

# The Bridge

Making Community Connections

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## Involvement Opportunities Announced

Lowell Families and Community,

We are lucky to have many staff, families, and volunteers. They all work hard to create educational chances for students. Our district relies on the time and energy our school community gives.

Currently, we have many roles available for members of our community to enrich the lives of our students. Classroom and school volunteers are always in demand. We need volunteers to make field trips, outdoor school, and other off-site learning possible. We also have programs needing volunteers to read to students to increase their skills. If you would like to fill any of these roles, please reach out to Lundy Elementary at 541-937-2105 or Lowell Jr./Sr. High at 541-937-2124.

Just can't commit to that much time, but still want to make a difference? We have openings on the Lowell Budget Committee. Typically, this takes one or two evenings each year. It helps the district set the budget and make recommendations to the School Board. There is no experience necessary, just a desire to help! If you are interested in serving on the Lowell Budget Committee, contact Michelle Stephens at 541-937-5095 or email [stephens@lowell.k12.or.us](mailto:stephens@lowell.k12.or.us).

Some feel called to serve in a bigger way. They can help our students outside the classroom with their skills and abilities. They have the

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**WINTER SPORTS WRAP UP**

**Junior high wrestling** had a successful season with our young team taking home a 5th place finish at the district tournament with 8 finalists and 2 champions: Banyan Jalof and Zophia Fassbender.

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| Westen Straight (5) - 2nd place, boys 82  | Sevastian Benway (5) - 4th place, boys 86    |
| Will Coiner (7) - 2nd place, boys 92      | Ben Johnson (7) - 2nd place, boys 98         |
| Elise Skordahl (7) - 2nd place, girls 108 | Jason Crawford (7) - 2nd place, boys 114     |
| Banyan Jalof (7) - 1st place, boys 125    | Zophia Fassbender (8) - 1st place, girls 165 |
| Lilly Wiley (6) - 2nd place, girls 165    |  |

Additionally, several of our wrestlers chose to compete in the OWA Folkstyle State Championships, where Elise Skordahl (110, 14U) and Corven Floyd (190, 16U) each earned a 4th place finish.

**High school boys basketball** (4-6 league, 10-13 overall) had a challenging season with no seniors after losing 7 varsity athletes to graduation last year. Even with a lineup full of underclassmen, the team placed 4th in the league. Led by team captains Wyatt Smith, Jax Norcutt, and Carter Harris, the team worked hard to rebuild, demonstrating growth and grit throughout the season.

**High school girls basketball** (5-5 league, 10-14 overall) wrapped up their season with a fantastic 50-30 win over Culver, ending on a high note and showcasing their hard work throughout the year. With four strong seniors—Gracie Aldinger, Jada Cantrell, Hazel Garner, and Cheyanne McNamee—leading the way, the team finished 4th in league. Coach Todd felt proud of the whole team’s great effort and consistent improvement this season.

**Check out next month’s article for basketball all-league awards as well as wrap-ups for our high school wrestling and junior high basketball seasons.**

**JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS**

**High School Baseball**

- Head Coach:* Aaron Thurman
- First Practice: Monday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School baseball field
- Parent Meeting: Monday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Lowell High School baseball field

**High School Softball**

- Head Coach:* Mark Gonzales
- First Practice: Monday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School softball field
- Parent Meeting: Monday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School softball field

**High School Track & Field**

- Head Coach:* Jill Chapman
- First Practice: Monday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School track
- Parent Meeting: Monday, March 3 at 5:15 p.m.  
Lowell High School track
- Social Media: Lowell Red Devils Track & Field  
 @red\_devil\_track\_and\_field

**Middle School Track & Field (5th-8th grade)**

- Head Coach:* Lyn Alexander
- First Practice: Monday, March 17 at 3:15 p.m.  
Lowell High School track
- Parent Meeting: Monday, March 17 at 4:30 p.m.  
Lowell High School track

## Students of the Month

January's LHS Student of the Month

### Jenna Carter

**Favorite Food:** Yumm Bowls

**Favorite Song:** "Better When I'm Dancing" by Meghan Trainor

**Favorite Subject:** I love being a teaching assistant for Mrs. B

**Future Profession:** Medical Assistant

**Reason for Nomination:** Jenna gave an outstanding senior presentation that impressed Lowell teachers. She has been as consistent as they come as a student. She is a quality student, but even more, a quality person. She is one of the best to come through Lowell.



MVA Student of the Month

### Cortez Garcia-Cash

**Favorite Food:** Potato Chips

**Favorite Song:** "What Do You Do with Enchanted Sailors?" - Traditional

**Favorite Subject:** Math

**Future Profession:** Scientist or Magician

**Reason for Nomination:** Mrs. Roper nominated Cortez for showing MVA's character traits. He puts a great deal of effort into his classwork. His jokes, sense of humor, and fun facts keep everyone laughing.



Lowell JR High Student of the Month

### Isaac Estrada

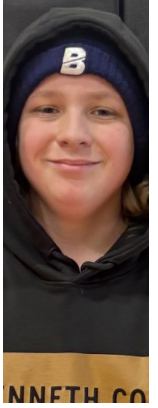
**Favorite Food:** Chicken Enchiladas

**Favorite Song:** "Back to the Old House" by The Smiths

**Favorite Subject:** Math

**Future Profession:** Psychology-Related Profession

**Reason for Nomination:** Isaac finishes his work on time. He joins class discussions and works with his classmates to get good results. He always has a positive attitude and is respectful.



Fun Facts About Lowell

What year did the Lowell Post Office begin operations? It was 1883.

What city was the City of Lowell named after? It was named for Lowell, Maine.

Who were the original inhabitants of the land we call Lowell? The Calapooya and Mollala Tribes.

What year was the City of Lowell incorporated? It was 1954. The construction of nearby dams allowed for city sewer and water systems. Workers during the Truman and Eisenhower administrations built this infrastructure.

How many cities named Lowell are there in the United States? 26. In the world? 26.

## Dates To Note

March 6 Smokey Bear will visit First Grade.

March 9 Daylight Saving Time Starts - Spring Forward one hour

March 17 Sluggo bookmarks are due to your teacher.

March 24-28 Spring Break - Have fun and be safe.

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# March '25

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	<p>1pm Food Pantry/Clothing Bank at 4 Lakeview St.</p> <p>6pm City Council Work Session at Fire Hall</p>		<p>7pm Parks Commi</p> <p>7pm <i>The Day the In</i> comedy at LHS Caf</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	<p>6pm Blackberry Jam Committee at Fire Hall</p>	<p>7pm Library Committee at Maggie Osgood Library</p>	
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<p>4:30 HS Baseball at Lowell</p>	<p>1pm Food Pantry/Clothing Bank at 4 Lakeview St.</p> <p>7pm City Council at Fire Hall</p>	<p>4:30 HS Softball at St. Paul</p> <p>4:30 HS Baseball at Western Christian</p>	<p>3:30 HS Track Mee</p>
<b>24 SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>25 SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>26 SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>27 SPRING BRE</b>
<p>4:30 HS Baseball and Softball at Lowell</p>			<p>4:00 HS Baseball a Riddle</p>
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<p>4:30 HS Softball at Eddyville</p>			

Complete and up-to-date sports schedules, Varsity and Junior Varsity, can be found online:

[lowell.k12.or.us/athletics/](http://lowell.k12.or.us/athletics/)

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	1	2 8am Breakfast at Grange
7 6pm Texas Hold'em Poker at Grange 7pm <i>The Day the Internet Died</i> comedy at LHS Cafetorium	8 7pm <i>The Day the Internet Died</i> comedy at LHS Cafetorium	9 Daylight Savings Time
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28 SPRING BREAK nd Softball at	29 SPRING BREAK 4:30 HS Baseball and Softball at Lowell	30 SPRING BREAK



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desire to help lead the district in ways that would benefit student outcomes long-term. We have three positions on the Lowell School Board up for election this spring. If you're interested in serving, consider applying! Two positions have incumbent candidates, and one is open. If you are interested in helping to guide our district, please consider running for an open position. For more information on elections, contact Lane County Elections or click here: School Board Elections.

We appreciate everyone who makes our kids' education great. This includes parents who support students, families that value learning, community members at events, and staff who show up daily. For those who volunteer, your gift to our students is priceless. None of us could do this without you.

### **Lowell Food Pantry Open**

The Lowell Food Pantry is open. Visit the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month for emergency food boxes from 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Bread days are the 2nd & 4th Tues. of every month from 10:00 - 12:00pm. Contact info: Shawn Brady 541-912-1538

### **New City of Lowell Fees Schedule**

The City of Lowell has fee increases:

Copies

.15 for black and white letter/legal size

.50 for Color letter/legal size

Laminating 1.50 per sheet

Updates to Collection fees 25%

Increase in the new residential service account deposit \$250.00 – which is approximately 2

months of normal usage.

Also updated Fees and Penalties:

Delinquent Account fee – (letter sent) \$10.00

Door Hanger fee: \$15.00

Shut-off Fee: \$25.00

Return to Service: \$50.00

For other updates, check the city's website.

### **Future Meetings / Dates to Remember:**

3/4 Lowell City Council Work Session at 6 PM in LRFPD Community Room

3/6 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting at 7 PM in the LRFPD Community Room

3/11 Blackberry Jam Festival Committee Meeting at 6 PM in the LRFPD Community Room

3/12 Library Committee Meeting at 7 PM in the Maggie Osgood Community Room

3/18 Lowell City Council Regular Meeting at 7 PM in LRFPD Community Room

4/1 Lowell City Council Work Session at 7 PM in LRFPD Community Room

FREE

LHS Drama presents...

# The Day the Internet Died

A Short Comedy by Ian McWethy and Jason Pizzarello

**Synopsis:** On a sunny day in the town of Bloomington, a devastating occurrence happens. No, it's not famine, or floods, or loss of your basic rights. The internet has gone down. And it will continue to be down! For a week! A whole week! Pandemonium! In a world that depends on the internet for shopping, mailing, and sharing baby pictures, how will society function? Not well, as it turns out. *The Day the Internet Died* presents a humorous perspective on how we navigate dating, research, and human connections in the absence of screens.

THURSDAY

March 6

7pm

FRIDAY

March 7

7pm

SATURDAY

March 8

7pm

Location: LHS CAFETORIUM

The production of *The Day the Internet Died* comes from a special arrangement with Stage Partners. ([www.yourstagepartners.com](http://www.yourstagepartners.com))

Donations will be accepted to support the development of the LHS Drama Program.

Please contact Mr. Klatt ([mklatt@lowell.k12.or.us](mailto:mklatt@lowell.k12.or.us)) if you would like to support LHS Drama.

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