



The Bridge

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Thank You For Supporting Lowell Students Today & Tomorrow!

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Dear Lowell-Fall Creek Community Members,

We had an incredible election here in the Lowell-Fall Creek community. We were successful with bond Measure 20-279 and it's overwhelming passage. Not only was the measure supported — it was supported by over 70% of the voters. This is remarkable.

With our victory at hand, it reinforces that our community trusted the decision of our school board to take this bold step forward to put this measure on the ballot. We are tremendously proud of the school board members but even more impressed with our community's strong support of this measure and our students.

Now the real work begins! The school district has already begun the process of putting our vision in to best serve our students and provide tremendous resources for their future and that of the school. The school board has never wavered from being transparent about this process and has taken great pains to ensure that we will be conservative in our approach with this approval. We will continue to keep the community and the families apprised of our success.



Again, thank you to the
community for your support.

Lowell School District Board
and Administration

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LOWELL SCHOOLS: We're on the *Move...*

Lowell Music Shines at Oregon School Board Association Conference

The LHS Concert Band continued to stand out as one of the best in the state, receiving a special invite to perform at this year's OSBA Convention in Portland. The performance took place during the general session on November 12th, the final day of the conference, before a crowd of hundreds of administrators and school board members from around the state. The Band gave a polished, professional performance that honored our own Lowell School District people in attendance, and received a rousing standing ovation at the close. Congratulations are due to the hard-working musicians and to the District personnel that support them!



More good news from Lowell Music includes the awarding of two special grants this fall. One, a \$600 grant from the Lowell-Fall Creek Education Foundation, will enable the group to purchase uniforms for competition. The second grant, from the Oregon Community Foundation, totaled \$1,000 for the purchasing of much-needed percussion equipment. Both items (uniforms and timpani) were borrowed from neighboring districts in recent years, but these funds will allow for a significant upgrade to our program. Many thanks to all those involved in this process!

Winter Concerts Are Soon Approaching

The LHS Band & Choir program for grades 7-12 will take place on Tuesday, December 12th, followed by Lundy grades K-5 and the 6th-grade Beginning Band on Thursday, December 14th. Both shows are scheduled for 7:00 pm in the high school gym. We'll see you there!

JH Boys Basketball Has Great Turnout

This year's team includes 8th graders Andrew Bardis, Enoch Carroll, Raymond Fassbender, Josh Gehrman, Landon Miles, Anthony Smith, Austin Smith and Sam Smith; 7th graders Jacob Farrington, Hayden Vaughn and Levi VonDoloski; and, 6th graders Rowan Files, Hayden Graham, Aiden Hadley, Justin Hern, Alex Palencia and Alex Stratis. Head coach Jack Devereaux is assisted by Tim Stratis.



December Students of the Month: Lindsey Reiter and Andrew Kintzley

Lindsey is in 8th grade at Lowell Jr/Sr High School. Her mom is Vanessa Dodds. She has one brother, Joey Reiter. Lindsey does well academically. Her favorite things to do are hang out with friends and watch Netflix. She is involved in band and choir. Lindsey is always helpful and a joy to have in our school.



Andrew is a 10th grade student at Lowell Jr/Sr High School. His parents are Mark and Suzanne Kintzley. He has one brother, Zach Kintzley. Andrew does well in academics. The activity that he enjoys doing the most is fundraising for school programs like athletics, music and academics. Andrew plays three sports a year which include football, wrestling and track. Andrew is a joy to have in our school district.



Congratulations to our December Students of the Month!

Nine Mini-Grants Awarded to Teachers

Thanks to the support of Alumni & Friends of the Lowell School District, the 2017 Hall of Fame Celebration and Banquet raised enough funds to more than double this year's award of mini-grants to teachers, while continuing to support other valuable programs. This year's mini-grants will benefit students in all four schools. At Lundy Elementary, kindergarten teachers Glenda Green and Krystle Rodriguez-Light teamed up to request money to enhance daily Tinker Time, when students are actively involved in problem solving, learning collaboration skills, expressing creativity and mastering the skill of perseverance. "Endless STEM Challenge" packs, large LEGO boxes, "Create a Chain Reaction" STEM kits and more will help students be builders, problem solvers, team players and maybe even lead to them becoming scientists and engineers! Also at Lundy, 2nd and 3rd grade teachers Lauren Ely and Katrina Burkhardt will be purchasing Wobble chairs and cushions which allow energetic students to be able to release a bit of their energy while still staying in their seats, allowing them to have better focus and sustained attention. Sixth grade teacher, Greg Erickson, will be creating multiple stations that students will rotate through daily, reading novels and participating in literature circles. He will be accomplishing this with MP3 players and audio books.



Glenda, Alvin Riggs (Foundation board member) and Krystle

At Lowell High School, Drama teacher Micah Klatt (far right) will enhance student productions by allowing them to learn the art of special effects makeup, including old age makeup, creature/animal makeup and more. This will not only benefit the production participants, it will also enrich the experience of all audience members at their shows. Music director Paul Burch will be able to outfit his award winning band and choir members in sharp looking uniforms without having to borrow them.



Also at the high school, Science teacher, Toni Beckett, will be purchasing a mini-centrifuge. This will allow microbiology students to take samples, spin them down to isolate their true sample and then run various tests such as electrophoresis gels to look for DNA markers. (See Alvin and Toni at left.)



Second grade students at Mt. View Academy charter school will be enhancing their character education curriculum through actions as part of the #Capture Kindness Challenge. Materials and supplies will be purchased that will allow students to take part in the activity that goes along with the weekly Kindness Mission such as blessing a local family with a meal, treats and cards for teachers, making dog toys for the animal shelter and more.



At Bridge Charter Academy, Ryan Jackson, at left, who teaches grades 6-8 will present "Escape the Classroom". Students will work as a class to review a concept of math, science, history or language arts. Then they receive a clue to find out which team they are on (Team Trigonometry or Team Calculus for example). Once teams are chosen, the clock starts. Teams race against time and each other to solve clues to move on to the next. Clues can unlock chests, find hidden codes, direct them to a riddle, show them a task to complete and more. Whichever team opens up the final treasure chest first or gets the farthest wins.



Foundation member Warren Weathers and MVA teacher Emily Roper

Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation Board Members are delighted to be able to provide teachers with such innovative and fun ways to enhance learning. In addition to the mini-grant program, the Foundation also supports the **Imagination Library Program** which gives pre-school children, from birth to kindergarten, a free book each month so they can gain valuable reading skills before beginning kindergarten. The Foundation strongly supports the **Summer Recreation and Fitness Program** — a great way to keep students engaged, active and healthy over the summer.

If you are interested in helping the Foundation with these and other important programs, please contact either school office to be put in contact with a board member or email aaf@lowell.k12.or.us. Thank you!

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Oregon RAIN to Offer Network of Support and Resources to Lowell Entrepreneurs

RAIN Invites Lowell Innovators to a Free Coffee Meetup on December 7

Do you have an idea for a startup? Have you invented a product and need help getting it to market? Or do you need help expanding your business outside of Oregon? Oregon RAIN, a state and regionally funded entrepreneurial support group, will soon be offering assistance and resources to Lowell innovators.

RAIN, which stands for the Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network, is hosting a FREE Coffee Meetup on Thursday, December 7, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., at Giddy Goat Coffee (131 W Main St., Lowell). This event is for anyone who may have an interest in entrepreneurship — from those thinking about starting a business to those wanting to invest in or mentor startups.

Startup Lowell Coffee Meetup

December 7 | 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Giddy Goat Coffee | 131 W Main St

(FREE - includes coffee and pastries)

RSVP online at: <http://bit.ly/LowellCoffeeMeetup>



RAIN has successfully launched entrepreneurial outreach programs in the rural Oregon communities of Albany, Florence, Lebanon and Lincoln County. It also supports two business accelerators in Eugene and Corvallis, and pre-accelerators in Florence and Newport.

“At Oregon RAIN we believe good ideas can come from anywhere, and our job is to connect those entrepreneurs to the people, programs, and capital they need to launch and grow businesses in their communities,” said Oregon RAIN Venture Catalyst Caroline Cummings. “We’re excited to meet Lowell innovators and learn about what they need to succeed.”

RAIN’s local partners include, the City of Lowell, the Small Business Development Center, and Lane County. “We’re very excited about our new partnership with RAIN,” said Lowell City Administrator Jared Cobb. “RAIN offers an innovative approach to economic development that will help launch new businesses in Lowell and grow our existing businesses, as well.”

About Oregon RAIN

The Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN) is an Oregon consortium of government, higher education, and the business community. RAIN was founded by the State of Oregon’s Regional Solutions network and funded by the 77th Oregon State Legislative Assembly to advance the formation of high-growth innovative startup companies located in Lane, Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.

In coordination with the Cities of Corvallis and Eugene, as well as communities throughout the region, RAIN is partnered with two accelerators to create a collaborative environment to assist entrepreneurs in establishing viable companies that generate jobs, wealth and opportunities for the region. RAIN Corvallis is served by the Oregon State University Advantage Accelerator. The RAIN Eugene Accelerator is a partnership between the University of Oregon and the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce. RAIN also recently partnered with the City of Florence, Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo and the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County to launch two pre-accelerator programs serving the mid-coast region. One is based in Florence and the other in Newport. For more information about RAIN, visit www.oregonrain.org.

Call for Volunteers!

The City is now accepting applications for the Budget Committee, Library Committee, Planning Commission, Economic Development Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Blackberry Jam Festival Committee. All interested residents and non-residents (as applicable) are encouraged to apply. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at www.ci.lowell.or.us. *The deadline for applications has been extended through December 17.*

For more information, please contact Lowell City Hall at 541-937-2157.

11th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Boat Parade

Ring in the season at the 11th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Boat Parade on Saturday, December 2 at the Lowell Covered Bridge Interpretive Center. The event starts at 5:00 p.m. Many attend this free annual event to enjoy the sights and sounds of holiday cheer in the company of friends, family, and community.

This year festivities kick off with a special visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, followed by performances by the Lowell High School Band and local acapella group Stand Out. Lowell Mayor Don Bennett will serve as host of the tree lighting ceremony, holiday caroling, and lighted boat parade. Seasonal treats and warm refreshments will also be served.

Parking at the Covered Bridge will be limited to handicap parking. Attendees are encouraged to park at Lowell High School and utilize the free shuttle. Service starts at 4:45 p.m., and will continue through the duration of the event.

The City of Lowell would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped plan and coordinate this year's festivities. A special thank you to the following:

Lowell School District, Lowell Fire District, Lowell Grange, Lowell High School Band, Stand Out Acapella, Don Swain, Rick Garlitz and Carroll's Country Christmas Trees.



Photo by David Putzler

Lowell City Council Actions

This report of actions taken by the Lowell City Council is a regular feature of this newsletter and is provided to inform citizens of recent decisions made by the council.

At the November 7th study session, the following topics were addressed:

- Update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Update of the Land Development Code, and, Development of Business Registration Program

Study sessions are held for the City Council to receive background information on City business and to give Council members an opportunity to ask questions and express their individual views. No decisions are made, and no votes are taken on any agenda item. The public is invited to attend, however, there is generally no public comment period.

At the November 13th special meeting:

- Accepted an amended version of the Contingency Agreement with Aldrich Eike, P.C.
- Approved the expenditure of \$7,553.09 for the striping project completed by Lane County Public Works
- Directed the City Administrator to submit comments requested by Lane County regarding a Special Use Permit to Process Recreational Marijuana in Lane County
- Approved the City Administrator to submit a joint letter of intent with the City of Oakridge and RAIN Oregon to apply for the Rural Opportunity Initiative

Motions were approved 4-0. In support: Bennett, Angelini, Harris and Osgood; Absent: Burford.

Monthly Police Log (October 28 – November 28)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
10/30/17	4:18 PM	Alarm	100 Block East Second Street
11/01/17	11:02 PM	Drug Overdose	200 Block North Damon Street
11/02/17	9:47 AM	Burglary	500 Block North Moss Street
11/02/17	6:26 PM	Assault	500 Block North Moss Street
11/13/17	3:47 PM	Suspicious Conditions	100 Block North Everly Street
11/15/17	10:32 AM	Missing Person	100 Block Trailblazer Court
11/15/17	10:45 PM	Medical Info Call	100 Block North Pioneer Street
11/21/17	7:25 PM	Burglary	300 Block North Damon Street
11/24/17	7:39 AM	Alarm	400 Block East First Street
11/24/17	9:56 PM	Harassment	100 Block North Hyland Lane
11/25/17	7:34 PM	Harassment	200 Block East Second Street

Please report suspicious activity and tips to the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) by phone at 541-682-4150 or 541-682-4141. For a crime in progress or other emergency always dial 9-1-1.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Let's Talk Candle Fire Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

Candles and kids sometimes don't mix. Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles. Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.

"CANDLE WITH CARE" Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.



IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.

For more information about fire safety visit FEMA.gov
Have a safe and fun holiday season.

Annual Community Dinner Scheduled for December 9th

With the coming holiday season, the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District would like to say "Thank You" for all the community support we receive by providing a holiday dinner to the community.

This year the dinner will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the main fire station in Lowell. A full Turkey dinner with all the fix'ns will be served along with station activities for everyone, young and old alike. Stop by for a visit with friends and neighbors and have a nice holiday meal besides.

Activities include a tour of the station and district equipment, coloring contest for the kids, and door prizes.



Meet Your Firefighters: Cooper Thompson

Cooper was born and raised in Springfield, Oregon where he attended Thurston High School. He graduated high school in June of 2017 and shortly after graduation took a trip to Lowell. He saw an opportunity to become a volunteer firefighter in Lowell.

It has always been a dream of his to become a firefighter. Now five months later he has become the new Volunteer Association President. Cooper will be taking on the responsibility of the association at the beginning of the year and hopes to bring new ideas and strategies to further the association.

Cooper's main goal for this coming year is to get his Emergency Medical Technician License to help out on medical calls in our community. Cooper has stated, "I am happy to say it's an honor to be with the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District and I cannot wait for the many years to come with this agency."



In and Around Our Community

Take Your Picture with Santa!

Lowell Football is bringing Santa in on December 9th and 10th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to the announcer's booth at the LHS football field across from Lundy Elementary at 45 S. Moss Street. Cost is \$10 for individuals, \$15 or two, or \$20 for 3 or more. Pets are welcome too!



Bring your own camera and take as many photos as you want! The price includes hot chocolate and candy canes served by Santa's Elves, and a small gift from Santa. All proceeds go to LHS Football.

Fall Creek Park Community Event

Maggie's Rake and Take will be on Wednesday, December 13th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Bring your rake and leaf bags. The leaves are waiting for you to take them home for your garden mulch. Lunch will be provided if you let Maggie know you are coming. If you don't need leaves but would like to help rake, that would be great. Contact Maggie at 541-937-3759 or maggierosgood@gmail.com.

Then beginning in January, volunteers will meet on the third Wednesday of every month to mow, rake, chop, prune and haul as needed to keep the park looking good. Fall Creek Park is located at milepost 7.5 on Jasper Lowell Road.



Lowell Food Pantry Gives Thumbs Up

Food pantry staff would like to thank the Lundy Elementary student body for their food drive. You are awesome! Thanks also to the Lowell post office for gathering all of the donated food through the postal drives. Thanks to all of you who donated canned goods during the postal drive. We collected 232 pounds of food. We appreciate all of you so very much. You help make the food pantry a success.

Thank you all. —Shawn Brady

Special Grange Breakfast

The Grange was organized in 1867 to support farmers and the agricultural industry. Please come join us in celebrating the 150th anniversary of this American institution at our monthly breakfast, Sunday, December 3rd, 8:00-11:00 a.m. There will be drawings for prizes for all age groups in honor of this milestone year in Grange history. Lowell Grange is located at 51 E. 2nd Street. Breakfast is free, with donations greatly appreciated to help continue the building restoration.

Grange Events in November

Breakfast on December 3rd

Texas Hold 'em Poker on December 1st & 16th

Bingo! on December 20th

Your support of these events help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. Thank you very much!

Lowell Library

From December 1st through the 29th, kids ages 15 and under will have a chance to win a free book each day. Come in to the library for more details. The library is located within City Hall at 107 East 3rd Street.

FREE Books!



New Eagle Scout: Tristan Woodhurst

Congratulations to Lowell resident Tristan Woodhurst on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout! Tristan joined the Lowell Parks and Recreation Committee to become knowledgeable about what may be needed in the area. From that participation he organized a group of volunteers and solicited donations to build two horseshoe pits in Paul Fisher Park, next to City Hall. Tristan is also an active volunteer in other areas and is a junior at Lowell High School. We're very proud of you Tristan!



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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: December 2017

- 1—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball, Lowell Tournament; Girls at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m., Boys at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 2—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball, Lowell Tournament; Girls at 1:00 & 4:00 p.m., Boys at 2:30 & 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling at Glide Tournament, 10:00 a.m.
Bridge Lighting and Boat Parade, Lowell Bridge, 5:00 p.m.
 - 3—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
 - 4—JH Boys Basketball v. Alsea, 4:30 p.m.
Library Committee, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 5—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball v. Crosshill Christian, 5:30/7:00
City Council Study Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall.
 - 6—Curriculum Day, half-day of school
JH Boys Basketball @ Eddyville, 5:00 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 1:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 7—Startup Lowell Coffee Meetup, Giddy Goat Coffee, 8:30-9:30 am
JH Wrestling @ Oakridge, 6:00 p.m.
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
 - 8—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball @ Central Linn Tourney, TBA
 - 9—Varsity Wrestling at Springfield Tournament, 8:00 a.m.
Pictures with Santa, Football Field, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Fire District Community Dinner, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Lowell Station
 - 10—Pictures with Santa, Football Field, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 - 11—JH Boys Basketball v. Falls City, 4:30 p.m.
Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball @ Yoncalla, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.
 - 12—Boys Varsity Basketball @ Eddyville, 6:00 p.m.
LHS Band & Choir Program, HS Gym, 7:00 p.m.
 - 12—Blackberry Jam Committee — No meeting
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
 - 13—Maggie's Rake and Take, Fall Creek Park, 10:00 a.m.
JH Boys Basketball @ McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.
JH Wrestling @ Cottage Grove, 6:00 p.m.
 - 14—K-6 Winter Concert, HS Gym, 7:00 p.m.
 - 15—Varsity Wrestling v. Oakridge, Hwy 58 Classic, 10:00 a.m.
Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball @ Mapleton, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
 - 16—Varsity Wrestling at Oakridge Tournament, 8:00 a.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 19—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball @ Gilchrist, 4:00/5:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 20—Rake and Take at Fall Creek Park, 10:00 a.m.
JH Wrestling @ Thurston, 6:00 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
 - 21—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball v. Central Linn, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
 - 22—Boys JV/Boys/Girls Varsity Basketball v. New Hope,
3:30/4:30/6:00 p.m.
 - 25—Christmas Day — City Hall closed
 - 28—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball @ N. Douglas, 6:00/7:00 p.m.
 - 29—Varsity Wrestling at Lowell Tournament, TBA
Senior Potluck, Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- In January:
2 —Return to school from Winter Break
Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball v. Siletz, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
3—JH Boys Basketball @ Triangle Lake, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling v. Gold Beach, 6:00 p.m.
- Winter Break December 18-29**