



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## THE FUTURE OF RESTORATION AT ELIJAH BRISTOW STATE PARK TOWN HALL MEETING



FEB 5, 2022  
10:30-NOON  
LOWELL STATE RECREATION SITE  
COVERED SHELTER

Join us for a town hall meeting to learn more about habitat restoration at Elijah Bristow State Park and how you can get involved. Watershed council staff, State Park staff, and technical team experts will be available to answer questions about the planning process and will also share other opportunities to get more involved. Light refreshments, warm drinks and heaters will be provided for everyone's comfort.

Find out more and RSVP online at [middleforkwillamette.org/events](http://middleforkwillamette.org/events)



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

Dear Community,

We hope your holiday season was Merry and Bright!

As the New Year begins, I am so thankful for what a great job I have. I not only get to see students and staff on a daily basis, I also get to go behind the scenes and ensure that we have the best schools and district in the state.

I know some of you are asking when we can get back to normal? I feel the same way. I am also needing normalcy! It seems that we have been living in this reality for so long that I have forgotten what normal actually is. Whatever reality we continue to face in this district we will put our best foot forward and keep moving ahead.

I realize that everyone is tired both physical and mentally. One variant after another seems to continually pop up and we are left to deal with the aftermath. This isn't easy. However, we are resilient. We must keep our heads up and proceed. We must not let this beat us. For we are a community that will come together and ensure that we continue to do what's best for our students. Please continue to put one foot in front of the other. We will get through this, and we will continue to fight. I appreciate each one of you for supporting us through these tough times.

On another note, you may have noticed that the football field lights are in during these winter months. We have turned them on weekdays from 5:00 – 7:00pm. This is an effort to provide a safe, well-lit place for families to jog or walk during these dark winter months.

As I write this letter, I want to take time to thank all the families, staff and community for ensuring that the Lowell School District is and will continue to be a special place that puts students first! We are continually trying to find ways to offer options for families and students.

Not only are we on the move, but we are well on our way!

Respectfully, Johnie Matthews, Superintendent Lowell School District



### Students of the Month

**Koda Aiken** (at right) is a 7th grader at Lowell and the son of Sierra Roberts. For hobbies he loves walking, talking, climbing, writing (typing), reading and cooking. Koda is interested in all history, which is his favorite subject and he especially likes having Miss Cassie for a teacher. His favorite foods are tacos, steak, and salad, oh, and he loves platypuses. Koda always has a positive attitude and gives great effort in class.



**Jenna Carter** is a freshman and the daughter of Jessie and Daryl Carter. Her hobbies are painting, horse riding, and being outside. Jenna's interests are in nursing and training a Mustang. Her favorite subjects are woodshop, PE, and art. Her favorite foods are fried chicken and Subway. Jenna's favorite colors are orange and pink. She gives constant, consistent effort in class. Her straight A's are hard earned and well deserved.

**Congratulations Koda and Jenna on being selected Students of the Month!**

### Lowell High School Alumni Highlight: Kristen & Jason Prenevost

Both Kristen (Hodson) and Jason attended Lowell High School. Kristen graduated in 1992 and they were married in 1993. They have two grown kids and four grandbabies. They have both lived in Fall Creek most of their lives. When their kids were young they lived in Springfield, Westfir and Dexter. Currently all their kids and parents live in the Fall Creek area.

Jason has been an electrician for over 25 years. He apprenticed and worked for several electrical companies as a young electrician. He currently owns J&K Electrical in Lowell. Kristen retired in 2021 from the Springfield Police Department after 21 years in law enforcement. She is the owner of Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop in Lowell and works there full time. They both love working in and for the community.



Kristen coaches volleyball at Lowell High School. She also loves hiking, camping, and making projects (According to her, sometimes her ideas are bigger than her skills). Jason also coaches junior high wrestling at Lowell, and sometimes still competes in veterans tournaments himself. He loves hunting, fishing, working out and staying active. He currently serves on the Lowell School Board and Lowell Fire Department Board.

### Chapman Wins Big in the Mile



Katie Chapman (LHS class of 2021) put together a strong performance in the mile on Sunday picking up the victory to help lead the Western Oregon University men's and women's track teams into day two of the George Fox/Portland Indoor Meet on Sunday.

Chapman was able to claim the win in the mile after a strong challenge from Portland's Lauren Block. Chapman crossed at 5:15.85 for a new personal-best, ahead of Block's 5:15.92. Chapman beat out 15 total runners in the event. Well done Katie!

## Mountain View Academy

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The Mountain View Academy Pre-Kindergarten program is a highly educational class with a focus on social emotional development. With an 8:1 student to teacher ratio and a full curriculum, our goal is to prepare students for success in Kindergarten.

- 4 day week  
(no school on Fridays)
- 8:00am - 11:30am
- Quarterly field trips
- \$225/month

*Sponsored by the Lowell School District, believing in options for parents.*



**Enrollment is open from February 1st -15th for Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. To schedule a tour in January, call 541-735-1709 or email Kelly@mtviewacademy.org**

### Calling All League Champs!

It's time to start dressing up the new gym with a banner displaying all of the league championships that Lowell has achieved. We are going through records but don't want to leave any awards out. Please email the championships by sport/activity and year that you know of to: [bridge@lowell.k12.or.us](mailto:bridge@lowell.k12.or.us). Thank you for your help!



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## City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

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### Notice of City Council Vacancy

The City of Lowell is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Lowell City Council for Position No. 2. The term of office will begin immediately upon appointment and expire in December 2022. The person appointed to City Council Position No. 2 will be able to run for a full, 4-year term during the November 2022 elections.

Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the City of Lowell for at least 12 months prior to appointment.

To apply: Send a completed and signed "Volunteer Boards & Commission Application" to City Administrator Jeremy Caudle in person, by email, or by mail. Our email address is [admin@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:admin@ci.lowell.or.us), and our mailing address is PO Box 490, Lowell, OR 97452. The application is available at City Hall or on the city website at the following link (scroll down to the bottom): <https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/forms>.

Closing date: All applications must be received by 4:00 pm on Friday, February 18, 2022. Applications received after that time will not be considered. (Postmark is NOT acceptable.)

Questions? Feel free to reach out to us with any questions. You can contact us by telephone at (541) 937-2157, by email at [admin@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:admin@ci.lowell.or.us), or by stopping by City Hall in person at 107 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

### Library Fundraiser a Success!

In December, the City held a year-end fundraiser for the Maggie Osgood Library renovation project. We set a goal of raising \$3,000. We ended up raising \$7,970 from 68 individual donors. One goal of the fundraiser was to demonstrate continued community support for this project for our grant application with the Ford Foundation. I have turned in the details of our fundraising effort to the Ford Foundation, and we are anticipating a decision on the grant by the end of February. The City is grateful to all the citizens and business owners who made this fundraiser a success.

### Notice of Budget Committee Vacancies

The City is still trying to fill three vacancies on the Budget Committee. For more information on how to apply, contact us by telephone at (541) 937-2157 or by email at [admin@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:admin@ci.lowell.or.us),

### City Council and other committee/commission actions:

Actions from the January 4 City Council work session:

- Presentation from Lane County Sheriff's Office on expanding law enforcement services in the city.
- Discussion on grant application for Rolling Rock Park.

Actions from the January 18 City Council regular meeting:

- Second reading approval of Ordinance #305 to adopt the model floodplain code.
- Presentation from City of Oakridge Police Department on expanding law enforcement services in

the city.

- Presentation from Wilson Architecture to give an update on city hall/library construction project.
- First reading approval of Ordinance #306 to update processes related to third-party building officials.
- Follow up discussion on grant application for Rolling Rock Park.
- Rescheduled City Council planning retreat to February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Approved Resolution #773 related to guiding principles for City Council.
- Postponed action on Resolution #774 relating to policies for financing City parks.
- Accepted resignation from City Councilor John Myers.
- Approved a step increase for the City Clerk.



Looking for a fun way to spend your Saturday or Sunday?

Take a short drive to the country and see what there is to offer at the

Spring Market, hosted by

Rustic Country Farm's and WildCard Creative Gifts  
located at 40305 Reuben Leigh Rd, Lowell Oregon 97452.

The market will be indoors so if you are looking for a rainy-day activity it will be worth the drive! The market will have local area artists and vendors featuring:

- **WildCard Creative Gifts** featuring - Wreaths, decals, tee shirts, mugs and die cut and 3d cards
- **Mirandy's Designs** which featuring -Tumblers and pens
- **Branded and Burnished Leather Co.** featuring- Custom Leather tooling, leather goods: purses, wallets, earrings, bracelets, bronc straps, horse tack and accessories
- **Camp Creek Sweets by Nichole** featuring cake pops and hot coco bombs and other sweet treats
- **Renegade Inclinations** featuring- Hand crafted soaps, body butter, lotions, body spray and lip balm
- **Remarkable Kids Clothing** featuring – Handmade clothing
- **Shadow N Time** featuring - Early American (1800-1900) pattern glass, vintage glass and pottery, depression and elegant glass
- **Gamma Junie Has A Potty Mouth** featuring - Resin Art, including wall art, games, trinket dishes, coasters, etc. Wood signs and house plants
- **Little Miss Marie Boutique** featuring - hair bows, clips and other accessories
- **Dare to Dazzle & Paparazzi Jewelry by Ashlee** featuring – custom made tumblers handmade quilts, facemasks, custom ink pens, Microwavable rice bags \$5.00 Jewelry

Visit us on Facebook @WildCardCreativeGifts

Hope to see you there

Take the drive and enter to win a goodie basket with some items from the local vendors

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## FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

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By Chief Lon Dragt

### Emergency Alert System Test Conducted

Last month the Lowell Fire District performed a test of the Emergency Alert system in our area at 12:00 pm. You should have received a phone call to your cell phones if you were in the vicinity, and also your landline if you had one. This test gave the Lowell Fire Station number of 541-937-3393 as the phone calling you. During an actual emergency they will provide a different number. This number will usually be for the Emergency Communication information line. If you did not receive the call, text or email, please contact Chief Dragt at 541-937-3393, or swing by the Main Station at 389 N. Pioneer Street Lowell, Oregon 97452. He will assist in determining what may have happened and try to fix the issue.



We are dedicated to making sure that during an emergency in this area we are able to get you timely and accurate information as quickly as possible.

We were able to gather some good information from this test. Of the approximately 2500 people within the fire district, we reached out to 947 phones, or about 37% of our population. Of those calls, 27% failed to go anywhere. We believe that this may be to people signing up for package deals and not using the landline. 26% of the calls went to voicemail, 43% were answered, 4% were no answer or a busy signal. We were not able to gather all information, cell phones are harder to capture the information. With that said, we may have reached many more people than we know. This information will assist the Fire District in determining who and where we may need to provide door-to-door notifications. The more people we are able to reach by phone, the more manpower we can put in other duties to provide needed services.

In the last few years we have had a few significant emergencies. This information will be directing how we start to mitigate those potentials to help keep our community members safe. Whether it is evacuation or protect in place, we want to develop those plans. With this comes education of evacuation routes and what you should take as well as what you should have if you had to protect in place. We are available to have this discussion, and we would be happy to put together meetings to answer these questions. Please contact the Fire District at 541-937-3393.

We are always looking for more volunteers. We have positions in Fire and EMS, Public Education, Building and Grounds and Tender Operators. If you have the interest or just want to know more, contact Chief Dragt at 541-937-3393 or stop by and see our Officers at 389 N. Pioneer Street in Lowell. We are happy to answer questions that you may have.

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### Regattas in April

The 2022 Covered Bridge Regatta will span two weekends again this year. First up is the Masters and Juniors Regatta on Saturday April 9th and Sunday morning April 10th. Then the following weekend will be the Collegiate Regatta on Saturday, April 16th.

In addition to some spectacular racing, there will be food and coffee booths and more! Please go to [oarowing.org](http://oarowing.org) or email [regatta@oarowing.org](mailto:regatta@oarowing.org) for more information.

Also, mark your calendar for the PAC-12 Regatta coming to Lowell on May 15th!



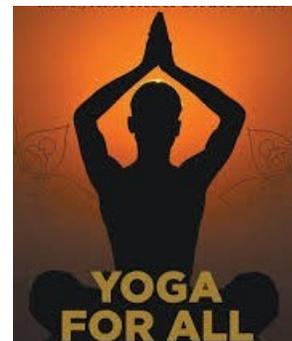
## February Community News & Events

### Yoga at the Grange

Are you ready to find your roots, get strong and flow? If so, come to the Lowell Grange (located at 51 East 2nd Street in Lowell) on Tuesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. We will move and find stillness to music while cultivating our awareness. This will be a class for people with some yoga experience, but beginners are always welcome and will be supported.

The cost will be \$42 for 6 weeks or a drop-in fee of \$10. We are following the current pandemic guidelines, so at this point, masks are required. Bring your mat, some water, and any other accessories (blocks, straps) that you might want for your practice. I will have some blocks available.

My name is Ava Litton and I am a physical therapist/certified yoga instructor. If you have any questions, please call or text me at 541-261-2176.



### Clothing Bank Open to Serve

The Clothing Bank continues to be open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays with hours from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Clothing donations are welcome on days that the clothing bank is open, or contact Brandy Stewart at 541-530-0123 or [Stewartx6@fastmail.fm](mailto:Stewartx6@fastmail.fm) to make other arrangements.

The clothing bank provides free items to anyone in need and all sizes are available. It's located in George Hake Center at 4 East Lakeview Street (behind the football field). Thank you to our community for being so generous with their donations, they are appreciated very much!



### Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournaments

If you're looking for a fun time, come on down to the Lowell Grange and join your friends and neighbors every first Friday and third Saturday for Texas Hold 'em poker tourneys. This month the dates are February 4th and 19th.



Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the tourney begins at 6:00 p.m. Buy-in is just \$10. 18 years and older only please. Refreshments are available for purchase to benefit the Grange Building Restoration Fund.

### Pilates at the Grange!

Pilates classes will continue at the Lowell Grange (51 East 2nd Street) each month. Class are held on Mondays from 6:30-7:15 a.m. and on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 a.m. The cost will be \$30 per month or \$10 for drop-ins.

Classes are conducted by a certified pilates instructor. Mats will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. Current regulations require that masks be worn. For more information, please call Joe at 206-920-3256.



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events: February 2022

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| 1—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ Regis, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm<br><b>City Council Work Session, 7:00 pm—Cancelled</b><br>Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview | 18— <b>No School</b> , District Non-work Day, No School            |
| 2—JH Boys Basketball v. Creswell, 4:30 p.m.<br>Lowell Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.—cancelled  | 19—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.                  |
| 3—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ Central Linn, 3/4:30/6/7:30<br>Varsity Wrestling @ Reedsport Dual, 5:00 p.m.<br>Parks and Recreation Committee, 7:00 p.m., 70 N. Pioneer     | 18-19—Varsity Wrestling Districts in Lowell, TBD                   |
| 4—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.  | 21— <b>Presidents Day, No School</b>                               |
| 5—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. Oakland, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm   | 23—JH Boys Basketball v. Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.                   |
| 7—JH Boys Basketball v. Junction City, 4:30 p.m.  | 26— <b>City Council Planning Retreat, 9:00 a.m., 70 N. Pioneer</b> |
| 8—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ Jefferson, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm  | 28— <b>School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elem.</b>     |
| 9—JH Boys Basketball @ Eugene Christian, 4:00 p.m.<br><b>Lowell Fire District Board meeting; 7:00 p.m., Main Station</b>  |  |
| 10—Varsity Wrestling @ North Douglas, 5:00 p.m.   |  |
| 11—Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. Oakridge, 6:00/7:30 pm  |  |
| 14—JH Boys Basketball @ Lincoln, 4:30 p.m.  |  |
| 15— <b>City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 70 N. Pioneer St.</b><br>Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview   |  |
| 16—JH Boys Basketball @ O’Hara, 4:30 p.m.   |  |



### Kindergarten Round-up has started!

If you have a child that will be five-years-old by September 1st, they can be pre-enrolled now for the new school year that starts this Fall. If you have questions or would like a packet sent out, call Colette at 541-937-2105.