



The Bridge

Making community connections

Fire District Open House and Free Family Community Dinner

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With the coming holiday season, the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District would like to say “Thank You” for all the community support we receive by providing a free holiday dinner to the community.

This year the dinner will be held on Saturday, December 8th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the main fire station in Lowell. A full turkey dinner with all the fix’ns and beverages will be served, sponsored by Lithia Toyota Springfield and Oregon Community Credit Union.



Stop by for a visit with friends and neighbors and have a nice holiday meal besides. Activities include a tour of the station and demonstrations of the equipment, a coloring contest for the kids and door prizes.

Meet your Volunteer Firefighters and check out the equipment. Enjoy the meal and take home a prize!

**Saturday,
December 8th
4:00-6:00 p.m.
389 N. Pioneer**



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Lowell Bridge Lighting Celebration

**Saturday,
December 1st**

**Parking and free shuttles
from high school at 4:45**

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

Dear Community,

It's the time of year when many of our staff members not only get to work when it is dark, but leave after dark as well. Oh how I love daylight savings time!

Parent teacher conferences have concluded, we have had a long weekend to fill our bellies and take long naps, so now we can get ready for the last leg of 2018. We have been busy in the district preparing for the New Year and the winter ahead.

We had our first "Coffee with the Superintendent" at Giddy Goat, and I had a wonderful conversation with Jerry Dilley. We will be having another one at Bridge Town Market on February 12, 2019, and I look forward to everyone coming down to chat.

As you may have observed, we have begun the process of re-grading and re-sodding our baseball field. We would have finished this project before the weather turned but the tractor didn't cooperate. We have completed the re-grade and are waiting for a couple nice days to lay the sod.

Both Lundy and Lowell Jr/Sr. High School had amazing turkey dinners the Wednesday before the break. A student at Lundy claimed, "This is the best meal I ever ate!" Tables were festively decorated and manners were not only encouraged, but used by all!

Soon we will all be enjoying a wonderful winter break and finishing out the 2018 year. And, while all the students are running around your house instead of our halls, our amazing custodial staff will be hard at work deep cleaning up our schools — a little spring cleaning in December. They do a wonderful job and if you see them around town, please thank them for the behind the scenes work they do on a daily basis. We are grateful for each and every one of them.

Not only are we on the move, but we are well on our way!

Respectfully, Johnie Matthews, Superintendent Lowell School District

Gratitude, Good News, and Upcoming Concerts for Lowell Music

After experiencing historic state-wide accomplishments the past two years, Lowell Music has enjoyed another successful few months this fall. Enrollment is at an all-time high, with 178 (!) in the Band and Choir programs in total. Many thanks are due to the school board and administration for their tangible support, but also to the community for its unflinching kindness -- especially to those who so generously contributed to our recent poinsettia and wreath fundraiser. Additional thanks goes to the Oregon Community Foundation, who recently awarded Lowell Music a \$750 grant for the purchase of much-needed equipment. Thank you so much!

Some good news also comes to us from the Eugene Symphony. Not only were Lundy grades 3-6 able to attend an amazing concert at the Hult Center on November 13th, but the Symphony has again selected Lowell as a recipient of the EYMA exchange program, which will bring professional musicians into our district to work directly with our students (at no charge)! Moreover, two of our high school students have enjoyed great honors this fall. Brothers Ian and Nicky Sotomayor have both been selected to play in the elite Shedd Youth Jazz Orchestra at the John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts in Eugene. Ian was also recently chosen for the Western International Band Clinic, a four-day all-star conference in Seattle, Washington. Amazing stuff, indeed.

But now, our winter concerts are almost here! Lundy grades K-6 (and MVA 6th-grade band kiddos) will have their first big performance on Tuesday, December 11th; K-5 should arrive at 6:45 for the 7:00pm show. A week later, it'll be Band and Choir grades 7-12 strutting their stuff -- December 18th at 7:00pm. As usual, all performances will take place in the LHS Gymnasium. See you at the show!



Lowell Varsity Football Season Ends

Lowell HS football enjoyed a VERY successful season. We started 0-2, then won the next six in a row, earning us an undefeated league championship (South half). The South half of our league consists of Elkton, North Douglas, Yoncalla, Oakridge and Mapleton. Beating those teams is a huge accomplishment. We then beat Imbler in the 1st round of the state playoffs propelling us into the final 8. Our season finally ended November 10th with a tough loss at Wallowa.



Junior High Students of the Month

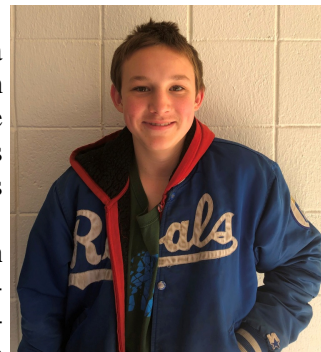
Justin Brooks is the son of Jennifer and Billy Brooks. He is a great student and is in 7th grade. He has been very helpful with students and staff. He works hard academically. His favorite things he likes to do are riding dirt bikes and working in his dad's shop with him. He also likes to play Fortnite with his friends and family and ride ATVs with his cousin.

Matai Williamson

is also in 7th grade. His parents are Chris and Deseray Williamson. Matai is an awesome kid. He is a great help with students and staff. He always has a smile on his face. His favorite activities are bike riding, swimming and hanging out with his friends. He also likes to eat,

watch Netflix, YouTube and sleep. He is a joy to have at Lowell JR/SR High.

Congratulations Justin and Matai for being selected as students of the month for Lowell Jr. High!



GEAR UP Celebrates College Application Week (CAW)

Overall 38 seniors completed college applications, and four have already been accepted to various universities. Twelve have completed SAT or ACT tests and seven have successfully completed FAFSA. Seniors celebrated several weeks of intense work as they completed college applications, SAT/ACT tests, FAFSA reports, and scholarship applications.



During the week, Nov. 13-16, the student body engaged in various activities to bolster the ever-going college climate, including a door decorating contest, dressing in college gear, and learning more about the financial aid available to pay for college and career choices.

Much appreciation to the staff and Aspire coordinator Karen Cardwell and team who managed the completion of these tasks. Many thanks to teachers and Kay Graham and her senior Careers class for the time involved to complete these documents. Leadership, under the direction of Cassie Day, did a fantastic job of assisting in the events during the week.

The Parent Teacher Organization Wants You!

Our Lowell PTO wants to extend an invitation to the community to participate in one of the many ways we can improve and enrich the lives of our children at Lowell High School and Lundy Elementary. We are scheduling meetings with alternative times and days so people can attend at least once every other month. The next meeting is on Friday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the PDC at Lundy Elementary

There are many ways to participate in the PTO: from supervising events, set-up or tear down, volunteering time at home to make items, donating needed supplies, and of course, good old-fashioned monetary donations. Please check out the Lowell District Facebook page for updates and ways to reach us for questions or ideas!!"



City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb



Yard of the Month

On November 1, the Parks & Recreation Committee reviewed nominations for the yard of the month award for November. The Committee unanimously selected 82 North Hyland Lane, owned by Dave and Joey Corwin.

The Corwins were recognized by Mayor Bennett at the November 20 City Council meeting and received a \$25 gift card to Pleasant Hill Feed & Farm Supply. A sign will also be placed in their yard to recognize their hard work and effort.

New Utility Policy

On November 20, the City Council adopted an ordinance to amend the utility bill leak adjustment policy. Prior to the change, staff lacked the ability to make water leak adjustments. The new policy allows for an adjustment of up to 50 percent of the estimated excess consumption due to leakage, for no more than the last two billing periods. Each customer may be allowed one adjustment in any twelve (12) month period. A bill from a plumber, or receipts for supplies, will be required to document repairs and receive an adjustment. The ordinance and new policy takes effect on December 20.

Councilor Burford Resigns

At the City Council meeting on November 20, Councilor Burford announced that he was resigning his position to move closer to family in Redmond. Jim has served on the City Council since 2009, with the last four years as Council President. He expressed his thanks to the community and encouraged the Council to continue to work together to improve quality of life. Mayor Bennett presented Councilor Burford with a plaque in appreciation of his years of leadership and dedicated service to the community.



Call for Volunteers

The City of Lowell is now accepting applications for the Budget Committee, Library Committee, Planning Commission, Economic Development Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Blackberry Jam Festival Committee. All interested residents and non-residents (as applicable) are encouraged to apply. Committee applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at www.ci.lowell.or.us. The deadline for applications is December 31.

Lowell City Council Actions

At the November 6th study session, the following topics were discussed:

- Park irrigation projects
- Community facilities study
- Service improvements report
- Social media report
- Downtown master plan report
- Parks and Recreation master plan report
- Strategic plan review
- City Administrator review

At the November 20th regular meeting:

- The Yard of the Month was awarded to Joey & Dave Corwin of 82 N. Hyland Lane.
- Approved Ordinance 297—Water Leak Adjustments — an ordinance amending Lowell Revised Code, Section 4.153. Passed 4:0, Councilor Osgood absent.
- Accepted the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee and awarded the Community Facilities Study project to The Urban Collaborative. Passed 4:0, Councilor Osgood absent.
- Approved Resolution 706—Fiscal Year 2018/19 Supplemental Budget to facilitate the purchase of 53 E. Main Street. Passed 3:1, Councilor Osgood absent, Councilor Burford opposed.
- Approved Resolution 707—Budget Transfers. Passed 4:0, Councilor Osgood absent.

Monthly Police Log (October 30-November 27)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
10/30/18	3:01 PM	Repossessed Vehicle	100 Block South Moss Street
11/02/18	5:47 PM	Driving Under the Influence	North Pioneer Street and East Secon Street
11/04/18	6:35 PM	Check Welfare	100 Block North Moss Street
11/04/18	8:17 PM	Check Welfare	100 Block North Moss Street
11/05/18	2:00 AM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block North Cannon Street
11/05/18	9:24 AM	Suspicious Conditions	500 Block North Moss Street
11/06/18	10:04 AM	Vehicle Stop	Seneca Street and Industrial Way
11/06/18	12:14 PM	Suspicious Conditions	North Cannon Street and East Second Street
11/06/18	10:06 PM	Suspicious Conditions	100 Block West Fourth Street
11/08/18	2:23 PM	Criminal Mischief	100 Block North Moss Street
11/09/18	5:02 PM	Child Neglect	100 Block North Cannon Street
11/13/18	11:43 AM	Shots Fired	100 Block South Pioneer Street
11/14/18	7:20 PM	Harassment	100 Block West Second Street
11/17/18	6:34 PM	Overdue Subject	100 Block North Moss Street
11/21/18	8:53 AM	Dispute	100 Block North Everly Street
11/22/18	3:23 AM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
11/22/18	11:33 AM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
11/22/18	2:28 PM	Dispute	400 Block D Street
11/22/18	9:55 PM	Animal Abuse	200 Block North Cannon Street
11/25/18	7:56 AM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
11/25/18	4:49 PM	Information	100 Block South Pioneer Street
11/27/18	1:21 AM	Shots Fired	100 Block East Fourth Street

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 other emergency always dial 9-1-1.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Winter is Here – Be Prepared!

Winter storms can bring freezing rain, ice, snow, high winds, or a combination of these conditions. They can cause power outages that last for days, make roads and walkways very dangerous, and can affect community services. Planning and preparing can help you manage the impact of a winter storm and keep you and your family safe. A sustained power outage can have a significant impact on people who require electricity to power medical equipment, so make sure that you have a plan to take care of yourself and your family during an outage.

KNOW YOUR RISK

WHAT: A winter storm occurs when there is significant precipitation and the temperature is low enough that precipitation forms as sleet or snow, or when rain turns to ice. A winter storm can range from freezing rain and ice, to moderate snowfall over a few hours, to a blizzard that lasts for several days, or be a combination of several winter weather conditions. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures.

WHEN: Winter storms can occur from now until late spring.

WHERE: Winter storms and colder than normal temperatures can happen in every region of the country.

IMPACT: Extreme winter weather can immobilize an entire region. Ice and heavy snowfall can knock out heat, power, and communications services, sometimes for several days. Driving and walking can become extremely hazardous due to icy conditions, snowfall accumulation, low visibility, or extreme cold. People may need to stay at home or work without utilities or other services, until driving is safe. Pipes and water mains can freeze and break.

Prepare now in case a winter storm hits and you are home for several days without power and heat.

- Prepare by gathering emergency supplies, making a family plan, and discussing emergency notifications and expectations with your workplace and/or schools.
- Install battery-powered or battery back-up carbon monoxide detectors.
- If you have access to an OUTSIDE generator, have an electric cord long enough to keep the generator at least 20 feet from any door, window, or vent.
- Make specific plans for how you will avoid driving.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions using local alerts, radio, and other news sources for information and instructions.



During a winter storm stay indoors and avoid driving as much as possible.

- If the power goes out, close off unused rooms to consolidate and retain heat.
- Wear layered clothing and use blankets or sleeping bags to stay warm.
- Bring pets inside.
- NEVER use generators, outdoor heating or cooking equipment, such as a grill, camp stove, or a gasoline or propane heater, indoors.
- NEVER heat a home with a stove.
- If driving is absolutely necessary, keep disaster supplies in your vehicle, make sure your vehicle is properly equipped, and use extra precaution on the roads.
- Limit your time outdoors. If you are outside, protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing several layers of warm, loose-fitting, light-weight clothing.

After the storm is over, driving conditions may still be dangerous; only drive if necessary.

- If the power is out for more than a few days, warming shelters might be established.
- If you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm in your home and you can get there safely, you may want to go to a shelter.
- If you go outside, dress in warm clothing, stay dry, and avoid prolonged exposure to cold and wind to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia.

In and Around Our Community

Afternoon Preschool has openings!

Lowell Community Preschool, which is located inside Lundy Elementary School at 45 S. Moss Street has openings for:

Tu/We/Th 12pm-2:45pm (snack included!)

Who: Children age 3 (birthday no later than August 31st, 2018) to age 5.

When: Register NOW for classes starting January 8th, 2019.

Where: Forms can be picked up at the Lundy Office during school hours.

*Registration forms and fees must be received by January 8th to be enrolled for the 2018-2019 school year.

Call Jessica Pelroy at 541-953-9200 for more details on tuition costs and class information.

Senior Moments
Every Second Wednesday
10:00 am—Noon
 featuring:
DVDs, conversations,
snacks, drinks and more!

Lowell Community Library
inside City Hall 107 E. 3rd St.
 For info. call Maggie 541-937-3759

Regular Grange Events in December

Breakfast on December 2nd
 Texas Hold ‘em Poker on December 7th and 15th
 Bingo! on December 19th

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

Library Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are welcome at the Lowell Community Library. Time slots open are mornings, afternoons, or all day — whatever works for you. Come and meet your neighbors and kids of the community and learn how the library runs.

Contact Maggie at 541-937-3759.



Santa is on his way!

Santa's workshop will be transported to the announcer's booth on the LHS Football field.

December 15th noon to 4

December 16th 2 to 4

Bring your own camera and take as many photos as you want with Santa!

Cost: \$10 for individual

\$15 for 2

\$20 for 3 or more

Pets welcome too!

The price includes **hot chocolate** and **candy canes** served by Santa's Elves, and a **small gift** from Santa!

MVA's Winter Concert

Mountain View Academy is putting on their Winter Musical in the Lowell High School gymnasium, on December 13th at 7pm. The Lowell community is welcome to attend!



Our Washington D.C. group will be selling goodies and beverages throughout the show.

All proceeds go to LHS Football

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: December 2018

- 1—Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking lot
Varsity Wrestling @ Glide Tourney, 9:00 a.m.
Lowell Bridge Lighting, 5:00 p.m.
 - 2—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street
 - 3—JH Girls Basketball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 4—**City Council Executive Session, 7:00 p.m., Lundy PDC**
City Council Special Mtg/Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 5—Curriculum Day, Half day of school!
Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball v. McKenzie, 4:00 p.m.
JH Wrestling v. Oakridge, 6:00 p.m.
JH Girls Basketball @ Alsea, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Chiloquin, 5:00/7:00 p.m.
 - 7—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball Tourney in Lowell, 3:00-9:00 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 8—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball Tourney continues, times TBA
Varsity Wrestling @ Springfield HS Tourney, 9:00 a.m.
Lowell Fire District Open House & Dinner, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
 - 10—JH Girls Basketball v. Eddyville, 4:30 p.m.
Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball @ Pleasant Hill, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.
 - 11—K-6 Winter Concert, HS Gym, 7:00 p.m.
Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
Blackberry Jam Committee, no meeting
 - 12—Senior Moments, 10 a.m.—Noon, Lowell Library, 107 E. 3rd
JH Girls Basketball @ Falls City, 4:00 p.m.
 - 12—JH Wrestling v. Cottage Grove, 6:00 p.m.
 - 13—Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball @ McKenzie, 5:30 p.m.
MVA Winter Concert, High School Gym, 7:00 p.m.
 - 14—PTO Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Lundy PDC
Varsity Wrestling @ Oakridge Hwy 58 Classic, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball Tourney @ N. Douglas, 6/7:30
 - 15—Santa's Workshop, Noon—4:00 p.m., LHS Football field
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball Tourney @ N. Douglas, 1/2:30
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 16—Santa's Workshop, 2:00-4:00 p.m., LHS Football field
 - 18—Lowell Jr/Sr High Winter Concert, HS Gym, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 19—Bingo! at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street, 7:00 p.m.
 - 20—JH Wrestling v. Thurston, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Riddle, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
 - 22—Varsity Wrestling @ Oakridge Tourney, 9:00 a.m.
JV Boys/Varsity Girls Basketball @ Triangle Lake, 1:00/2:30
 - 28—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
JV Girls/Varsity Boys Basketball v. Triangle Lake, 4:30/6:00
 - 29—Varsity Wrestling @ Elmira Tourney, 9:00 a.m.
- In January:
- 2—JH Girls Basketball v. McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.
 - 3—Varsity Wrestling v. Elmira, 6:00 p.m. Linn, 3/5/6/7:30 pm
 - 4—JV/Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Central Linn, 3/5/6/7:30 pm