



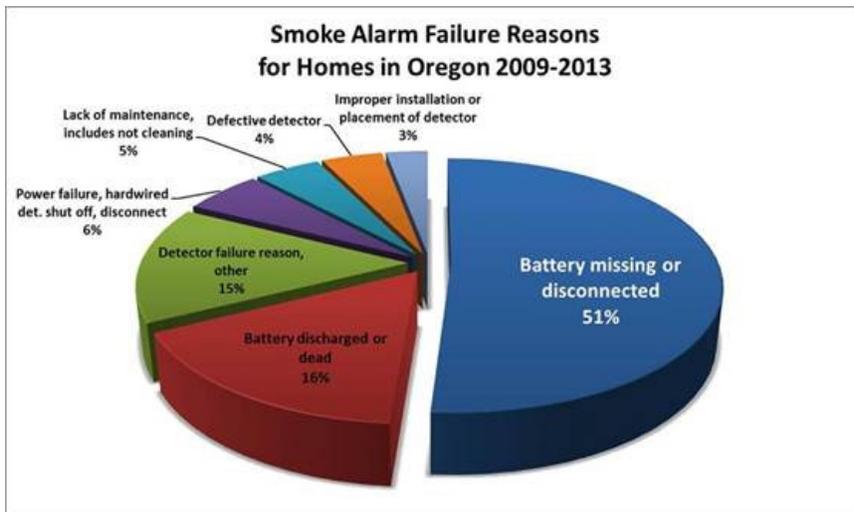
The Bridge

Making community connections

November is Check Your Smoke Alarm Month

November is the month that everyone should take the time to check their Smoke 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 alarms does occur, the alarm can be temporarily silenced to allow the inadvertent (burnt toast) smoke to clear.

The chart below shows the most common causes of smoke alarm failure in Oregon. Almost 70% of failures are due to missing, disconnected or dead batteries!



A list of common questions and answers about smoke alarms is included on pages 4 and 5. For more information about smoke alarms, go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org or contact the District office at 541-937-3393.

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

Big changes are afoot this year in the Lowell School District Food Service Department! This year, not only were students treated to a tastier and more appealing food menu, they also had their dining areas revamped to make their eating experience more enjoyable. At Lundy, the cafeteria area has been remodeled to include a covered entrance and added windows to improve natural lighting. At the high school, new tables and chairs were purchased to give the dining area a more relaxed and positive atmosphere. Another change this year is that the seventh and eighth grade students have lunch at the high school rather than having to walk across the field to the elementary school to eat.



Some of the menu changes include offering three main food options for students. At Lundy the students can choose from two cold food entrees which include yogurt and cereal or a deli sandwich. Students can still choose a hot lunch entrée over cold food if they prefer. All students are welcome to servings of fruit or salad in addition to the entree



choices. At the Jr./Sr. High School the students have salad and fruit offerings as well as their choice of five to six different entrees daily. Similar to past years, all of our Lundy and Lowell High School students are able to take advantage of breakfast in the morning at the elementary school and a nutrition break at LHS.

As a result of these changes, the number of students eating lunch at the high school has increased by close to 100%. We are pleased that so many students are taking advantage of the new school menus. We are also pleased that many of our students have taken advantage of filling out the "free and reduced" lunch applications. The applications make it possible for the Lowell School District to be eligible for additional school funding in the form of grants and student reductions on the cost of various standardized tests such as the ACT and SAT.

Next year the Food Service Department hopes to be in a position to utilize the produce grown by NEXUS Gardens, a school-based student enterprise. More information about the work being done by NEXUS students can be found on page 3. Watch for more Food Service Department initiatives in future newsletters. We're on the *move...*



We are pleased to announce that the Lowell School District will be participating in Oregon College Application Week! Although college-related celebrations will take place at all levels throughout both Lundy and Lowell Jr./Sr. High School, the goal of this event is to ensure that all members of our senior class apply to at least one two-year or four-year college or university program this fall. To us, college means any education program beyond high school including certificate programs, two-year degree programs, and four-year degree programs.

We will be celebrating this event November 12th through the 14th. That week, there will be college-related lessons, dress-up days, door decorating contests, and other opportunities for students of all ages to begin thinking about and planning for their future. On Thursday the 13th, the senior class will share a meal together with representatives from local colleges and universities, and spend the afternoon applying to a school of their choice.

Families are welcome to visit the school to assist their student during the application process. We are also accepting donations in the form of gift cards to be raffled off at the end of the week. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please call our School Counselor, Abbey Rius, at 541-937-2105. You can also find more information about the initiative online at <http://www.oregongoestocollege.org>. Thank you in advance for your support of this exciting initiative to encourage Lowell's students to make college a part of their future!



2014 Homecoming Court from left to right: 2013 Homecoming Queen Sky Moskowitz with escort Aaron Boykin, Senior Princess Kayce DeMarce with escort Jaron Barckley, Senior Princess Jessica Chittim with escort Austin McNichols, Senior Princess Faith Baimbridge with escort Thomas Talamante-Ward, 2014 Homecoming Queen Sam Harshbarger with escort Mahsen Asher, Junior Princess Natasha Sylvester with escort Justyn Barton, Sophomore Princess Chelsea Byrne with escort Hayden Trimble, and Freshman Princess Daisy Schnee with escort Tommy Harvey. Congratulations to all!



2014 Queen Sam \ Harshbarger and escort Mahsen Asher

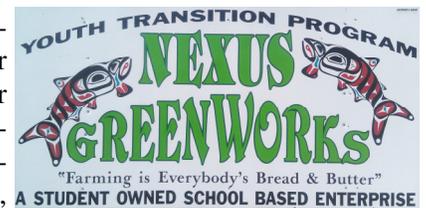
State Playoff Update

The Girls Volleyball team is ranked 4th in State overall and will face Damascus Christian at home this Saturday, November 1st at 2:30 p.m. A win will secure the team a spot in the state playoffs in Redmond November 7th and 8th.

The Football team is ranked 2nd in State and will play Triangle Lake at home this Friday, October 31st. Win or lose, Lowell will be in the State playoffs which run weekends in November with the final game on November 29th. Watch for information on the electronic reader board for home game information. Come out and root these teams on to victory!!

NEXUS GREENWORKS FALL/WINTER REPORT

Since the beginning of the school term in September, the Nexus Greenworks students and crew have been busy with fall harvest activities and yes, preparations for next year's gardening. If you visited the garden and greenhouse during the summer you know that our student interns, Noah Stewart and Jason Byrne worked throughout the summer watering and weeding and later harvesting our produce. The Demonstration garden produced three varieties of sweetcorn, pumpkins, winter squash, onions, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, zucchini, garlic, broccoli, kale and tons of summer and fall flower varieties. The beautiful vines that grew over the garden were hops which produced over seven lbs. of cones. Our fall plantings include winter onions and garlic, and in the greenhouse five varieties of salad greens. All of the outside raised beds and the demo garden have been either replanted or cover-cropped with field peas, vetch, fava beans, crimson clover and rye. This is a "green manure" planting that will be tilled back in the spring to enrich the soil. 13 students participating in Nexus/YTP this term are now propagating new seeds for succession plantings in the greenhouse. These students are also continuing in the classroom with career exploration activities and making plans to again visit Sweet Creek Foods with a new surprise recipe to complement our fantastic organic blackberry and strawberry fruit spreads that we have been promoting and selling at events throughout the community (We still have a few cases remaining.) Look for our new product around Thanksgiving. It's going to be great!! More news from Nexus and the Youth Transition Program will follow in upcoming newsletters. Please contact, Jef Jalof, YTP Specialist / program coordinator at 541 937-2124 with any questions or suggestions.



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

November is “Check Your Smoke Alarm Month” — continued from Cover page

Here is a list of the most common questions about smoke alarms and the answers to these questions as provided by the Oregon State Fire Marshals Office.

Q. Why should my home have smoke alarms? A. You are four times more likely to survive a home fire if you have a working smoke alarm. During a fire, you may have less than three minutes to escape. Smoke spreads fast, and smoke alarms alert you to the danger and give you time to get out.

Q. What is the difference between a smoke alarm and a smoke detector? A. A smoke alarm is a self-contained, single or multiple-station smoke-sensing device. A smoke alarm detects and alarms. A smoke detector is a smoke-sensing device that is not self-contained and operates as part of a central control system. A smoke detector detects smoke and sends the information to an alarm panel. (ORS 479.250).

Q. What types of smoke alarms are available? A. Ionization, photoelectric, combination (ionization/photoelectric), and smoke (ionization or photoelectric)/carbon monoxide alarms. For more information on the types of alarms, their power source, and hush feature requirements see the chart at www.lowellfiredistrict.org.

A conventional audible smoke alarm does not fully address the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing. For more information on smoke alarms for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, please visit: Fire Safety for people who are deaf or hard of hearing at: http://www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/pages/commed_fs_d.aspx.

Q. What is the difference between ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms? A. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker at sensing flaming, fast moving fires. Photoelectric smoke alarms are quicker at sensing smoldering fires. Both types are recommended for protection from both types of fires.

Q. Where do I install smoke alarms? A. Smoke alarms in dwelling units shall be installed in each sleeping room as per the applicable requirements of the State Building Code at the time of construction and in the corridor or area giving access to sleeping areas according to the manufacturer’s instructions*.

Where sleeping areas are located on an upper level, the smoke alarm or smoke detector shall be installed in an accessible location as close as practical to the center of the ceiling directly over the stairway. Where sleeping areas are widely separated (i.e., on different levels or opposite ends of the dwelling unit) and/or where a single smoke alarm or smoke detector will not adequately service all sleeping areas, a smoke alarm or smoke detector shall be installed adjacent to each sleeping area. (OAR 837-045-0050)

- Outside bedrooms within 21 feet of all bedroom doors.
- On each level of the home (including the basement).
- In bedrooms, if required by state building code at the time of construction.
- All smoke alarms are to be installed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations.

**Please note: required when selling or renting a home.*

Q. Are smoke alarms required on every level? A. Yes. Smoke alarms are required on each level of the home (including the basement).

Q. Are smoke alarms required in all bedrooms? ** A. Smoke alarms in dwelling units shall be installed in each sleeping room as per the applicable requirements of the State Building Code at the time of construction.

The OSFM recommends adding smoke alarms to each bedroom or other areas used for sleeping to increase protection.

***Please note: Some local ordinances have additional requirements.*

Q. Where should smoke alarms not be installed? A. Kitchens, bathrooms, garages, and unheated areas where moisture, steam, frost, cooking vapors, and exhaust fumes could cause a nuisance alarm.

Q. Should a smoke alarm be installed in the kitchen? A. No. If you install smoke alarms in the kitchen, install them at least 10 feet away from cooking appliances. They should be equipped with a hush feature or be photoelectric smoke alarms. (NFPA 72)

Q. How often do I replace my smoke alarm? A. Smoke alarms should be replaced according to the National Fire

Protection Association, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code (72-14.4.7) Replacement of Smoke Alarms in One and Two-Family Dwellings: “Unless otherwise recommended by the manufacturer’s published instructions, single and multiple station smoke alarms installed in one- and two-family dwellings shall be replaced when they fail to respond to operability test, but shall not remain in service longer than 10 years from the date of manufacture.” (NFPA 72)

Q. Can I replace a hard-wired smoke alarm with a smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) alarm? A. Yes, you may replace a hard-wired smoke alarm with a hard-wired with battery back-up smoke/CO alarm.

- Switching from one manufacturer’s unit to another may require a power adapter plug.
- Manufacturers advise adapter plugs may be changed using wire nuts and may require a licensed electrician.

Q. Are 10-year batteries and a hush feature required in smoke alarms in Oregon? A. All ionization smoke alarms sold in this state that are solely battery-operated shall be packaged with a 10-year battery. All ionization smoke alarms sold in this state shall include a hush mechanism that allows a person to temporarily disengage the alarm for a period of not more than 15 minutes. (ORS 479.297)

“Ten-year smoke alarm battery” means a battery power source that is warranted by the battery manufacturer to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of at least ten (10) years when used in an ionization smoke alarm that: Is listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory; and has been approved by the nationally recognized testing laboratory for use with a ten-year battery. (OAR 837-045-0040)

Photoelectric, combination (ionization/photoelectric), and smoke/carbon monoxide alarms do not require a 10-year (long life) battery or a hush feature, but are available for sale in Oregon.

Q. How do I keep my smoke alarm working? A. Smoke alarms must be maintained, tested, and batteries replaced according to the manufacturer’s recommended instructions. (OAR 837-047-0150)

Follow the manufacturer’s recommendation for the type of battery to use in your smoke alarm. Never disconnect or remove smoke alarm batteries for other uses.

Smoke alarms with a non-replaceable (long-life) battery are designed to be effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, immediately replace the entire smoke alarm.

For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace the battery at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.

Q. How and when do I test my smoke alarm? A. Test smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button.

Q. What should I do when the smoke alarm sounds? A. Get outside and stay outside. Get low and crawl low under the smoke to your way out. Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number for help. Never go back inside for people, pets, or belongings.

Q. What do I do if my smoke alarm sounds and it is a nuisance alarm? A. Many smoke alarms come with a hush feature, a button on the alarm that you push to silence nuisance alarms for up to 15 minutes.

Please note: Nuisance alarms can be caused by steam from showers or smoke from cooking.

For more information about Smoke Alarms, go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org or contact the district office at 541-937-3393.

Backyard Open Burning Season Officially Opens

Backyard Open Burning is now allowed only during days and hours authorized by Lane Regional Air Protection Agency. Remember, before you light that burn pile, make sure it is an authorized burn day by calling LRAPA at 541-726-3976, Option #3. Burning outside the authorized parameters could expose you to fines from LRAPA. Burning of yard debris, tree trimmings and yard clippings is allowed on designated burn days as established by LRAPA. For more information about open burning in Lane County, call LRAPA at 541-736-1056 or go to www.LRAPA.org

On the web: www.lowellfiredistrict.org

City Beat

City Administrator Terminates Contract

Recently, the Lowell’s City Administrator, Bill Lee, gave notice to the City Council that he will be stepping down as City Administrator effective January 15, 2015. The City Council has been conducting work sessions to develop the process for the recruitment and selection for the next City Administrator.

Lowell Covered Bridge Gate

A couple months ago, the large pull down gate at the Lowell covered bridge was damaged by someone driving their vehicle across the walkway to the bridge and ramming the gate which caused the gate to come off its tracks. The City Administrator has reported the damage to Lane County Parks Maintenance who is responsible for all major maintenance.

The County is looking at alternatives rather than complete replacement since the replacement would cost over \$10,000. The City Administrator, with a consensus of the Council, has proposed a temporary solution to the County by swapping the damaged gate with the gate at the south end of the bridge. We are hoping the County will have this done soon for our Christmas Lighting Ceremony on December 6th.

Lowell City Council Actions

This report of actions taken by the Lowell City Council is a regular feature of this newsletter and is provided to inform citizens of recent decisions made by the council.

From the October 7th regular meeting:

- Approved directing the City Administrator to get a written quote from Ms. Couch to do a cash receipt review for fiscal year 2010-2011 and execute a contract if the quote does not exceed \$1,750. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Knokey, Burford; Opposed: none.
- Approved directing staff to prepare an amendment to the City land use code that would include among the commercial uses not allowed in Lowell any commercial use that involves a violation of Federal law, and to bring this matter to the Planning Commission. . In support: Rennert, Reese, Knokey, Burford; Opposed: Paulson.
- Approved Ordinance 287—Parks Ordinance after the second reading. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Knokey, Burford; Opposed: none.
- Approved renewing the current contract with Orenco for another 30 days. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Knokey, Burford; Opposed: none.
- Approved delegating the Mayor to contact Lane Council of Governments for availability of their assistance in recruiting a City Administrator and/or also acting as City Administrator pro tem. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Burford; Opposed: Knokey.
- Approved Resolution 610, proclaiming October as “Look me in the Eye” Month. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Knokey, Burford; Opposed: none.

From the October 21st regular meeting:

- Approved City Administrator’s proposed recruitment process. In support: Paulson, Reese, Knokey, Burford; Absent: Rennert.
- Approved Resolution 611 Extending Workers’ Compensation Coverage to Volunteers of the city of Lowell for the 2014-2015 policy year. In support: Paulson, Reese, Knokey, Burford; Absent: Rennert.

Medicare Review Time

Is your Medicare plan working for you? October 15th through December 7th is the Annual Enrollment Period for Medicare and the only time Medicare beneficiaries can change their Medicare Advantage and Part D plans.

After December 7th you have to wait another year to make a change. Certified volunteer counselors from Lane County Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program are trained to provide unbiased information about current plans and can assist you to make the best choice for your situation.

Call 541-736-4421 for an appointment at the Lowell Fire Station. This service is free.



In and Around Our Community

Thanksgiving Boxes

East Valley Church would like to share the love of God by partnering with the community and helping those in need. We will be giving away food boxes for Thanksgiving. If you know of a family in need, please contact East Valley at 541-937-3329, or if you are a family in need, please come by and fill out a request form at 72 East 2nd Street (go to the back door under the stairs).



Fall Creek Park Improvements

Fall Creek Park Association members Mike Galvin, Pam Baumann and Maggie Osgood met with Lane County Parks staff on October 24th. They requested two 1/4 mill signs for the park and the County agreed to provide them. The County also agreed to repair the big grill in the park and replace the missing grill. They will also provide a load of gravel for the parking lot.

Dave Stockdale, Senior Park Analyst, is going to check on the steps for putting in a disc golf course in the park. For information or to help with the park, please call Glenn Stroming at 541-937-2536, Pam Baumann at 541-937-1978 or Maggie Osgood at 541-937-3759.

End Child Abuse in East Lane County

90 by 30 is a project in Lane County to reduce child abuse 90 percent by the year 2030. This project is sponsored by the Center for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect at the University of Oregon. Our local coordinator is Rose Wilde. To join this important effort, please consider attending a Volunteer Orientation and Leadership Retreat on Saturday, November 15th from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Westridge Middle School in Westfir.

A free lunch will be provided if you RSVP to reserve a spot. Rose can be reached at friends@90by30.com or by phone at 541-346-7484.

Next Movie Night Scheduled for December 6th!

The Lowell Cub Scouts are presenting a very special December movie night on **Saturday, December 6th** with the showing of **Frozen**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m., at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street.

After the movie, a special guest will arrive (ho, ho ho!!) to hand out goodie bags to the children. If you would like to donate small toys, candy or money to purchase items, please contact Tim Stratis at 541-338-5664.

Admission is free which also includes free pictures with Santa! Thank you for any support you can provide — it is very much appreciated.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Turn your clocks back one hour by Sunday morning, November 2nd.

Grange Events in November

Breakfast on Sunday, November 2nd

Texas Hold 'em Poker on November 7th and 15th

Bingo! on November 5th and 19th

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

Lowell High School Drama presents....

Event: An Hour of Improv Comedy!

Date: Fri. and Sat., November 7th and 8th

Time: 7:00 p.m. Showtime

Location: LHS Drama Room (Room 11)

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

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: November 2014

- 2—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 3—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 4—Election Day — ballots due by 8:00 p.m.
- 5—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 6—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 7—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 7&8—An Hour of Improv Comedy!, LHS Drama Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 10—No School! Teacher grading day
- 11—Veterans Day — No school, City Hall closed
Blackberry Jam Committee meetings cancelled until January
- 12—Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
- 18—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
Lundy Math Night Dinner at 5:30 followed by event until 7:30
- 19—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 22—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 24—**School Board meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
- 24-26—Scholastic Book Fair, Lundy Elementary, 3:00-6:00 pm.
- 25—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
- 26—No School! Teacher conferences in the morning
- 27-28—Thanksgiving — No School, City Hall closed



Coming in December:

6—Covered Bridge Holiday Lighting Event, 5:00 p.m., Lowell Bridge

7—Christmas Boat Parade on Dexter Lake; boaters meet at 4:30 at the Lowell Marina; best viewing from Lowell Bridge