



The Bridge

Making community connections

District Welcomes New Employees

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The Fire District has recently filled the position of Firefighter/EMT/Training Coordinator and also filled a newly created position of Fulltime Firefighter/EMT with two long time volunteer members of the District.

Lloyd Hall has been appointed to the position of Firefighter/EMT/Training Coordinator. Lloyd has been with the District since August of 2008 when he began his career as an Intern Firefighter and then became a Resident Volunteer for several years. Lloyd has also held the position of Part-Time, Temporary Firefighter/EMT during the summer months a few years ago.



Another District volunteer has been appointed to a newly created full-time position of Firefighter/EMT/Caretaker. Danny Ingalls has accepted this position and will be living at the Fall Creek Station to help staff responses from that station. Danny has been with the District since November of 2011. Danny has also held the positions of Resident Volunteer Firefighter/EMT and Intern Firefighter/EMT. Both Danny and Lloyd bring significant experience and skill to the District and are welcome additions to District operations.



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

The Lowell School District will be starting the **Bridge Charter Academy** to be opened for the 2016-17 school year. Bridge Charter Academy will be a Personalized Learning School designed to serve the fifteen hundred Homeschool students in Lane County. The Bridge model allows parents, teachers, and students to collaborate and customize a Learning Plan for each student. This plan focuses on the student's learning style, interests, and academic goals. Bridge Charter Academy will facilitate this personalization with access to: licensed teachers, a spectrum of quality curriculum choices, educational software, technology, assessments, and a learning cohort for interaction and encouragement.

The vision of the school is to “*inspire a love for learning that produces a life-long learner*”. Bridge Charter Academy's approach to stimulate this enjoyment can be summarized in the following manner: (1) Through promoting and facilitating parents' direct involvement in the learning process with their children (organic to the homeschool model); (2) identifying teachers that are leaders, who are passionate, with contagious enthusiasm during scheduled group and individual time; (3) utilizing proven technology children enjoy, focusing on individual learning gaps; (4) implementing a robust reading program stimulating reading enjoyment, including “Battle of the Books”.

Bridge Charter Academy has the potential to be a dynamic school with incredible growth. This has proven true with a similar model successfully implemented in Medford with *Logos Charter School* and their enrollment of nearly nine hundred students. The Executive Director for Bridge Charter Academy is John Vondoloski, formerly the Executive Director that created Logos Charter. Taking the experience learned from that endeavor, Bridge Charter Academy will implement a similar Personalized Learning philosophy. The emphasis of our program is to raise what has historically been called a Philomath, or lover of learning. It embraces the philosophy that a fundamental law of learning is, “the student must attend with interest” for true learning to take place. The primary focus is to tap into intrinsic motivators to help fuel the desire for learning.

The mission statement of Bridge Charter Academy is to “maximize parent, community, technological, innovative, and academic resources for historically and educationally underserved homeschool and at risk students, to produce excellence in education.” In order to successfully implement a personalized and customized approach to learning, all resources possible are tapped into to design a personal learning plan. Included in this diverse model is the

intention to develop a comprehensive program to serve Alternative students that struggle with traditional models. Part of our mission is to provide hands-on approaches to a large variety of technical and vocational skills outside of a classroom environment. Working with a mentor-teacher, learning will begin with hands-on projects and transition to curriculum directed learning after the student's interest is piqued.

In collaboration with the Lowell School District and from previous experience with this type of school, the first year the Academy will start by serving grades K-9 and add an additional grade each year until it is providing a fully accredited K-12 program. This will allow the school to adequately establish its foundation before it is graduating students.

During the development of this program, Bridge Charter Academy has reached out to current homeschool families. An informational meeting was held on January 11, to explain the program and answer a multitude of questions concerning the design and implementation of the model. Positive feedback has poured in via email and social media. The desire from the beginning has been to ensure Lowell is a community that is proud of its school system. Lowell Superintendent, Dr. Walt L. Hanline, echoed the vision of the district when he said, “The foundation of Lowell School District is to provide educational options to parents and children that best serve their family”.

An informational meeting will be held on Monday **February 22nd at 3:30** in the Professional Development Center at Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street.

LHS Drama presents...

“Gingerbread Girl”

**A comedic one-act play by D.M. Larson
Starring 18 students from Lundy and LHS!**

**Performances are at 7:00 p.m.
February 11th, 12th and 13th**

Free Admission

Donations are gratefully appreciated to help support the LHS Drama program

Location: the new and improved Drama Room Theater at Lowell High School

Junior High Students of the Month



Nicole Tucker is the daughter of Rochelle Cornett and Ryan Lundberg (step dad) of Lowell and Jonathon Tucker and Heather Tucker (step mom) of Springfield, Oregon. Nicole plays the clarinet in our school band. She is a great student that enjoys reading and drawing. Nicole works hard to keep her grades and attendance up. In her spare time Nicole enjoys hanging out with her friends.



Carter Wendt is the son of Matthew and Chantelle Wendt of Lowell. Carter is very involved in sports such as basketball and track and he also plays in the school band. He is a great

volunteer for teachers and coaches. Carter works very hard to keep his grades up and attendance near perfect. In his free time Carter enjoys climbing, reading and hanging out with friends.

Congratulations Nicole and Carter on being selected as Students of the Month for Lowell Jr. High!!!

Varsity Basketball Update

LHS varsity boys basketball is enjoying a good season. We are currently 12-4 overall and 7-1 in league, sitting in 2nd place behind Siletz.

LHS varsity girls basketball is also enjoying a great run. Currently 11-6 overall and 8-1 in league, they are tied for 1st place with Siletz.

Lowell plays Siletz at home on **Friday, February 5th**. Let's pack the gym and help root our teams on to victory!

Varsity Wrestling Update

The varsity wrestling team took 1st place in the 1A state tournament at Crane on January 23rd!

Seniors Sam Thurman and Evan Nolan were honored on senior night January 28th.

Districts will be held on February 13th at Crow to determine who will qualify for State.

Wrestling State Championships will be held February 26-27 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Mountain View Academy Charter School

Open Enrollment February 1-15

Mountain View Academy will be holding its annual, open enrollment period from February 1st through 15th. During this time, applications will be accepted for the 2016-17 school year. Preference will be given to students currently attending MVA as well as their siblings.

In the event that more students enroll than space is available, students will be selected using a lottery process. In-district students will receive preference in this situation.

Mountain View Academy Charter School is a public charter school, sponsored by the Lowell School District, and is located in the West Wing of Lundy Elementary School. Our students attend classes four days each week, character education is a core part of our curriculum, and we cap our classes at 15 students.

If you would like more information on the application process or would like to schedule a tour, please contact our office at 541-735-1709 or Kelly@mtviewacademy.org.



City Beat By City Administrator Jared Cobb

Surveillance Camera Policy Adopted

On January 5th, the Lowell City Council adopted a video surveillance camera policy to regulate security cameras at City-owned facilities. Video surveillance, when utilized with other security measures, is an effective means of ensuring the security and safety of City facilities, the individuals who use them, and the assets housed within them. However, the need to ensure security and safety should also be balanced with an individual's right to privacy. The adopted policy provides guidelines which are intended to achieve this balance.

The policy specifically addresses requirements and responsibilities with respect to the following:

- Installation of the video surveillance system
- Operation of the video surveillance system
- Use of the information obtained through the video surveillance system
- Custody, control and access to records

Our principal goal with this new policy is to improve public safety in the City of Lowell. The first phase of the surveillance camera system will cover Paul Fisher Park, and is scheduled to be brought online in February. If successful, we plan to expand the system to include Rolling Rock Park and our other public facilities.

A copy of the full video surveillance camera policy is available for review online at www.ci.lowell.or.us under "Meetings", or in person at City Hall located at 107 East Third Street. If you have any questions regarding this new policy, please feel free to stop by or call City Hall at 541-937-2157.

Monthly Police Log (December 23 – January 22)

12/24	11:52 a.m.		Incomplete 911 Call at 100 Block North Everly Street
12/24	12:11 a.m.		Criminal Mischief at 100 Block South Pioneer Street
12/25	08:12 p.m.		Suspicious Conditions at 100 Block North Cannon Street
12/26	10:12 a.m.		Assault at 200 Block East 2 nd Street
12/27	03:19 a.m.		Dispute at 100 Block South Damon Street
12/27	04:06 p.m.		Hit and Run at 100 Block North Cannon Street
01/03	01:40 p.m.		Violation of Restraining Order at 100 Block West 2 nd Street
01/03	01:40 p.m.		Suspicious Conditions West 2 nd Street and North Moss Street
01/03	02:02 p.m.		Alarm at 100 Block South Pioneer Street
01/03	07:03 p.m.		Disturbance at 400 Block North Moss Street
01/04	02:07 p.m.		Welfare Check at 200 Block East 2 nd Street
01/08	02:58 p.m.		Citizen Contact at North Cannon Street and East 2 nd Street
01/08	09:16 p.m.		Violation of Restraining Order at 100 Block East Lakeview Avenue
01/12	04:57 p.m.		Disorderly Subject at 100 Block North Moss Street
01/12	11:24 p.m.		Assist Sheriff's Office at 100 Block North Moss Street
01/13	07:06 p.m.		Violation of Restraining Order at 100 Block East Lakeview Avenue
01/15	06:14 p.m.		Vehicle Stop at 100 Block Trailblazer Court
01/15	06:22 p.m.		Vehicle Stop at East 1 st Street and North Pioneer Street
01/15	08:03 p.m.		Suspicious Subject at 100 Block North Cannon Street
01/17	02:56 p.m.		Disturbance at D Street and East 4 th Street
01/17	03:00 p.m.		Disturbance at 400 Block D Street
01/19	03:26 p.m.		Welfare Check at 500 Block North Moss Street
01/21	09:29 p.m.		Incomplete 911 Call at 100 Block North Moss Street

New Appointments

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone that responded to our recent call for volunteers. We received an excellent pool of candidates! The following appointments were made at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 19th:

Budget Committee

Alvin Riggs
Jerry Bjornstad

Planning Commission

Stacie Harris
Alvin Riggs
Jerry Bjornstad

For those candidates that were not selected in this round, please stay tuned. We anticipate additional volunteer opportunities over the next few months. The City will retain your applications and reach out as these opportunities arise.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our outgoing members Nancy Garratt (Planning Commission) and Maureen Weathers (Budget Committee). Your hard work and service to our community is truly appreciated!

Lowell Community Library presents:

“Fables with Mr. Ben” every fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 until 4:15 p.m.

After School Puppets Show by Liisa every second Wednesday of the month from 3:30 until 4:15 p.m.

The Lowell Community Library is located at City Hall, 107 East 3rd Street. Everyone is welcome!

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 January 5th regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 638, a resolution To Adopt a Video Surveillance Camera Policy. In support: Bennett, Osgood, Paulson and Burford; Opposed: None.

From the January 19th regular meeting:

- Approved motions to appoint Alvin Riggs, Stacie Harris and Jerry Bjornstad to the Planning Commission. In support: Bennett, Osgood and Paulson; Opposed: none; Absent: Burford.
- Approved motions to appoint Jerry Bjornstad and Alvin Riggs to the Budget Committee. In support: Bennett, Osgood and Paulson; Opposed: none; Absent: Burford.

Donations to Kidz Korner

The Blackberry Jam is seeking donations for the prize tent at the festival. Any new or gently used toys or monetary donation to purchase toys would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your toys and donations to Joyce at City Hall or you can call 541-937-5544. Thank you for your help!



Lowell High School & Community Blood Drive

Thursday, February 4th, 2:30—5:30 p.m.
65 South Pioneer Street

For information and to schedule your appointment, call Toni at 541-937-2124 or email ttaylor@lowell.k12.or.us.

We provide a safe, easy way for Lane County residents to donate blood or volunteer their time - at our center, school, work, church or a community event - and help save lives. Lane Blood Center is the sole provider of blood products in Lane County, providing blood for PeaceHealth Medical Centers, McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center and beyond.



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FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Volunteer & See What You Can Achieve

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District provides Fire Protection to a district of 23 square miles around Lowell, Unity and Fall Creek. The District includes rural, residential, business and forest lands as well as recreational areas.

The wide variety of protected lands and structures within the district requires our volunteers be trained in many different suppression techniques under a number of different conditions. This variety of experiences and training can prepare our volunteers for varied specialties within the fire service or give them a well rounded base knowledge for other types of employment if they so desire.

The surrounding area is home to many outdoor recreation areas that all come with natural features that require unique skills and knowledge to perform rescues. Our Volunteers receive training in rope rescue, water rescue and vehicle extrication. Learning new and valuable rescue techniques is an important part of every Volunteer's experience with the district.

Providing Emergency Medical Services to our district patrons is one of the primary services offered by the District. Volunteers are encouraged and financially supported in gaining medical certifications and licensing including Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT and Paramedic levels. A variety of backgrounds and levels of training enable district personnel to provide caring quality patient care to those needing help.

What do you have to do to get involved?

Contact district members by either dropping by the main station in Lowell or calling us at 541-937-3393.

Do you need previous experience?

No. All levels of experience are welcome. As long as you have a good attitude and are willing to learn, we will teach you what you need to know to be successful in our organization.

What are the time requirements?

If you live in the Fire District, initial training takes 5 to 6 weekends to complete. Following your initial training, attending weekly drills and responding to calls (about 4-5 hours per week) is what will be required.

We also have an Intern Program for folks that do not live in the district but want to volunteer. The Intern program requires a commitment of 8 hours a week for shift duty time and attending weekly drills. There are some weekend time commitments also.

How does scheduling work?

You pick your hours for the most part. Start when you can and the district will try to accommodate any schedule that helps support responses and training. For more information contact the district office at 541-937-3393 or go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org.

Home Sprinkler Systems Can Save Lives and Property

Here are some interesting facts about Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems.

- Roughly 85% of all US fire deaths occur in the home.
- Fire sprinklers save lives, reduce property loss and can even help cut homeowner insurance premiums.
- Sprinklers are highly effective because they react so quickly in a fire. They reduce the risk of death or injury from a fire because they dramatically reduce the heat, flames and smoke produced, allowing people the time to evacuate the home.
- Home fire sprinklers can control and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive on the scene.
- Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire. In 84% of home fires where the sprinklers operate, just one sprinkler operates.
- If you have a fire in your home, the risk of dying is cut by about one-third when smoke alarms are present (or about half if the smoke alarms are working), while automatic fire sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying by about 80%.
- In a home with sprinklers, the average property loss per fire is cut by about 70% (compared to fires where sprinklers are not present.)
- A Fire Protection Research Foundation report found that the cost of installing home fire sprinklers averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot (about \$2,700 for a 2000 square foot home or \$2,025 for a 1500 square foot home).
- Modern residential sprinklers are inconspicuous and can be mounted flush with walls or ceilings.
- Sprinklers operate in all but 5% of home fires large enough to activate the system. Human error was a factor in almost all of the failures. The system was shut-off in more than three of every five failures.
- All national model safety codes include fire sprinklers as a minimum safety requirement for new home construction.

Contact the District Office for more information.

In and Around Our Community

Girl Scout Cookies For Sale February 20th!

Scouts will be selling cookies at Bridge Town Market (next to the Lowell post office) on Saturday, February 20th from 10:00 a.m. until they are sold out. The Lowell Girl Scouts thank everyone in the Lowell/Fall Creek/Dexter areas who support them.

Super Bowl Party at East Valley Church

Join us February 7th for Super Bowl Sunday. We will be hosting the Super Bowl game at 72 East 2nd Street. Everyone is welcome; bring your favorite food and drinks. Hope to see you there!

Grange Events in February

Breakfast on February 7th

Texas Hold 'em Poker on February 5th and 20th

Bingo! on February 17th

Bunco on February 25th

Valentine's Dance Saturday, February 13th

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

February 6th Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Cub Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Saturday, February 6th** with the showing of **Shaun the Sheep 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.



And now that it's dark when the movie ends, it's important that no children are walking home alone so parents, either pick up your child or make sure he/she has an escort if walking home. Admission is free; sales of refreshments support sending Scouts to summer camp.

For more information call Tim at 541-228-5664.

BUNCO is back!

Come join the fun on Thursday, February 25th at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. No experience is necessary, it is a very easy game to learn. Just \$10 buys you a night of fun, snacks and great door prizes. For more information please call Maggie at 541-937-3759.



Valentine's Day Dance! Saturday, February 13th, 7:30-11:00 p.m.

Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street
\$7 each or \$10 per couple

All ages are welcome — This is an alcohol free event.

Steel Wool
Acoustic Rock Reborn



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Upcoming Meetings and Events: February 2016

- 1—Site Council Meeting, 3:15 p.m., Lundy PDC
JH Girls Basketball @ Mohawk, 4:00 p.m.
 - 2—JV Boys Basketball @ Creswell, 4:45 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Alsea, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 3—JH Girls Basketball v. Alsea, 4:00 p.m.
 - 4—Blood Drive, 2:30-5:30 p.m., 65 S. Pioneer Street
Varsity Wrestling @ Crow, 5:00 p.m.
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
 - 5—No School! Grading Day
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Siletz, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 5-6—Varsity Wrestling @ Cottage Grove Tourney, 8:00 a.m.
 - 6—JH Wrestling Districts @ Central Linn, 8:00 a.m.
Free Family Movie Night at the Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
 - 7—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
 - 8—JH Girls Basketball @ Eddyville, 5:00 p.m.
 - 9—PTO Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Lundy PDC
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Mapleton, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
 - 10—JH Girls Basketball v. Falls City, 4:00 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
 - 11—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Triangle Lake, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
 - 11, 12, 13—LHS Drama Production, 7:00 pm, Drama Room Theater
 - 13—Valentine's Day Dance at the Lowell Grange, 7:30-11:00 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling Districts @ Crow
 - 15—Presidents' Day, No School, City Hall Closed
 - 16—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
 - 17—JH Girls Basketball @ McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
 - 20—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 22—Bridge Charter Academy meeting, 3:30 p.m., Lundy Elem.
JH Girls Basketball @ Triangle Lake, 4:00 p.m.
 - 22—**School Board meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
 - 23—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
 - 24—JH Girls Basketball v. Siletz, 4:00 p.m.
 - 25—BUNCO at the Lowell Grange, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 - 26-27—State Wrestling Championships, Portland
- In March:
- 1—JH Girls Basketball @ Mohawk, 4:00 p.m.
 - 2—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Alsea, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
 - 3—JH Girls Basketball v. Alsea, 4:00 p.m.