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FFA Legislative Conference

Mohawk FFA members had the unique opportunity to visit the state capitol, immersing themselves in the legislative process and discovering career paths within government and public service. The experience provided valuable insight into how laws are made and the essential skills needed to work in various roles within the capitol.

During their visit, members attended informative sessions. These sessions covered topics such as how a bill becomes law, the importance of agricultural policy, and the role of advocacy in shaping legislation. By engaging in these discussions, FFA members gained a deeper appreciation for the steps required to get laws passed and learned there is more information to be gained than they imagined. The value of listening and seeing other perspectives became clearer.

In addition to learning about the legislative process, students explored the wide array of career opportunities available at the capitol. From legislative aides and policy analysts to communication specialists and legal advisors, members discovered the diverse skill sets required to support the functions of government. Many students were particularly intrigued by the prospect of internships and mentorship programs that could provide them with hands-on experience in state governance.

The visit also emphasized the importance of professional skills such as public speaking, networking, and critical thinking. Members had the chance to practice these skills firsthand during meetings with elected officials, where they presented their perspectives on key agricultural issues and asked insightful questions about the legislative process.

For many FFA members, the trip to the state capitol was an eye-opening experience that reinforced their interest in leadership, policymaking, and advocacy. By engaging with lawmakers and professionals in the field, they left with a greater understanding of how they can influence positive change in their communities and beyond. As FFA continues to cultivate the next generation of leaders, opportunities like these serve as invaluable stepping stones toward meaningful and impactful careers.



Addison Barrowcliff, Ethian Webb, Ashley Kuenzi (Communications Director Oregon Senate Republican Caucus), Christopher McMorran (Chief of Staff in the Office of Oregon State Senator Lisa Reynolds and Philomath Mayor), Quinn Devenport, Caleb Ogg, Violet Eisele

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Mohawk Students Put Skills to the Test at Welding Certification Day

Springfield, OR – A group of Mohawk High School welding students recently took a major step toward their future careers at a welding certification event hosted by AirGas industry professionals at Springfield High School. The certification day offered

students a rare opportunity to showcase their skills in a high-stakes, real-world assessment environment.

Each student was given one chance to complete a certified horizontal T-weld, a challenging task even for seasoned welders. To earn certification, the weld had to pass a series of rigorous tests, including a visual inspection, end-cut acid etching to confirm root penetration at both ends, and a final bend test to assess the structural integrity of the main piece. "Cleaning and prepping the metal was critical," said Kelli Hedrick, welding instructor at Mohawk High School. "Students quickly learned that attention to detail in the early steps made all the difference in their final weld performance."

Congratulations to Maddox Jones on earning his GMAW D1 Structural Steel Certification. Maddox is in his first year of welding. We are very excited for him and his future. Although not every student earned certification, most who fell short missed it by a narrow margin, typically due to a slight gap in root penetration at one end of the weld. The experience was a powerful learning moment for all involved. "Getting this kind of real-time feedback from industry professionals is invaluable," said Kelli Hedrick. "The AirGas team not only tested our students, but worked side by side with them, offering coaching, technique tips, and encouragement throughout the day."

Students walked away with a deeper understanding of their personal welding styles, strengths, and areas for growth. More importantly, they gained confidence and first-hand exposure to industry expectations. Events like this reflect the growing strength of Mohawk's welding program and the vital role of industry partnerships in preparing students for success beyond high school.

Mohawk FFA's First State Officer

The Oregon FFA Association has multiple layers of leadership opportunities for members. Students in Marcola are able to start as part of the Greenhand leadership team and work their way to applying for a district office as high schoolers with many levels of experience in between. As a senior, they are given the opportunity to apply for 1 of only 6 state offices. The process of applying is rigorous. First they are required to completely update AET records with time spent in the Supervised Agriculture Experience project, Career

Development Events, awards, community service, time not related to FFA like sports, their resume, and more. They are required to write a candidate letter for all FFA'ers to read, complete an application with 7 different signatures, information pages, and more, and be subject to a thorough social media review. Interviews begin at state convention and as the days progress, there are two rounds of cuts before making a top 10 list which is then voted on by the members of the FFA delegation. Interviews and speeches which focus on behavioral analysis, stakeholder engagement, problem-solving, interpersonal communication, and critical thinking. Long story short it is an intense process where the elite individuals of merit and character rise to the top with a state office.



I'm so proud to introduce the 2025-2026 State FFA Treasurer Ethian Webb! Ethian made that climb and succeeded! As an FFA officer, he is committed to spending the next year of his life to the Oregon FFA. Oregon FFA's six elected State Officers spend a year traveling the state representing the organization and advancing agriculture education to both members and the public. This is no easy task, and is accomplished only with the utmost passion, diligence, and integrity. Collectively, they run workshops at all district leadership camps, visit every school in the state offering workshops of teacher choice, travel the state and engage agriculture business support and open opportunities for FFA members to learn about agriculture across our state and country.



Being a state officer has been Ethian's dream since he first joined FFA as a freshman. In addition to FFA, Ethian has volunteered at the fire station, participated in multiple sports, and competes on his horse in local gaming shows. Ethian is not forgoing his desire to attend college and pursue his career path in healthcare, just doing what he loves to do most - give back. Ethian stated in his candidacy letter, "FFA gave me a purpose greater than personal achievement. It showed me the power of teamwork, the value of mentorship, and the importance of fostering a community where everyone has the chance to thrive."

MORE HISTORY FROM JAY SWOFFORD - More on page 3

In 1911, the Coast Range Lumber Company purchased the Sunset Lumber Company at Mabel, Oregon. They spent 1911 and the early part of 1912 expanding their timber holdings in the area. In the summer of 1912, they built a new mill and constructed 4 miles of railroad up the Shotgun creek valley. Sixty-five men were used in the work.

Additionally they upgraded the community with electric lights and a gravity water system. They began constructing houses for their workmen and their families.

One of the biggest additions to the town was a fully-stocked "department store." At the time they expected to operate for 15 years. That estimate in 1911 proved prophetic when the company was sold in 1926 to a Chicago bank as part of a bankruptcy option.

This department store was one of three stores known to have operated in

Mabel over the years. The two men are unidentified at this time. In the image you can see many goods lining the walls, heads of cabbage in a bin, shaving strops, knives, teapots and miscellaneous other items. In the back left corner, you can see the Mabel post office. You can see the post office boxes and the central window if you look close. This picture was taken in 1913.



If you can identify either man in the photo, please comment.



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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

The Mohawk High School Class of 2025 is preparing to close one chapter and begin the next. This year's graduates have truly grown in their time with us at Marcola. Along the way, they've built a strong sense of community, learned to adapt through changing times, and developed into thoughtful, capable young adults. Their time with us has been filled with hard work, community service, friendships, and a strong commitment to finishing what they started. Graduation marks not just an ending, but a recognition and celebration of who they've become and the possibilities that lie ahead.

As Mustangs, they've left their mark on the school and the people around them. Whether leading in the classroom, on teams, or through everyday acts of responsibility, this class has shown up, both for each other and for their goals. They leave behind a legacy rooted in effort and integrity, and carry with them the tools to take on whatever comes next. We asked the Class of 2025 what advice they would give to a younger them. Their answers reflect the lessons they've learned, the growth they've experienced, and the perspective that comes with making it to the finish line. Some are lighthearted, others thoughtful—but all offer a glimpse into the journey these seniors have taken to get here.

Advice to My Younger Self

Student Name	Advice to My Younger Self
Lucy Barrowcliff	Don't wish high school away so fast.
Hopi Bay	Open up to people and make more friends, you're going to be with them for many more years.
Elmer Brogan	Work hard and play hard.
Josiah Bromley	Not submitted
Julie Hathorn	What people say really doesn't matter
Eliana Chanley	Don't be so nervous, you'll be ok!
James Davidson	Never give up on your dreams.
Bryson Dugger	Not submitted
Violet Grubb-Eisele	Have self-respect and don't be judgy.
Bayley Fields	Be confident and true to yourself.
	Despite what others say or do, choose kindness and love like Jesus.
Arik Hockema	I regret nothing.
Alejandro Juarez-Pierce	Just do the work.
Alex Larson	Not submitted
Emiliano Martinez-Rivera	Not submitted
Megan Mason	Always protect your peace and don't trust everyone
Joseph Meray	Not submitted
Ewan O'Dea	Do as many sports as you can because you won't like them all, so find the ones you love and pursue them.
Tyler Pritchard	Enjoy all the small things - they mean the most.
Brody Robinson	Never let others decide who you are.
Jacquelyn Sherman	Be nice and be you, don't try and conform to the people around you! It's very easy to feel trapped here, but just know everyone around you feels the same. Just find the people that embrace who you are and don't diminish your light!
Chloe Smith	Just be yourself and find a good group of friends.
Samuel Waddell	Your grades matter now, don't slack off
Ethian Webb	Stay true to yourself, be kind to everyone you meet, and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Every experience, good or bad, will shape you into someone stronger and wiser.

Whitney Workman.....Don't worry about what others think about you.



THANKS TO OUR HISTORIAN, JAY SWOFFORD FOR THIS INFORMATION!

MOHAWK UNION HIGH SCHOOL Graduating Class of 1925

This is the first ever graduating class. In 1924-1925 school year, classes were held in the former Marcola High School building. In 1925 they built a dedicated building for Mohawk High School across the Mohawk River on the old school grounds, where it resides today.



Names of the 1925 Graduating class, starting at the top row:

Cecil H. Ireland, Doris Daugherty, Edward Cox.

2nd Row: Norval Neil, Hazel Miller, Nels Peterson, Darrell Stolberg

3rd Row: Mae Hileman, Lucine Miles, Lila Murdoch, Rollie Roach

4th Row: Oscar D. Yates, Wilma Savage

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Sundays - Chef's Choice

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 28: THE DOWNSIDE UP BAND
JULY 12: COMEDY AND SOME ACOUSTIC GUITAR PRESENTED BY EUGENE COMEDY CRESCENDO
JULY 26: HARD TIMES, CLASSIC ROCK BAND,
AUGUST 9: OUR SUMMER CELEBRATION, STARTS AT NOON AND ENDS WITH THE HANK SHREVE BAND AT 7PM

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Lane County Community Plastics Collection

LABELS ARE OK FOR MOST CONTAINERS!

Presort containers stamped #2 HDPE, #4 LDPE, and #5 PP



Tubs & Lids
2"x 2" Bottles (or smaller)



Bottles, Tubs & Lids



Bottles, Tubs & Lids

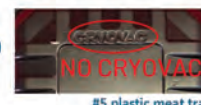
- Plastic containers must be clean, dry and separated (sorted) by number.
- Remove prescription bottle labels or black out personal information.
- If you can easily remove labels, please feel free to do so!



Bottom of jug

Not accepted types:

1. #2 bottles & jugs LARGER than 2" x 2" (commingle accepted)
2. Unstamped containers and lids (must have #2, #4, #5 stamp)
3. Plastic bags even with a #2, #4, #5 stamp
4. Toothpaste tubes
5. Items stamped CRYOVAC (composite plastic)
6. Arizona Tea jugs (stamped #7 AND #5)
7. #5 Garden Plant tags



#5 plastic meat tray

Yes! We can take:

- #5 buckets (remove the plastic handle and any metal)
- #5 plant pots smaller than two gallons (and clean!) Please take larger pots to BRING for resale/reuse



Email plasticscollection@lanecountyor.gov to find a neighborhood collector or to become a Plastic Collector champion!

FROM LINDA MOONEY, EDITOR:
SO I TURNED AROUND AND SUMMER IS NEARLY HERE!
Lots going on in our community, so read carefully! Don't
want you to miss out on events in our valley!

Anyone who is interested in writing columns, taking and
submitting photos or finding more advertising, please
email me!

Please send your comments 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 541-359-964

Meetings (Alphabetical) in the Community

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

AA meetings, free at Grange.
Thursday at 7:00PM. Call Richard at
541-933-3318

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
Office Phone 541-933-2727

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Church Service 10:45 AM
www.marcolachristianchurch.org

Marcola School District 79 Board
Meetings: 2nd Monday of every
month in Marcola Elementary Media
Center at 6PM

Marcola Schools Media
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Marcola Water District Meeting
Community Meetings are held at
6:00 pm on the second Monday of
every month at the Marcola Fire
Station.

Contact: Jamie Porter at 541-746-
1676 for more information.
rwdonline.net/marcola

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 Wednesday 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 Karren
Slater at 541-933-2080

Valley Yoga Classes: Contact
Jean at 541-969-6802 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
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Come and join us!

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POETRY AND PHOTOS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS!



PHOTOS BY DIANNE STEWART



With ideal images and a blank slate,
I vowed to transform our dull landscape,
pot-by-pot and packets of annual seeds,
according to each kind's sunlight needs.

I bought more nandina and boxwood shrubs;
more bundles of assorted Spring bulbs;
more lavender, sage, and rosemary herbs;
and one holly tree for Winter birds.

Some plants thrived; some eventually died;
redbud perished young; I could have cried.
Lilacs and white pine got ravaged by deer.
Tulips were doomed to rarely appear.

Now, countless varieties need tending.
Tasks of maintaining looms, unending.

Yet a thousand pink magnolias astound.
God bless our prolific Northwest ground!

Dianne S. Stewart

Many well-known poems have been
written in past times entitled "IF".
Here's my own rendition.

"IF" -by Lois Roberts

If you've ever
seen a flower bloom,
Watched a rainbow or a cloud...
If you've ever heard a buzzy bee,
Or a crow squawk
right out loud...

If you've ever wondered
how the wind
Could blow so fresh and free,
Or watched a mother doe with
fawns bending at her knee...

When you see a tree
grow to the sky
And seems to touch the stars,
And to look through space and
wonder what's on Mercury
and Mars....

If you've tried to write a sonnet,
And the words begin to flow,
Or a letter to a dear one
That you find you're
missing so...

If you've seen the sun arising
And a plant push through
the sod,
Then you know with all your
heart and soul,
You've seen the Hand of God.



A Link in Time . . .

By Lois Roberts

THE JOY OF REAL MAIL ~

Real Old-Fashioned Letter Writing

My dad, Bernie Young, graduated from Mohawk High School in 1930. He then went to Albany College for two years. Albany College was later to become part of Oregon State College. It was referred to as "The Cow College" because their classes majored in agriculture.

After college, Dad then joined The Three C's and was their head accountant for the next few years during his middle twenties. He flew small planes back and forth to their main headquarters up in Vancouver, Washington, flying from the little Springfield Airport, where the Walmart Store is now located.

(Anybody remember that?)

During these years, Dad's mother, my Grandma Doris Young, and his two younger brothers, Bob and Casey Young, were still at home in Mabel. And they were all faithful to write letters often to Dad. He kept many of their letters and I now enjoy reading them and hearing their conversations with one another.

During his early adult years as a young man away from family and his familiar hometown of Mabel, Oregon, the family stayed in touch with their letter writing. These letters now are so precious to me. As I read through them, I get a glimpse of my dear ones as they went about living their ordinary, everyday lives.

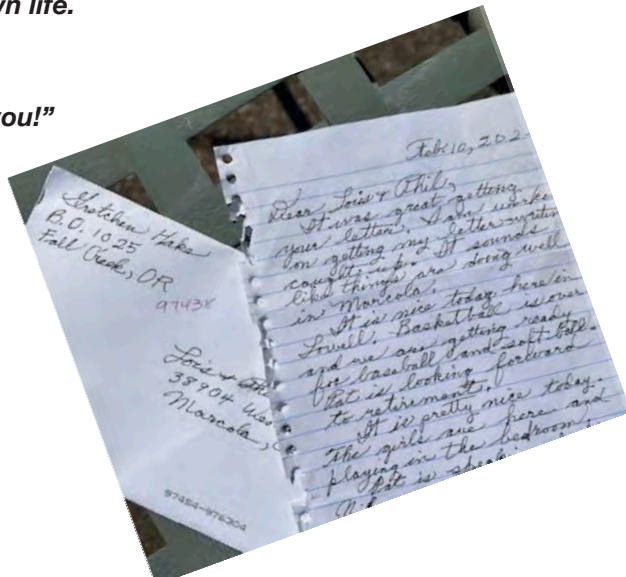


My grandmother, Doris Young and her 3 boys, my dad, Bernard and my 2 uncles, Bob and Casey.

After our dads married, they built their homes and lived beside each other on Wendling Road, where all of us cousins grew up living next door to each other. We were so close during our childhoods, like one big family, and after we grew up and married and moved away from each other, we Youngs gals have kept in touch through all these years with our letter writing. It's so special to go to the mailbox and get a newsy card or a nice long letter from one of them. To this day, we still share and talk and yak, whether in person or through our letters to each other. Family ties, and friendships too, are secured and preserved by keeping in touch through letter writing.

Think of someone today whose spirits would be uplifted if they heard from you in the good old-fashioned way. Maybe go to Dollar Tree where you can buy the nicest Hallmark Cards with the perfect heart-felt messages; then write a line or two and sign your name...or just get a tablet and start writing. Sharing your thought blesses both ways - for them, because of your thoughtfulness, and also yourself, because you get to relive something special in your own life.

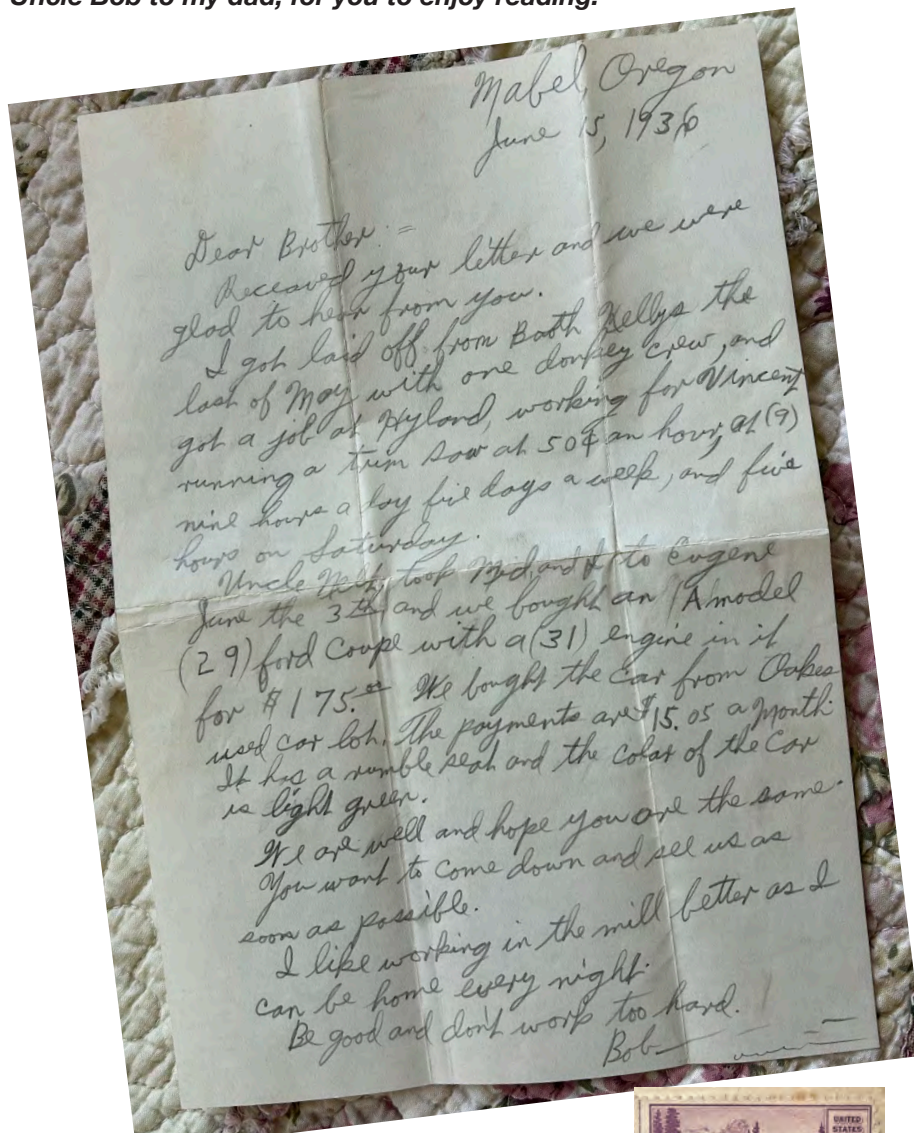
And don't forget to sign
"XOXO" which says "I love you!"



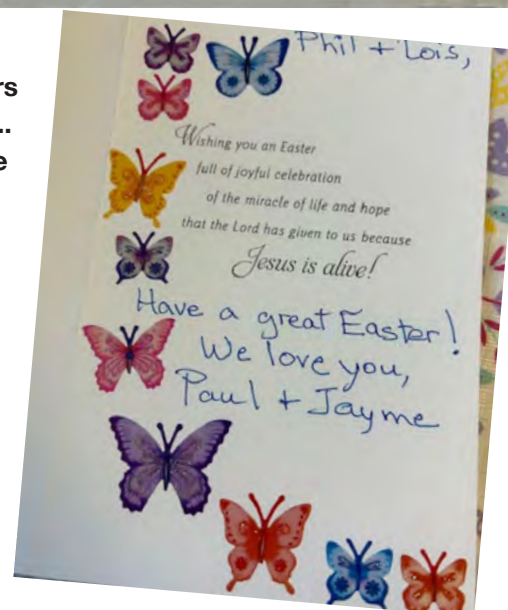
Letters often included a P.S (Which means "Post Script...")

P.S.

Included is a picture of an old letter written by my Uncle Bob to my dad, for you to enjoy reading.

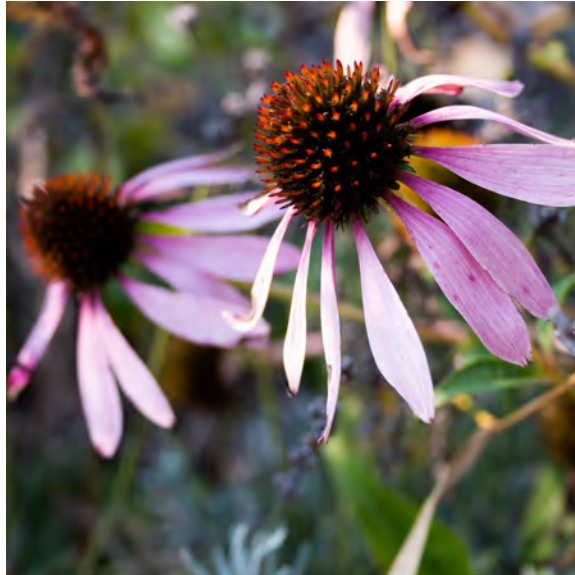


Recent cards and letters sent from my cousins.... all full of news and love and laughter...





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About Me: I graduated from Lane Community College with an AAS Degree in Graphic Design. I currently work with small businesses to create product packaging and marketing materials. Finding solutions to creative challenges is part of what I love about being a designer. I am willing to stretch the imagination and offer suggestions from a place of curiosity. I've been making art for most of my life and have explored many mediums and techniques! I love photographing the flora and fauna around Oregon.

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GREETINGS MOHAWK GRANGERS AND THE MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY!

I'm sure you all are as excited as I am that summer is nearly here....though it is currently raining. I personally love the rain, especially as I am always nervous about fire season. I have lived on Howard Road for 53 years and I don't remember fires such as we have now. I know: Climate Change!



Anyway, we have been busy at the Grange. In April, we started our Plastic Recycling event, thanks to Eve Leyman-King. Please see flyer on page 4 for



the rules and the accepted numbered plastics. We will be doing more on June 21st and July 19th, so save those plastics and bring them to us clean and dry!

On April 19th we held our annual Open House. It was a small turnout as it was Easter Weekend....Oops! But we had a great time. Several brave vendors came, as did our famous Bubble Guy! We

had live music from Dan, Eve & Friends plus very yummy food as usual. We do the best potlucks! If you missed it, we gather again for Harvest Fest in October!



On May 17th we did a very successful Road Cleanup! Our hard-working crew of 12 hardy friends and neighbors walked the 2 miles for which we are responsible to clean and collected 23 large yellow bags of trash plus old tires and pallets. YAY TEAM! GOOD JOB!

In case you are unaware of this program, Lane County Waste Management encourages groups (granges, clubs, other organizations) to 'adopt' a stretch of road. Ours is the 2 miles near our Grange. We agree to do this service for our valley at least twice a year and Lane County puts up a green sign on the road with our name. I must say, however, that if all of the Marcola Road travelers wouldn't throw trash out of their vehicles and cover all loads....we would be happily out of a job!

Please keep an eye on our ReaderBoard across from the Post Office for upcoming events!



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

By Juanita Paslay

I love to read historical information, and I believe now is an appropriate time to share what I learned recently. Our pledge to our flag and country endured six small improvements since it was revised in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister. The first version was written in 1885 by Captain George Thatcher Balch, a Union Army officer. Congress formally adopted this pledge in 1942.

As you read this, you may place your right hand over your thankful heart if you desire.

Official versions (***changes in bold italics***)

1892 "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands: one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1892 to 1923 "I pledge allegiance to my flag and **to** the republic for which it stands: one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1923 to 1924 "I pledge allegiance to **the flag of the United States** and to the republic for which it stands: one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1924 to 1954 "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States **of America**, and to the republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1954 to Present "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation **under God**, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

There is much to remember about our war for independence from Great Britain. May I tempt you to pick up your old encyclopedia for a refresher course? Did you know smallpox and scurvy claimed more lives than the battle with the British?

Enjoy your Fourth of July celebrations and let's never forget the cost of our precious freedoms!



BLESSINGS COME WITH OBEDIENCE

By Chaplain Juanita Paslay

She (Rahab) was shown to be right with God by her actions . . . James 2:25 NLT

Many examples in Scripture demonstrate the Lord's blessings on people who trusted in Him. Rahab's story unfolds in Joshua, chapters 2 and 6. She hid Israel's spies from the king of Jericho. Rahab confessed her faith in God and asked for mercy on the day Israel's troops conquered her people. As agreed, the invading army spared Rahab and her entire family. Because of her courageous actions to protect the spies and the troops' promise to spare her family from death, Rahab lived in peace with the Israelites in the Promised Land. She married a young man named Salmon and became

the great, great grandmother of King David, which placed her in the lineage of Jesus the Messiah, the King of kings. Rahab had no idea of her future blessings when she made that crucial decision to serve the God of Israel. I am amazed as I recall the many blessings God pours into my life. As a child, I trusted in Jesus as my Savior. Now in my senior years, the Lord's blessings, great and small, fill my 'blessings book' and occasionally I reread them, taking opportunity to praise Him once again. I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. Psalm 9:1 NKJV



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FRIENDS OF THE MARCOLA SCHOOLS MEDIA CENTER PRESENTS 2025: A Summer of Exploration

- in the Media Center, on eight Wednesdays, at 2 p.m. (exceptions noted below)
- approximately 45 minutes to an hour long
- oriented to K-6, but all ages, and the entire family, are welcome
- the Media Center stays open after programs until 4 p.m.+, for book browsing & check-out
- generous funding provided by the Lane Library League

June 18 Dr. Delusion's Illusions Comedy Magic Show
Amazing! Mesmerizing! Mystifying! Dr. Delusion, a lifetime member of the International Society of Magicians, has been performing Comedy Magic Shows for many years.

June 25 Eugene Science Center's Portable Planetarium
In the Elementary School gym. Limit 30 youth inside the planetarium, first come, first served. An interactive experience, taking us on a tour through the universe, with the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the presenter.

July 9 TBA
For an update, see our Facebook page: facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacenter/

July 16 Hidden in Plain Sight: Incredible Rocks & Crystals of Oregon
Have you ever found a fossil? A crystal? Or found just a great rock and you wonder where it came from? Or what it is? Explore what is hidden in plain sight all around Oregon that you can find! You will take a treasure home to start your own collection!
Presented by a member of Springfield's Thunderegg Rock Club.

July 23 TBA
For an update, see our Facebook page: facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacenter/

July 30 Scouts BSA, program 1
Learn about Scouting in Marcola. There will be a derby track for hot wheel racing!

August Scouts BSA, program 2
6 Learn about Scouting in Marcola. Older Scouts from MSD will explain and show their merit badges. They'll share pictures of their scout camps and hiking adventures.

August Power Play for the Planet from the Museum of Natural & Cultural History

13 Saving planet Earth together can be loads of fun! Join us to play games, solve puzzles, and tackle wacky challenges. Enjoy exploring the environment, designing solutions, and imagining a brighter future. Let's do this!

Starts at 3:30pm, note this special time. Program is 60-90 minutes: a 20 minute, interactive, presentation, followed by plenty of time to enjoy the activity tables.

Summer 2025 News

A Library in Marcola? Yes!

The Friends operate a volunteer-run library within the schools' Media Center. Even during summer months, we're open to the public every Wednesday, 4-7pm, and the second Saturday of the month, 10a-1p. Stop by, sign up for an account, & borrow books for all ages, from birth to 99+. Sign up is free and fast for all Valley residents, not just District students. The Media Center is located at 38300 Wendling Road, at the east end of the Elementary School.

This Summer at the Media Center

- Our regular open hours: Wednesdays, 4-7pm & second Saturdays, 10a-1p.
- Knit & Crochet Circle: June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th (first Wednesdays) 6-7pm:
Bring your knitting, crochet, weaving, or other fiber arts project to craft in friendly and creative company. This is a new, drop-in, group. Check out our fiber arts books, too!
- Arts & Crafts Materials Swap: Saturday, July 12th, 10a-1p.
- Baby & Toddler Gear Swap: (no car seats) Saturday, August 9th, 10a-1p.
- Summer Reading Club: 8 programs, all summer long! See flyer elsewhere in this issue.
- Summer Reading Gift Basket Raffle: A free raffle ticket each time a youth checks out a book. Begins June 18th. Drawing for the Summer Reading Gift Basket is on August 27th.
- See our Facebook page for more information on each of the above items: facebook.com/friendsofmarcolamediacenter/

We Want Your Book Donations

Our Book Sale revenues are a large part of our annual operations budget. For instance, they allow us to give new books to each K-8 student twice a year. De-cluttering? Bring your books to us! Refining your bookshelves? Bring your discards to us! Books leftover after your yard sale? Bring the book remainders to us! We accept donations during open hours and at other times by special arrangement (contact us, see below).

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library, by the Lions' Lee Downing Park on Marcola Road, is open 24/7. There is a rapidly rotating selection of books for all ages. The Friends refresh the books weekly.

Younger than 5 years old? Want a FREE book, in your Mailbox, every month!?

Get your life of reading off to a grand start with a FREE book, mailed to you, every month, up until your 5th birthday. An adult can help you sign up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: <https://www.earlychildhoodlane.org/imagination-library>. Partial funding by Lane United Way.

Contact the Friends

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Lane County Market Highlights



New Listings

New listings (556) increased 21.7% from the 457 listed in April 2024, and increased 35.3% from the 411 listed in March 2025.

Pending Sales

Pending sales (372) decreased 1.8% from the 379 offers accepted in April 2024, and decreased 2.4% from the 381 offers accepted in March 2025.

Closed Sales

Closed sales (295) increased 5.0% from the 281 closings in April 2024, and increased 17.1% from the 252 closings in March 2025.

Inventory and Time on Market

Inventory increased to 2.9 months in April. Total market time decreased to 54 days.

Year-to-Date Summary

Comparing the first four months of 2025 to the same period in 2024, new listings (1,661) increased 9.3%, pending sales (1,265) decreased 0.6%, and closed sales (1,044) increased 2.1%.

Average and Median Sale Prices

Comparing 2025 to 2024 through April, the average sale price has increased 1.0% from \$466,000 to \$470,800. In the same comparison, the median sale price has increased 0.7% from \$431,500 to \$434,500.

Residential Trends

April 2025 vs. March 2025

New Listings	+35.3%	↑
Pending Sales	-2.4%	↓
Closed Sales	+17.1%	↑
Average Sale Price	-0.8%	↓
Median Sale Price	0.0%	→
Inventory	+0.1	↑
Total Market Time	-17	↓

April 2025 vs. April 2024

New Listings	+21.7%	↑
Pending Sales	-1.8%	↓
Closed Sales	+5.0%	↑
Average Sale Price	+1.8%	↑
Median Sale Price	0.0%	→
Inventory	+0.5	↑
Total Market Time	0	→



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Inventory in Months

	2023	2024	2025
January	2.3	3.2	2.8
February	1.7	2.3	3.1
March	1.4	2.0	2.8
April	1.5	2.4	2.9
May	1.7	2.0	
June	1.6	2.6	
July	1.9	2.5	
August	2.2	2.5	
September	2.4	3.2	
October	2.5	3.0	
November	2.9	2.9	
December	2.7	2.5	



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