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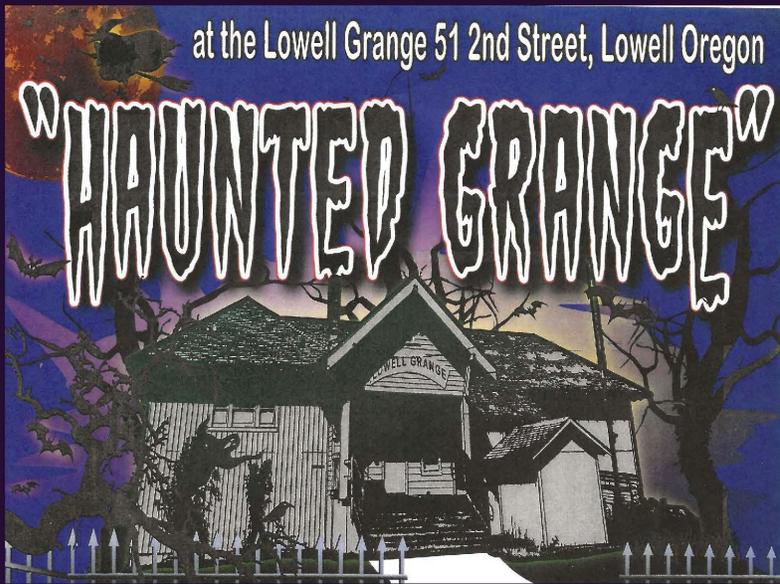
Making community connections

The Haunted Grange Is Baaack!!

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The Haunted Grange

Come and be scared for fun! Candy given out on Halloween to the little spooks and ghouls!

October 29, 30 and 31st 2022 •

5 to 9:30 PM

Adults \$5, Children \$3, repeat hauntings \$1,
Under 17 can repeat for free!

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All proceeds benefit the Lowell Grange Restoration Fund and are used to make building improvements to this historic Grange Hall. Thank you for your support!



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

New Teachers at Lundy Elementary

Roxie Hetzer, 1st grade teacher, has been in education for 23 years, between running a preschool business and now as a teacher with Lundy. She enjoys reading, playing guitar, and Latin dancing, having participated on competitive dance teams for many years. She grew up in Cottage Grove and has one daughter. **Chantelle Wendt**, 2nd grade, is no stranger to Lundy having worked with the KITS program for the last seven years and as an Educational Asst for the last three years. She and her husband of 23 years have six children, all of whom have attended Lowell schools. Chantelle realized her childhood dream to become a teacher and loves her work. **Charlene Placko**, 5th grade, moved to Oregon in 2006 and has three adult children. She spent time working for the family business in California, then as a real estate agent (which she still enjoys) and is now happy to get back to her original desire to teach. **Nicole Durden**, 3rd grade, moved to Oregon last summer after teaching in a large school district and joins the Lundy staff with a Master's degree in Reading Literacy. With her first-hand experience, she has great empathy for kids who struggle and loves to see her students "get it". **Dani Blankley**, 3rd grade, is a newlywed from Colorado, whose husband attends U of O's law school. She became a teacher after being inspired by an influential 6th grade teacher. Dani especially likes our small town, close knit community. In her spare time she enjoys reading, embroidery, drawing and hiking, and also their two cats. **Ashley Clinard**, 1st grade, grew up in South Carolina and moved here with her dog Ryder. Her desire to make a difference, especially in the lives of kids, led her to teaching. Ashley loves seeing their progress and how much they learn from and inspire each other. **Erin Clafin**, 1st grade, grew up in New York in a family of teachers. She and her husband have been married for 23 years and have three children, all in college. She, too, enjoys the small size of the district and the community. In her spare time she enjoys taking walks and spending time with family.



Roxie Hetzer, Chantelle Wendt, Charlene Placko, Nicole Durden (back)
Dani Blankley, Ashley Clinard, Erin Clafin (front row)

Welcome to Lundy Elementary — we are glad you're here!

Lowell High School Alumni Highlight: Jill & Greg Chapman



Greg Chapman and Jill (Miller) Chapman graduated from Lowell High School in 1988, Jill was the salutatorian. During their senior year, Greg finally got up the nerve to ask this really cute girl to prom. They were married in 1990 and have three children - Christopher, 23 years old, Katie and Audra, both 19 years old.

Jill grew up in Fall Creek and attended Lowell SD from kindergarten to 12th grade. She graduated from the UO in 1992 with a BS in Math, and in 2008 with a BS in Psychology.

In third grade, Greg moved to Lowell into the house where his parents still live. He graduated from the UO in 1996 and began his career in education teaching music in Culver. The recession in 2008 reduced his job to half-time, and he found himself teaching in Oa-

kridge. With the guidance of a great mentor, he began working on his administration license and became principal in 2016. He made the move to Harrisburg High School in 2021.

Currently Jill is working as the Lowell HS/MS cross country coach, LHS track coach, and as a substitute teacher. She has been involved with the Lowell Track and Field program since 2013. In the past, she has worked as a middle school teacher for Mt. View Academy, an administrative assistant for a commercial real estate company, an accounting assistant for a power company, and as a classified sub in the Culver School District.

Jill has volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in Bend, OR from 2007-2010. This is where they lived in 2003 for 3 weeks when their twins were born prematurely. She was also a Lowell Battle of the Books coach for 6-8th graders, an assistant Lowell soccer coach for Kidsports, and is currently an Aspire Mentor at LHS (since 2017). When she is not working or volunteering, Jill finds time to hike, garden, run, read, quilt, bake and enjoy the outdoors.

Greg has worked in the whitewater rafting industry since 2003 and has floated more than 2000 miles while guiding people down Oregon rivers. He enjoys singing in a quartet with his Dad (longtime Lowell Music instructor) and brother (class of 1991), but most definitely does NOT enjoy running.

Thank you for all you do for our community Greg and Jill!



RED DEVIL REPORT

Lowell Athletics Update



We are thrilled to have over *100 students* registered for our junior high and high school sports this Fall season. Please join us in supporting their and their coaches' hard work by coming out to watch Lowell compete. Schedules can be found monthly on the back page of The Bridge or online at lowell.k12.or.us/athletics.

We especially hope you'll join us in celebrating these big events in October:

- October 3 **Volleyball Senior Night** In between the 5:00/6:30 games vs Monroe (high school gym)
- October 6 **National Coach Appreciation Day** Don't forget to thank your coaches!
- October 7 **Homecoming** At halftime of the 7:00 game vs Monroe (high school football field)
- October 12 **Volleyball 8th Grade Night** In between the 4:30 A/B games vs St. Paul (Lundy gym)
- October 19 **Football 8th Grade Night** At halftime of the 5:30 game vs Monroe (HS football field)
- October 21 **Football Senior Night** At halftime of the 7:00 game vs Toledo (high school football field)

JUNIOR HIGH

Our cross country team is led by Jill Chapman and assisted by Brandon Chittim and Cody Brooks. Athletes (pictured right) include 8th grader Devon Jones; 7th graders Henley Garner, Gabrielle Gross, Ryder Ortiz, and Nate Waters; 6th grader Zuzana Murray; and 5th grader Sammy Lesch.



Our football team is led by Wade Davis and assisted by Pat Todd. Athletes (pictured left) include 8th graders Henry Coiner, Colton Crutcher, Adam Davis, Gage Greco, Tyler Harris, Zakary Hermansen, Brendan Hourigan, Wyatt McNamee, Trevin Moore, Jax Norcutt, Wyatt Pelroy, Koda Roberts, Gabe Thurman, and Jaymisen Webb; 7th graders Tanner Coiner, Tanner Foster, Wyatt Johnson, Eli Pickett, Walker Straight, Benjamin Thurman, Lukas Williams; and 6th grader Corven Floyd.

Our volleyball team is led by Jessica McCart and Jamie Kenworthy. Athletes (pictured right) include 8th graders Savannah Bell, Acadia Bloxham, Jade Clark, Maralynn Gastelo, Maya Golan, McKenna McComas, Evelyn Rogers, Bailey Steele, and Aniah Watson; 7th graders Kyla Dobson and River Young; 6th graders Mya Arciga, Tatum Clark, Zophia Fassbender, Tayler Griffin, Alexis Owsley, and Summer Smith; and 5th grader Ashlyn Baszler.



City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

Sneak peak of City Hall and Maggie Osgood Library renovation.

I'd like to give you a sneak peak of the renovation project. The two pictures on this page illustrate the improvements at 70 N. Pioneer Street.



Pictured: Circulation desk in the Maggie Osgood Library. The library staff workspace is behind the circulation desk to the left. Just out of the picture, to the right, is where the public computer workstations will be located.



Pictured: Front counter at City Hall once you enter the front door. The door to the right goes into the library.

Construction is complete, and we're waiting on final inspections. Over the next few weeks, we will be moving city operations to the new building. The City Hall section will be open first, as we're waiting on shelving and books for the library to be delivered.

Notice of Planning Commission vacancy.

The City of Lowell is accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the Lowell Planning Commission. The term of office will begin immediately. Planning Commissioners are appointed by City Council and serve two-year terms.

Qualifications: Must be a resident of either the City of Lowell or the Rural Lowell Fire Protection District.

To apply: Send a completed and signed "Volunteer Boards & Commission Application" in person or by mail to City of Lowell, Attn: City Administrator, 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>>.

Other information: The position remains open until filled. We will review applications on an on-going basis.

Questions? Feel free to reach out to us with any questions. You can contact us by telephone at (541) 937-2157, by email at jcaudle@ci.lowell.or.us, or by stopping by City Hall in person.

Extension Service Arts & Crafts Event

On Saturday, October 15th, OSU Extension will be hosting an arts and crafts event as part of their community outreach program. Join them at the Lowell Fire Station, 389 N. Pioneer Street from Noon-2:00. These events will be held the third Saturday of each month and are free!



City Council and other committee/commission actions:

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on September 1 and elected Joe Brazill to serve as chairperson.

At the September 6, 2022 regular meeting, City Council took the following actions:

- Received a presentation on a water master plan.
- Received a presentation on recommended changes to the open burning ordinance.
- Received a presentation on recommended library policies.
- Approved a contract for asphalt coating, sealing, patching, and striping at 70 N. Pioneer St.
- Approved a law enforcement services agreement with the City of Oakridge.
- Approved technical assistance grants for water and wastewater master plans.

At the September 7, 2022 regular meeting, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

- Approved land use applications with the city to partition properties at Rolling Rock Park and Paul Fisher Park/City Hall.
- Agreed to keep the record open and continue a meeting for a proposed mixed-use development to give the applicant time to submit additional information at the November 2 meeting.

At the September 20, 2022 regular meeting, City Council took the following actions:

- Agreed to submit the water master plan reviewed on September 6 to the Oregon Health Authority for review.
- Approved an engineering agreement to update water and parks system development charges.
- Approved a proposal to buy a new HVAC unit at 70 N. Pioneer St.
- Accepted resignation from William Priser from the Planning Commission.
- Appointed Lloyd Hall to the Planning Commission.

Upcoming meetings – Meeting details available here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2022-10>

Due to construction at 70 N. Pioneer St., all City Council and committee meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District station, unless otherwise specified.

In the past, a monthly crime log has been published in this newsletter. The information from this crime log comes from the “Online Crime Mapping Computer Assisted Dispatch Log,” as prepared by the Lane County Sheriff’s Office. The information is easily available to the public at the following link:

https://lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/sheriff_s_office/online_crime_mapping

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 another emergency, always dial 9-1-1.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Fire Prevention Week Is October 9-15

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District would like to remind everyone about keeping your home fire safe. During this year's Fire Prevention Week, we would like to point out that Kitchen Fires are the number one cause of residential fires in Oregon. Here are some tips and reminders about preventing kitchen fires.

Many families gather in the kitchen to spend time together, but it can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the house if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Cooking equipment, most often a range or stovetop, is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in Oregon as well as the United States. Cooking equipment is also the leading cause of unreported fires and associated injuries.

Safe Cooking Behaviors:

- Keep Things Away from Heat
- Keep Kids Away from Cooking Areas
- Prevent Scalds and Burns
- Watch What You Heat
- Know What to Do if There is a Fire

It's a recipe for serious injury or even death if you were to wear loose clothing (especially hanging sleeves) while cooking, walk away from a cooking pot on the stove, or leave items that can catch fire, such as potholders or paper towels, around the stove. Whether you are cooking the family holiday dinner or a snack for the children, practicing safe cooking behaviors will help keep you and your family safe.

Choose the Right Equipment and Use It Properly:

- Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions and code requirements when installing and operating cooking equipment.
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance – it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

If You Have A Kitchen Fire:

- If the fire starts in a pan, don't pick up the pan and move it.
- Slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames and turn off the burner.
- Let the pan cool down completely before moving it or taking off the lid.
- Never pour water on a grease fire; it can splatter the grease and spread the fire.
- In the event of a fire in the oven or microwave, turn off the appliance and keep the door closed

When in doubt, get out! Close the door behind you when you leave to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 after you leave the house. If your clothes catch fire: Stop, Drop to the floor, Cover your face with your hands and Roll side to side until the fire is out.

Smoke Alarms are a Must:

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level in your home, outside each sleeping area, and in each bedroom. Remember to test them regularly.

For more information about fire and life safety, contact the District Office at 541-937-3393 or go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org.

Outdoor Burn Season Begins in October, Weather Permitting

Due to the lack of moisture, Outdoor Burn Season will be delayed until October 15th. Backyard burning, and the smoke that is produced, is regulated by Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA). The Lowell Rural Fire District does not require permits to burn authorized materials, however, burning is only allowed on designated burn days as authorized by LRAPA, and in a safe manner as authorized by the Fire District.

For more information about outdoor burning, contact Lane Regional Air Protection Agency at 541-736-7056 or visit their website at www.lrapa.org.

In and Around the Community

Ballet Classes Continue at the Grange!



Delight in Dance Company is offering ballet lessons at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street. Classes are held each Wednesday and are open to ages 5-7 and 8-11. Please contact Meg at 458-205-1212 or contact her via email at

meggrecian@gmail.com for more information.

Breakfast at the Grange: First Sundays

Breakfast at the Grange is served on the first Sunday of each month from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Donations are gratefully accepted. All proceeds go to the Building Restoration Fund used to make building improvements to the Grange Hall.



Do you like to scare people??

Calling all those who like to scare people!
We are looking for actors to participate in the Haunted Grange, October 29-31.
No acting experience necessary.
Please contact Ken at 541-556-1092.

Free Costume Exchange!

There will be a free costume exchange at Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop (113 E. Main Street) on October 10th from 1:30-5:30 p.m. All costumes are free, even if you don't bring one to exchange.

We will be accepting donations of both kid and adult costumes and accessories at Stomping Grounds through October 10th. If you want to donate but are unable to drop off the costumes, please contact Mandy Kintzley to coordinate a donation or call the coffee shop at 541-729-4020 with questions.

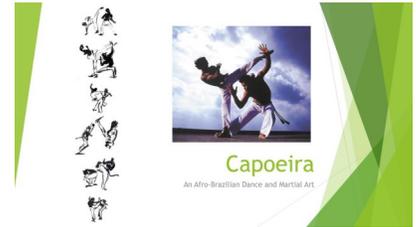


Afro Brazilian Dance Comes to Lowell

Capoeira classes in Lowell at Grange Mondays at 5 pm till 6 pm beginners class, 6 till 7 advanced. Capoeira is a Brazilian Dance , martial art , game. Great for cardio , core strength flexibility.

Classes are \$15 drop in or \$50 a month . All ages and skill levels welcome. LETS GO!! Classes taught by instructor Cigano of Pura Capoeira en Movimento , over 25 years experience.

For more information, please contact Nathan at 541-650-5133.



LOWELL GRANGE

FALL ARTISAN CRAFT FAIRE

OCTOBER 8TH 9-4:00
OCTOBER 9TH 10-4:00

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: October 2022

- 1—Cross Country MS Meet @ Bryant Park, 8:30 a.m.
Varsity Volleyball @ Reedsport, 1:30/4:30 p.m.
- 2—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street
- 3—JH Volleyball v. Cottage Grove, 4:30 p.m.
JV Volleyball v. Monroe, 5:00 p.m.
JV Football v. Waldport, 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball Senior Night v. Monroe, 6:30 p.m.
- 4—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 5—JH Volleyball @ Fern Ridge, 4:30 p.m.
- 6—Cross Country HS/MS Meet @ Stayton Middle School, 3:50 p.m.
JV/Varsity Volleyball @ East Linn, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
Lowell Parks Committee, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer Street
- 7—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Football Homecoming v. Monroe, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 & 9—Artisan Craft Faire, 51 E. 2nd Street, 9-4 Sat & 10-4 Sun
- 10—JH Volleyball @ Westridge, 4:30 p.m.
JV Football @ Monroe, 5:00 p.m.
- 11—Lundy Book Fair this week!
JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Oakridge, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
- 12—JH Volleyball v. St. Paul, 4:30 p.m. 8th Grade Night
JH Football v. Harrisburg, 4:30 p.m.
Lowell Fire District Board meeting; 7:00 p.m., Main Station
- 13—Cross Country MS Meet @ Avery Park, 3:30 p.m.
JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Central Linn, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
- 14—JV Football v. Culver, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Football v. Culver, 6:00 p.m.
- 15—Cross County HS Meet @ Oregon Country Fairgrounds, 11 am
Varsity Volleyball v. Bandon @ Oakridge, 1:30 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball v. Gold Beach @ Oakridge, 3:00 p.m.
OSU Extension Arts & Crafts Project, Noon-2:00 pm, Fire Hall
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 17—Varsity Volleyball Playoffs, TBD
- 18—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 19—JH Volleyball @ Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.
JH Football v. Monroe, 5:30 p.m., 8th Grade Night
Varsity Volleyball Playoffs, TBD
- 20—Cross County MS Districts @ Monroe, 4:00 p.m.
- 21—Varsity Football v. Toledo, 7:00 p.m., Senior Night
- 22—Varsity Volleyball Playoffs @ SWOCC, TBD
- 24—JV Football @ Toledo, 5:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elem.
- 25—Blackberry Jam Festival Committee, 7:00 p.m., Fire Hall
- 26—JH Football @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
- 27—Cross Country District Championships @ LCC, 11:00 a.m.
- 28—Senior's Potluck, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
Varsity Football @ Oakridge, 7:00 p.m.
- 29—Varsity Volleyball 1st Round State, TBD
- 29, 30, 31—Haunted Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street, 5:00-9:30 p.m.
- 30—Cross Country MS Championships, WOU, 1:00 p.m.