



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## Maggie Osgood 1933-2019

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Community members turned out in force to celebrate the life of this great lady on Saturday, January 26th. Maggie passed away on January 9th after a courageous battle with breast cancer. At the service, family members and friends shared stories that were both inspiring and funny. In addition to her recent involvement as a Lowell City Councilor, Maggie's unparalleled volunteerism stretched over decades including Lowell Grange Master, Lowell Library Founder and Coordinator, Summer Reading Program Coordinator, Fall Creek Park Improvement Leader, Volunteer Firefighter and more. Maggie was also a talented artist and you can find her murals on the walls of the Lowell Post Office and in the Lundy Elementary Office. The family provided packets of wild flower seeds to plant in her honor. While her positive impact on the Lowell and Fall Creek communities will continue to reap benefits for many years to come, she will be greatly missed.



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

Dear Community,

We hope your holiday season was Merry and Bright! As the New Year begins, I am still in awe of what a great job I have. Not only do I get to see students and staff on a daily basis, I also get to go behind the scenes and ensure that we have the best schools and district in the state.

Our staff are rejuvenated and ready to begin 2019. Changes are in the works this year and you will notice that the district will be very busy over the summer. So far we are on target to break ground in early June with the many projects that are going to take place. This has been a long process so far, however, we are very excited for the months ahead.

We will be addressing numerous issues during the building process, and I want to remind you all of the items we are going to address in order of priority:

1. Safety and Security of both campuses.
2. New energy efficient upgrades.
3. Convert current gym into the Cafeteria / Auditorium, relocating our Jr/Sr. High School kitchen and building a new gymnasium / wrestling room.

As you may have seen, we already re-roofed the wood shop and are looking into re-roofing our current gymnasium.

You may have noticed that the football field lights are on during these winter months. They will be on from 5:00-7:00pm on weekdays in an effort to provide a safe, well lit place for families to jog or walk during these dark winter months.

We would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of Maggie Osgood. She was a very special person throughout the district and community and she will be missed by all. Her attitude was always gracious and her personality was second to none. We are very fortunate to have had Maggie in our lives and she will be incredibly missed.

As I write this letter, I want to take time to thank all the families, staff, and community for ensuring that the Lowell School District is and will continue to be an exceptional educational community that puts students first! We are continually trying to find ways to offer options for families and students. Not only are we on the move, but we are well on our way!

Respectfully, Johnie Matthews, Superintendent Lowell School District

**LHS Drama presents... "The 9 Worst Breakups Of All Time" a short comedy by Ian McWethy**

**Dates: Thursday, Friday and Saturday—February 14th, 15th and 16th**

**Performances are at 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: LHS Black Box Theater (Room 11, next to the main parking lot)**

Donations are gratefully appreciated to help support the LHS Drama program

Synopsis: You think your breakup was bad? Eve Tonsil, an employee of the non-profit company "Relationships for a Better Tomorrow" is here to take you on a tour of the nine worst breakups of all time, from the Cro-Magnon era to the Civil War, to a smattering of modern-day breakups. A comedy that proves that no matter how hard someone has stomped on your heart...it could always be worse.

\*Production includes bonus scenes!

### Lowell Students Shine in Local All-Star Band

No fewer than ten musicians from Lowell High School were chosen to participate in this year's Willamette Valley Honor Band! This all-star group features the most advanced students from the southern Willamette Valley, meeting weekly to rehearse under the baton of Scott McKee, director of the American Band College and Western International Band Clinic. Representing Lowell Music this year are seniors Gabe Carroll, Dayce Riberl, and Ian Sotomayor, juniors Owen Chapman and Shyann Pocholec, and sophomores Zac Jenks, Matthew Peters, Nicky Sotomayor, Timmy Stratis, and Serena Yarbrough. Thanks to these amazing kids, Lowell has by far the highest rate of participation of any school in our area! This season's culminating concert, featuring outstanding music from film and cinema, will be held at the Springfield High School Auditorium on February 28th, at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there!



### Junior High Girls Basketball Wraps Up

The girls team wrapped up a successful season, ending up in the championship game last weekend and finishing second. Great job everyone! Team members include: 8th graders Esperanza Guzman-Fields, Maddy Monteith and Lydia Plahn; 7th graders Elizabeth Able, Emma Barnes, Amerika Baszler, Kameron Baszler, Hannah Carlisle, Danielle Evans, Nevaeh Howard, Annabelle Pickette and Lindy VonDoloski; and, 6th graders Gracie Aldinger, Kiahna Baszler, Jada Cantrell, Aviana Carlson, Aly Curry, Hazel Garner, Kendall Graham, Lizzy Green-Jolley, Isabella Peterson, Ellieanna Pruitt, Kadie Silebi and Julia VonDoloski. Head coach Chelsea Chittim is assisted by Marisa Owsley.



### Varsity Girls Basketball

It's been a tough season moving up to 2A but the team is still playing hard. Members include seniors Nature Letts and Jenna Martini; sophomores Kylee Johnson, Bethany VonDoloski, Audra Chapman, Ashley Woodhurst, Shaylinn Howard, Katie Chapman and Lucy Plahn; and, freshmen Priscilla Thurman and Ashlee Brooks. Head coach Daniele McCallum is assisted by Nellie Arthur.

### Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Team members include seniors Carson Gardner, Jacob Neet, Bryce Pickett, Ian Sotomayor, Jason Stratis and Mason Wendt; juniors AJ Devereaux and Taysian Williamson; sophomores Zac Jenks, Chamber Schnee, Nicky Sotomayor, Timmy Stratis and Carter Wendt; and, freshmen Andrew Bardis, Matt Carlisle, Enoch Carroll, Raymond Fassbender, Josh Gerhman, Anthony Smith and Sam Smith. Head coach Kim Beer is assisted by Jimmy Martini.



### Junior High Students of the Month

**Brooke Davis** is a 7th grade student at Lowell. Her parents are Stephanie and Wade Davis. Brooke is new to our school and has been such a joy to have. Brooke does well academically and is always working hard to keep her grades up. She plays sports and likes to do crafts and hang out with her friends.

**Kassidy Matthews** is also a 7th grader. Her parents are Sheri and Cory Matthews. Kassidy works hard academically and also participates in volleyball and softball and likes crafts. She enjoys hanging out with family and friends in her free time.



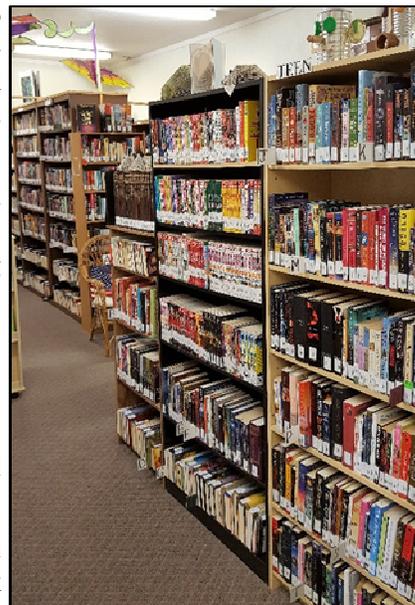
Congratulations Brooke and Kassidy on being selected as students of the month for Lowell Junior High!

## City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

### City Council Honors Maggie Osgood

At their January 15, 2019 meeting the City Council approved a resolution to name the library in honor of the late former City Councilor and Volunteer Librarian Maggie Osgood. Maggie was whole-heartedly devoted to the growth and development of the library, making significant improvements during her time as the Volunteer Librarian. A short list of these improvements includes:

- Recruiting and training volunteers to manage the day-to-day operations of the library
- Building the library circulation to over 10,000 items through soliciting donations
- Fundraising by hosting multiple book sales at City Hall and the Blackberry Jam Festival
- Starting the Summer Reading Program for youth
- Starting the monthly Senior Moments Program to engage seniors
- Developing a computer lab with workspaces and tools to improve digital literacy of adults and children



Maggie will be sorely missed, but her work will live on through the library. On behalf of the City Council, staff, and our dedicated library volunteers, we look forward to advancing her legacy of volunteerism at the new Maggie Osgood Library.

### Applications Accepted for City Council Vacancies

The Lowell City Council is now accepting applications for appointments to City Council Position 3 and City Council Position 4. Applications are available on the website at [www.ci.lowell.or.us](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us) or at City Hall, 107 East Third Street, Lowell, OR 97452.



Applicants must be a qualified elector within the meaning of the State Constitution and have resided in the City during the twelve months immediately preceding the selection. The person selected by the Council shall begin service immediately.

Citizens who serve their community as City Councilors receive no compensation and must be available for monthly meetings, typically in the evening, but occasionally during the day. The City Council currently meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

The application deadline is Wednesday, February 13th by 5:30 p.m. Interviews with applicants will be held at the regular City Council meeting on February 19th at 7:00 p.m.

### Lowell City Council Actions

This report of actions by the City Council is provided to inform citizens of recent decisions made by the council.

#### At the December 18th regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 710—Naming the Library for Maggie Osgood
- Appointed Lon Dragt (position 7) and John Myers (position 8) to the Budget Committee; John Myers (position 1) Mary Wallace (position 4) and Don Swain (position 5) to the Planning Commission; Tony Moreci (position 2) and George Wild (position 3) to the Parks and Recreation Committee; Sydney Singer (position 4) and Bill George (position 5) to the Economic Development Committee; Barbaranne Ingram (position 4) to the Library Committee; and, Tim Stratis (position 3) and George Wild (position 5) to the Blackberry Jam Festival Committee.
- Approved the amended Professional Services Contract with The Urban Collaborative and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract.
- Approved the grant agreement for Small Business Organizational Assistance with The Ford Family Foundation and authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Rural Development Initiatives for Small Business Organizational Assistance in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.

All actions were approved 3-0; In favor Don Bennett, Gail Harris, and Patricia Angelini.

## 2017-18 Annual Financial Report

The Fiscal Year 2017-18 Audit was presented at the January 15, 2019 City Council meeting. For the first time in years, the City did not receive any audit findings. I would like to personally thank our contract accountant, Layli Nichols, and City Clerk, Joyce Donnell, for all their dedication and hard work throughout the year to improve the City's audit. Job well done!

### Monthly Police Log (November 28 – December 26)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
12/28/18	7:53 AM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block North Moss Street
12/29/18	7:06 PM	Fraud	100 Block North Alder Street
12/31/18	11:54 AM	Warrant Service	100 Block North Cannon Street
01/02/19	10:50 AM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block North Moss Street
01/02/19	12:14 AM	Criminal Trespass	400 Block East First Street
01/03/19	10:10 AM	Suspicious Conditions	300 Block East Main Street
01/03/19	2:14 PM	Theft	300 Block East Fourth Street
01/03/19	3:22 PM	Theft	300 Block East Fourth Street
01/03/19	3:43 PM	Child Abuse	400 Block North Hyland Lane
01/05/19	3:47 PM	Check Welfare	100 Block West Fourth Street
01/07/19	10:47 AM	Check Welfare	100 Block West Fourth Street
01/10/19	7:36 PM	Follow Up	100 Block West Fourth Street
01/12/19	12:19 AM	Menacing	100 Block Marina Vista Drive
01/12/19	5:34 PM	Burglary	100 Block South Moss Street
01/12/19	5:34 PM	Burglary	100 Block South Moss Street
01/12/19	6:13 PM	Open Door	500 Block North Moss Street
01/12/19	12:04 PM	Burglary	100 Block South Moss Street
01/14/19	8:03 AM	Violation of City Ordinance	400 Block North Hyland Lane
01/14/19	9:27 PM	Follow Up	100 Block West Fourth Street
01/15/19	7:03 AM	Civil Enforcement	100 Block East Fourth Street
01/15/19	7:29 PM	Follow Up	100 Block West Fourth Street
01/15/19	7:40 PM	Alarm	200 Block South Pioneer Street
01/15/19	10:35 PM	Citation Service	400 Block North Hyland Lane
01/15/19	11:00 PM	Follow Up	100 Block West Fourth Street
01/15/19	11:06 PM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
01/16/19	9:43 AM	Harassment	400 Block North Hyland Lane
01/16/19	10:43 PM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
01/17/19	9:27 AM	Citation Service	400 Block North Hyland Lane
01/17/19	10:35 AM	Citation Service	100 Block West Fourth Street
01/17/19	10:35 AM	Citation Service	100 Block North Everly Street
01/18/19	3:21 PM	Assault	100 Block South Damon Street
01/19/19	3:30 AM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
01/19/19	10:35 AM	Burglary	100 Block South Moss Street
01/21/19	2:03 PM	Mental Subject	400 Block North Hyland Lane
01/23/19	11:37 AM	Lost Subject	Lowell State Recreation Area
01/24/19	1:30 PM	Suspicious Conditions	100 Block South Moss Street
01/26/19	11:39 AM	Person Stop	300 Block North Moss 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

### Fall Creek Station Garage Construction Underway

The Lowell Rural fire Protection District has signed a contract with Classic Design and Construction to begin the build of the Fall Creek Station Garage starting January 28, 2019.

We are looking forward to having this garage complete and to start providing a quicker service to that area of the District. The expected completion date is around May. We thank the community for the support that it has shown that is making this project possible.



### Carbon Monoxide — The Silent Killer

The winter months are here. As the mercury dips, some families, struggling to pay their heating bills, will turn on the kitchen stove burners and the oven in an effort to take the chill off of their home. What these families don't realize is how dangerous this practice can be. A gas or propane oven or range top should never be used for heating. A fire could start and/or poisonous carbon monoxide (CO) fumes could fill the home. Any fuel-burning heating equipment (fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, space or portable heaters), generators and chimneys can produce carbon monoxide.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) there is an increased risk of dying in a home fire during the winter season. December, January and February are generally the deadliest months for fire.

Often called a silent killer, CO is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels, such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane, burn incompletely.

CO enters the body through breathing. CO poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses. Some symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches.

Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning, but infants, pregnant women and people with physical conditions that limit their ability to use oxygen, such as emphysema, asthma or heart disease, can be more severely affected by low concentrations of CO than healthy adults. High levels of CO can be fatal for anyone, causing death within minutes.

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection district would like to remind you that carbon monoxide can be a silent killer and discourages anyone from using the range or oven to heat their home. Install CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of accumulating CO. Have your heating equipment inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. Use generators outdoors away from all doors and windows and vents.

- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and CO alarms.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month.
- If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window and doors and call for help. Remain at the fresh air location until emergency personnel say it is okay.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries or other trouble indicators.

The Lowell Fire District wants everyone to be warm and safe this winter.

Make sure your home has carbon monoxide alarms.

For more information, contact the District Office at 541-937-3393.

## In and Around Our Community

### Cookies for Sale February 16th

The Girl Scouts will have a booth for selling cookies on February 16th at Bridge Town Market, starting at 10:00 a.m. You can also call Debbie at 541-359-8974 and she will take your order. Lowell/Fall Creek Girl Scouts thank you for your support!



### Mountain View Academy Enrollment Opens in February

Mountain View Academy is a charter school in Lowell, Oregon with 16 students per class, a focus on character education, and teaching students through ability-based grouping.

We have a “Back to Basics” approach, encouraging hard work and providing students with a full curriculum. Our program has a four-day school week with monthly field trips and volunteer requirements.

Enrollment opens on February 1st for three-year-old preschool through 8th grade for the 2019-20 school year. Email [Kelly@mtviewacademy.org](mailto:Kelly@mtviewacademy.org) or call 541-735-1709 or to schedule a tour.

*Sponsored by the Lowell School District,  
believing in options for parents.*

### Covered Bridge Regatta Coming in April

The Oregon Association of Rowers (OAR) is a non-profit Masters rowing club serving the Eugene/Springfield area in the Willamette Valley since 1990. Their mission is to advance the sport of rowing for competition, fitness, and recreation and they are located on Dexter Lake in Lowell State Park.

Every year in April, OAR hosts the Covered Bridge Regatta. UO Crew and the South Eugene Rowing Club (juniors) are co-hosts. This regatta offers 2K races for Collegiate and Junior rowers and 1K races for Masters. This year, the Covered Bridge Regatta for collegiate rowing will be April 6, 2019 and for Juniors and Masters on Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14, 2019. Check out the OAR website ([oarowers.wordpress.com](http://oarowers.wordpress.com)) for updated information.

**A special note to boaters**, Dexter Reservoir, from the Covered Bridge to the west shore will be a SLOW-NO-WAKE from 3pm Friday, April 5, 2019 through 5pm Sunday, April 6, 2019 and 3 pm Friday, April 12, 2019 through 3pm Sunday, April 14, 2019.

### Dexter Lake Farmers Market

If you or someone in your family has ever thought about starting a little business out of your shop or garden or kitchen, Dexter Lake Farmers Market (DLFM) might be a good place to get started in 2019, Sundays in Rolling Rock Park, all summer long.

2019 will be the third season in Lowell for DLFM, after eight seasons across the lake at the state park. The market is open from noon ‘til 4 Sundays from June-September.

Though legally a limited liability corporation, DLFM is organized as a membership nonprofit which anyone can join by paying the minimum \$15 annual membership fee. The market is managed by an elected Board of Directors. Members who actively participate in the market elect new directors at the annual winter meeting. DLFM presently has 38 general members, 25 voting members, and six directors.

Eden’s Garden in Trent and Circle H and Robbins Rock farms in Dexter are our key farmers, growing high quality chemical-free produce, but our volunteers will be happy to sell your extra produce for you in our consignment booth. You can also consign crafts and eligible baked goods for our volunteers to sell for you if you’re not quite ready to set up and operate your own booth. We can always use help with setup and takedown, marketing and consignment sales. Regular volunteers can become voting members and elect, or be elected to, our Board of Directors. Pick up a copy of our by-laws to learn more.

Besides the fun of good music, good food, crafts, herbal products and the opportunity to hang out with your neighbors, our mission at DLFM is to support high quality local food production and local business startups to nurture a resilient and prosperous community here in the Cascade foothills.

Everyone is invited to our 2019 general organizing meeting and potluck at 2 PM on Sunday, March 3, at Lowell Grange. You can call us at 541-937-3034.



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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: February 2019

- 1—**No School — Grading Day**  
JV Boys Basketball v. Pleasant Hill, 6:00 p.m.  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 2—Cans/Bottle Drive, 10am until noon, HS parking lot  
Varsity Wrestling in Lowell, Dilley Classic, 4:00 p.m.  
JVBoys/Varsity G/B Basketball @ . Monroe, 3:00/4:30/6:00
  - 3—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
  - 4—JH Boys Basketball v. Mapleton, 4:30 p.m.  
Economic Development Committee, 6:30 p.m., City Hall  
Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee, 7:00 p.m., City Hall  
School Board Annual Strategic Plan, 7:00 p.m., Lundy PDC
  - 5—JVBoys/Varsity G/B Basketball v. Regis, 4:30/6:00/7:30  
**City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
  - 6—JH Boys Basketball @ Oak Hill, 4:30 p.m.  
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
  - 7—Varsity Wrestling in Lowell v. Central Linn/Oakridge, 6:00 p.m.
  - 8—PTO Meeting in the PDC, 5:30 p.m., Everyone is welcome!  
JVBoys/Varsity G/B Basketball @ Oakland, 4:30/6:00/7:30
  - 11-15 — State Basketball Playoffs
  - 11—JH Boys Basketball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
  - 12—**Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station**
  - 13—Parent Conferences, Half day for students  
JH Boys Basketball @ Alsea, 4:30 p.m.
  - 15/16—Varsity Wrestling Districts @ Central Linn, TBA
  - 16—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 18—**Presidents' Day—No School, City Hall Closed**
  - 19—2nd Quarter Awards Assembly, 10:15 a.m., Lundy Gym  
JH Boys Basketball @ Monroe, 4:00 p.m.  
**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
  - 20—JH Boys Basketball v. Eddyville, 4:30 p.m.  
Parks & Recreation Steering Comm., 7:00 p.m., City Hall
  - 21—Municipal Court, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
  - 22—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
  - 22/23—Varsity Wrestling at State, Portland, TBA
  - 25—JH Boys Basketball @ Falls City, 4:00 p.m.  
**School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.**
  - 26—Blackberry Jam Committee, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
  - 27—JH Boys Basketball v. McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.
- In March:  
1—Read Across America  
4—JH Boys Basketball v. Triangle Lake, 4:30 p.m.

**The Lowell Food Pantry would  
like to acknowledge Lane Electric  
for their generous \$500 donation.  
Thanks Lane Electric!**