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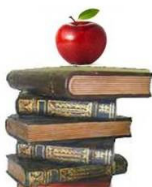
November 2016

From Mini Grants for Teachers, to helping with the new Lundy Playground installation, to continuing a literacy program for pre-schoolers and much more, the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation is putting the proceeds from the Hall of Fame Celebration and other grants and donations to good use in our community.

The Alumni and Friends Association was pleased with this year's turnout and reported to the Foundation Board that over \$5,700 was made to continue the efforts of the Foundation. In partnership with the Lowell School District, the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation is committed to building positive relationships between our District and our community to support the academic, athletic and artistic achievement of the students served by the Lowell School District.

The goals and objectives reflect the belief that the Foundation will provide supplementary support to the programs and services provided to students, teachers and families of the Lowell School District.

The Foundation Board is looking for community-minded individuals who would like to "champion" a project special to them that would extend the Foundation's existing list of projects. Those projects can be viewed on the District's website at www.lowell.k12.or.us. Find the Foundation under the Community link.



**Lowell,
Fall Creek
Education
Foundation**

**Donations can be made
to Lowell, Fall Creek
Education Foundation,
65 S. Pioneer Street,
Lowell OR 97452.
Thank you!**

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Ballot deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 8th

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

Lundy Playground Project Complete!

Luckily the weather cooperated for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground equipment and the kids had fun trying out all the new pieces. This project was spearheaded by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Their hard work raised \$5,875.49! Combined with a \$5,000 Lowe's grant and generous cash donations from Fall Creek Farm & Nursery, Mary Barnett and the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation, the PTO made this a reality in just one year's time.

Thanks to all the PTO members, supporters of the Jog-a-Thon and bottle/can donors that helped make this happen! Special thanks to PTO President Aaron Manfrede (poised at right with the scissors) for leading this group effort.



Lowell High School Language Arts Students present...



Mountain West All League Honors!

Their perfect league record of 16-0 resulted in the following honors for Varsity Volleyball members:

1st Team All League: Anna Cardwell and Chelsea Byrne

2nd Team All League: Eden Smith and Lily Lane

Honorable Mention: Raelynn Trimble and Madison Miller

Congratulations ladies on these well-deserved honors!

Concession Sales Support Lowell Athletics

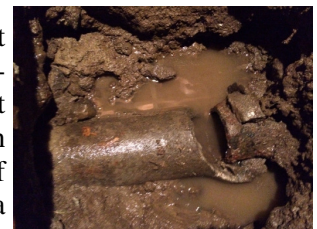
Led by our very capable Vallie Todd (Class of 1982), the concession stands have supported sports equipment and supplies purchases. Vallie has been organizing all of the concessions sales for the last few years. She does the shopping, recruits volunteers and makes sure everything runs smoothly. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered and supported this important program!



One of the many concession stand crews volunteering their time

Did you know? Recent Plumbing Mishaps Demonstrate Need for Renovation

You may have heard that a corroded sewage pipe collapsed in the high school basement (pictured at right) which resulted in thousands of dollars in damage (almost forcing cancellation of our Hall of Fame dinner!) and that wires in a junction box under the school caught on fire and could have easily sent the building up in flames. (Luckily Lowell grad Jason Prenevost happened to be under the building and spotted the problem just in the nick of time.) More recently, a pipe that supplies water to the Lundy cafeteria and PDC sprang a leak, forcing the shutdown of restroom facilities in parts of the elementary school. Luckily the City of Lowell's public works director Max Baker was on hand to swap out a worn meter and get the water back on. Unfortunately, these incidents are just small indicators of the potential problems the District will face in the future if renovations to the infrastructure are not tackled soon. Watch for more information in upcoming editions on proposed initiatives by the School Board and Leadership Team to ensure our students have safe, efficient and functional schools.





JH Volleyball

Team members are: 8th graders Trudi Albieter, Audra Chapman, Kalie Folck, Kylee Johnson, Madison Keffer, Mahayla McFadden, Lucy Plahn, Kelsie Smith and Bethany VonDoloski; 7th graders Ashlee Brooks, Alexis Curry, Haily Curry, Abigail Mikulich and Priscilla Thurman; and, 6th graders Kaylee Astbury, Marrisa Curry, Esperanza Guzman-Fields, Miashanee Howard, Madison Monteith, Lydia Plahn and Jasmine Valencia. Head coach is Rachel Thurman.



JH Football team members are: 8th graders Tyler Astbury, Andrew Bardis, Maz Belder, Dillen Biggs, Tyler Chambers, Duane Cunningham, Irik Hymer, Kristalynn Pyles and Tim Stratis; 7th graders Enoch Carroll, Aaron Hadley, Landon Miles, Deacon Savio, Odin Sinnett, Anthony Smith, Austin Smith, Sam Smith and Levi VonDoloski; 6th graders Beauden Asher and Danner DeBusk; and 5th graders Kayden Erlei, Jaden Jalof, Jake Kephart, Sawyer Kordon, Shawn Lysiak, Alex Palencia, Alex Stratis and Justus Thurman. Head coach is Jack Devereaux.

Varsity Sports Update

After going undefeated in league play, the girls volleyball team lost to Days Creek in the second round of state play-offs so they are done for the year. Thanks for a great season! Varsity football will play at Camas Valley on Saturday, November 5th, at 1:00 p.m. If they win they will advance to play at Powers the next week. Good luck!

Junior High Students of the Month



Lindsey Reiter is the daughter of Vanessa Dodds from Lowell. Lindsey is a great student who enjoys being a vital part of the Drama Club. Lindsey also plays in the school band and she sings in the school choir as well. Lindsey works hard at keeping her grades and attendance up. In her free time, she enjoys having fun spending time with her friends.



Trystyn Gilmore is the son of Billy Jane Harris of Fall Creek. Trystyn is a great student who focuses hard on his grades and his attendance. Trystyn is a huge asset to our Lowell Jr. High Football and Basketball teams. In his free time

Trystyn enjoys hanging out with friends.

Congratulations Lindsey and Trystyn for being selected as students of the month for Lowell Jr. High!

City Beat

City Committees Reorganized

On September 20, 2016 the Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance 294 which restructured the committees of the City. The goal of the ordinance is to enhance public engagement, transparency, and representation through establishing clear and consistent guidelines for each committee. The following changes were adopted:

- All committees were moved to the same code section (2.600-2.627)
- General requirements were established for the selection of members, terms of office, vacancies, removal, duties and responsibilities, temporary committees, subcommittees, public meetings, and presiding officers
- Specific requirements were established for each committee, including membership requirements, terms, powers and duties, and reporting requirements (summarized below)

Budget Committee

- ⇒ Term: 3 years
- ⇒ Membership (10): 5 Lowell City Council members, 5 Lowell residents
- ⇒ Powers/Duties: Review and approve the annual budget
- ⇒ Reporting: None

Planning Commission

- ⇒ Term: 3 years
- ⇒ Membership (5): 4 Lowell residents, 1 member may reside within the Lowell Urban Growth Boundary, no more than 2 members from the same occupation, business, trade or profession
- ⇒ Powers/Duties: Review and make recommendations on planning, zoning, and development
- ⇒ Reporting: Annual report due January 31

Parks and Recreation Committee

- ⇒ Term: 2 years
- ⇒ Membership (5): 4 Lowell residents, 1 member may be less than 18 years of age, 1 member may be a non-resident
- ⇒ Powers/Duties: Advise City Council on parks development, maintenance, and recreation programming
- ⇒ Reporting: Annual report due January 31

Library Committee

- ⇒ Term: 2 years
- ⇒ Membership (5): 3 Lowell residents, 2 members may be non-residents
- ⇒ Powers/Duties: Operate and maintain the library, establish policy, and advise on the budget, funding, and use
- ⇒ Reporting: Annual report due January 31

Economic Development Committee

- ⇒ Term: 2 years
- ⇒ Membership (5): 3 Lowell residents, 1 member may represent a local business, 1 member may represent the Lowell School District, 1 member may represent the Lowell Fire District
- ⇒ Powers/Duties: Advise City Council on business creation, retention, expansion and ventures that enhance quality of life
- ⇒ Reporting: Annual report due January 31

Blackberry Jam Festival Committee

- ⇒ Term: 2 years
- ⇒ Membership (5): 5 members from Lowell, Dexter, Trent, Fall Creek or Unity
- ⇒ Powers/Duties: Organize and operate the annual BBJ Festival
- ⇒ Reporting: Annual report due August 31

The City of Lowell is now accepting applications for each committee and all interested residents and non-residents (as applicable) are encouraged to apply. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at www.ci.lowell.or.us. *The deadline for applications is November 30.*

The City of Lowell is soliciting applications for Municipal Judge. This position is appointed by the City Council to serve a four-year term commencing on January 1, 2017 and requires a license to practice law in the State of Oregon by the Oregon Supreme Court. Applications are due by November 15th and may be picked up at Lowell City Hall, located at 107 East Third Street, Lowell, OR 97452.

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 October 18th regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 644—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Agreement to amend the existing easement used by the water plant. In support: Burford, Harris, Osgood and Paulson; Opposed: none; Absent: Bennett.
- Appointed Ronnie Price to both the Planning Commission and Budget Committee positions. In support: Burford, Harris, Osgood and Paulson; Opposed: none; Absent: Bennett.

Monthly Police Log (September 24—October 25)

09/26 09:21 p.m. | Dispute at 100 Block West 4th Street
 09/29 01:12 p.m. | Criminal Mischief at 200 Block East 3rd Street
 10/02 05:52 p.m. | Assist Outside Agency at 100 Block East 6th Street
 10/06 10:00 a.m. | Check Welfare at 300 Block North Damon Street
 10/06 06:48 p.m. | Civil service at 100 Block North Everly Street
 10/07 01:16 p.m. | Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle at 100 Block West Lakeview Avenue
 10/11 04:47 p.m. | Suspicious Conditions at 200 Block East Main Street
 10/12 09:22 a.m. | Theft at 100 Block West 4th Street
 10/12 07:21 p.m. | Suspicious Conditions at 400 Block North Moss Street
 10/15 10:12 a.m. | Assault at 100 Block South Pioneer Street
 10/16 06:59 p.m. | Repossessed Vehicle at 100 Block East 4th Street
 10/18 08:23 p.m. | Dispute at 100 Block North Shore Drive
 10/19 09:15 a.m. | Burglary at 200 Block East Main Street
 10/19 10:54 a.m. | Suspicious Subject at 100 Block North Cannon Street
 10/20 07:44 p.m. | Criminal Mischief at 200 Block North Moss Street
 10/20 09:19 p.m. | Criminal Mischief at 500 Block East 1st Street
 10/21 12:53 p.m. | Dispute at 100 Block West 2nd Street
 10/23 05:52 a.m. | Check Welfare at 500 Block D Street
 10/23 04:22 p.m. | Vehicle Stop at 100 North Moss Street
 10/23 06:38 p.m. | Criminal Mischief at 500 Block Sunridge Lane
 10/24 08:11 a.m. | Abandoned Vehicle at 500 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.

FALL CREEK RESERVOIR DEEP DRAWDOWN & DRONE STUDY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to conduct a deep drawdown of Fall Creek Reservoir to its near-original stream channel, in early November. The Corps has lowered the reservoir down to 685 feet above sea level each fall in the past five years to give juvenile spring Chinook salmon a better chance of finding the dam's regulating outlets and passing through them safely. Corps monitoring has indicated that juvenile salmon survival rate has been as high as 99% during prior deep drawdowns. Downstream residents may observe increased turbidity during the drawdown, but most of the accumulated sediment and other materials have already passed through the dam.

The reservoir will be closed to all boating - including kayaking, rafting and canoeing - to protect the public from safety hazards around the dam, November 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017. Oregon Parks and Recreation Department boat ramps on the reservoir are routinely closed during the winter months, so impacts to the boating public should be minor.

Additionally, Fall Creek visitors and local residents may notice a drone flying over the drained reservoir during the drawdown. The U.S. Geological Survey may contract a drone to take photos of the lakebed for research purposes. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does not permit drone use above Corps dams and reservoirs without permission.

For more information, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Park Ranger Office at 541-942-5631 or Greg Taylor, fish biologist, at 541-937-2131.



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Training Station Improvements Continue

Another addition to the Fire District Training Station is nearing completion. The 20-foot container has been placed on top of the two 40-foot containers to add a second floor to the training facility. Future plans include building an interior stairway to provide access to a second floor just as it would be in a two-story home. A pitched roof will be added to the area over the single ground level container to provide an area to practice roof operations and ventilation techniques. The second story container roof will have a railing to allow for steep angle rescue practice and the ability to utilize rope rescue repelling and lifting techniques as well as ladder operations for a two-story home. Look for additional improvements in future issues of The Bridge.



Is Your Chimney Clean and Ready for Winter?

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels. Nationally heating fires account for 36% of all residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently. The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District encourages everyone to practice the following fire safety steps to keep those home fires safely burning.

Keep Fireplaces and Wood Stoves Clean

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- Leave glass doors open while burning a fire. Leaving the doors open ensures that the fire receives enough air to ensure complete combustion and keeps creosote from building up in the chimney.
- Close glass doors when the fire is out to keep air from the chimney opening from getting into the room. Most glass fireplace doors have a metal mesh screen which should be closed when the glass doors are open. This mesh screen helps keep embers from getting out of the fireplace area.
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces that do not have a glass fireplace door.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup.
- Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.
- When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home when cleaning the firebox.

Each year fire claims the lives of 3,500 Americans, injures 18,300, and causes billions of dollars worth of damage. People living in rural areas are more than twice as likely to die in a fire than those living in mid-sized cities or suburban areas. The neglect and misuse of wood stoves, portable space heaters and kerosene heaters are especially common risks in rural areas. Play it fire safe and have your heating appliances regularly maintained and serviced. For more information contact the District office. On the web: www.lowellfiredistrict.org

In and Around Our Community

Forest Management Tour Saturday, November 5th, Noon-4:30 p.m.

Participants will witness first-hand active forest management on large private lands in the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed. Foresters from Giustina, Seneca and Oregon Dept. of Forestry will serve as guides. They will meet at noon at the Dexter Boat Ramp using shuttle vans to visit four locations. Registration is limited so reservations are needed ahead of time — please email education@mfwwc.org. More information is available at www.mfwwc.org or call 541-937-9800.

Thanksgiving Boxes

East Valley Church would like to share the love of God by partnering with the community and helping those in need. We will be giving away food boxes for Thanksgiving.



If you know of a family in need, please contact East Valley at 541-937-3329, or if you are a family in need, please come by and fill out a request form at 72 East 2nd Street (go to the back door under the stairs).

Highway 58 Buy, Sell & Trade

Looking to cash in on items you no longer need? Or looking for deals on items you do need? There's a Facebook page out there for people to register items for sale or trade. It caters to residents along Highway 58.



Lowell Fire District —continued

Now Is The Time To Prepare For An Emergency

With winter on its way, now is the time to be thinking of preparing for winter emergencies. Its easy to forget about our winter storms, freezing, flooding, snow and wind that can make the winter months fairly uncomfortable. Are you ready?

Prepare an emergency kit for yourself and your family. Due to overwhelming need elsewhere or lack of access to your neighborhood, you may be on your own for several days after a major disaster. A well-stocked kit can help you survive and be more comfortable during a major event such as earthquake, flooding, power outages, etc.

For more information on disaster preparedness go to www.fema.gov or www.preporegon.org or contact the District office at 541-937-3393. Don't get caught unprepared.

Thank You Pine Needlers

The District would like to thank the Pine Needlers group for their very generous donation of \$500. The donation will be used to purchase additional training and firefighting equipment for the District. It is amazing what they can do with needle and thread. The Board of Directors, Fire Chief and Volunteers would like to thank them for all their hard work and what they do for our community. Thanks again.



November 5th Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Boy Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Saturday, November 5th** with the showing of **Zootopia**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m., at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street.



They are also having their "**Scouting For Food**" event where scouts round up canned food for the local food bank. If you bring 2 cans of canned food you'll receive a free bag of popcorn to eat during the movie!

Admission is **free!** Sales of refreshments support scouting activities. For more information call 541-937-2643.

"Murder at the Pie Auction" Get your tickets now!

Performances of this mystery dinner theater production are selling out fast! Sunday is sold out already but tickets are still available for Friday and Saturday, November 11th & 12th at 6:00 p.m. Just \$15 for dinner, the play and dessert. Call 541-937-2190 for tickets.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: November 2016

- 1—City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 3—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 4—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 5—PTO Bottle/Can Drive, HS parking lot 10am—Noon
Discover Your Watershed Forest Tour, Noon-4:30 p.m.
Free Family Movie Night at the Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
- 5/6—End of Daylight Savings Time—set your clocks back one hour!
- 6—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 8—Blackberry Jam Committee — no meetings until January
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 9—Liisa's Puppet Show, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
- 10—Kids Club, Fall Creek Events Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 11—Veteran's Day — No School, City Hall closed
- 11, 12 & 13—Murder at the Pie Auction, buy tickets ahead of time
- 15—City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 16—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 18/19—*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 7:00 p.m., HS Gym
- 19—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 22—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
- 23—Ben's Fables, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
- 25—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 28—School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.
- 30—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Yoncalla, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
JH Wrestling at Crow, 6:00 p.m.



Coming on December 3rd:

Covered Bridge Holiday Lighting Event,
5:00 p.m., Lowell Bridge followed by the
Christmas Boat Parade on Dexter Lake.
Boaters meet at 4:30 at the Lowell Marina;
best viewing from Lowell Bridge. Info:
call Rick at 541-912-8982. Free for all!