



# The Bridge

Making community connections

**Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council  
Annual Celebration January 21st  
6:00-9:00 p.m. at Jasper Grange**

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The inevitability of change requires a willingness to be responsive, flexible and nimble in our course of action to care for our watershed. Warmer temperatures and diminishing snow pack are becoming more detrimental to native wildlife and plant species, as well as the quality of life and economic welfare of local communities, especially those rural communities that depend on the river as a critical resource for drinking water, hydroelectricity, and agricultural irrigation.

As a community, we must realize and meet the needs of this dynamic relationship between the river and the well-being of both human and non-human species. To answer this challenge, stakeholders in the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed basin are helping the river rebound through creative and technical solutions, while reviving riparian habitats and fish populations, such as Chinook Salmon and Steelhead. Meanwhile, the forces of fire and ice are rapidly changing the landscape of the watershed. Watershed partners are coming together to develop fire and forest management policies addressing flood patterns, stream temperatures, soil erosion and changes in stream habitat.

Please join the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council to learn more about how our communities are answering the challenges of climate change and human impact, while improving the health of our watershed. We'll hear from ODFW and the Army Corps of Engineers about an exciting fish collection project documenting increasing populations of Chinook and Steelhead to our watershed. On the heels of the Deception Creek Complex Fire, USFS will highlight changes in fire response and forest management and MFWWC Executive Director, Eve Montanaro, will talk about some exciting changes happening with the Council in 2015.

This will be a community potluck, please bring your favorite dish to share. Seating is limited. **Please RSVP** by emailing [education@mfwwc.org](mailto:education@mfwwc.org) or call 541-937-9800 and let us know you'd like to reserve a seat.

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

### Successful Food Drive

Lundy Elementary's 2nd annual holiday food drive was a great success! Students brought in 894 items, which were donated to the Lowell Food Pantry. Congratulations to Mrs. Edgerton's 2nd grade class for bringing in the most!



### LEGO Robotics Team Does Well



At a recent competition in Philomath, Lundy Elementary's LEGO Robotics Team took first place in the Teamwork category. Pictured here with the winning trophy are Zac Jenks, Ashley Woodhurst, Aidden Williamson and Nicky Sotomayor.



First year teacher/head coach Alicia Osborn is having fun with this year's group of girls. Team members include 8th graders Mackenzie Smith and Nature Setts; 7th graders Maddy Levi, Ashley Jenks, Kaitlyn Sinnett, Ashley Schnee, Hannah Vanwinkle and Monica Guzman-Fields; and 6th graders Audra Chapman, Katie Chapman, Kylee Johnson, Lucy Plahn, Maddy Keffer, Ashley Woodhurst and Serena Yarborough.



This year's squad of middle school/junior high wrestlers includes Bryson Botts, Symon Thurman, Chamber Schnee, Oden Sinnett, Arik Coleman, Andy Kintzley, Kasey Erwin, Kody Jenks, Owen Chapman, Ireck Hymen and William Wallace. Head coach Alvin Riggs is assisted by Mark Kintzley and Jason Prenevost.

Watch for the boys basketball team's picture in the next issue. They hadn't yet received their uniforms to begin their season as of the newsletter cutoff date.

**Please check the calendar on page 8 to come out and support the many activities that the students are involved in. They appreciate your support!**

## Winter Sports are Underway!



The **Girls Varsity Basketball** team is off to a good start with a 6-4 record overall and 1-0 in league play. The roster includes seniors Kaysey DeMarce and Kiera Rooks; juniors Jessa Melton, Marisa Owsley and Tasha Sylvester; sophomore Anna Cardwell; and freshmen Lily Lane, Daisy Schnee and Tessa Ferguson. First year head coach Daniele McCallum is assisted by Nellie Arthur.

The **Boys Varsity Basketball** team has played some close and exciting games so far and are 1-1 in league play. Team members include seniors Alex Norris and Sean Castellani; juniors Cameron Slaven, Mitchell Riberal, Pierce Gossler, Cory Hern, Tyler Morse and Lane Gilliland; sophomores Brayden Long, Ryan Sinnott and Jae Song; and freshmen Devin Maughn, Trevon Young and Zach Smith. Head coach Pat Todd is assisted by Mike Neet, Dan Smith and Jim Burford.



This hardworking **Varsity Wrestling** team will return one state champion (Tanner Harvey) and others who competed at State last year. Senior members include Grant Chapman, Josh Conner and Tanner Harvey; juniors Sam Thurman, Evan Nolan and Michael Thornton; sophomores Justyn Barton, Tommy Harvey, Zach Kintzley, Hayden Trimble, Kenny Lane, Colton Riggs and Mahsen Asher; and freshman Cody Brooks. Head coach Jeff Cardwell is assisted by Heath Harvey, Alvin Riggs, Jason Prenevost, Dustin Thurman, Boone Casarez, Brad Asher and Mark Kintzley.

# FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

## Are You Prepared?

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States and can happen anywhere. How to Prepare for a Flood explains how to protect yourself and your property, and details the steps to take now so that you can act quickly when you, your home, or your business is in danger. Here are some things to consider with winter storms and possible flooding.

Flooding is an overflowing of water onto land that is normally dry. Flooding may happen with only a few inches of water, or it may cover a house to the rooftop. Flooding can occur during any season, but some areas of the country are at greater risk at certain times of the year. Coastal areas and inland regions of the Pacific Northwest are at greater risk for flooding during Winter storms and during heavy spring rains mixed with snowmelt runoff. Flooding can happen in any U.S. state or territory. It is particularly important to be prepared for flooding if you live in a low-lying area near a body of water, such as a river, stream, or culvert; along a coast; or downstream from a dam or levee.

Flooding can occur in several ways, including the following:

- Rivers and lakes cannot contain excessive rain or snowmelt.
- Excessive rain or snowmelt cannot be fully absorbed into the ground.
- Waterways are blocked with debris or ice and overflow.
- Water containment systems break, such as levees, dams, or water or sewer systems.
- Strong winds from tropical storms or hurricanes cause a storm surge by pushing seawater onto land.



The speed and duration of flooding can vary significantly.

- Flooding can occur slowly as rain continues to fall for many days. This type of flooding, sometimes called a slow-onset flood, can take a week to develop and can last for months before floodwaters recede.
- Rapid-onset floods occur more quickly, typically developing within hours or days. These types of floods usually occur in smaller watersheds experiencing heavy rainfall, particularly in mountainous and urban areas, and the water usually recedes within a few days.
- Some rapid-onset floods known as flash floods occur very quickly with little or no warning, such as during periods of extremely heavy rain or when levees, dams, debris jams, or water systems break. Densely populated areas are at a high risk for flash floods. In urban areas, flash floods can fill underpasses, viaducts, parking structures, low roads, and basements.
- The strong winds of a tropical cyclone or hurricane can push large amounts of seawater up onto the land, causing a storm surge. A storm surge combines with the ocean's tide to produce a storm-tide surge. Storm-tide surges have been registered as high as almost 35 feet above normal sea level and can cause significant flooding across a large area. This generally occurs over a short period, typically 4 to 8 hours, but in some areas, it can take much longer for the water to recede to its pre-storm level.

The physical destruction caused by flooding depends on the speed and level of the water, the duration of the flood, terrain and soil conditions, and the built environment (e.g., buildings, roads, and bridges).



- Flooding can cause fatalities and serious injuries for people who are trapped or swept away by wading in, driving through, or boating across floodwaters.
- Transportation routes, power, water, gas, and other services may be disrupted.
- Commercial supplies and government support systems may be temporarily unavailable.
- Drinking water supplies and wells may become polluted.

- Floodwaters can cause erosion, which can damage roads, bridge structures, levees, and buildings with weak foundations, causing their collapse without warning. The floodwaters may carry the worn-away mud, rocks, and other sediment.
- Landslides and mudslides can occur.
- Even a few inches of floodwater in a home can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage.



For more information about preparing for winter disasters contact the District Office at 541-937-3393 or go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.lowellfiredistrict.org](http://www.lowellfiredistrict.org). It's never to late to prepare for winter storms and the possible consequences of a major storm. Resolve to put together a disaster kit for the new year if you haven't done so already!

### Fire District Open House/Community Dinner Success

The Fire District would like to thank all those that attended the Open House/Community Dinner on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope everyone got enough to eat and had a good time visiting the fire station and visiting with neighbors. It is estimated that approximately 140 folks attended the event and the District did have some leftovers to donate to the Community Food Bank. Again, thank you to all that attended.



On the web: [www.lowellfiredistrict.org](http://www.lowellfiredistrict.org)

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station

## 2015 At A Glance!

City Administration expects 2015 to be a productive year with lots of projects and programs in the works. Most of the projects and programs are designed to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of City operations. The following are just a few of the many projects that will be proposed or introduced during the 2015 year.

- Defining a vision and mission statement that guides the City in reaching anticipated goals.
- City Administrator will introduce the final plan for staffing and recruitment of certified personnel for the water and wastewater treatment plants.
- The introduction, by the City Administrator, for improving Law Enforcement, Animal Control, and Code Enforcement.
- Begin review of outdated plans (e.g., Comprehensive Plan, Parks Master Plan, emergency management, etc.).
- Improving the City's financial accounting system.

These are just a few of the forthcoming projects and when the new council convenes in January, there will likely be additional ideas on ways to improve the quality of services provided by the City.

## Budget Committee

It is almost budget time again and the City of Lowell has two vacancies for anyone desiring to serve their city as a member of the Budget Committee. This is an opportunity for people to learn about some of the internal operations of the city through the budget process.

Anyone wishing to apply may stop into City Hall and complete a volunteer application. All applications will go before the City Council for selection to the committee and those persons selected will be appointed to a three-year term.

## 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 December 2nd regular meeting:

- Approved a motion to proceed with the gift certificate plan as presented by staff at the last council meeting, and to put in place a volunteer celebration event to occur in January. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese; Opposed: Burford; Absent: Knokey.

### From the December 16th regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 613, to accept a real property donation and authorize the City Administrator to enter an agreement with Roy Nelson for acceptance of the real property and closing escrow and amending the budget to accept a monetary donation consistent with the intent of the monetary donation. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Burford; Absent: Knokey.
- Approved Resolution 614 to authorize the issuance of a city credit card to the Public Works Superintendent. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Burford; Absent: Knokey.
- Approved a motion to draft a leash law ordinance and schedule a public hearing and possible first reading at the next regular council meeting. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Burford; Absent: Knokey.

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## Recruitment Open for MFWWC Board of Directors

The Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council is seeking new Board Members! We are a diverse group with a wide range of interests in the watershed - working for or representing federal agencies, environmental issues, the timber industry, and local cities; and living, working, or playing in the watershed. The Board is responsible for setting goals, objectives and policies that help the Council fulfill its mission, and ensure its sound fiscal management. We meet monthly and are currently going through the process of creating a strategic plan to guide the Council in coming years and we're looking to add a few more members in the coming year.

If you have experience in non-profit management, fundraising, environmental law, accounting, or organizational development, have an interest or work in the field of recreation and tourism in the watershed, or have other specific skills you'd like to offer to your local Watershed Council, let's talk!

To find out more about the requirements and expectations for Board members, please see our questionnaire for prospective members at [www.mfwwc.org](http://www.mfwwc.org) or contact MFWWC Board President, Chandra LeGue, at 541-915-2363.

## In and Around Our Community

### Girl Scout Cookie Sales to Begin!

The Girl Scouts are going to start taking orders for COOKIES on Jan. 10th. Please come to the Lowell Grange at 51 E. 2nd Street on Jan. 8, 15, or 22 to place an order and bring your money. We will have a booth sale in March or April. Any questions call Debbie at 541-359-8974.

### Coat Drive Continues

The boxes will continue to be at the high and grade schools for the month of January for your donations of coats, hats and mittens. If you are in need of these items, they may be picked up each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 11 am until 2 pm at the clothing bank located at 4 East Lakeview Street (behind the football field).

### Monthly Grange Events in January

Breakfast on January 4th

Texas Hold 'em Poker on January 2nd and 17th

Bingo! on January 7th and 21st

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

### January 3rd Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Cub Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Saturday, January 3rd** with the showing of **How to Train Your Dragon 2**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m., at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street.



Children of all ages are welcome but those under age 7 should have an adult present to supervise. It's important for all moviegoers to practice good theater etiquette so all can enjoy the movie. Admission is free; sales of refreshments support sending scouts to summer camp. For more information call 541-937-2643.

### It's Bunco Time!

On Friday, January 9th be sure to come join the fun at the Lowell Grange. Games begin at 6:00 p.m. The \$10 entry fee goes to the Grange Restoration Fund.

### Happy Holidays from Nexus Greenworks

As promised, the Nexus Youth Transition Program students completed their late fall/winter food processing project. After a modest technical setback (the labeling machine broke down at Sweet Creek Foods) the Nexus students have our fruit spreads on campus and ready for sale. As mentioned earlier we have a "new" product, a fantastic blueberry spread. Our students spent a day at the kitchen creating the recipes, mixing, cooking and processing these high quality spreads. All of the spreads are made with, that's right, DON'T PANIC, IT'S ORGANIC ingredients and using the finest locally sourced fruit.

In addition to learning what the commercial food processing industry is about, students are learning most importantly about healthy food choices and the path that our food travels from farm to fork!!!

**\*\*FOOD FACTOID:** The difference between fruit spread and jam or jelly is that spreads have a higher fruit content and lower sugar content. Thus, a more natural and delicious fruit flavor!!!

We have: [BLUEBERRY](#), [BLACKBERRY](#) AND [STRAWBERRY](#) spread. All are in 10 oz. glass jars at \$5.00 each.

Each school office has spread available or see a Nexus Student for details on purchasing. Please make checks payable to: Nexus Greenworks. You can also contact Nexus Coordinator Jef Jalof directly at 541 937-2124 ext.303.



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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: January 2015

- 2—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball @ N. Douglas, 5:00/6:30 p.m.  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 3—JH Wrestling @ Cottage Grove, all day  
Free Family Movie Night at the Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
  - 4—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
  - 5—JH Girls Basketball v. McKenzie, 4:00 p.m.
  - 6—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball @ McKenzie, 5:30/7:00 p.m.  
**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
  - 7—JH Wrestling Tourney at home, 6:00 p.m.  
JH Girls Basketball @ Mohawk, 4:00 p.m.  
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
  - 8—JH Girls Basketball v. Crow, 4:00 p.m.
  - 9—Bunco at the Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.  
Boys Varsity Basketball @ Eddyville, 7:00 p.m.
  - 10—Girl Scout Cookie Sales begin!  
Boys Varsity Basketball @ C.S. Lewis, 6:00 p.m.  
JH Girls Basketball Tourney @ McKenzie, TBA  
Varsity Wrestling Tourney @ Sheldon, TBA
  - 13—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball v. Alsea, 5:30/7:00 p.m.  
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Hall
  - 14—JH Wrestling @ Creswell, 6:00 p.m.  
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
  - 15—Varsity Wrestling Tourney in Lowell, 5:00 p.m.
  - 16—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball @ Siletz Valley, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
  - 17—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 19—Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School, City Hall closed
  - 20—Boys Varsity Basketball v. Mapleton, 7:00 p.m.  
**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
  - 21—Girls Varsity Basketball v. Willamette JV, 5:00 p.m.  
JH Wrestling v. Kennedy, 6:00 p.m.  
Watershed Council Annual Celebration, Jasper Grange, 6-9 pm  
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.  
**Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station**
  - 22—Varsity Wrestling Duals @ McKenzie, 5:00 p.m.
  - 23—Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball @ Triangle Lake, 5:30/7:00 pm
  - 24—Varsity Wrestling 1A State in Lowell, all day
  - 26—**School Board meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
  - 27—Girls Varsity Basketball v. McKenzie, 5:30 p.m.  
Boys Varsity Basketball v. Mohawk, 7:00 p.m.  
Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
  - 28—JH Wrestling v. Pleasant Hill, 6:00 p.m.
  - 29—Girls Varsity Basketball v. Cottage Grove JV, 5:00 p.m.  
Varsity Wrestling Duals @ Glendale, 5:00 p.m.
  - 30—Boys Varsity Basketball v. McKenzie, 7:00 p.m.
  - 31—JH Wrestling Districts @ Creswell, all day
- In February:  
2—Varsity Girls Basketball @ Willamette, 5:15 p.m.