



The Bridge

Making community connections

Mountain View Academy Charter School Opens

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It is with great pleasure that we announce the opening of The Mountain View Academy, in the West Wing of the Lundy Elementary School. As Lane County's newest charter school, our program emphasizes small class size, parent involvement, and character education. The Lowell School District sponsored this charter to encourage educational choice for community members, as well as those from surrounding areas.

This successful plan has filled the once vacant halls of the West Wing with 91 eager learners. These students commute from many areas to be part of our new program. The West Wing has been transformed into a delightful learning environment by our caring staff, dedicated community members, and involved families. We want to thank the Lowell community for welcoming us and making us feel at home here.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Laurie Cardwell, Executive Director, at 541-954-6863 or via email laurie@mtviewacademy.org



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LOWELL SCHOOLS: We are on the *Move...*

GEAR UP Grant to be Received over Seven Years

Last week the Lowell School District was informed that Lowell Jr./Sr. High School was selected to participate in the latest round of “GEAR UP” grants offered to rural schools. GEAR UP stands for “Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs”. The mission of the grant program is to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in some type of postsecondary education. This particular GEAR UP grant will serve a cohort of students beginning in this year’s 7th grade class and follow the cohort through their first year of postsecondary education.

The funds provided by the grant will help all students in grades 7-12 and will be used to enhance Lowell’s College and Career Center, increase student awareness of postsecondary programs, help the school to design a seamless process for students wishing to attend colleges and trade schools, and better equip students for the rigors of training and education after high school. Affiliation with GEAR UP will help students get scholarships to attend institutes of higher learning and skill development.

The focus of the Oregon GEAR UP program is to:

- **Reach Higher:** All students, teachers, and community members develop the mindset that all students should and can improve academic performance and have high expectations for students.
- **Increase Rigor:** All students take challenging classes that cause them to put real effort in their academic studies and even graduate high school with some college credit earned through rigorous high school classes.
- **Improve School Relevancy:** Students see a bright future and see the importance and meaningfulness of the classes they take.
- **Develop Relationships:** Teachers and the community build strong ties with students helping them reach their full potential and setting the expectation that they will attend a postsecondary program.
- **Raise Awareness of College Options:** Students who understand the enrollment process, admissions and scholarships related to postsecondary schooling are much more likely to choose that as a pathway.

Receiving the GEAR UP grant is an important step to helping all students be better prepared for their future. The timeline of the grant provides opportunity for Lowell Jr./Sr. to, over the next seven years, formalize processes that will help student be successful beyond high school. Stay tuned as details concerning the grant will unfold during the coming year.

COLLEGE. It’s not a dream, it’s a plan.



Volunteers Needed for Picture Committee

Due to the renovations of the high school, all the graduation photos needed to be taken down. The school board has decided to create a committee to consider options for re-hanging these pictures.

If you would like to give your input, please contact board chair Dennis McCallum at 541-913-6957 or email him at n6508C@yahoo.com. A meeting date will be set once committee members are identified.

Homecoming Set for October 24th

Homecoming week will be filled with lots of fun activities, culminating with a dance in the Lundy elementary gym on Friday, October 24th from 9:00-12:00 pm.

Spirit Week includes dress up days, class competitions, hallway decorations and the last game of the regular season against McKenzie at 7:00 p.m. The crowning of the class princesses and queen will occur during halftime. Don’t miss this very special event!

Varsity Volleyball off to a great start!

The Lowell volleyball team is 8-0 in league play and 10-3 overall. They play second place McKenzie on Sept. 30th so come out and root them on!

Team members include seniors: Bailea Trimble, Kiera Rooks, Faith Baimbridge, Kaysey DeMarce, Hali Asher and Jessica Chittim; sophomores Chelsea Byrne, Anna Cardwell and Eden Smith; and freshmen Daisy Schnee, Lily Lane and Abbey Shields. Head coach Kristen Prenevost is assisted by Julie Valencia.



Junior High Football

Team members include: 8th graders Jakob Brandt, Gabriel Carroll, Kasey Erwin, Carson Gardner, Tristin Handsaker, Kody Jenks, Symon Thurman and John Welch; 7th graders Dustin Astbury, Owen Chapman, AJ Devereaux, Andy Kintzley, Brian Lemon, Mark Roberts and Tay Williamson; 6th graders Tyler Astbury, Lukas Riisberg and Chamber Schnee; and 5th graders Bryson Botts, Irik Hymer, Odin Sinnett, Sam Smith, Anthony Smith and Addian Williamson. Head coach Mark Kintzley is assisted by Jack Devereaux and Brad Brady.



Junior High Volleyball has huge turnout!

Due to the extra large turnout for this year's season, the junior high girls volleyball squad has been divided into two teams. The "A Team" (pictured at left) includes: 8th graders Julia Donnell, Nature Letts, Madison Miller, Mackenzie Smith, Raelynn Trimble, Megan Rasmusson, Dayce Riberl and Kerra McFadden; and 7th graders Alanna Beyer, Maddy Levi, Kaitlyn Sinnett and Melina Winters. The "B Team" includes: 6th graders Trudy Ablieter, Kaylee Folck, Kaitlyn Watson, Maddy Keffer, Aurora Whitney, Mahayla McFadden and Serena Yarbrough; and 5th graders Alexis Curry, Ashlee Brooks and Kloe Harris. Head coach Julie Curry is assisted by her sister, Katie Green.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Get Prepared

As the summer months come to a close and the weather starts to let us know that fall is here, it is a good time to start thinking about and preparing for winter storms that can cause some major inconvenience and down right disastrous conditions. Now is the time to get prepared for local disasters that might occur during the winter months. The first order of business should be to build an emergency kit that can keep you and your family supplied for at least 72 hours. Here is a suggested kit that you can build at home and store in a medium to large size “tote” container for use if disaster should strike. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer. While there are many things that might make you more comfortable, think first about fresh water, food and clean air.

Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit:

- Water one gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Non-perishable Food at least a three-day supply
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlights and extra batteries, seal the batteries in containers to reduce moisture and help prevent corrosion
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Filter mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener if kit contains canned food
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Important Family Documents
- Items for unique family needs, such as daily prescription medications, infant formula or diapers

Consider two kits. In one, put everything you will need to stay where you are and make it on your own. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you have to get away. Make a Plan in advance for what you will do in an emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation. Use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Develop a Family Emergency Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations. Consider a plan where each family member calls, or e-mails, the same friend or relative in the event of an emergency. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members. Be sure each person knows the phone number and has coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. You may have trouble getting through, or the phone system may be down altogether, but be patient. Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the emergency, the first important decision is whether you stay put or get away.

You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Use common sense and the information you are learning here to determine if there is immediate danger. Watch television and listen to the radio for official instructions as they become available.

For more information, visit ready.gov or call 1-800-BE-READY. For more information, visit ready.gov or call 1-800-BE-READY. Preparing Makes Sense. Get Ready Now. Make a PLAN, Make a KIT, Stay INFORMED.

On the web: ww.lowellfiredistrict.org

Old Fall Creek Station Now Training Station

With change in location of the Fall Creek Fire Station, the building located in Fall Creek proper is being converted to a new purpose. Currently the station houses the district's 1952 Mack Fire Engine and items that are being stored inside. In the near future, the station will be cleaned out of a number of items that have been at the location for a number of years and are of no use to the district.

The district will then repurpose the building and small lot to become a training and storage facility. Two bays of the building will be converted to open area that will house firefighting training aids and props, and the third bay area will be utilized as storage for the Mack and other small items.

In addition, the district has budgeted for 2 to 3 metal shipping containers that will be configured to accommodate additional training aids as well as a burn unit that can simulate a small structure fire to allow firefighters to practice fire attack techniques and other firefighting skills that they are currently not able to practice.

The entire site will be utilized as the district's main training facility, and will offer firefighters from Lowell as well as our neighboring districts a greater range of realistic fire and rescue props to learn new skills and hone current skills.



Fall Creek Training Station

Backyard Burn Season Delayed

The backyard burning ban has been extended until October 15th, 2014 with provision for additional delay until further notice. With the extended dry and hot conditions our area has experienced, it has continued to keep fire danger levels in the "High" to "Extreme" ranges.

"For backyard burning to be conducted safely, the weather patterns need to change to the wetter winter model. Until then, we recommend that people cover their burn piles so that it stays dry until burning is permitted," said Jo Niehaus, a Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) spokesperson. "Dry wood debris will burn faster, more thoroughly, and emit less pollutants into the air."

LRAPA will regulate this provision until open burning season begins. A first offense violation of LRAPA's open burning rules may result in a \$500 fine. For more information contact Lane Regional Air Protection Agency at 541-736-1056.

Recall Alert

Hearth & Home Technologies Recalls Gas Fireplaces, Stoves, Inserts and Log Sets Due to Risk of Gas Leak and Fire Hazard. This recall involves Hearth & Home Technologies®, Heat-N-Glo®, Heatilator®, Outdoor Lifestyles® and Quadra Fire® natural or propane gas indoor and outdoor fireplaces, stoves, inserts and log sets. The following brand names are printed on the unit rating plate, located near the controls, and in the instruction manual.

Consumers should immediately stop using the gas fireplaces, stoves, inserts and log sets, turn off the gas to the units and contact the fireplace store where the unit was purchased to arrange for a free inspection and, if necessary, valve replacement. The firm's dealers are contacting known purchasers.

Sold: at fireplace stores from May 2014 through July 2014 for between \$1,200 and \$8,000.

Manufacturer: Hearth & Home Technologies of Lakeville, Minn.

Contact: Hearth & Home Technologies at (800) 883-6690 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or online at www.hearthnhome.com and click on Notices for more information.

City Beat

Council to Discuss Volunteer Animal Control Program

Due to the recent dog attacks that have killed or injured other domestic animals and the unavailability of funding from both the City and Lane County, animal control protections and enforcement is almost nonexistent. However, the City Council will be discussing a volunteer animal control program at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting on October 7, 2014. Some of the things to be discussed by the Council will be a temporary animal shelter, volunteer training, program costs, grants, and insurance coverage for volunteers.

Although a volunteer animal control program is not currently implemented, the City would be interested in finding out if there are citizens who may be interested in volunteering. If anyone is interested in participating in a volunteer animal control program should contact the City Clerk or City Administrator, (541) 937-2158.

City Hall Closure

The City Council recently passed a resolution to close City Hall on Fridays which will include closing the Library on Fridays as well. If utility billings become due on Fridays, customers will have until 8:00 a.m. on the following Mondays to drop their payments in the City Hall drop box without being charged a late fee.

Need Home Repair?

St. Vinnie's may be able to help! Limited funds are available for necessary repairs to homes in Lowell. If you own or are buying your home and land, you may qualify for a 3% interest, "no monthly payment" loan with the help of St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County.

Household size/income guidelines to qualify range from an annual income for one person of \$30,950 to \$58,300 for a household of eight persons. Call Andy Clay at 541-687-5820 x. 128 to learn more.

Covered items include roofs, foundations, dry rot, plumbing, electrical, heating systems, windows and doors, insulation, siding, paint and much more!

Get your necessary repairs done before winter hits!

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 September 2nd regular meeting:

- Approved a revised Ordinance 5.060: an ordinance adopting Lowell Revised Code Sections 5.053 related to smoking in City Parks, alcohol use in City Parks, park hours, and related clerical changes. (The ordinance will be ready for first reading and public hearing at the next regular council meeting.) In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Knokey; Absent: Burford.
- Approved a motion to require dissemination of all information to the City of Lowell by employment or contract applicants during the hiring process as they are received. In support: Rennert, Reese, Knokey; Opposed: Paulson; Absent: Burford.

From the September 10th special meeting:

- Approved a motion to extend the Orenco contract for water/sewer plant operations for a period of 30 days. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese; Opposed: Knokey; Absent: Burford

From the September 16th regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 609 adjusting City Hall hours/days (to be closed on Fridays). In support: Rennert, Reese, Knokey; Opposed: Paulson; Absent: Burford.

From the September 24th special meeting:

- Approved a motion to hire Acuity Forensics for a sum of \$2,850 to conduct a financial review of the 2013-14 fiscal year and report back to the council at the October 7th meeting. In support: Rennert, Reese, Knokey; Opposed: Paulson; Absent: Burford.
- Approved a motion to direct the City Administrator to forward a proposed ordinance for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries to the city attorney for review and bring back to the council for consideration. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Knokey; Absent: Burford.

On the web:
www.ci.lowell.or.us

In and Around Our Community

Girl Scout Fundraiser Underway

Girl Scouts are underway and their annual fundraiser is going on now including sales of candy, nuts and magazines. If you need a subscription renewed, call Debbie Lynchard at 541-359-8974 and she can help set you up with a Girl Scout. This year they are also offering a photo book, calendar and greeting cards. Help out the local Girl Scouts here in Lowell.



GIRL SCOUTS

You can email Debbie at or_we_gone@yahoo.com if you are interested in learning more about these products. She can also set you up with the address to order online for home delivery.

Harvest Party October 31st

Where: East Valley Church, 72 East 2nd Street

Date: Friday, October 31st

Time: 6:00—9:00 p.m.

It's that time of year again for East Valley Church to host their Annual Harvest Party. Please come join us where everything is free and it is a safe dry place to bring your children.

Games ◦ **Candy** ◦ **Hot Drinks** ◦ **Chili** ◦ **Cake Walk**

Grange Events in October

Breakfast on Sunday the 5th
Texas Hold 'em Poker on the 3rd and 18th
Bingo! on October 1st and 15th

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

October 4th Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Cub Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Saturday, October 4th** with the showing of **The Lego Movie**. 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.



More Donations from Blackberry Jam Events!

The Pine Needlers Quilting Group has made additional donations from this year's quilt raffle ticket sales. The Fire Department received an additional \$350 and the University of Oregon Crew Team (whose home base is Dexter Lake) received \$400.

The Car Show had their biggest turnout ever, allowing them to make donations to the Girls Volleyball team (\$300), East Valley Church's backpack program (\$200), and Lowell Junior High Athletics (\$400). Your support of Jam activities benefit many in and around our community — thank you!



First Annual Haunted House coming to the Lowell Grange in October!

Prepare to be scared! The Lowell Grange is sponsoring the first annual Haunted House for five nights: October 24-26 and October 30-31 from 6:00—9:00 p.m. The cost to enter is \$3 for ages 17 and under and \$5 for ages 18 and over.

Refreshments will be available for sale to help support this activity. All proceeds go toward the Grange Restoration fund to support building improvements.



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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: October 2014

- 1—JH Football/Volleyball v. Falls City, 4:00/4:30 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 2—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Eddyville, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
- 3—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Football @ North Douglas, 7:00 p.m.
- 4—Free Family Movie Night at the Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
- 5—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 6—JH Volleyball @ McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.
JV Football v. Triangle Lake, 5:00 p.m.
- 7—Varsity Volleyball @ Alsea, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 8—JH Football v. Falls City @ Triangle Lake, 4:00 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
- 9—Varsity Volleyball @ Siletz, 6:00 p.m.
Lane Electric Co-op Dinner/Meeting, 6:30/7:00 p.m., HS Gym
- 10—No School! Teacher In-service Day
Varsity Football @ Mohawk, 7:00 p.m.
- 13—JH Volleyball v. Siletz, 4:30 p.m.
JV Football @ Monroe, 5:00 p.m.
- 14—Varsity Volleyball v. Mapleton, 6:00 p.m., Senior Night
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg — cancelled
- 15—JH Volleyball @ Triangle Lake, 4:30 p.m.
JH Football v. Siletz @ Mohawk, 5:00 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 16—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Triangle Lake, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
- 17—JH Football v. Yoncalla, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Football v. Yoncalla, 7:00 p.m., Senior Night
- 18—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 20—JH Volleyball @ Falls City, 4:30 p.m.
JV Football @ Oakridge, 5:00 p.m.
- 21—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 22—Half day of school! Curriculum Day
JH Football/Volleyball @ Crow, 4:00/4:30 p.m.
- 24—Varsity Football v. McKenzie, 7:00 p.m., HOMECOMING!
24-26—Haunted House, Lowell Grange, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 27—JV Football @ Triangle Lake, 5:00 p.m.
School Board meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 28—Free Vision Screening for K-6 grades, Lundy Elem, 9 a.m.
Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
- 29—JH Volleyball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
- 30-31—Haunted House, Lowell Grange, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 31—Harvest Festival, East Valley Church, 6:00-9:00 p.m.