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Lowell, Fall Creek Education Awards Mini-Grants

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In January, five teachers were awarded Mini-Grants from the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation. This effort is funded from annual Hall of Fame Celebration proceeds and donations. From left to right, this year's awardees include Heidi Sawitzke, high school social studies; Katrina Burkhart, Lundy 3rd grade; Kellen Sherwood, Bridge Charter Academy grades 6-10th; Marcy Heegeman, Mt. View Academy 6th grade; and, Trudi Glander, Lundy 5th grade.



Projects include Wiggle Worm chairs and sound cancelling headphones to enhance the focus of younger students, math puzzles to sharpen critical thinking and problem solving, sculpting masks and painting canvases to increase participation in the visual arts, and a project to produce graphics textbooks on a unit in World History. All of the projects will benefit students this year and over many years to come.



**Lowell,
Fall Creek
Education
Foundation**

If you would like to add your support to this effort, donations may be sent to the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation at 65 S. Pioneer Street, Lowell OR 97452.

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

...and Growing!

Projected enrollment for the 2017-18 school year is estimated to reach nearly 700 students — almost three times as many as the 236 students we had in 2013-14! Due to this growth, the District will be hiring a new Science/Math/Spanish teacher and a new English/Social Studies teacher at the high school for next year. A Learning Director will also be hired who will serve both the elementary and high schools and focus on providing career and college guidance counseling, social student engagement and teaching skills. The Board also approved including the purchase of two buses and a new van in the 2017-18 budget. Enrollment by grade is projected as follows:

	Kinder	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Lundy	20	20	24	21	21	27	24							157
MVA	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16					144
BCA	24	33	33	25	25	19	16	17	17	7	8	5		229
Lowell								19	15	48	24	35	28	169
Total	60	69	73	62	62	62	56	52	48	52	32	40	28	699

Junior High Students of the Month



Kelsey Peters is the daughter of Amy and Richard Peters of Lowell. Kelsey is an amazing young lady who works hard to keep her grades up and her attendance near perfect. Kelsey plays the trumpet in the junior high band. In her free time she enjoys reading, writing, dog-sitting and playing with her guinea pigs.

Odin Sinnett is the son of Amber and Ryan Sinnett of Lowell. Odin is an amazing asset to our Jr. High football and wrestling teams. Odin is a pleasure to have in class and he is well liked among his peers. In his free time Odin enjoys hanging out with his friends and playing sports in his free time.



Congratulations Kelsey and Odin for being selected as students of the month for Lowell Jr. High!

Mountain View Academy Charter School – Open Enrollment February 1-15

Mountain View Academy will be holding its annual, open enrollment period February 1-15, 2017. During this time, applications will be accepted for the 2017-18 school year. Preference will be given to students currently attending MVA as well as their siblings. In the event that more students apply than space is available, students will be selected using a lottery process. In-District students will receive preference in this situation.

Mountain View Academy Charter School is a public charter school, sponsored by the Lowell School District (insert the tag line here). It is located in the West Wing of Lundy Elementary School. Our students attend classes four days each week, character education is a core part of our curriculum, and we cap our classes at 16 students each.

If you would like more information about the application process or would like to schedule a tour, please contact our office at 541-735-1709 or Kelly@mtviewacademy.org.



Lowell Wrestling takes 1st Place in 1A State Finals!



At the 1A state wrestling championships in Lowell on Saturday, January 21st, Lowell took first place with 217 points! Crane finished second with 131 points. First place winners for Lowell included Justin Corp (106#), Symon Thurman (113#), Kasey Erwin (132#), Justyn Barton (145#), Tommy Harvey (153#), Hayden Trimble (170#), Zach Kintzley (195#), Mahsen Asher (220#) and Thomas T-Ward (285#). Also placing for points were Kent McIntosh (2nd, 120#), Sebastian Garcin (2nd, 160#), Kenny Lane (3rd, 183#) and Cody Jenks (3rd, 285#). OSAA 1A/2A State Finals will be held in Portland at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum February 24-25.

Junior High Sports Underway



Junior High Girls Basketball team includes 8th graders Beth VonDoloski, Katie Chapman, Lucy Plahn, Kelsey Peters, Serena Yarbrough, Audra Chapman, Kylee Johnson and Belle Dove; 7th graders Priscilla Thurman, Hailey Curry, Ashlee Brooks and Alexis Curry; and, 6th graders Lydia Plahn, S.P. Guzman-Fields and Jasmine Valencia. Head Coach Jack Devereaux is assisted by Chelsea Chittim.

Junior High Boys Basketball team includes 8th graders Gino Martini, Nikki Sotomayor, Trystyn Gilmore, Carter Wendt, Zac Jenks, Irik Hymer, Bernie Anderson, Aidden Williamson, Tyler Chambers, Max Beldner and Timmy Stratis; 7th graders Enoch Carroll, Josh Gehrman, Sam Smith, Deacon Almeida-Savio, Andrew Bardis, Austin Smith and Anthony Smith; and, 6th graders Nathan Christiansen, Levi VonDoloski, Aric Coleman and Hayden Vaughn. Head Coach Jack Devereaux assisted by Jimmy Martini.



Junior High Wrestlers finished 5th overall at Regionals January 28th. Odin placed 1st, Beauden placed 2nd and Justus and Cayden placed 3rd and will compete at Districts February 4th. Team members include 6th graders Beauden Asher, Aric Coleman, Danner Debusk, Sienna Hymer, Ailyyn Jenks; 7th graders Ben Hinrichs, Deacon Savio, Odin Sinnett and Austin Smith (pictured at left). Also competing are 5th graders Cayden Erlei, Ayden Hadley, Alexander Palencia, Alex Stratis, Justus Thurman, Tyler Yearous, Jesse Rogers and 4th grader Caleb Monteith. Head Coach Alvin Riggs is assisted by Jason Prenevost, James Erlei and Mark Kintzley.

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Dexter Lake Farmers’ Market Coming to Lowell

The “New” Dexter Lake Farmers’ and Craft Market is moving to downtown Lowell. On Sunday, June 4 the market will kick off the season in Rolling Rock Park. Markets will be held every Sunday through September 24 from 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Organizers Pam Driscoll and Jef Jalof presented a proposal on December 1 to the Parks and Recreation Committee. A follow-up meeting was held for the Committee to discuss the proposal and develop a recommendation for City Council consideration. The City Council unanimously approved their request on January 17, as the proposal follows the City’s Strategic Plan to host additional community events.

Organizers explained that each market averages seven to twelve vendors offering fresh, locally grown produce, meat, eggs, dairy products, and honey. Additional staples include wood fired pizza, smoothies, and other prepared foods. Craft vendors sell handmade items, such as stoneware pottery, clothing, walking sticks, and original art. The Banner Bank Amphitheatre will also host live music for each market.

The market will feature local farmers; however, backyard gardeners are encouraged to join and sell their surplus produce. Membership fees are collected and used by the organization to help offset market expenses.

The Dexter Lake Farmers’ and Craft Market is an Oregon non-profit organization. WIC, SNAP and SNAP MATCH are accepted by market vendors. Organizers are excited for the new season and their new home. As highlighted by Jef Jalof, “We look forward to serving the extended communities of Lowell, Dexter, Fall Creek, Jasper and Pleasant Hill with quality, locally sourced food resources that promote healthy lifestyle choices.”

For more information, you can find the market on Facebook by searching Dexter Lake Farmers’ Market or by calling 541-937-3007.



Monthly Police Log (December 28 – January 27)

12/31 11:28 a.m.	Vehicle Stop at North Moss Street and East Third Street
12/31 01:45 p.m.	Vehicle Stop at 100 Block North Moss Street
01/01 08:35 a.m.	Vehicle Stop at East Fourth Street and D Street
01/05 10:30 p.m.	Welfare Check at 100 Block North Cannon Street
01/09 03:29 p.m.	Seized Property at 400 Block D Street
01/11 08:03 p.m.	Harassment at 200 Block North Moss Street
01/11 09:35 p.m.	Criminal Trespass at 100 Block West Fourth Street
01/12 01:18 a.m.	Welfare Check at 500 Block East First Street
01/13 05:13 p.m.	Theft at 200 Block North Damon Street
01/17 11:21 a.m.	Threat at 400 Block Carol Street
01/18 09:48 p.m.	Alarm at 100 Block South Pioneer Street
01/20 07:23 a.m.	Civil Enforcement at 500 Block North Moss Street
01/22 12:42 a.m.	Vehicle Stop at 500 Block D Street
01/24 11:49 a.m.	Assault at 100 Block North Everly 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.

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 January 3rd regular meeting:

- Appointed Don Bennett as Mayor and Jim Burford as Council President.
- Approved Resolution 665—City Council Guiding Principles.
- Approved Resolution 666—Employee Handbook Amendment, Adopting Policies of No Retaliation for Reporting Improper or Unlawful Conduct.
- Approved Resolution 667—Authorizing a Change of Signatories.
- Approved the Copier Lease and Service agreement with Pacific Automation.

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

- Appointed open positions on the Budget Committee to Gerry Burr and Maureen Weathers; open positions on the Planning Commission to Mary Wallace and Don Swain; all five Parks and Recreation Committee positions to: Tristan Woodhurst, Hall O’Regan, Pat Woodhurst, Tony Moreci and George Wild; all five Economic Development Committee positions to: Mike Galvin, Bob Burr, Jonny Watson, Jerry Bjornstad and Bill George; all five Library Committee positions to: Gerry Burr, Don Swain, Virginia Galvin, Megan Moerdyk-Shauwecker and Barabanne Ingram; and, all five positions on the Blackberry Jam Festival Committee to: Mike Galvin, Karen Burford, Maureen Weathers, Warren Weathers and George Wild.

The Library Committee positions were appointed by consensus of the Council. All other positions were approved 4-0. In support: Angelini, Burford, Harris and Osgood; Absent: Bennett.

From the January 17th regular meeting:

- Approved the use of Rolling Rock Park for the Dexter Lake Farmers’ Market .
- Approved having a work session to discuss options for open burning.
- Approved awarding an Engineering Services Contract with Civil West Engineering Services, Inc.
- Approved the 2017 City Administrator Contract with Jared Cobb.
- Approved the 2017 City Administrator Objectives.

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



St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc.

Our wait list for Home of Your Own is *NOT* full!

If you’ve wanted a **Home of Your Own**, St. Vincent de Paul may be able to help!

You still have an opportunity to see about a home of your own here in Lowell. Check it out at

<http://www.svdpc.us/what-we-do/affordable-housing/home-of-your-own-program/>



Your minimum estimated annual gross income needed is \$28,000, with the following limits:

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Income	\$32,500	\$37,150	\$41,800	\$46,400	\$50,150	\$53,850	\$57,550	\$61,250

What do you do next? Inquire with Andy Clay via email at andy.clay@svdpc.us or call 541-501-0894.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Can Emergency Services Get To You When You Need Help?

Though Fire District personnel are constantly updating our maps of the fire district and placing address markers throughout the district, we don't always get notified or find out about new homes or structures until an emergency occurs. Homes that don't have address markers or addresses visible from the street, can be susceptible to a significant delay in emergency response.

Homes within the Lowell city limits should have their address prominently displayed and visible from the roadway. Use contrasting numbers that are at least three inches in height, that are easily visible during day and night-time light conditions.

The Fire District provides address markers at no cost for rural homes and will install the markers as needed. If you don't have an address marker for your driveway, contact the District office and we will install one for you.

In addition to address visibility, driveway and roadway access to your home is another important factor for emergency response. Remember, just because the family vehicle can easily make it up and down your driveway does not necessarily mean a 60,000 pound fire engine can. Fire apparatus and rescue vehicles require greater clearances, wider turns and a more robust driving surface to support their greater weight and size if we are to make access to your home in an emergency, whether it be a fire or medical emergency.

If you have questions concerning your access, contact the District office for more information. Call 541-937-3393 or go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org or visit us on Facebook.

Volunteer and See What You Can Achieve

Have you ever thought about becoming a Firefighter or EMT? The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District provides Fire Protection to a district of 23 square mile around Lowell, Unity and Fall Creek. The District includes rural, residential, business and forest lands as well as recreational areas. We are always looking for volunteer's to help protect our community.

The wide variety of protected lands and structures within the District requires our volunteers be well trained in many different suppression techniques under a number of different conditions. This variety of experiences and training can prepare our volunteers for varied specialties within the fire service or give them a well rounded knowledge base for other types of employment if they so desire.

The surrounding area is home to many outdoor recreation areas that all come with natural features that require unique skills and knowledge to perform rescues. Our Volunteers receive training in rope rescue, water rescue and vehicle extrication. Learning new and valuable rescue techniques is an important part of every Volunteer's experience with the District.

Providing Emergency Medical Services to our District patrons and visitors is one of the primary services offered by the District. Volunteers are encouraged and financially supported in gaining medical certifications and licensing including Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced/Intermediate EMT and Paramedic levels. A variety of backgrounds and levels of training enable District personnel to provide caring, quality patient care to those needing help.

What do you have to do to get involved? Contact District members by either dropping by the main station in Lowell or calling us at 541-937-3393. Visit us on the web at www.lowellfiredistrict.org or on Facebook .

No experience is necessary. All levels of experience are welcome. As long as you have a good attitude and are willing to learn, we will teach you what you need to know to be successful. If you live in the Fire District, initial training takes 5 to 6 weekends to complete. Following your initial training, attending weekly drills and responding to calls (about 4-5 hours per week) is all that is required.

We also have an Intern Program for folks that do not live in the District but want to volunteer. You pick your hours for the most part. Start when you can and the District will try to accommodate any schedule that helps support responses and training. For more information contact the District at 541-937-3393 or go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org or Facebook.



In and Around Our Community

Middle Fork Community Planting & Potluck

The planting will take place in the Lost Creek Confluence area at Elijah Bristow State Park, a short walk from the MFWWC office at 38259 Wheeler Rd. Participants will meet at the offices at 9:30AM, and move to the planting site at 10AM, where they will plant native shrubs and trees and tour a larger, ongoing floodplain restoration effort in partnership with Oregon State Parks. Afterwards, MFWWC will host a short presentation, slide show, potluck, and backyard s'mores! Bring your favorite camp chair, planting shovel, water bottle, gloves and (optional) potluck item to share. Extra tools and gloves provided.

To register please email education@mfwwc.org or call 937-9800 or for more information.

Girl Scout Cookies for Sale!

The deadline to pre-order cookies has passed but it's not too late to enjoy these seasonal treats! Watch for the Girl Scouts selling at a booth at Bridge Town Market tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 25th from 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Call Debbie at 541-359-8974 for more information.

February 11th Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Boy Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Saturday, February 11th** with the showing of **The Secret Life of Pets**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m., at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd.



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 541-937-2643.

Grange Events in February

Breakfast on February 5th
 Texas Hold 'em Poker on February 3rd and 18th
 Bingo! on February 15th
 Your support of these events help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. Thank you very much!

More from the Lowell Fire District...

Are You Prepared?

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States and can happen anywhere. Flooding can occur during any season, but some areas of the country are at greater risk at certain times of the year. Coastal areas and inland regions of the Pacific Northwest are at greater risk for flooding during winter storms and during heavy spring rains mixed with snow melt runoff.

Flooding can happen in any U.S. state or territory. It is particularly important to be prepared for flooding if you live in a low-lying area near a body of water, such as a river, stream, or culvert; along a coast; or downstream from a dam or levee.

The physical destruction caused by flooding depends on the speed and level of the water, the duration of the flood, terrain and soil conditions, and the built environment (e.g., buildings, roads, and bridges). Flooding can cause fatalities and serious injuries for people who are trapped or swept away by wading in, driving through, or boating across flood waters. Transportation routes, power, water, gas, and other services may be disrupted. Commercial supplies and government support systems may be temporarily unavailable. Drinking water supplies and wells may become polluted. Flood waters can cause erosion, which can damage roads, bridge structures, levees, and buildings with weak foundations, causing their collapse without warning. The flood waters may carry the worn-away mud, rocks, and other sediment. Landslides and mudslides can occur. Even a few inches of floodwater in a home can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage.

For more information about preparing for winter disasters contact the District Office at 541-937-3393 or go to www.ready.gov or www.lowellfiredistrict.org. It's never too late to prepare for winter storms and the possible consequences of a major storm.

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: February 2017

- 1—Economic Development Committee, 2:00 p.m., City Hall
JH Boys Basketball v. Mohawk, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling @ Thurston, time TBA
- 2—Varsity Wrestling @ Oakland, 5:30 p.m.
JV Boys/Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Mohawk, 4/5:30/7p.m.
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 3—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 3-4—Varsity Wrestling @ Cottage Grove, 5:00 p.m.
- 4—JH Wrestling Districts @ Monroe, time TBA
- 5—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 6—JH Boys Basketball @ Alsea, 4:00 p.m.
Library Committee, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- 7—JV Boys/Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. McKenzie, 4/5:30/7pm
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 8—Liisa's Puppet Show, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
JH Boys Basketball v. Eddyville, 4:00 p.m.
- 9—Kids Club, Fall Creek Events Center, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Girls Basketball @ Hosanna Christian, 5:00 p.m.
- 10—Varsity Wrestling in Lowell for the Dilley Classic, 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Central Linn, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
- 11—Free Family Movie Night at the Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
- 13—JH Boys Basketball @ Falls City, 4:00 p.m.
- 14—Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 15—JH Boys Basketball v. McKenzie, 4:00 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 16—Just Sing it! JH Choir Festival, 9:00 a.m., location TBA
- 18—Varsity Wrestling Districts @ Gold Beach, time TBA
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 20—**Presidents Day** — No School, City Hall closed
- 21—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 22—Ben's Fables, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
JH Boys Basketball v. Triangle Lake, 4:00 p.m.
- 24—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 24-25—Varsity Wrestling State Championships, Portland Veterans Memorial Coliseum
- 27—JH Boys Basketball @ Siletz, 4:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.
- 28—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall

Box Tops Contest: February 1-24

Drop your Box Tops off at the Lundy Elementary office, 45 S. Moss Street. The money earned is used to enhance school programs. Thank you for your support!

