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Making community connections

Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation Benefits Students

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Alumni and Friends Association was pleased with this year's turnout at the 4th Annual Hall of Fame Celebration. Recognition was given to some very deserving recipients. The association reported that over \$10,000 was made to continue the efforts of the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation. In partnership with the Lowell School District, the Foundation is continuing to build positive relationships between the District and our community.

The proceeds from the Hall of Fame Celebration, other grants, and donations are going to good use in our community. Through the support of the summer recreation program, continuing literacy program for preschoolers, mini grants for teachers, and much more, the Foundation continues its commitment to support the academic, athletic, and artistic achievement of the students served by the Lowell School District.

The goals and objectives reflect the belief that the Foundation will provide supplementary support to the programs and services provided to students, teachers and families of the Lowell School District.

As always, the Foundation Board is looking for community minded individuals who would like to spearhead a project that is unique or special to them, and would extend the Foundation's list of supported projects. Those projects can be viewed on the District's website at <http://www.lowell.k12.or.us/lowell-fall-creek-education-foundation>.



**Lowell,
Fall Creek
Education
Foundation**

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Thank you!**

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

Dear Community,

Hello Fall... it appears that the nice sunny, fall weather is a thing of the past and it is time to start gearing up for that cold spell.

Even though it is too cold for some of us to go outside, we have an outstanding maintenance and grounds crew out here that work tirelessly to ensure that projects get completed and make this place beautiful. So next time you are sitting in your nice warm house or office and it is pouring rain, just think about people like Jason Pickett, Tony Nolan, Brad and Patrick Brady spending all those hours keeping the outside beautiful and getting soaked in the process.

Last month I made an announcement regarding "Meet the Superintendent" at the Giddy Goat coffee shop. It will be held on Tuesday, November 13, from 9-10:00 a.m. Please come on down for a visit, otherwise I will be sitting in the coffee shop awkwardly alone. Regardless, I will be there no matter what!

On another note the District is still in need of substitute bus drivers, van drivers and custodians to help out in order to continue the ongoing efforts of making this a top notch facility. If you are interested, please apply through our website or call our Human Resources Department at 541-937-5095 and ask Michelle Stephens how you can be part of this wonderful family.

As the weather gets cooler and leaves start to fall, as a community, we will keep on the upwards trajectory and continue to prove to everybody that we are a first-rate district! We are not only on the move, we are well on our way!

Sincerely, Johnie Matthews, Lowell School District Superintendent

GEAR UP College Visits: It's not a dream, it's a plan...

Fifty-one 7th and 8th graders visited Lane Community College and toured three specific departments: Culinary Arts, Health and Fitness, and Technologies. At the same time, 9th graders were visiting the U of O campus. After each tour, students attended cultural areas of interest. The junior high students were presented with a live planetarium show at the Science Center and high school students visited the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Arts.

Following these events, students received a late pizza lunch. These events were supported with GEAR UP grant money and District funds. Chaperones included Principal Kay Graham, Kandi Day, registrar; teachers Taylor Llewellyn and Aaron Farrier; assistants Terry Holmes and Mark Kintzley, and GEAR UP Coordinator Jeanie May.

GEAR UP has sponsored three college visits since the beginning of school, adding to the growing college and career climate of the school.



Pine Needler Teri Harter awards check to Collette Ullrich at Lundy.

Pine Needlers Quilt Group Supports Lundy

Each year at the Blackberry Jam Festival, the Pine Needlers raffle off a beautiful quilt made by their group. Proceeds from the raffle go to various non-profit organizations in our community. One of the recipients of these grants was Lundy Elementary for their Backpack Project. With the money, twenty-six students were given backpacks and supplies. Thanks to Della McNichols for doing all the shopping and working with Tasya Rhinevault to get the backpacks ready and distributed. Thank you Pine Needlers!!

Lowell Junior High Cross County

The middle school cross country team had a very fun and successful season. The boy's team placed 4th and most athletes achieved personal or season best times at the WVYL District meet on October 17th. Team members include: 7th graders Benjamin Silebi, Hayden Graham, Sawyer Kordon, Keegan Corrigan, Caden Durfee, Mason Corwin and Damien Davis; 6th graders Kadence Silebi, Kendall Graham, Gracie Aldinger and Sophie Anderson; and, 5th grader Tanner Corwin. Head coach Jill Chapman is assisted by Brandon Chittim and Cody Brooks.



Varsity Football — Let the Playoffs Begin!

The high school football team had an exceptional season. They lost their first two games, then went on a rampage, winning the next six games in a row and winning the Mountain West League "South" division, which was VERY tough this year. Lowell will host a first round state playoff game on Saturday, November 3rd, at 1:00 p.m. v. Imbler.

Come on out and root your team on — Go Red Devils!!

Varsity Volleyball Honors

The Lowell Volleyball team finished 3rd place in their league. Considering this was the first season moving up to 2A, not to mention moving up into a very tough league, it was a great season! Raelynn Trimble was named 1st Team All League, Alexis Curry and Alanna Beyer were named as Honorable Mention All League, and Kaitlyn Sinnett was named Honorable Mention All League Libero. With all but two players returning next year, the team has a very bright future ahead in 2A!



2018 Homecoming Court

Freshman: Alexis Curry
 Sophomore: Nyah Jalof
 Junior: Shyanne Pochelec
 Seniors: Taylor Crawford, Dayce Riberal, Raelynn Trimble and Kerra McSpadden
 Returning 2017 Queen: Lily Lane
 2018 Queen: Dayce Riberal

Junior High Student of the Month

Annabelle Pickett is an outstanding student. Her parents are Angelica and Jason Pickett. Her siblings are Bryce and Eli. The activities she enjoys most are basketball, choir, softball and volleyball.

In her free time she likes sports and hanging out with friends. Annabelle was chosen for student of the month for doing a great job in academics and being helpful with her classmates and staff.



Congratulations Annabelle!

Looking for volunteers to read to children!

SMART – Start Making A Reader Today, reads to children in the Lundy Elementary School every Tuesday from 12:45 – 1:45. If you have a passion for reading and would like to help students K – 2nd grade, we could use your help. Our goal is to make reading enjoyable for students who may find it challenging. Reading is the foundation for their academic future. Volunteers will read one-on-one for 30 minutes with two different students. If you are interested please contact Kerry Anderson at 541.736.4804.



City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Downtown Master Plan Public Meeting November 14

On Wednesday, November 14 the City will host a public meeting in the Lowell Fire Department Community Room from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to review the first draft of the Downtown Conceptual Plan. Residents are encouraged to attend, learn about the plan and provide feedback. Light food and refreshments will be provided.

Public Safety Survey Open Through November 30

The Lowell City Council is conducting an evaluation of our law enforcement services. This includes reviewing available crime data, potential service alternatives, and soliciting public input. A survey has been included with your recent utility bill. Please take a few minutes to review, complete, and return this short five (5) question survey. Results will be reviewed by the City Council at the December 4 Work Session and posted on the City's website at www.ci.lowell.or.us.

Backyard Burning Closed Green Waste Facility Open

Backyard burning in Lowell closed October 31 and will not reopen until next March. Residents are encouraged to drop off any remaining yard waste at the Green Waste Facility located at 240 South Moss Street. The facility is open the last Saturday of every month from 10:00-Noon and by appointment. Materials are accepted at no charge. Proof of residency is required, and may be confirmed with a recent water, electric, cable or telephone utility bill.

Acceptable Materials

Tree limbs
Leaves
Soft, pliable vines
Twigs, branches, and woody vines up to 6" diameter and 10' long
Similar garden waste

Unacceptable Materials

Dirt or sod waste
Animal waste
Herbicides, fertilizers, or insecticides
Treated logs or lumber
Stumps or stump grindings
Material from contractors or commercial firms



2018 General Election

Ballots were mailed to eligible voters starting October 17. After you have filled out your ballot, be sure it is physically received no later than 8:00 pm on November 6. Postmarks do not count. You can return your ballot through the mail, take it to your local elections office, or drop it in one of the many drop boxes throughout the state (there's one at City Hall, 107 East 3rd Street). To track your ballot or to find additional drop boxes, you can visit www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

If you have questions about voter registration, filling out your ballot, or getting a replacement ballot, please call the Oregon Secretary of State toll-free hotline at 1-866-673-8683 or the Lane County Elections office at 541-682-4234. Additional information is available on the web at www.lanecounty.org/elections.

Lowell City Council Actions

At the October 2nd study session, the following topics were discussed:

- Social Media Policy
- Water Leak Adjustment Policy
- RAIN Oregon Program Expansion
- Public Safety Report
- Safe Route to School Grant request for support
- Status of acquisition of property on east side of Rolling Rock Park
- Downtown Master Plan Design Workshop recap

At the October 16th regular meeting, the following actions were taken:

- Presented the Yard of the Month Award to Sacrates Edwards of 16 E. Lakeview Ave for the month of October
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with RAIN and the City of Oakridge that includes \$5,000 to the collaborative for support of a part-time RAIN Venture Catalyst dedicated to East Lane County.
- Appointed Resolution 705—Social Media Policy, providing guidelines for the use of the City of Lowell website(s) and social media sites.
- Ordinance 297—Water Leak Adjustments—approved the first reading of Ordinance 297 as written— an Ordinance Amending Lowell Revised Code, Section 4.153.

All motions were approved 5-0.

At the October 24th special meeting, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a settlement agreement with Hatton Roofing and Heater Construction in the amount of \$330,000.
- Approved a motion to allow the City Administrator to negotiate to acquire 53 E. Main Street.

All motions were approved 5-0.

Monthly Police Log (September 23—October 29)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
09/24/18	2:29 PM	Fraud	100 Block South Alder Street
09/24/18	6:28 PM	Drunk Driver	100 Block East North Shore Drive
09/25/18	10:08 AM	Unlawful Use of Vehicle	100 Block West Fourth Street
09/28/18	10:26 AM	Incomplete 911 Call	100 Block North Cannon Street
10/04/18	8:16 AM	Civil Enforcement	500 Block North Moss Street
10/04/18	3:55 PM	Theft	100 Block East Third Street
10/10/18	7:32 PM	Civil Service	100 Block North Everly Street
10/11/18	12:49 PM	Burglary	100 Block North Cannon Street
10/12/18	8:53 PM	Assist Fire Department	100 Block North Pioneer Street
10/14/18	11:46 PM	Follow Up	North Hyland Lane and East Second Street
10/17/18	3:01 PM	Motor Vehicle Accident	100 Block North Moss Street
10/23/18	11:27 AM	Welfare Check	500 Block North Moss Street
10/26/18	5:17 PM	Civil Service	100 Block East Second Street
10/28/18	7:12 PM	Medical Info Call	200 Block North Cannon 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.

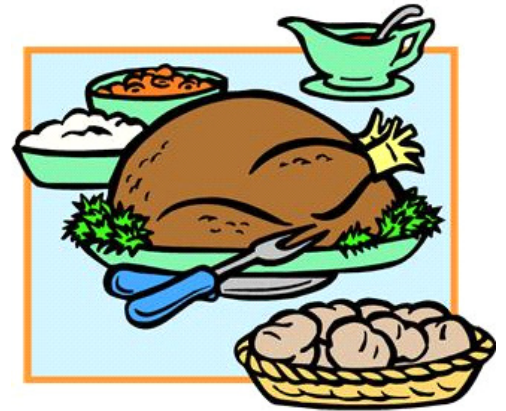
FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Annual Community Dinner Scheduled for December 8th

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.



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, out of children’s reach, and 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 go to FEMA.gov. Have a safe and fun holiday season.

November is Check Your Smoke Alarm Month

November is the month that everyone should take the time to check their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for proper operation and to ensure the batteries are good.

Newer smoke alarms are required to have 10-year batteries in them, and alarms over 10 years old should be properly disposed of and replaced with the newer models. In addition, smoke alarms should have the “hush” feature so that when a false alarm does occur, the alarm can be temporarily silenced to allow the inadvertent (burnt toast) smoke to clear.

Properly working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can save lives by alerting you to a fire or to poisonous carbon monoxide in your home. Almost 70% of failures are due to missing, disconnected or dead batteries!



Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms save lives. For more information go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org or contact the District office at 541-937-3393.

In and Around Our Community

Coats are Available for Winter

Thanks to the generosity of our community, there are plenty of coats and other winter clothes available at the Clothes Bank, located in the George Hake Center (4 East Lakeview Street) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Hours are from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



The clothing bank provides free items to anyone in need and all sizes are available. Clothing donations are welcome on days that the clothing bank is open, or contact Brandy Stewart at 541-530-0123 or Stewartsx6@fastmail.fm to make other arrangements.

Box Tops Translate into Big Bucks for Schools

Many of you will recognize the “Box Tops” logo pictured below. The Box Tops for Education program has been helping schools earn extra cash for schools since 1996. Each Box Top is worth at least 10 cents. The 10 cents adds up fast! At Lundy we use the Box Top funding for things like gym equipment, student t-shirts, fieldtrips and student yearbooks.

It is easy to participate. When you purchase items at the store, check to see if the item has the “Box Top” coupon. If the item you buy is part of the products that participate in the program, cut the Box Top coupons out and bring them to Lundy Elementary School and we will take it from there. Thank you very much!



Albany Veterans Day Parade to Honor Lowell Resident

Billed as the largest Veterans Day Parade west of the Mississippi, this year’s parade will be held on Saturday, November 10th, through the streets of Historic Downtown Albany, beginning at 11:00 a.m. On Friday the 9th at the Veteran of the Year Banquet, Lowell resident Ken Hern will be honored as one of the Distinguished Veterans of the Year, then he will ride in the parade on Saturday. Ken served in the U.S. Army from 1969-1972. Ken joins another Lowell resident, Jerry Bjornstad, who was honored as a Distinguished Veteran in 2017. For more information about the parade and banquet, go to www.albanyveteransdayparade.org. Thank you for your service Ken and Jerry!

Thanksgiving Turkeys

We at East Valley Church want to bless those in need with a Thanksgiving Turkey this year!

There will be 25 Thanksgiving turkeys available November 21st at 1:00 p.m. To get on the list or to add someone to the list, please call us at 541-937-3329.



Craft Show November 10th & 11th

There will be a Craft Show at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street on Saturday, November 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday the 11th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy some cookies and hot apple cider while browsing through a unique collection of crafts. Come see all the talent our community has to offer and get a head start on your holiday shopping.

Other Grange Events in November

Breakfast on November 4th
Texas Hold ‘em Poker on November 2nd and 17th
Sorry, no Bingo in November

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

Take Your Picture with Santa!

Lowell Football is bringing Santa in on December 15th from noon to 4:00 and 16th 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.

Mark your calendars and help support Lowell Football.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events: November 2018

- 1—Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- 2—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 3—Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking lot
Varsity Football v. Imbler, 1:00 p.m.
Set your clocks back one hour tonight!
- 4—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street
- 5—Economic Development Committee, 6:30 p.m., City Hall
Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 6—**City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 6-8—Scholastic Book Fair
- 8—Curriculum Night & Family Event, Lundy Elem., 5:30/7:30 p.m.
- 9—No School, Teacher Grading Day
- 12—**No School, City Hall closed** —Veterans Day observed
- 13—Meet the Superintendent, 9:00-10:00 a.m.—Giddy Goat Coffee
JH Girls Basketball v. Oak Hill, 4:30 p.m.
Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
Blackberry Jam Committee, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 14—Senior Moments, 10 a.m.—Noon, Lowell Library, 107 E. 3rd
JH Girls Basketball @ Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
Downtown Master Plan Public Meeting, 5:00-7:00 p.m.,
Lowell Fire Department Community Room
- 17—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 19—JH Girls Basketball @ Monroe, 4:00 p.m.
- 20—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 22-23—No School, City Hall closed—Thanksgiving holiday
- 26—JH Girls Basketball v. Mapleton, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 27—1st Quarter Awards Assembly, 10:15 a.m., Lundy Gym
- 28—JH Girls Basketball @ Oak Hill, 4:30 p.m.
JH Wrestling @ Crow, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Umpqua Valley, 5:30/7:00
- 30—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Falls City, 5:30/7:00 p.m.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour
the night of Saturday, November 3rd!