



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## FALL SPORT ALL-STATE HONORS

After a vote by coaches from across Oregon, eight Lowell athletes were recognized as some of the best football and volleyball players in the entire state:

- Annabelle Pickett** (Jr) - 2nd Team Libero
- Jamar Thurman** (So) - 1st Team Running Back,  
2nd Team Defensive Back
- Jesse Neet** (Sr) - 2nd Team Punter
- Justus Thurman** (Jr) - 2nd Team Wide Receiver
- Lehi Zylstra** (Sr) - 1st Team Linebacker
- Lydia Plahn** (Sr) - Honorable Mention
- Paul Clark** (So) - 2nd Team O-Line, 3rd Team D-Line
- Rowan Files** (Jr) - 2nd Team Linebacker, 3rd Team Tight end

On top of that, **Jamar Thurman** was named 2A football's Co-Offensive Player of the Year. Jamar led the 2A level in rushing yards and touchdowns and had the 4th most rushing yards in all levels combined. Coach Pat Todd said, "Jamar has a burst of speed that can separate him from most defenders and a wiggle that makes it hard to get a grip on him in traffic."

Jamar was honored and grateful to receive the All-State Player of the Year award but is still striving for more. "My goal for next year is to help win a state title," said Thurman. "I know if we work hard as a unified group, nothing can stop us from bringing home a championship for our school and our community for the first time in history." Jamar is thankful for his coaches, teammates, parents, brothers, and God for the roles they have played in his success, and he hopes to "always represent my school, community and my Thurman name with honor and pride."

Congratulations to all of our Red Devils.  
Thank you for representing Lowell.



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**Alumnus Spotlight: Ryan Hendrickson** spent most of his childhood in Oregon and considers Lowell to be his hometown. While at LHS, he participated in sports and “gained my confidence as a man through wrestling and football.” He graduated in 1997 and his father encouraged him to “serve your country and see what life has to offer,” so he enlisted in the Navy.

After serving four years in the Navy, Ryan enlisted in the Air Force and then transferred to the Army in 2008. He was part of the U.S. Army Special Forces. He had many military deployments during his service including Iraq, Afghanistan and countries in South and Central America. When Ryan was a Green Beret he was injured by an improvised explosive device that caused severe injuries. He had over 24 surgeries and spent many torturous months rehabilitating. Defeating all odds, he returned to active duty and was redeployed in 2012. Ryan’s service went above and beyond and he has received many awards including the Silver Star, four Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and an Army Commendation Medal with Valor.

While in rehabilitation Ryan began writing to deal with the trauma. After encouragement from others, he had his book, Tip of the Spear printed in 2020. It is a detailed account of his life and military career. He felt others may benefit from his life experience. “I want people to read my book and realize that you can go through a life-altering catastrophic experience, but it doesn’t have to end your life or end who you are.”

Ryan is currently conducting landmine and explosive hazards removal in Ukraine with his charity organization, Tip of the Spear Landmine Removal. He is also a motivational speaker and recently shared a message with the students and staff at LHS. He encouraged them to think about who they want to be and what they want to be remembered for.

Ryan currently lives in Florida with his wife, Dawn, and he occasionally makes the trip to Oregon to visit friends in Lowell.

Thank you, Ryan, for your sacrifice and service, making a difference in this world, and inspiring others to do the same.



### Thank You from Ray Yarbrough, Industrial Arts/CTE

I want to send a quick thank you out to Jason Pickett & Ray Fassbender for spending a day hauling lumber and helping my class unload and stack lumber. A couple of weeks ago I had a meeting with Northwest Hardwoods on a Friday afternoon and asked them for a donation of lumber. They said they could do something for us, but I wasn't sure exactly what. This last Friday I met with them again and they outlined what they could donate to us.

Today, Ray & Jason hauled between \$40K and \$50K retail value worth of lumber from Northwest Hardwoods to our shop to be used by our students. This really was an amazing donation by Northwest Hardwoods. If any of you know anyone that works there, please let them know how much we appreciate it. Our students will be using some of the lumber to build them a few things in appreciation, and we will certainly be writing a thank you letter.





## RED DEVIL REPORT

### Lowell Athletics Update



### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Please join us in the high school gym on Tuesday, February 7 as we celebrate our Basketball Senior Night during our last home games of the regular season.

3:00	JV Girls vs North Douglas
4:30	JV Boys vs Oakridge
6:00	V Girls vs Oakridge
7:30	V Boys vs Oakridge

### JUNIOR HIGH BOYS' BASKETBALL

Our **junior high boys' basketball** team is led by Jacob McCart and assisted by Mark Gonzales and Bryce Roper. Athletes (pictured below) include 8th graders Colton Crutcher, Carson Ewan, Gage Greco, Tyler Harris, Zakary Hermansen, Adrian Islas, Devon Jones, Wyatt McNamee, Jax Norcutt, Wyatt Pelroy, Daelyn Ramirez Daniels, Koda Roberts, Gage Roper, and Marix Wendt; 7th graders Tanner Coiner, Tanner Foster, Henley Garner, David Islas, Judah Kelso, Sawyer Landreth, Ryder Ortiz, Eli Pickett, Eric Sotomayor, Walker Straight, Nate Waters, and Lukas Williams; and 6th graders Brayden Biancalana, Brenten Davies, Corven Floyd, Xavier Islas, Kohen Rhinevault, Taylor Sheridan, and Easton Slabaugh.



Join us for 8th Grade Night on Wednesday, February 15 at 4:30 in the high school gym.

### HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS

This spring, Lowell High School will be offering baseball, softball, and track. Additionally, our high school is forming a collective sponsorship with Creswell for boys' golf and Thurston for girls' golf. More details will be provided via Synergy and/or your students' folders in the near future. In the meantime:

- **Make sure your athlete is registered.** For golf, please contact the sponsoring school to register. All other sports can register with FamilyID at [www.familyid.com/organizations/lowell-school-district](http://www.familyid.com/organizations/lowell-school-district).
- **Mark your calendars.**
  - Monday, February 13 Pitching and catching practice may begin
  - Monday, February 27 Regular practices begin

## City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

**Volunteers needed for 2023 Blackberry Jam Festival.** The City has a recruiting goal of 15 volunteers to run the 2023 Blackberry Jam Festival. We need to have at least 15 confirmed volunteers by the end of February, or we won't be able to hold the festival this year.

We need volunteers to assist with:

- \* Cleaning, garbage pick-up, and sanitation
- \* Answering questions at the information booth
- \* Setting up and taking down equipment
- \* Contacting vendors and assisting with vendor set up

Volunteers are required to commit to at least a five-hour shift during the days of the festival, as well as attendance at monthly Blackberry Jam Festival Committee meetings. The monthly meetings occur on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

If interested, please contact City Hall in-person, by phone at (541) 937-2157, or by email at [admin@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:admin@ci.lowell.or.us).

**From Library Director Peggy O'Kane.** Our grand opening and ribbon cutting will take place on Saturday, February 25. More details will be available on the City website in the coming days.

The Maggie Osgood Library is open. Not all the books are on the shelves and not all the books on the shelves are cataloged but you are welcome to stop by, get a borrowing card, and find a book. During the next few weeks our hours will be sporadic. But, if I am here, we are open: usually 9-2 Monday -Thursday.

We could not have gotten this far without the help of a dedicated team of volunteers. We are still looking for more people to help with getting us ready and in our ongoing work. If you are interested in helping, fill out the form on our web page, which is available here:

<[https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/administration/page/691/committee\\_application.pdf](https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/administration/page/691/committee_application.pdf)>.

We are accepting donations of books, but we reserve the right to use donations in a way that works best for the library. We are also looking for donations of plants. Regular hours will be posted soon. Story time and programs for adults will also begin during February.



**Notice of Planning Commission vacancy.** The City of Lowell is accepting applications to fill two openings on the Lowell Planning Commission. The term of office will begin immediately. Planning Commissioners are appointed by City Council. The two newly appointed Planning Commissioners will serve until December 31, 2024, with the ability to be reappointed for 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 [admin@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:admin@ci.lowell.or.us), or by stopping by City Hall in person.

**Dogs running at large.** The City has received a lot of complaints about dogs running at large. It is a Class C violation, punishable by a fine up to \$250, for dog owners to let their dogs be at large.

**Dog and cat license reminder.** All pet owners are required to obtain dog and cat licenses for their pets within city limits. The license fee pays for the City's contract with Lane County Animal Control. A benefit to licensing your dog, and keeping the license on their collar, is that it will make it easier for your dog to be returned to you if an animal control officer ever picks them up.

### **Actions by City Council and other committees/commissions**

At the January 3, 2023 regular meeting, City Council took the following actions:

- Elected Don Bennett to serve as Mayor and elected Gail Harris to serve as Council President
- Approved Ordinance 308 related to open burning regulations
- Approved Resolution 797 to adopt guiding principles for the City Council
- Approved an agreement for improvements with Jerry and Julie Valencia for a development that the Planning Commission approved
- Approved a salary adjustment for the Library Director based on the results of the 6-month performance review

The Planning Commission met on January 4, 2023 to hold public hearings on ordinances adopting text amendments and rezoning properties within the downtown regulating plan. After receiving public comments on the proposed ordinances, the Planning Commission voted to continue the hearing until February 15.

At the January 17, 2023 regular meeting, City Council took the following actions:

- Approved Ordinance 307 relating to the Library Board and library concept of operations
- Elected Don Bennett to serve as Mayor and elected Gail Harris to serve as Council President
- Received a presentation on system development charges updates
- Approved an improvements agreement with the Lowell School District for a gym and classroom expansion project
- Reviewed materials associated with an participating in Lane County's emergency management plan update
- Reviewed protocols to responding to security alarms at 70 N. Pioneer St.

The City Council held a work session on January 21, 2023 to develop and prioritize goals for 2023.

The Planning Commission held work session on January 18 and January 25 to continue reviewing proposed updates to the development code.

### **Upcoming meetings – Meeting details available here:**

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2023-02>

### **Meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District station.**

- Planning Commission – February 1 @ 7:00 pm
- Parks Committee – February 2 @ 7:00 pm
- City Council – February 7 @ 7:00 pm
- Blackberry Jam Festival Committee – Tentative February 13 @ 7:00 pm (check City website to confirm meeting day and time)
- Planning Commission – February 15 @ 7:00 pm
- City Council – February 21 @ 7:00 pm

### **Land use applications that are pending before the Planning Commission are now available here:**

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/planning/page/pending-land-use-applications>

# FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

**FORM  
OR-LB-SBH**

**Notice of Supplemental Budget Hearing**  
Oregon Department of Revenue

- Use for supplemental budget proposing a change in any fund's expenditures by more than 10 percent.

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for February 8, 2023, for the current fiscal year, will be  
(District name)

held at 389 N. Pioneer Street,  
(Location)

The hearing will take place on February 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm  a.m.  p.m. The purpose  
(Date) (Time)

of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons.

A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after January 26 at  
(Date)

Lowell Rural Fire District, between the hours of 8am  a.m.  p.m. and 5pm  a.m.  p.m.  
(Location)

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES**  
AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED

FUND: Equipment Reserve Fund

Resource	Amount	Expenditure—Indicate Org. unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object class.	Amount
1. _____	_____	1. <u>Transfer to General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
2. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	3. _____	_____
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements</b>	<input type="text" value="\$ 15,000"/>

Explanation of changes:

Purchase of 2 - \$7,500 generators for operational use at Lowell Rural Fire Protection District

FUND: General Fund -Firefighting/Rescue-Materials/Services-CapitalOutlay

Resource	Amount	Expenditure—Indicate Org. unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object class.	Amount
1. <u>Transfer to G. Fund from ERF</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	1. <u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
2. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	3. _____	_____
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>	<input type="text" value="\$ 191,079"/>	<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements</b>	<input type="text" value="\$ 148,839"/>

Explanation of changes:

Transfer from ERF to General Fund - Firefighting/Rescue - M/S - Capital Outlay \$15,000 for purchase of 2-\$7,500 Generators totalling \$15,000.

# In and Around the Community

## Mountain View Academy

### LIMITED OPENINGS

Mountain View Academy is a charter school in Lowell, Oregon. We have 16 students per grade level, a foundation in character education, and we teach students through ability grouping - making sure we serve every student at their level.

We have a "Back to Basics" approach, encouraging hard work and providing students with a full curriculum.

Our program has a 4-day school week with monthly field trips and volunteer requirements.

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**

### Lowell Grange Breakfast— February 5

Breakfast at the Grange is served on the first Sunday of each month from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Lowell Grange is located at 51 E. 2nd Street in Lowell.



As a special treat this month, new members Mike & Sharon Wang will be selling lovely jewelry during the breakfast on February 5 — perfect for Valentine gifts. Thank you Sharon & Mike!

All proceeds go to the Building Restoration Fund used to make building improvements to the Grange.

### 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 meggreccian@gmail.com for more information.

### Free Storytime at Stomping Grounds Coffee

Kids of all ages are welcome for free storytime at Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., starting on February 2nd. We hope all our young friends can come read with us.



### Community Energy Grant

A community meeting is being held on Friday, February 3rd at 11:30 a.m. to learn and ask questions about this energy grant the school district is interested in. The meeting will be held in the PDC, at Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street. Facilities Director Jason Pickett will be in attendance to answer any questions that come up.

*East Valley Church Invites you to a*

## Winter Wonderland Father Daughter Dance

Girls ask your father's or that special role model in your life to a night he'll never forget!

February 25th 2023  
6pm-9pm

Lowell, Grange  
51 East 2nd St, Lowell, OR

*Tickets On Sale Now:*  
Cost \$20 per father/daughter  
\$5 for additional daughter  
Contact Jessica McCart  
971-413-5112

includes Dancing, DJ, Light refreshments and photo Booth

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Lowell, OR 97452

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On the web: [www.lowell.k12.or.us](http://www.lowell.k12.or.us)

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*Lowell, OR 97452*

## Postal Customer Lowell/Fall Creek

*The Bridge is a cooperative effort of Lowell School District #71,  
City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: February 2023

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| 1—JH Boys Basketball v. Lincoln (CG), 4:30 p.m.<br>Lowell Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.  | 11—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball District Playoffs, TBD<br>Varsity Wrestling Districts in Lowell, Districts, TBD   |
| 2—Varsity Wrestling @ Oakland w/Glide, Monroe, 5:00 p.m.<br>Lowell Parks Committee, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer Street  | 13—JH Boys Basketball @ Monroe (Elem. school), 4:30 p.m.<br>School Board—Strategic Plan Annual Report, 4:00 p.m., PDC<br>Blackberry Jam Committee (tentative), 7 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer  |
| 3—Community Energy Grant mtg, PDC/Lundy Elem., 11:30 a.m.<br>JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball v. Waldport, 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30 pm<br>Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.   | 14-15, 17-18—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball District Playoffs, TBD  |
| 3/4—Varsity Wrestling @ Cottage Grove, Girls Districts, TBD   | 15—JH Boys Basketball v. Central Linn, 4:30 p.m., 8th Grade Night<br>Lowell Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.   |
| 5—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street   | 18—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange—moved to the 10th   |
| 6—JH Boys Basketball v. St. Paul, 4:30 p.m.   | 20— <b>Presidents' Day — No School</b>   |
| 7—JV Girls Basketball v. North Douglas, 3:00 p.m.<br>JV Boys Basketball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.<br>Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Oakridge, 6/7:30, Senior Night<br><b>City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.</b><br>Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview | 21— <b>City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.</b><br>Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview   |
| 8—JH Boys Basketball @ Oakridge (Westridge), 4:30 p.m.<br><b>Lowell Fire District Board Meeting/Public Hearing; 7:00 p.m., Main Station</b>   | 23/25—Varsity Wrestling Championships, Veterans Memorial<br>Coliseum, TBD  |
| 10—Half day of school, Parent conferences<br>JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Oakland, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm<br>Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.<br>Varsity Wrestling Districts in Lowell, Districts, time TBD   | 24—Senior Potluck, Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church<br>25—Maggie Osgood Library Open House — watch for details soon<br>27—JH Boys Basketball @ Lincoln (CG), 4:30 p.m.<br><b>School Board Closed Session, 6:00 pm, PDC at Lundy Elem.</b> |