of pests or disease and take appropriate action to control them. Consider using organic pest control methods whenever possible. Many insects hatch soon and scouting early will give you the upper hand in this battle.

Fertilizing: Apply a slow-release organic fertilizer to your garden beds to provide plants with the nutrients they need for healthy growth throughout the season. See above soil preparation:

Watering: Make sure your house and outdoor plants are getting adequate water, especially as the weather starts to warm up. Water deeply and less frequently to encourage strong root growth.

Lawn Care: Begin mowing your lawn regularly as it starts to grow again. Consider aerating, lime application and fertilizing your lawn if needed.

Plan and Design: Take some time to plan and design any new additions or changes you want to make to your garden this year. Consider factors such as plant selection, layout, and hardscaping features. East to West orientations and shading provided need to be considered when locating new garden spaces.

By tackling these spring garden to-dos, you'll set yourself up for a successful and enjoyable gardening season ahead.

FROM LINDA MOONEY, EDITOR:

Happy Spring to all of us!

Well, this is the first issue that I am doing this paper without the support and help from my friends, Karren Lansky and Kay Allen. As you all know, Karren died last November and Kay moved to town. Anyone who is interested in writing columns, taking and submitting photos or finding more advertising, please email me!

Please send your comments, suggestions and, yes, even your criticisms to:

lindamooney39361@gmail.com

HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

92170 MARCOLA ROAD

(in front of the Marcola Community Market)

Hours: 9-10 - number pickup 10-12 Doors open
Michele Freese, Manager 541-517-7499

Meetings (Alphabetical) in the Community

Organizations: Please contact me if your information changes.
lindamooney39361@gmail.com OR 541-913-3799

• 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

Meetings are held at 6:00 pm on the Thursday night following the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Marcola Fire Station.

Contact: Jamie Porter at 541-746-1676 for more information.

rwdonline.net/marcola

• Marcola Schools Media Center,

PUBLIC Hours: most Wednesdays, 4-7pm, and 2nd Saturdays, 10a-1p. Books for ALL ages, not only students. Check-out FREE to Mohawk Valley residents. www.facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacycenter

• Mohawk Community Church

Sunday School 9:30 AM; Worship 10:00

• Mohawk Valley Community Grange

Regular meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, except December. 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:** 2nd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH at Marcola Christian Church, 92419 Marcola Rd, Contact Bob Leeper @ 541-515-6907.

• **Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District -** 2nd TUESDAY 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!

FYI: Contact info for all of our elected officials can be found at this website: <https://lwvlc.org/publications-2/represent/>

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS! Oregon Lithoprint has agreed to allow us to bill for ads AFTER the paper comes out... as we previously did with our other publisher.

Linda will invoice all advertisers and sponsors by the 15th of the month in which the paper comes to you, this SPRING issue deadline for payment is by MARCH 31st.

Mail checks made out to Linda Mooney, Editor to MOHAWK MESSENGER, P.O. BOX 1133, MARCOLA, OR 97454.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE MOHAWK MESSENGER!

Linda cannot cash them and they will have to be redone!

Thanks!

Advertisers may pay directly to Linda using PayPal or Venmo. Email her at lindamooney39361@gmail.com for details on this method. **Thank You for your continued support!**

Thanks to this newspaper's

ever-so-generous Sponsors:

Marcola School District #79

Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District

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~

Our yoga teacher is taking a break and we now have Jean Guidry who has agreed to lead our classes starting on January 5, 2024 on a temporary basis.



Mohawk Grange Fridays at 11:00AM!
These gatherings cost \$5 per month!

There are mats available, so come and check it out!
ALL LEVELS, ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more info, please call Linda at 541-913-3799....leave a message and I'll return your call



FINALLY, SPRING IS ON ITS WAY!! WOW, WHAT A WINTER WE'VE HAD...

By Linda Mooney, President

These last 2 months have been wild. We all have our ice-mageddon stories! The Grange buildings were not damaged, but the grounds are furry with fir limbs of all sizes! We did however have

to postpone our January meeting because of no power and ice everywhere.

Our Grange February Pre-meeting at Teresa's house was quite productive. We planned events for 2024 and enjoyed seeing everyone after the holidays and the Ice Storm!

Perhaps, an explanation of our "pre meetings" is needed. Our regular Grange meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at the Grange hall at 6PM. It is at these meetings that we call the meetings to order, observe Roberts Rules to make and vote on motions and generally do the business of the Grange!

Our so-called Pre-Meetings are our social gatherings. They take place a week before the regular monthly meetings and ostensibly are for setting the agenda for that month's regular meeting. The pre-meetings are a potluck dinner with drinks and frivolity and are at a member's home. Potential grangers are absolutely invited!

These gatherings, like the regular meetings are open for all to attend! As president, I will try to put locations, times etc for these events on the website, but if you want to attend, please call me at 541-913-3799 for information! We would love to have you come and join us!

Anyway, at the gathering at Teresa's house, we developed the events planned for 2024. We are hoping to have an event at the Grange monthly throughout the year. The following plans are tentative, but we are hopeful to pull them off!

- MOHAWK GRANGE UPCOMING EVENTS -

JANUARY - WE NOW HAVE INTERNET AT THE GRANGE! It was hooked up and is functioning. Now, when we have events, folks' cell phones should work and vendors will be able to process credit/debit costs for their products.

FEBRUARY - We now have rental agreements drafted for people who want to teach classes or have limited hour events at the Grange. So far, we have an Art Group on Tuesdays and Yoga on Fridays....call Kelly or Thorp at the Grange (541-933-3948) for information.

MARCH - BINGO returns on March 16th. Doors open at 5:30, snacks available for sale and games begin at 6:30! See flyer (this page and posted around the valley) for game prices. Come and join us, always GREAT PRIZES!

APRIL 27TH- OPEN HOUSE!! It is a potluck with music, vendors with plants for spring gardens. TBA speakers, Mothers Day plantings for kids, and more. Watch

the website (mohawkgrange.org) and readerboard across for the post office for details.

MAY - We are scheduling a **GAME NIGHT**. Dates and Info to come soon. We will also be doing our **ROAD CLEANUP** of our 2 miles of Marcola Rd near our building. **INFO FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP** will be available.

JUNE - We hope to join the Lions Club for 'Music in the Park' details to follow. **SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN AT GRADUATION.**

JULY - We are hoping to host a **POKER NIGHT**. Details to follow in the June issue of the Mohawk Messenger.

AUGUST - TBA....ideas??

SEPTEMBER - 'Fall is Here' Potluck and Market with vendors and community booths.

OCTOBER - Harvest Festival with chili, cornbread and dessert contest/potluck. Possibly, cider pressing, and other fun things. **ROAD CLEANUP** again, date TBA.

NOVEMBER - **BINGO**, date TBA, Grange Elections

DECEMBER - Enjoy the Holidays with Family and Friends, no events or meetings!

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT OUR EVENTS THIS YEAR!

**MohawkValley
COMMUNITY Grange**

BINGO AT THE GRANGE

93727 Marcola Road



**Saturday - March 16, 2024,
Doors open at 5:30, Games start at 6:30**

**Snacks & Cookies/ Bars Available for Sale
Free Coffee, Tea, Juice**

BINGO PRICES

- * Individual Sheets of 3: \$2
- * Packets of 11
 - Single squares: \$5
 - Double squares: \$10
 - Triple squares: \$15
- * Daubers: \$1

See our website: www.mohawkgrange.org
Questions? 541-913-3799; 541-933-3948

ARE YOU PREPARED?

By Ellen Furstner

I went to the Mohawk Valley Emergency Preparedness (MVEP) meeting on Saturday, February 3rd with the intention of gathering more information, and also to write the following article for the Mohawk Messenger.

I took about eight pages of notes, put off writing the article, and then got sick. Which made me realize that even during emergencies, when we are prepared for the worst, and think we are on top of it, a simple cold or other minor illness that has nothing to do with the emergency, could way-lay us. Good lesson for me and those of us who think we are invincible.

Anyway, this is MY take as a Mohawk Valley resident (for 37 years) on the meeting, on our situation, and on our preparedness, and what we can do. I am no professional, but I have been preparing for a few years, also tried to start a preparedness group with a neighbor (Laurie Smart) way back (borrowing to most, as usual, and barely had any interest from folks), then my family and I were evacuated during the Labor Day fire a few years ago. That certainly made a deep impression!!

So, about the meeting: First of all, I am extremely grateful to all the folks who have been working to prepare our Valley for current and future disasters. I have a feeling that we are one of the most prepared areas in Oregon (and country?), but, of course, that is a low bar to reach.

The Labor Day fire was a real wake-up call and learning experience, and much work has been done since then, many new connections have been made, or old connections have been solidified, so there is a whole network of people and organizations with various skills on the same page.

However, from everything I heard at the meeting and elsewhere: YOU are the major link to any preparedness. And this is not just during an emergency situation, but building a healthy network while things are good, too. Don't wait till it's too late!

1. **Take care of yourself (if you don't do that, you can't help anyone).**
2. **Take care of your family.**
3. **Take care of your neighbors.**
4. **Take care of your community (I am thrilled with the Irish School Garden).**
5. **Very, very last: rely on outside help, because it may not be there, maybe a long while.**

So, how do we do

all of that?

Our local Mohawk Valley Emergency Preparedness (MVEP) has a Facebook page with constantly updated information about emergencies and preparing, and also a lot of technical information about communication, radios, etc.: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2379908638805350/>

The most important things are: Water. Food. Batteries. Firewood, Pet and other Animal food, Medications.

It used to be suggested that you have these for a couple of days. Now it is three weeks (and much longer in case of an earthquake ie: "the BIG one"). There are a lot of other necessities, but these you cannot live without. Batteries, maybe, but you want to be able to keep in touch with what's going on.

FOOD: I have several cases of canned food: beans, veggies, fruit, that I bought a while back (every time I went grocery shopping at Costco, I would buy a case. It doesn't add that much to the total bill). Now I realize it has been a while and I should check the expiration dates and start buying some newer foods. Although I would eat expired canned food if I was hungry. Dry foods, like beans, rice, peas are great if you have a wood stove or camp stove (we have both), but old beans, etc. don't cook up any longer; they stay rock hard. If you rely on a camp stove, make sure you have a supply of canisters and matches.

WATER: It's amazing how we are used to turning on the faucet and getting pure, clean water. For those of us on a well, that stops when the power goes off, and in many other cases, water supplies also stop. It's easy to buy gallon or 5 gallon water jugs and store them. Even put some in the freezer to help keep things cold a while longer when the power goes off. You can refill them during non-emergency times, but then you have to refill them once in a while, because the water may become unsafe, or un-tasty. During the rainy season you can put buckets under roof edges or other places, to collect water for the toilet and pets. There is also lots of water purifying gadgets available, but I don't know much about

them. I did see personal water sanitizing straws at Costco, in a 4-pack, and I will definitely get some next time. They are good to put in your Go-Pack, too. You do have one of those, don't you? Keep reading for more info!

BATTERIES & COMMUNICATION:

Of course, this is something you could live without, but you may want to keep informed of the situation and weather; your life could depend on it. Renew your supply while life is calm when they are actually available. Much of our power, landlines, and cellphones were out of service during the ice storm (and other times). MVEP is highly recommending a General Mobile Radio. I still am not totally quite clear on them, but I know they sort of work like a smoke signal, you can communicate with the next person who has one, they communicate with the next, and so on. Important information can be passed on to Emergency Responders if/when needed. It is a lifeline for the Valley when nothing else is available (during the ice storm there was, luckily, just one medical emergency call, but the ambulance took one and a half hours to arrive; they were so busy). The radios are relatively inexpensive, the registration is cheap, and is good for the whole family and for 10 years. There is lots of information about GMR's on the MVEP Facebook page.

I have a solar powered/ hand crank/ battery weather radio that also gets local AM and FM stations. It was calming to listen to some music once in a while. And nice to get news updates. Another important thing to do for your family and friends is to have an emergency contact out of our area who everyone (if possible) can contact and let them know they are OK (hopefully), or not. That contact person will be your group's messaging board.

Otherwise: keep all your gadgets powered up all the time, and keep your car's gas tank half full at minimum. **FIREWOOD:** For those who have woodstoves. Have a dry supply, and keep it away from your house. Firewood near the house is a serious danger during fire season. If you do not have a wood stove, but rely on electric power? I don't know; that's another story.

PET AND OTHER ANIMAL FOOD AND WATER: speaks for itself. Have a ready supply, including any medications, leashes, collars, etc. (in case of evacuation). You can put an extra supply of everything in their own Go-Pack.

Continued on next page

MEDICATIONS: Have your and your family's medications up to date, and available to you. It is hard to get an extra supply, but talk to your medical person, if you have one, and decide how to deal with this. Also have an updated list of medications and medical equipment.

Ok, that's the minimum you can do.

There are many other things, and of course, it is a never-ending list.

1. Have you had First Aid and/or CPR training? Classes and certificates are available on line, but if you have never done one of these, it is best to do it in person, at least once. Techniques also seem to change quite often as new knowledge is brought to light.

2. Do you have a Go-Pack? For yourself and each family member? And your pets? A Go-Pack is a bag (backpack is best, it keeps your hands free) with your immediate necessities if/when you have to evacuate at a moment's notice. Or even if you have some time, you will probably not be in the best state of mind. I have had mine ready since the Labor Day evacuation. I check it once in a while, and this summer, I was pretty impressed with what I had packed. But I forgot one thing: I did not change for the season. I had winter clothes, hat, gloves, etc. as well as other necessities. But no hot summer weather clothes. Now I am back to winter clothing (which take up a whole lot more space). I have some nutrition bars, first aid supplies, a change of clothes, socks, underwear, copy of identification papers, contacts, and addresses, toiletries (travel size), pen, pencil, and paper. Everything is organized in double zipper freezer bags to keep dry. It's also nice to pack some goodies and treats. Chocolate? Tea bags? A book or puzzle? What little thing makes you happy or relieves some stress? You will need it.

3. How is your medical supply box at home? Band-Aids, gauze, tape, rubbing alcohol (bottle and wipes), hydrogen peroxide, anti-bacterial spays and ointments, masks, gloves, hand sanitizers, OTC pain medications (aspirin, Tylenol), etc. etc. Remember, it took an ambulance an hour and a half to arrive for a medical emergency, and they may not be available at all.

4. Do you have copies of all your important papers somewhere out of your home? Mortgage, insurances, taxes, medical, wills, passports, driver's licenses, banks, and more? They can all be put on a thumb drive or something like that, and given to a trusted friend and/or relative for safekeeping.

5. It is useful to have a second, and

larger, supply container in case of evacuation. A Go-Pack is something you carry on yourself if there is nothing else you can do or take (besides your loved ones) and you may be walking. A larger container can contain more food, clothing, medical supplies, and whatever else you think you need. It will be heavy, so something with wheels is good. A container (pre-packed) in a cart or wheelbarrow. A garbage can with wheels (pre-packed). Make sure everything is packed in waterproof bags. Prepare for doing some walking. This may seem unreal, but we have all seen videos of people who had no choice but to do so in emergencies and disasters.

6. Gas for chainsaws. To get out of driveways and clear the roads. Watch for power lines!

7. The list goes on and on. You do not have to do everything at once (although you never know, do you?). A little at a time goes a long way. When you go shopping buy one extra thing (band aids, a can of your favorite soup) and toss it in your specific container. Pretty soon it will be full. Start your Go-Pack with what you have at hand right now.

8. Google Emergency Preparedness: you will find lots more information.

THE MEETING and the people who spoke:

Kevin Woodworth is the President of the Board of the Mohawk Valley Fire District, and oversees the Mohawk Valley Emergency Preparedness group and Facebook page. He is one of the (many) people who are in touch with other groups and governmental organizations to constantly improve our local preparedness. There are several committees of the MVEP group that can use more volunteers. Among them are Communication and Resources. Check out the Facebook page if you are able to help.

According to Kevin the "Number 1" thing is that you have to be on your own for a while, at least one to two days, or more. There are four paid staff in the Mohawk Valley Fire Department, and the remainder are volunteers. Most live in the Valley and have families of their own, and they have to be sure their families are safe first. Then they can go out and help others. Volunteers have skipped work to help out, and several lived at the fire station during the last ice storm. But they are human, like the rest of us. Well, maybe a bit more super-human.

Steve Wallace is our Fire Chief. I really cannot say enough or give enough praise to our local Fire Department, and I am sure it has a lot to do with Steve's

leadership. During the last ice storm, the staff and volunteers put their lives on the line for us. The first day (after staff and volunteer families were known to be safe) they checked the fallen trees and downed power lines with EPUD. That night it was too dangerous to be out. Next was checking the safety of elderly folks and people with health conditions. Then opening roads and long driveways. And after that it was patrolling the area of 4,500 residents by about 25 people.

A Warming Center was opened at the Marcola Schools, and that provided meals, warmth, and companionship to many residents. A family who lost their home and everything in it in a house fire was sheltered there and able to recuperate somewhat. Teresa Landa and Jason Wallace (Steve's brother) were the Super Humans who ran the Warming Center.

Emerald People's Utility District: Charles Kimball, Board Chair and local resident, and Kyle Roadman, General Manager of EPUD (There were several other EPUD staff, who coordinated all the massive work during the storm, but I didn't get their names-sorry!).

Again, I am just amazed at how these people also went above and beyond to get our Valley, and other areas, back on line. Charles kept the Valley constantly updated as much and however he could (he was without power longer than most of us), with good humor, that was seriously needed. Kyle explained that this was the **worst storm in EPUD's history. He compared it to the last worst storm, the snow-pocalypse of 2019, when 100 power poles broke. This time 300 broke. This storm covered five times the geographic area. Last time the cost was \$4M, this time it will be \$10M.** I don't remember (or can't figure out my notes) exactly how Emergency Declarations work. I believe first the State has to declare, and then it goes to FEMA, who can help with funds. There were 25 line crews with 125 line workers. EPUD has 20 full time line workers, and the remainder came from other utilities and groups. All the coordination, including housing and food, and not one major safety incident, had to be done by EPUD staff.

Patence Winningham: Deputy Director at Oregon Department of Emergency Management who was until recently Lane County's Emergency Manager. Our loss, Oregon's gain. Patence lives up the McKenzie and was evacuated during the Labor Day fire, so she has real lived experience with a community devastated

by loss. According to her, Mohawk and McKenzie are in pretty good shape, as are other rural areas. Urban areas not so much! Lane County has approximately 385,000 people living in a huge area (4,722 square miles), with 200 First Responders and 20 Dispatchers. When thinking of neighbors, she said we also need to think of neighboring counties and organizations. I didn't realize that last summer's fire on the other side of the Coburg Hills was so close to getting to us in Marcola, and that help from our "neighbors" saved us.

Heather Buch: Lane County Commissioner District 5, East Lane County, and **Charlie Conrad:** State Representative, District 12, East Lane County, were both highly praised by Patence Winningham for "moving mountains" in their respective roles as our representatives, regarding emergency management, funding, and political thought. Rep. Conrad is on the Emergency Management Committee in Salem, and is working on changing some outdated policies and thinking. Commissioner Buch has partnered with the County Emergency Management and has helped to increased funding to rural emergency services - the county's biggest public safety investment since 2014 - without raising taxes. She explained that once a disaster reaches a \$2million loss, a Declaration of Emergency goes into effect, and once declared, the Emergency Operation Center can be opened. Once that happened, several staff snowshoed in because they were unable to drive. This EO Center is the hub of Emergency Operations in Lane County.

Jeff Turner: a communications IT specialist, of which I didn't understand a thing. I googled him, but there are a lot of Jeff Turners. He helped set up a wireless network up

the McKenzie after the fire, and is looking to find out what people in the community want regarding communications (as opposed to police and First Responders). Maybe explain exactly what you are doing? Maybe we can invite him for a meeting sometime.

Earthquake? Our next possible disaster?

Information from the **Oregon Office of Emergency Management:** "The Cascadia Subduction Zone is a 600-mile fault that runs from northern California up to British Columbia and is about 70-100 miles off the Pacific coast shoreline. There have been 43 earthquakes in the last 10,000 years within this fault. The last earthquake that occurred in this fault was on January 26, 1700, with an estimated 9.0 magnitude."

One of the underlying issues on most of the speakers' minds was the preparation for "the Big" one. The last one was 324 years ago, and we are overdue. The average length of time between sub-duction zone quakes off the Oregon coast is 246 years.

So, that was a lot. And a lot to write. I didn't mean to get so involved, but the more I wrote, the more I realized how important this issue is! Storms and disasters are getting worse. Whether you believe in Global Warming/Climate Change or not, whether you believe this is human caused or not, does not really matter as far as what is happening with regards to preparedness.

WE MUST BE PREPARED!



**LEST WE FORGET!
1996 & 2024**



Editor's Note:
Thanks to Facebook and Jamie Black for the pictures. I purposely didn't include, for privacy sake, any of the damaged homes...



TRIPLE OAKS REALTY
PREMIER REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

I live in your community and love it here, just like you do. When you're looking for someone local to help you with buying or selling real estate in Lane and Linn Counties, please consider me!

Autumn Larson
Broker

541.272.2599

AutumnLarson@tripleoaksrealty.com

Licensed in the State of Oregon | www.tripleoaksrealty.com



TRUE NORTH TREE CARE

- TREE REMOVAL
- TREE PRUNING
- FIRE SAFETY ASSESSMENT
- STUMP REMOVAL
- CABLING/BRACING
- 24/7 STORM RESPONSE
- LIVE EDGE SLABS



541-600-7521
541-520-9903

CALL OR TEXT

FREE ESTIMATES

Licensed, Bonded & Insured CCB #229921
Locally owned and operated - Marcola, OR



92178 Marcola Road
541-933-2828

MONDAY-FRIDAY RESTAURANT: 10AM-8PM
BAR IS OPEN TIL MIDNIGHT+

WEEKENDS RESTAURANT: 9AM-8PM
BAR IS OPEN TIL MIDNIGHT+

The Marcola Roadhouse Restaurant and Tavern features daily made soups from scratch, delicious homemade desserts, and always FRESH daily specials.

DAILY HOMEMADE DINNER SPECIALS

- Mondays - JACOB'S POT PIE
- TUESDAYS - TACOS
- Wednesdays - Pub nights with our delicious quick pub food for all
- Thursdays - Italian Night
- Fridays - Steak, Prime Rib or Chicken and Ribs
- Saturdays - Mama Bear's Meatloaf
- Sundays - Chef's Choice

WE ARE OFFERING KARAOKE IN THE BAR FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS STARTING AT 9PM

LIVE MUSIC WITH DOWN AND DIRTY ONCE A MONTH. WATCH FOR NOTICES

FREE POOL ON WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS

COME AND HAVE FUN!



GOOD-BYE WINTER, HELLO SPRING!

Before violet lilacs rouse from slumbers,
milky snowdrops wow in untold numbers.
Before moss phloxes boast in petals of blues,
crimson camellias liven dreary views.
Before cherry blossoms arrive for pictures,
prisms of primroses become fixtures.
Before heady hyacinths perfume the air,
beloved narcissi turn up everywhere!
Before spring's palettes decorate greenery,
Winter leaves behind pretty scenery.

Dianne S. Stewart

SAVE THE BEES

BY PLANTING THESE 

	Lavender		Snowdrop
	Thyme		Geranium
	Sage		Aster
	Borage		Poppy
	Fennel		Calendula
	Cilantro		Sweet Alyssum
	Hollyhock		Sunflower
	Crocus		Zinnia
	Buttercup		Heliotropium

Parsons Creek Wood and more...

All items can be personalized with your style and engraved design

Hanging Baskets—\$15 ea.



Planter Boxes Various styles—19x19x19—\$45 ea.



Concealment Shelves—\$145 with card lock & magnet



10% OFF
WHEN YOU MENTION THIS
AD WHEN ORDERING

To Order...
Call or Text 541-729-0241
Or 541-554-2813
Email: john@purscelley.com
To see more visit our website:
pcwandmore.com



TERRY AUGUSTADT
Superintendent

MARCOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT 79J
38300 Wendling Rd. • Marcola, OR 97454
Phone (541) 933-2512 • Fax (541) 933-2338
www.marcola.k12.or.us

FROM MR. A

I am writing this article for submission to the Marcola Messenger with a lot of pride and admiration for our staff and this community. Since the last edition, a lot of things have happened in the district, and I'm going to share a few highlights:

MSD Warming Center Event (Emergency Response):
The district is proud and honored to have been able to host and partner with the Mohawk Valley Fire Department by hosting the emergency warming center in January. I want to give a large shout-out to my MSD staff and MSD Board members who answered the call in support and for the wonderful partnership with MVFD and Chief Wallace's staff for all of the help. We were also able to partner with the local Red Cross for meals, sleeping cots, and emergency response needs coming in from members of our community. It was bucket-filling for our hearts to see how quickly this community jumped in to help some of our neighbors in need. Way to go, Marcola!

Safety and Security:
In MSD's continuous commitment to safety and security, we are currently in the application process through the Oregon Department of Transportation to request that we build a crosswalk with flashing lights between our campus and our farm. The purpose is to provide safe access for our students while crossing Wendling Road to work on the farm. We currently have every class from K-12th grade accessing and working on our farm. We are petitioning for safe access through the Safe Routes To School grant application. If the state awards our request as we have proposed, the Marcola School District and our community will benefit from some of the infrastructure improvements they can provide: flashing lights, a new crosswalk, an ADA ramp crossing the bridge, additional sidewalks near campus and possibly downtown near some of our local businesses.

If approved for this application grant, the district will plan to host a series of community input and design-build sessions with local businesses and community stakeholders. Look for more developments and updates to come in the next few months.



Culture/Arts and Community:
On Wednesday, January 31, 2024, Marcola School District hosted some very talented guest artists from Eugene Symphony. The

well-known composer, Mr. Michael Djupstrom, and Eugene Symphony's own Master Concert Violinist, Ms. Searmi Park, entertained students in grades 5-12 during an afternoon assembly. The pair performed movements from complete symphonies by various composers, including the world premiere of one of Mr. Djupstrom's original pieces.



Our Mohawk students immensely enjoyed this encounter with the Fine Arts. Among the highlights of this special time included Q & A with the artists themselves and their sharing of personal experiences growing up in small towns, raising animals, as well as how one is never too young or old to learn and expand in their skills, abilities, and interests; It's important just to try and find joy in the journey.

We look forward to offering more similar opportunities to students in the future as part of their well-rounded educational experience with MSD. We thank our friends and partners with Eugene Symphony for sharing their time and incredible talent with us and enriching our students' lives through the power of music!

Keep up all of the good work, Marcola!

Mr. A

Please visit our district website for the latest happenings at www.marcola.k12.or.us



Which Languages? Contest for School-age Children

To celebrate the new graphic overlays on the windows of the Media Center, we are having a Which Languages? contest! The overlays depict the word "READ" in many languages. Can you find them all and tell us which languages they are?

To enter, submit a sheet of paper on which you've written the names of each language. The entry with the most correct languages wins. If there's a tie, we'll hold a drawing of all winning entries.

- All school-age children living in the Mohawk Valley are eligible to enter.
- Entry: a sheet of paper with the languages on it, your name, & contact info. All legible.
- Turn in your entry to the Media Center by May 1st 2024.
- The winner will be announced in the June Messenger.
- Prizes to be determined. Watch our Facebook page for more details: facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacycenter/

**Art Programs at the Media Center in March, April, and May
Get Your ART On!!,
with Ellen Furstner**

- FREE and open to ALL school-aged youth.
 - Third Wednesday of the Month, 3-4:30pm.
 - March 20th, April 17th, and May 15th.
- See the flyer in this Messenger (or the Friends Facebook page) for more info.

**OPEN TO ALL,
BORROWING
PRIVILEGES FOR
ALL**

All Valley residents, not only District students, may borrow books from the Media Center, located at 38300 Wendling Road, East end of the

Elementary School.

Open to the public every Wednesday, 4-7pm, and every second Saturday of the month, 10a-1p. Stop by, sign up for an account, & borrow books for all ages. Registration is free and fast!

**ARE YOU YOUNGER THAN 5 YEARS OLD?
FREE BOOKS, IN YOUR MAILBOX**

Start your life of reading with a FREE book, every month, mailed to you, up until your fifth birthday. Have an adult in your life sign up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library at www.imaginationlibrary.com. Funded in part by the United Way of Lane County.

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. The Friends refresh the books weekly.

**NURTURE YOUR
INNER LIBRARY
GEEK**

Join the Friends and a wealth of volunteer opportunities will be available for you. We plan programs, conduct book sales, staff Media Center public hours, process new books, apply for grants, and so much more. Contact us (see contacts) to join our next volunteer orientation or just stop by during open hours to discuss the possibilities.

**CONTACT THE
FRIENDS**

See our Facebook page:
facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacycenter/
Email us: friendsofmarcolalibrary@gmail.com

OR
Phone: Cindy Miska
541-953-3725



**Friends of Marcola
Schools Media Center
Presents:**

Get Your ART On!! 

with Ellen Furstner

Third Wednesday of the month at 3-4:30pm
Free and open to ALL school aged youth.

March 20: Fling Into Spring

(Break) with a Collage: 

April 17: We'll mix National Poetry

Month with some cool Art: 

May 15: To be decided by the artists:

What would you like to do? 





MOHAWK VALLEY LIONS' NEWS

The Lions are back in business after our usual Christmas and Holiday hiatus. We will be having our first dinner meeting of the year at the end of February and will still be enjoying the fellow-

ship as you read this update. Keep an eye on the community Facebook page for future dinner announcements. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas candles and the first Christmas tree at the Veteran's Park. The freshly painted candles really shined for the Holiday. And no one complained about our timing in getting them down! I have been known to leave Christmas lights up outside at my place until the end of March - turning them on whenever the weather is dreary.

We vision tested all of our students in December. Any test that indicated a need for further testing will have had a notice sent to the student's home. The community should know that anyone needing assistance with the other testing and/or glasses can get help from your Lions Club.

Lions also care about hearing issues and can provide help with testing and hearing aids if needed. And we are in the early stages of providing the same level of assistance for diabetes. Lions' motto is "We Serve". That's what we try to do.

We continue to help support Helping Hands, which experienced record numbers of households getting some nutritional help. And the Lions Club helped with the Springfield Christmas Parade, which was a great event - they even got a small break on the weather, with the heavy rain coming at the end! The Community Christmas Celebration gets our support and that event continues to be the best feel good event for volunteers every year.

We committed our help to the Tyler Ludwig Memorial Foundation via the Booster Club and their 3 on 3 Basketball tournament.

On our list for the New Year is a sprinkler system for the Veterans Park. That will likely increase the hours needed to mow it all and we will always be glad for any community members that would like to participate in maintaining the park. Also might be able to expand our road clean up area.

As always, we are looking for new members. We are likely to lose the Weavers as they are hoping to move closer to family in Utah. They are the couple that has been seen caring for the rose garden in the Park. It is wonderful that they can be closer to their family, but they will be missed for their continuous service to the club.

Please step forward and help support our Mohawk Valley Community,
Lion Bob Leeper
rmleeper@hotmail.com



PAINTING THE CANDLES

WORDS OF A LEADER

By Juanita Paslay, Gideon Aux. Chaplain

*Show me Your ways, O Lord;
teach me Your paths.
Psalm 25:4 NKJV*

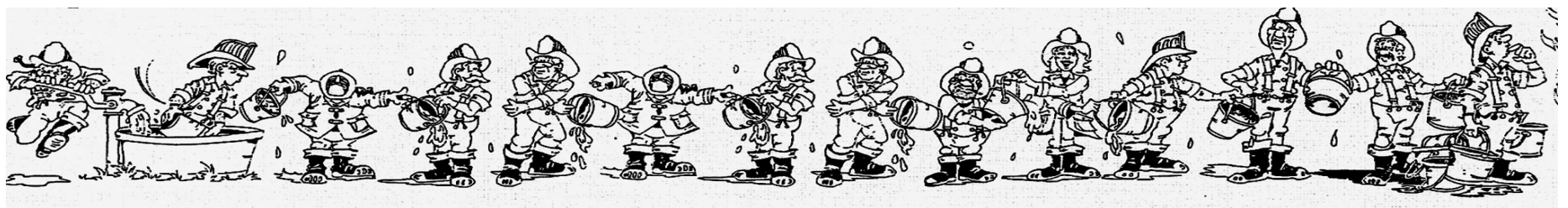
A wise leader must possess strong character and use good judgment. Winston Churchill said, "Never, never, never give up!" This famous British prime minister also said, "If you are going through hell, keep going." His encouraging words are still appropriate for dealing with today's world problems. President Kennedy said, "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." He also dared the world to work together for the freedom

of mankind. Thousands of children in Sunday School have memorized the twenty-third Psalm written by King David. This Psalm has encouraged many people for generations. David was a dedicated king who trusted his God to show him how to lead Israel to victory over all their enemies. He showed determination to obey and worship God.

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;*

*your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.
Psalm 23 ESV*

LORD, our world today needs leaders who ask You for wisdom and put their trust in You. I implore You to raise up rulers who honor Your written Word and who possess a strong and active faith in God.



MOHAWK VALLEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

We are approaching the summer here in the Mohawk Valley and I hope everyone stayed safe and healthy this last year. The fire district had another record-breaking year with a total of 490 calls for service for an average of 1.3 calls per day. These calls are answered by 4 paid employees and 20 dedicated volunteers!

The breakdown for this year's calls is as follows:

EMS Incidents: 342 72.3%

Includes Medical and Traumatic Injuries

Outside Fires: 13 2.6%

Vegetation Fires

Hazmat Calls: 8 0.1%

Structure Fires: 10 2.0%

Rescue Calls: 4 0.3%

This includes water and rope rescue incidents.

Assistance Calls: 33 6.7%

This includes lift assists, lock outs, and burning complaints

Mutual Aid Calls: 29 6.0%

This includes auto aid and mutual aid calls

Motor Vehicle Crashes: 51 10%

With all this, the members of the Mohawk Valley RFD continue to answer the call of our community.

The winter storm was a very busy week for us as the district answered almost 80 calls for service while working through the nights to keep roads open and check on community members.

The paid staff worked for over 6 days straight staying at the station at night allowing the volunteers a break when possible. The success of this week would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteers working as hard as they possibly could.

In addition to the response, MVRFD was able to work with Oregon Emergency Management to set up a warming center along with the Marcola School District.

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.

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



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

THANKS TO OUR HISTORIAN, JAY SWOFFORD

Here is the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company office vault at the end of the county road in Wendling, Oregon. Picture was taken by Loyal Swofford circa 1980.

This is one of the most photographed, visited, and misidentified relics of Wendling, Oregon.

In 1926, the Booth-Kelly Lumber company built their third store at Wendling across the street from the 4-L (Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, 1924-1937) hall. (Bottom Picture) The store building had three sections. The center, domed section formed the store. The extension on the right (south side) was used as the US Post Office. The extension on the left (north side) was the new Booth-Kelly company offices.



postmistress' home, and the building was eventually torn down.

Today this cement structure (above) is visible at the end of the county road. Shortly after this picture was taken in 1980, bars were welded into the open doorway to prevent people from using it as a camp site. This led to many people incorrectly referring to it as the "jail". Others have erroneously claimed it was a "bank vault".

The old office had been in the upstairs of the previous store and utilized a large safe. When this new building was built, they added a walk in vault to hold monetary assets, contracts, orders, and other important materials.

This new building was opened for use on Labor Day weekend, 1926. This store closed in 1946, the office was consolidated into their Eugene office, and the US Post Office was moved to the



Wendling Red N White Store
by Jay Swofford

Inside the store portion,
note the domed ceiling

A TRINKET

By Lois Roberts

A Trinket...
can be a piece of jewelry,
an ornament, a knick-knack,
something old, something new...
It might not be expensive,
but it's always priceless,
always cherished!

It can be a "found item,"
a repurposed piece,
something loved,
things of which dreams are made...

...something special,
born of your own imagination,
something inspiring,
a link to friendship
and deep relationship,
a reflection of the heart...

Who knows?
A "trinket" can be
one-of-a-kind
or one of many...
a "set,"
or a mismatch...
something original -
and always with a value
that money can't buy.

Anyone remember all the marbles
and card sets and photos of class-
mates we all collected and shared?

So now, think of YOURSELF
as a "trinket..."
Enjoy being a unique,
one-of-a-kind YOU!

And your soul is like
a jewelry box,
holding many "trinkets."
Some, quiet and soft and tender;
Others, joyous, and open
and vibrant.
We each have all of these...
We are filled with beautiful
and precious gems...
handcrafts from God's own heart.

And He is the One who
gives us the key
to unlock our very own souls -
to reveal everything
we are meant to be.
He also helps us to
SHARE the gifts within ourselves,
to bless and enlighten
the lives of each other.

So, just as we have learned
to exchange material gifts
with each other, giving jewelry

and treasures we know
our friends and loved-ones
will enjoy,
how much more amazing it is
to realize the deeper gifts
we have to share -
those of love and understanding,
caring and participating with each
other,
reaching out and
lending a helping hand,
joining together to accomplish
something much needed.
One "trinket" gift we can all
freely give away is encouragement.
Everyone needs some of that.

Start today!
Open the lid of your own
keepsake box, and look for
something to give away.
God tells us that,
when we learn to freely give,
it will all come back to bless us
100-fold!

Now, THAT'S a pretty good return!



A candy dish can also
hold trinkets.

This is my Mom's
face-powder box from
the early 1900s - a
trinket in itself!



These are pictures of my first jew-
elry box, a music box, given to me
by my boyfriend in our junior year of
high school, which holds many of my
oldest and fondest trinkets...
(I was a pianist from second grade,
so he gave me a piano jewelry box!)





A "NEU" Experience In Real Estate!



Cory T. Neu
Principle Broker

Getting Ready For The Spring Market!

Statistics can show us many trends as we head into the Spring Market. For many years, we have had never before seen interest rates. That has driven the last eight years of appreciation, keeping our local market from normalizing from a buyer's prospective (see average price graph below). There is a misconception over that time that inventory has been low. The reality is that there has been plenty of listing activity. The purchasing power buyers have been enjoying burned off the inventory at a higher rate than normal keeping the numbers low as you can see in the inventory chart to the right. In fact, inventory has not been at more than 3 months in nearly eight years....until now.

Is there an upside to higher interest? Maybe. I'm thinking if we see the usual seasonal surge of listings and the buying activity does not burn off the listings as fast as in recent years, we should see the inventory trend upward as the January numbers indicate. What does all this mean? Inventory ranging from 3-5 months is what a normal real estate market should look like. Anything over that is typically a "buyer's market" and anything under that we know from the previous eight years as a "seller's market". What we have seen over the past year is not only a price stabilization, but we have also seen more negotiations on property condition. Buyers, instead of just being glad to be chosen over 10 other offers, are more comfortable asking Sellers to remedy items on inspection reports like older roofs, HVAC systems, dryrot, etc..

Bottom line is that a "normal market" would mean that Buyers would have more options and Sellers will have to be more strategic with pricing their properties if they want to get it sold.

Inventory in Months			
	2022	2023	2024
January	0.8	2.3	3.2
February	0.9	1.7	
March	0.7	1.4	
April	0.7	1.5	
May	0.9	1.7	
June	1.1	1.6	
July	1.6	1.9	
August	1.2	2.2	
September	1.3	2.4	
October	1.6	2.5	
November	2.1	2.9	
December	1.9	2.7	

Residential Trends	
January 2024 vs. December 2023	
New Listings	+59.9% ↑
Pending Sales	+24.0% ↑
Closed Sales	-19.5% ↓
Average Sale Price	+8.7% ↑
Median Sale Price	+1.2% ↑
Inventory	+0.5 ↑
Total Market Time	+18 ↑
January 2024 vs. January 2023	
New Listings	-6.6% ↓
Pending Sales	-14.9% ↓
Closed Sales	-2.3% ↓
Average Sale Price	-2.1% ↓
Median Sale Price	-1.0% ↓
Inventory	+0.9 ↑
Total Market Time	+18 ↑



Creek Front Acreage!



Historic Harrisburg!



McKenzie River Acre!



5 Bedroom Ferry Street!



West Centennial Turn-Key!



Inside View
Navigate a property like a videogame with **Inside View**.



Dollhouse View
Proprietary **Dollhouse View** shows how an entire property fits together.



Floorplan View
Understand layout in a glance with top-down **Floorplan View**.

Office: 541-746-6440

www.NeuRealty.com

741 Main Street, Suite B, Springfield, OR 97477 – Email To: Info@NeuRealty.com

