



The Bridge

Making community connections

Hall of Fame Banquet Saturday, October 17th

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It's not too late to join in the fun at the First Annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Silent Auction. To secure your seat, just have your payment in to the high school office by October 6th. Seats are \$30 per person. Payment can be made to the Foundation with your personal check, cash or credit card. Please call Kandy at 541-937-2124 to process your credit card payment.

The Alumni and Friends Association invites everyone, not just alumni, to join them in honoring **Jerry Dilley, Donna Erickson and the 1961 Boys Basketball Team** as the first honorees.

A silent auction with many wonderful items will help raise funds for the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation. These funds go directly to supporting kids and families in the Lowell School District.

The weekend events begin with a traditional homecoming football game on Friday, October 16th as the Lowell Red Devils face the Mohawk Indians at 7:00 p.m. Attendees of the Hall of Fame Banquet receive free admission to the game and a special alumni tent will be set up to welcome Lowell grads.

Join us for the Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, October 17th. The Silent Auction and Social Hour begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by Dinner, Entertainment and Awards at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please call the high school office at 541-937-2125 or email aaf@lowell.k12.or.us

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

Community Steps Up to Help Lowell Music

With growing numbers participating in the Lowell Band Program, the community has stepped up in a big way to help supply instruments for our young musicians! Enrollment in the three levels of band has ballooned to a record 77 students for grades 6-12, and the district inventory and budget have been pushed to extremes to outfit the many students unable to afford their own instrument. In response to this situation, and with the help of the Lowell Foundation, the community has contributed over \$1,800 in donations, and a pair of donated instruments to boot! This generosity has enabled the purchase and repair of enough instruments to get all of our kiddos what they need to participate. Specific thank you's go out to major donors Don Bennett, Jerry Dilley, Lorin Fegles, Mike Galvin, Nena Lovinger, Robert Medlen, Northwest Community Credit Union, Vallie Todd, Maureen Weathers, Oreta Wheeler, and George Wild. What an amazing and generous community we have!

The Lowell School District is seeking applicants for a part-time Special Education Bus Monitor and for Substitute Bus Drivers. Apply at the high school or go to the District website at www.lowell.k12.or and select District then Employment Opportunities. Call 541-937-8405 if you have questions.



Great Turnout for Junior High Football

The team is off to a great start with a 42-32 win over Crow. Team members include 8th graders Josh Nehring, Taysian Williamson, Brian Lemon, Owen Chapman, AJ Devereaux, Dustin Astbury, Jordan McAlister, Ty Johnson and Andrew Kintzley; 7th graders Timmy Stratis, Chamber Schnee, Irik Hymer, Fisher Schescke and Dillon Biggs; 6th graders Enoch Carroll, Oden Sinnett, Anthony Smith and Deacon Savio; and 5th graders Nathan Christiansen, Lily Haynes, Esperanza Guzman and Beaudan Asher. Ball boy is Justus Thurman. Head coach Mark Kintzley is assisted by Jack Devereaux and Brad Brady.

Crow's Mansion is Almost Complete — Join the 100 Yard Club today!

Thanks to all of you who have donated time, materials and cash to fund this important facility, pictured above. It will be a much safer and better looking announcer's booth. If you would like to become a member of the 100 Yard Club to get this project completed, send your \$100 donation with the yard line of your choice (north or south) to Lowell School District, 65 S. Pioneer Street, Lowell OR 97452 or drop your donation by the high school office. Let's get this done!



Varsity Team Doing Very Well at 5-1 in League Play

The volleyball team beat the previously undefeated Triangle Lake Lakers, which was an amazing accomplishment since the roster includes five freshmen and no seniors and their roster had five seniors and no freshmen. The freshmen girls played with composure well beyond their age and the three juniors and one sophomore were rock solid leaders. Coach Prenevost is very proud of the team! Members include: juniors Eden Smith, Anna Cardwell and Chelsea Byrne; sophomore Lily Lane; and freshmen Raelynn Trimble, McKenzie Smith, Dayce Riberal, Nature Letts and Madison Miller. Head coach Kristen Prenevost is assisted by Julie Valencia and Mollie Garcia-Cash.

Junior High Volleyball

Another large turnout for the JH girls team. Team members include: 8th graders Alana Beyer, Monica Guzman-Fields, Maddy Levi, Ashley Schnee, Kaitlyn Sinnett and Melina Winters; 7th graders Trudy Abliter, Laurie Bienaime, Audra Chapman, Katie Chapman, Kylee Johnson, Maddie Keffer, Mahayla McFadden, Audrey Ogan, Lucy Plahn and Serena Yarbrough; and 6th graders Ashley Brooks, Alexis Curry, Kloee Harris, Abigail Mikulich and Priscilla Thurman. Head coach is Rachel Thurman.



Football Update from Coach Todd

Lowell Football is off to an interesting start. We traveled to Dufur and got beat pretty soundly 58-6 on Sept. 3rd. The kids were a little down after that, but we prepared hard and went to Camas Valley on Saturday Sept. 12th and played really well. We won that game 40-24. The next week we beat McKenzie 62-8 and last Friday beat Triangle Lake 54-16. We have games each Friday night from now until October 30th, then it will be state play-off time. We hope to be in the hunt for the top 4.

Successful Jog-a-Thon!

Thanks to all the donors to help with the Jog-a-Thon, a fundraiser for a playground structure at Lundy Elementary. Donors included Hutch's Bicycle Store, Bridge Town Market, Best Buy, Heather Woodhurst and Lowell Fire District. Thanks also to Aaron Manfrede who organized this successful and fun event.



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Open Burning Season Start Delayed until November 1st

Because of continued dry weather, the open burning season will be delayed until November 1st. Lane Regional Air Protection Agency regulates open burning in Lane County during burn season to minimize impacts of smoke in the local airshed. LRAPA has a Backyard Burning Program to let people know when and if outdoor burning is allowed in their areas. The regulations differ depending upon location, local city and county ordinances and LRAPA rules. Most metropolitan areas are limited to burn season, but the season may vary from area to area. In addition, the Fire District may enforce further limitations on burn season as necessary for public safety.

Daily Burning Advisory

LRAPA provides the community with a daily backyard burning advisory. However, it is the citizen's responsibility to check local regulations regarding their specific area. The Lowell Fire District enforces regulations and codes that assure that all fires are managed in a safe manner to reduce the likelihood of the fire spreading to unwanted areas, while LRAPA enforces the production of smoke generated from open burning.

Generally residents who can burn may burn woody yard debris that has been generated on their own property. They may not bring in materials from other locations to burn. All burning must be constantly attended until extinguished. No burn shall create a public nuisance or hazard. No burn shall contain prohibited materials, including but not limited to, garbage, plastics, wire insulation, asbestos-containing materials, tires, automobile parts, asphalts, petroleum products, treated wood, rubber, or animal remains. Open Burning Letter Permits may be issued in some instances for burning outside the scope of this program. The application for a letter permit must be made in writing to LRAPA using LRAPA's "Request for Open Burning Evaluation" PDF form.



Areas not regulated by LRAPA include: Residential barbecues used for cooking, fires set or permitted by any public agency for weed abatement, fire hazard prevention, safety or fire fighting, Agricultural open burning, open burning permitted under the Forest Practices Smoke Management Plan. For more information on open burning in Lane County contact LRAPA at 541-736-1056 or go to LRAPA.org. You may also contact the Fire District office at 541-937-3393 or go to lowellfiredistrict.org.

“What if?”

What if something happens like an ice storm, wind storm, power outage, or flood and you're not with the rest of your family? Will you be able to communicate with them? Will you be able to let them know you are safe? Communication networks, such as mobile phones, and computers could be unreliable during disasters, and electricity could be disrupted causing massive blackouts. Planning in advance will help ensure that all the members of your household, including children and people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, as well as outside caregivers, know how to reach each other and where to meet up in an emergency. Planning starts with three easy steps: 1-Collect, 2-Share, 3- Practice.

- 1. Collect information:** Create a paper copy of the contact information for your family and other important people/offices, such as medical facilities, doctors, schools, or service providers.
- 2. Share the information:** Make sure everyone carries a copy with them in their wallet, purse, or backpack. If you complete your Family Emergency Communication Plan online at “ready.gov/make-a-plan”, you can print it onto a wallet-sized card. You should also post a copy in a central location in your home, such as your refrigerator or family bulletin board.
- 3. Practice:** Have regular household meetings to review and practice your plan. Remember “Practice Makes Perfect”. Here are some other pointers when developing your family communications plan: remember text messages may be better than a voice phone call. Text messages require less bandwidth than a voice call. Text messages may also save and then send automatically as soon as capacity becomes available.

Have a paper copy of email addresses, phone numbers and such as computers and phones may be inoperable during long hours of electrical power outages. Batteries don't last forever.

Be familiar with your school's emergency response plan and how you might be informed if schools need to contact you. Discuss these plans with your children and let them know who can pick them up in an emergency. Make sure household members with phones are signed up for alerts and warnings from their school, workplace, and/or local government agencies.

Decide on safe, familiar places where your family can go for protection or to reunite if separated. Make sure these locations are accessible for household members with disabilities or access and functional needs. If you have pets or service animals, think about animal-friendly locations. Identify the follow places: Indoor locations if there are high-wind storms; In our neighborhood locations if you need to leave your home; Outside our neighborhood locations for large scale emergencies.

**DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



Be Smart – Take Part – Create your FAMILY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN today. For more information on Disaster/Emergency Preparedness go to www.ready.gov/prepare. Don't Delay, Plan Today.



Check Your Address Marker

Members of the Fire District will be out checking on address markers this month to ensure that the markers are legible and visible from the roadway. If your address marker needs some attention, you can help us by calling the station and letting us know your marker needs some help. Address markers are provided and maintained by the Lowell Fire District as a public service to District patrons. They help us find your home in an emergency.

On the web: www.lowellfiredistrict.org

More Community Events

Haunted Grange Returns!

Prepare to be scared! The Lowell Grange is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Haunted Grange for three nights:

- October 29th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- October 30th and 31st, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

The cost to enter is \$3 for ages 17 and under and \$5 for ages 18 and over.

Refreshments will be available for sale. All proceeds go toward the Grange Restoration Fund to support building improvements.



90 by 30 Reduce Child Abuse Effort to meet

Do you want to help children thrive in your neighborhood? 90by30's East Lane Team is making a prevention plan to promote child well-being and prevent abuse and neglect. First, we need to know: What are we doing well for children in East Lane County?

An Asset Mapping Workshop will be held on Thursday, **October 15th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** in the Professional Development Center at Lundy Elementary, located at 45 S. Moss Street.

All are welcome! Join us for a light dinner and a free opportunity to learn from one another. Please RSVP to Carol Chapman 541-517-9972, Kack Camerer 541-782-3135 or Susan Hardy 541-912-3308. You can also email friends@90by30.com.

Another meeting will be held in Oakridge on Thursday, October 22nd from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Oakridge School District, 47997 W. 1st Street.

City Beat

New City Administrator: Jared Cobb

Please welcome Jared Cobb, the new City Administrator for the City of Lowell. He will begin work on October 1st.

Jared was born and raised in Palm Harbor, Florida with his parents and a younger sister. He bucked family tradition and went to college at Florida State, instead of Florida, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Economics. At FSU he met a professor who had taught at a renowned public administration program at University of Kansas. Having already developed an interest in this area, he was proud to earn a Masters of Public Administration degree with an emphasis in Local Government Administration at KU in 2009. During his last year of school he interned with the City of St. Pete Beach where he gained valuable experience. Unfortunately his graduation coincided with the economic recession and jobs with public agencies were scarce as governments cut staff to save money.

The summer of 2009 he worked as a raft guide while applying for administrative positions and began an internship with The Dalles, Oregon through the rest of the year. In The Dalles he served as the City's grant writer, coordinating with community partners and ultimately securing over \$7.5 million in capital funding. Later, as an intern with the City of El Dorado, Kansas he served as the representative to the Convention and Tourism Committee, managed pasture and hay land leases, and secured a \$170,000 grant from the State Energy Office to fund an Energy Manager position to work with the City. In 2011 he was hired by the City of El Dorado as Assistant Finance Director where he developed the annual operating and capital improvement budget of approximately \$30 million and received the City's first GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation award.

In 2013 he was hired by the City of Lovington, New Mexico (12,000 population) as the Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director. With the boom in oil, this was a period of rapid growth for Lovington. Jared gained extensive experience as the project manager for the Comp Plan. He wrote the grant to fund the plan, organized the citizen committee, and the plan was adopted in February 2015. When the opportunity in Lowell arose, Jared jumped at it. He enjoys small town life and especially the outdoors. He's looking forward to doing some kayaking, hiking and learning how to fly fish. While recovering from a running injury, he rehabbed on a rowing machine and looks forward to trying that as well. He and his two dogs, Rawleigh and Cori, are settling into a rental home in Lowell so he can get to know Lowell residents and learn what's important to them. He believes engagement with the public and relationships with people are essential to present ideas and possibilities and get feedback.

You can stop by and meet Jared at City Hall or email him at cityadmin@ci.lowell.or.us. Welcome to Lowell Jared!



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.

From the September 1st regular meeting:

- Approved a motion to accept the Advantage Plan Plus for the Water Plant and Wastewater Plant at \$4,994 each, for one year. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson and Rennert; Opposed: none.
- Approved an Employment Agreement for the New City Administrator. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson and Rennert; Opposed: none.
- Approved an Extension of Employment Agreement with Mike Kelly through the month of September and for on call basis through the month of October. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson and Rennert; Opposed: none.

From the September 15th regular meeting:

- No actions to report.

In and Around Our Community

Thank you Lowell High & Community!

On Sept. 22nd, Lane Blood Center collected 17 life-saving units from a presenting 23 High School and Community blood donors and registered 11 of them for the very first time. Each unit saves three lives which means that over 50 patients will benefit and be impacted by donations made.

Thanks to Karen and Angelica for assisting with set-up, Toni for scheduling and organizing, and Kay for supporting this important partnership.

From Girl Scout Leader Debbie Lynchard:

“We are in need of ladies or gentlemen who would like to be Girl Scout leaders in the Lowell/Fall Creek area. I am only going to work with the Cadettes this year. If no one comes forward then the younger girls will not be able to have Girl Scouts this year, so please help. I can work with someone to help train them. We need two moms/dads for each group. This can be done whenever you are free to take on some Scouts — after school or on the weekend. Thanks.”
Please call Debbie at 541-359-8974.

Harvest Party October 31st

Where: East Valley Church, 72 East 2nd Street
Date: Friday, October 31st
Time: 6:00—9:00 p.m.

It's that time of year again for East Valley Church to host their Annual Harvest Party. Please come join us where everything is free and it is a safe dry place to bring your children.

Games ◦ **Candy** ◦ **Hot Drinks** ◦ **Chili** ◦ **Cake Walk**

Lowell Community Preschool has openings

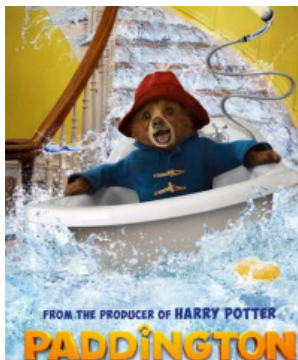
The Preschool still has openings for 3 to 5 year olds this school year. We have been trusted by parents in this community for over 8 years! Call and register today to get your child kindergarten ready. Jessica Pelroy 541-953-9200 or visit www.lowell.k12.or.us and click on Programs then Preschool.

Returnable Can/Bottle Drive October 3rd

Help support the local PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) by bringing your returnables to the high school parking lot every 1st Saturday morning of the month from 10-Noon. Thank you!

October 3rd Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Cub Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Saturday, October 3rd** with the showing of **Paddington**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m., at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street. Children of all ages are welcome but



those under age 7 should have an adult present to supervise. It's important for all moviegoers to practice good theater etiquette so all can enjoy the movie.

Admission is free! Sales of refreshments support sending scouts to summer camp. For more information call Julie at 541-225-8850.

Grange Events in October

Breakfast on October 4th
Texas Hold 'em Poker on October 2nd and 17th
Bingo! on October 21st

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

Special Encore Performance of “Café Murder” on October 24th

A special performance of the successful murder mystery will be held on Saturday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Instead of a full dinner, dessert will be served. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

An RSVP is needed for dessert planning purposes. Please call Joyce at 541-937-5544.

Emergency Preparedness Forum Oct. 27th

The Community Forum on Emergency Preparedness will be held on Tuesday October 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pleasant Hill Community Center just off Highway 58. It will include a dessert potluck. If you like you can bring a dessert to share.

Join three Lane County experts in emergency preparedness to discuss preparations, hear an overview of our state of readiness, and find out about ways to know what to do and how to do it when disaster strikes.

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: October 2015

- 1—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
Varsity Volleyball @ McKenzie, 6:00 p.m.
- 2—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Football @ Siletz Valley, 7:00 p.m.
- 3—Can Drive for PTO, 10 am—Noon, High School Parking Lot
Free Family Movie Night, Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
- 4—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 5—JH Volleyball v. Siletz, 4:30 p.m.
- 6—Varsity Volleyball v. Eddyville Charter, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 7—JH Volleyball/Football @ McKenzie, 4:30 p.m./5:00 p.m.
- 8—Varsity Volleyball @ Alsea, 6:00 p.m.
- 9—No School!
Varsity Football v. North Douglas, 7:00 p.m.
- 12—JH Volleyball @ McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.
- 13—Varsity Volleyball v. Siletz Valley, 6:00 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 14—Puppet Show, 3:30-4:15 p.m., Lowell Library (in City Hall)
JH Football/Volleyball @ Falls City, 4:00/4:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, Fire Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 15—Varsity Volleyball @ Mapleton, 6:00 p.m.
- 16—Homecoming, Varsity Football v. Mohawk, 7:00 p.m.
- 17—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Hall of Fame Banquet & Auction, 5:00 p.m., High School Gym
- 19—JH Volleyball v. Oak Hill, 4:30 p.m.
- 20—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 21—Half day of school
JH Volleyball @ Alsea, 5:30 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 22—JH Football v. Falls City, 4:00 p.m.
- 23—Hour of Improv Comedy, LHS Drama Room, 7:00 p.m.
Varsity Football @ Yoncalla, 7:00 p.m.
- 24—Hour of Improv Comedy, LHS Drama Room, 7:00 p.m.
Café Murder, PH Baptist Church, 6:00 p.m.
- 26—**School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
- 27—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
Emergency Preparedness Meeting, 7:00 p.m., PH Comm. Ctr
- 28—JH /Football/Volleyball @ Triangle Lake, 4:00/4:30 p.m.
- 29—Haunted Grange, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
- 30—Varsity Football Playoff, teams to be determined
Haunted Grange, 6:00-10:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
- 31—Harvest Festival, 6:00-9:00 p.m., 72 East 2nd Street, Free!
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