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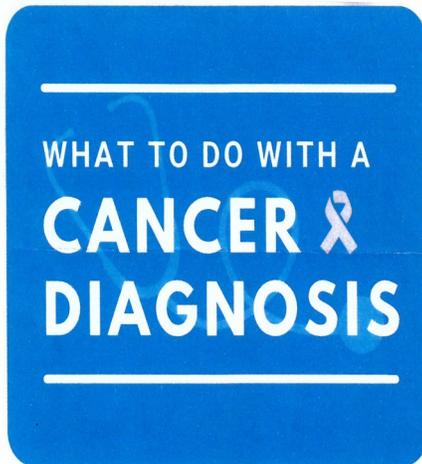
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The Lowell Grange Invites You

To a 6-part webinar series on:



A 2 Hour
Presentation

Free &
Open to
the Public

Date:

Saturday, January 15
10:00 a.m.—Noon

Location:

Lowell Grange
51 East 2nd Street
Lowell, Oregon
541-954-5765

What We Will Cover:

1. How to prepare ahead of a diagnosis
2. Tools to understand the diagnosis
3. How to make goals for treatment
4. Common cancer treatment options
5. Shared decision making
6. How to be a self-advocate

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For More Information: www.nationalgrange.org

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

Lowell-Fall Creek Friends, Family and Community,

This district would not be the amazing place it is without the staff and students of Lowell. However, there are some staff members who need some additional accolades for all they have done for this district over the last year.

A big shout out to my building principals, **Jessica Edgerton** and **Scott Yakovich**. Jessica has taken on duties outside of her role whenever needed. She has stepped up and become a leader in the district. Scott came into this district in the middle of COVID mandates and restrictions and has continued to address issues and make our high school even better. He has also taken on the role of Athletic Director. He has ensured that our student-athletes have had every opportunity to participate in all athletic competitions by keeping our programs compliant.

Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation, **Jason Pickett**, tackles changes to transportation on a whim, leads an amazing staff, manages projects and doesn't blink an eye. We could not maintain the safety of our students or the excellence of our buildings without him. **Nathan Bowers**, Information Technology Director, has also taken on the role of Director of Food Services as well. He has stepped up to fill the role when our district was in need. His selflessness is beyond measure. **Debi McNamara** leads our business office. She and her team are imperative to the running of the district and maintaining our financial integrity. **Dan Silver** keeps our students healthy mentally and bridges the gap between our community, their needs, and the needs of the district and our students. He is also responsible for facilitating amazing opportunities such as Toys for Tots. Keeping everyone organized is **Michelle Stephens**, who assists the superintendent and board of directors, directs district communications, and manages human resource functions.

And finally, our board members: Michael Galvin, Dionne Plahn, Suzanne Kintzley, Jim Chapman, and Jason Prenevost. They volunteer their time to ensure our schools provide a quality education to our students. If you don't already know these leaders, you should. Not only are they great people, but they also continuously give of themselves to ensure the best outcome for our district. I would be lost without any one of them, and I would not want to go into 2022 without this team. Here's to a very happy New Year! Johnie Matthews, Superintendent



Students of the Month



Paris Crawford (at left) is a junior at Lowell and the daughter of Nikki and Jason Crawford. In her free time she likes to watch Marvel movies and TV shows, as well as cooking and baking for her family. Her favorite subjects are science and math and she has fun helping out with ASB and planning activities. Paris does great work in class, turns work in on time and participates readily. She is studious, punctual, helpful and works hard.

McKenna Fassbender is an 8th grader and the daughter of Shannon and Ray Fassbender. She enjoys drawing, hanging out with friends, listening to music, and hanging out with her family. McKenna plays volleyball, softball and basketball and her favorite food is noodles and boba tea. Her favorite subject in school is English because she likes torturing Ms. Cassie with Harold. Through hard work McKenna has gone from a C student to an A/B student. She has grown tremendously and has adopted great study habits.



Congratulations Paris and McKenna on being selected Students of the Month!

Mountain View Academy

Enrollment is open from February 1st -15th for
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade.
To schedule a tour in January, call 541-735-1709
or email Kelly@mtviewacademy.org

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The Mountain View Academy Pre-Kindergarten program is a highly educational class with a focus on social emotional development. With an 8:1 student to teacher ratio and a full curriculum, our goal is to prepare students for success in Kindergarten.

- 4 day week
(no school on Fridays)
- 8:00am - 11:30am
- Quarterly field trips
- \$225/month

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



Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation Presents Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



What Is It?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60-volume set of books beginning with the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could*. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. Best of all it is a **FREE GIFT!** There is no cost or obligation to your family.

Who Is Eligible?

Children that live in the Lowell School District.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Reside in Lowell School District zip codes 97452 or 97438.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian (form must be approved and on file with the Foundation).
3. Notify the Foundation any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address listed on the official registration form. ***If the child's address changes, you must contact the person at the address on this form in order to continue receiving books.***
4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received and entered in the database, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue until your child turns five or moves out of Lowell School District.

How do I apply?

Contact the Foundation through Maureen Weathers at 541-937-8405 ext. 2 or email mweathers@lowell.k12.or.us.

City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

Notice of Budget Committee Vacancies

The City will be starting its annual budget process in the next few months, and we need to fill 3 vacancies on the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee reviews and approves the annual budget and property taxes. The budget is the most important means by which the City accomplishes its goals. By serving on the Budget Committee, you will have a voice in shaping the City's future.

The Budget Committee usually meets 1 to 3 times in the spring to adopt the budget. The Budget Committee meets during other times of the year, as needed, to vote on changes to the adopted budget. Budget Committee members are required to be residents of the City of Lowell.

To apply: Send a completed and signed "Volunteer Boards & Commission Application" in person, by mail, or by email to City Administrator Jeremy Caudle. Our mailing address is: PO Box 490, Lowell, OR 97452. Our email address is: admin@ci.lowell.or.us. The application is available at City Hall or on the city website at the following link (scroll down to the bottom): <https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/forms>.

Future Law Enforcement Services Discussion — January 4th and 18th

In January, the City Council will be gathering more information about law enforcement services. On January 4th, the Lane County Sheriff's Office will meet with City Council at 7:00 pm. The Oakridge Police Department will meet with City Council at 7:00 pm on January 18th. The purpose of the meetings is for both agencies to describe to the City Council what would be involved if either agency entered an expanded law enforcement services contract with the City. This also includes a discussion of the costs involved. As an alternative, the City is also evaluating the cost-effectiveness of security patrols from security service companies.

The City currently contracts with the Oakridge Police Department for 40 hours of police patrols per month. An expansion of that contract to include more patrol hours—whether with the Oakridge Police Department or Lane County Sheriff's Office—would result in significantly higher costs. The determining factor on if the City would expand police services is if the community would be willing to pay for these services. The City is planning on conducting public outreach over the next few months to determine the level of interest among residents on expanding police services in the community.

Details on these meetings and how to join in person or by video conference is available on the City website. Go to www.ci.lowell.or.us then select City Council Agendas & Minutes under the Government tab.

City Council and other committee/commission actions:

Actions from the December 1 Planning Commission meeting:

- Swore in new Planning Commissioner, William Priser
- Recommended that City Council adopt text amendments to the Lowell Development Code to incorporate the Oregon State Model Floodplain Code



Library and City Hall
70 N. Pioneer Street

City Council and other committee/commission actions (continued):

Actions from the December 7 City Council meeting:

- Presentation from the City’s external auditors on the annual financial statements
- First reading approval of Ordinance #305, “An ordinance to adopt text amendments to the Lowell Development Code to incorporate the Oregon State Model Floodplain Code.”
- Approved Resolution #772, “A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to finalize real property transactions with Lane County.”
- Approved a motion to authorize the City Administrator to submit a “National Fire Plan” grant application with the Oregon Department of Forestry.
- Scheduled an annual planning session for Saturday, January 29, 2022.
- Authorized \$125 holiday bonus for City employees

Entrepreneur Meet Up

Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop, Lowell

First Friday of EVERY Month

2-3pm

**Come talk to us about
your business**

Meet our Lane County Venture Catalyst, Aqsa Khan



Pilates at the Grange!

Pilates classes will be held at the Lowell Grange in January, beginning January 3rd. Class will be held on Mondays from 6:30-7:15 a.m. and on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 a.m. The cost will be \$30 per month or \$10 for drop-ins.

Classes will be conducted by a certified pilates instructor. Mats will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. Current regulations require that masks be worn. For more information, please call Joe at 206-920-3256.



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Emergency Alert Test — Saturday, January 15th, for Highway 58 Fire Districts

A test of the emergency alert system in the Lowell, Dexter and Pleasant Hill-Goshen fire district service areas is scheduled for noon on Saturday, January 15.

Residents in the area may receive a test alert on their mobile phones, landlines or via email. The messages will include “TEST ALERT” to reduce any potential confusion. Please do not call 9-1-1 in response to the test.

Residents can also stop by the Lowell Fire Station on Saturday, January 15, between noon and 1:00 p.m. to learn more about preparing for emergencies and emergency alerts.

Lowell Rural Fire Protection District, Dexter Rural Fire Protection District, Pleasant Hill-Goshen Fire & Rescue, Lane County Emergency Management and Central Lane 9-1-1 are working together to conduct the test. This test will not include the Emergency Alert System (television and radio messages) because those are aired countywide and would likely cause unnecessary confusion for residents outside of the test area.

Everyone is encouraged to learn more about how emergency alerts work and strategies to be prepared for an emergency or disaster.

Emergency Alerts

Part of being prepared for an emergency is knowing how you will receive emergency alerts and life safety information. Responders use several tools to alert residents. Watch the video at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/EmergencyAlerts to learn more about those tools and decide which ones you will rely on in the event of an emergency or disaster. Sign up to receive AlertSense emergency alerts at public.alertsense.com/SignUp/ or text your zip code to 38276.

Evacuation Levels

If your home is put under an evacuation notice do you know what that means? There are 3 levels:

Level 1 (Be Ready)

Level 2 (Be Set)

Level 3 (GO NOW)

Remember to take the 6 Ps when you evacuate:

 People & pets

 Prescriptions

 Papers

 Personal computer

 Pictures

 Plastic

Knowing what each level means and being prepared will help keep you and your family safe. Watch the video at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/evacuation to learn more about evacuation levels and download an Evacuation Guide.

Pets and Animals

Don't forget to include your furry/feathery/scaly friends in your emergency plans. Large animals and livestock require a lot more advance planning in order to safely move them in the event of an evacuation. Learn about caring for pets and livestock in a disaster at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/LCAID.

Two Weeks Ready

Some emergencies require us to shelter in place instead of evacuating. Ideally, every household will have a two-week supply of food, water and basic survival materials. You can find a 12-week guide to building your family's emergency kit at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/prepare.

More Helpful Resources: www.ready.gov, www.oregon.gov/OEM, and, www.do1thing.com

January Community News & Events

Lowell Food Pantry Appreciates Community Support!

The Lowell Food Pantry would like to thank the Lowell Community and surrounding areas for the donations made through the recent postal drive. The Lowell Post Office collected 500 pounds of food through the drive. Thank you also to the Lowell Post Office for their willingness to partner with us through Food for Lane County. Your willingness to share with those in need is greatly appreciated. Shawn Brady, Pantry Manager



Addressing the Challenge of a Post Office Box

If you are a PO Box holder and don't receive your mail at your street address, you know the frustration of returned mail. Perhaps you get regular mail from a business that you have tried and failed to get to correct your address — we may be able to help.

When asked for your address (billing or mailing), make sure to give both your street address and PO Box number like this:

Joe Public
1234 Any Street
PO Box 20
Lowell, OR 97452

If you have heard, “We don't deliver to PO boxes” or “We use UPS or FedEx”, you can overcome this by adding your PO Box number to the end of your street address (like an apartment or space number) and change your “+ four” at the end of the zip code, placing zeros in front of your PO Box number to make a four digit code as follows:

Joe Public
1234 Any Street #20
Lowell, OR 97452-0020

Insisting on this format will ensure that your mail is delivered to you in a timely manner and not returned as undeliverable. Reminder: update your online accounts today to ensure delivery of your next purchase.

We are here to help. — Your Lowell Post Office Staff

Clothing Bank Open to Serve

The Clothing Bank continues to be open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays with hours from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Clothing donations are welcome on days that the clothing bank is open, or contact Brandy Stewart at 541-530-0123 or Stewartsx6@fastmail.fm to make other arrangements.

The clothing bank provides free items to anyone in need and all sizes are available. It's located in George Hake Center at 4 East Lakeview Street (behind the football field). Thank you to our community for being so generous with their donations, they are appreciated very much!



Lowell Food Pantry is Open to Serve!

The Pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, the Pantry is open for Bread Day from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

The Pantry is located in the George Hake Center on Lakeview Street (behind the football field).

Please call Shawn Brady at 541-912-1538 if you have questions or would like to make a donation.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events: January 2022

School Resumes Tuesday, January 4th!

- 4—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. East Linn, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm
City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm, 70 N. Pioneer
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 5—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. Glide, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm
- 6—JH Wrestling @ Harrisburg, 6:00 p.m.
Lowell Parks Committee, 6:30 p.m., 70 N. Pioneer Street
- 7—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ Monroe, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 8—Varsity Wrestling Lowell Invitational, 9:00 a.m.
- 11—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. Regis, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm
- 12—JH Wrestling v. Pleasant Hill, 6:00 p.m.
- 13—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. Central Linn, 3/4:30/6/7:30
Lowell Fire District Board meeting; 7:00 p.m., Main Station
- 14-15—Varsity Wrestling @ Redmond Oregon Classic, TBD
- 15—Cancer Diagnosis Webinar, 10 am—Noon, Lowell Grange
Emergency Alert Test—Noon
JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ Oakland, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.

17—MLK Day — No School, City Hall Closed

- 18—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 70 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. Jefferson, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm
- 20—Varsity Wrestling v. Monroe/Glide, 5:00 p.m.
JH Wrestling @ Lincoln Middle School Tourney, 6:00 p.m.
- 21—JV Boys/Varsity Girls/Boys @ Oakridge, 4:30/6:00/7:30 p.m.
- 22—JH Wrestling Districts @ Thurston, TBD
- 24—**School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elem.**
Blackberry Jam Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, 70 N Pioneer
- 25—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ East Linn, 3/4:30/6/7:30
- 27—Varsity Wrestling @ Central Linn, 5:00 p.m.
- 28—Grading Day — No School
JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. Monroe, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm
- 29—City Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 70 N. Pioneer

Coming in February:

- 1—JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ Regis, 3/4:30/6/7:30 pm
- 3—Varsity Wrestling @ Reedsport, 5:00 p.m.
JV/Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ Central Linn, 3/4:30/6/7:30