



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## More Honors and Special Concert for Lowell Band

Save the date! The Lowell HS Concert Band will be featured in a special performance this spring, as part of the annual Eugene Symphonic Band Outreach Program. The concert will take place at LHS at 7pm on Sunday, March 11th. The Eugene Symphonic Band (ESB) is an exemplary community ensemble, filled with outstanding adult musicians and led by Dr. Rodney Dorsey (head of Bands and Instrumental Studies at the University of Oregon). The ESB selects one local high school each year for this program, which provides special instruction to our students from Dr. Dorsey and ESB musicians. The culminating event is a joint performance of the two ensembles - clearly one of this year's can't-miss concerts! Lowell is the first small school (3A or smaller) to receive this honor.

In other good news, LHS also had five students selected for this year's Willamette Valley Honor Band, an all-star high school group organized by Scott McKee of the American Band College and Western International Band Clinic. This special ensemble, filled with the best high school musicians in our area (from primarily 5A and 6A schools), meets weekly during the winter, and will present public concerts on March 1st (7pm, Willamette HS) and March 4th (4pm, Springfield HS). Freshmen Zac Jenks,

Fisher Schescke, and Nicky Sotomayor are joined by sophomore Taysian Williamson and junior Ian Sotomayor for this special honor. Ian was also selected as soloist and "first chair" trumpet out of all participants!



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

## From Walt Hanline, Superintendent

### Bond/Building Program Update

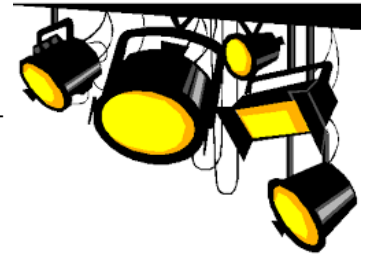
The \$4 million local bonds are scheduled to be sold during the second week in February. We provided a presentation to Moody's, a bond rating firm on January 24<sup>th</sup>. We are working hard to receive at least an A- rating. The higher the rating, the less interest and the more premium we will receive.

We have had two "User Group" meetings in January on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, we asked the user groups to share everything they would like to see in the building program. From the meetings came thoughts of enlarging the planned wrestling room and expanding the presentation center and stage, and, we received input into the elementary office restructuring from both MVA and district leaders. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we shared with the user groups the price associated with the "wish" list, which was around \$11.3 million. Now we start the process of trimming down, since we have only \$8.3 available. The two highest priorities, the security/safety improvements and the modernization of our infrastructure (water pipes, electrical, sewer pipes, heating and air conditioning) came in around \$4.4 million. The Priority three projects of the gym, cafeteria/presentation center, and the wrestling room made up the rest of the \$11.3 million.

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be working with the "Local Expert Group" to see if the experts can find ways to produce the product for less money. Following that meeting, we will be begin the task of prioritization of the use of the funding.

### Lowell Drama Program

LHS Drama is excited to not only be bringing a hilarious comedy to the community this February, but also to be showing off our newest upgrades to both our theater space and our production level. The first upgrade to our theater is newly built partial walls, separating the audience area from the backstage costume and makeup area and the side corridor. Our second big upgrade to the theater is newly built risers, allowing for much better viewing of our performances for all audience members! We also built new makeup counters and installed mirrors and vanity lights for the actors.



As for the productions themselves, with the support of the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation, LHS Drama has been able to purchase over \$400 worth of stage makeup. This not only allows for all students, despite financial status, to have their own Ben Nye Student Makeup Kit, it also allowed us to purchase special effects makeup like stage blood, bruise cremes, and scar gel, for our upcoming production, "10 Ways To Survive The Zombie Apocalypse", as well as for future productions. We look forward to seeing you at our show! See show details on page 7.

## **Mountain View Academy Charter School: Open Enrollment February 1-15**

Mountain View Academy will be holding its annual, open enrollment period, February 1-15, 2018. During this time, applications will be accepted for the 2018-19, 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 it is located in the West Wing of the Lundy Elementary School. Our students attend classes four days each week. Character education is a core part of our curriculum and our maximum class size is 16 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 email [Kelly@mtviewacademy.org](mailto:Kelly@mtviewacademy.org).



### Girls Varsity Basketball

Team members include seniors Lily Lane and Daisy Schnee; juniors Nature Letts and Jenna Martini; and freshmen Audra Chapman, Katie Chapman, Shaylinn Howard, Kylee Johnson, Lucy Plahn, Bethany VonDoloski and Ashley Woodhurst. Head coach Daniele McCallum is assisted by Nellie Arthur. The Lady Devils are 6-3 in league play with three games remaining.

### Boys Varsity Basketball

Team members include seniors Cole Staggs, Zack Smith and Cody Brooks; juniors Logan Miles, Carson Gardner, Mason Wendt, Bryce Pickett, Jason Stratis and Ian Sotomayor; sophomores Cliff Silver, AJ Devereaux and Tay-sian Williamson; and, freshman Gino Martini. The team is currently second in the league at 8-2 after an exciting win against Triangle Lake Tuesday night and have two league games remaining.

Check the schedule on page 8 and come out to root on your Lowell Red Devils!!



### Junior High Girls Basketball

Team members include 8th graders Ashlee Brooks, Hailey Curry and Priscilla Thurman; 7th graders Erika Carpenter, Izabella Gehrke, Esperanza Guzman-Fields, Madison Monteith, Lydia Plahn and Jazmine Valencia; and, 6th graders Elizabeth Able, Amerika Bazsler, Kameron Bazsler, Kenadee Hermansen, Nevaeh Howard, Annabelle Pickett and Linda VonDoloski. Head coach is Jack Devereaux.

### Varsity Wrestling

Team members include seniors John Clarke, Nate Roat and Thomas Ward; juniors Justin Corp, Kasey Erwin, Sebastian Garcin, Andrew Hinrich, Kent McIntosh and Symon Thurman; sophomores Owen Chapman, Logan Davis-Tucker and Andy Kintzley, and, freshmen Tristan Garcin and Irisk Hymer. Mat girls are Malena Winters. Kaitlyn Sinnett and Shyanne Pocholec. Head coach is Jeff Cardwell assisted by Jaxon Ward.



**Come out for the District meet this Saturday, February 3rd beginning at 10:00 a.m.!**

# City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

## Pet Licensing and Frequently Asked Questions

The City of Lowell Revised Code (LRC) requires that anyone who owns, keeps, possesses, or has control of a dog six months of age or older must have the dog licensed and vaccinated against rabies. Cats allowed to be at-large must also be licensed, vaccinated against rabies, and altered.

A pet license identifies and protects your pet in case it becomes lost. You are required to keep your license updated. Pet licenses provide the following benefits:

- A license tells everyone that your pet is not a homeless stray.
- When licensed, found pets can be quickly reunited with their owner.
- When found, your licensed pet will typically receive a longer holding period at the shelter.

To obtain a license, you will need to provide the following:

- ◆ Your name, address and telephone number.
- ◆ A current rabies vaccine certificate, good for the entire licensing period.
- ◆ A certificate of sterility if your pet has been altered. This will reduce your license fee.
- ◆ Microchip information (if applicable).
- ◆ Pet license fee.

### Pet License Fee Schedule

Dogs	1 YR	2 YR	3 YR
Sterilized	\$18	\$30	\$42
Fertile	\$42	\$66	\$84
Sr. Citizen	\$14	\$24	\$34

Cats	1 YR	2 YR	3 YR
Sterilized	\$5	\$10	\$15
Fertile	\$10	\$20	\$30



### Frequently Asked Questions

**What should I do if my pet becomes lost?** Contact City Hall. The City doesn't have a shelter; however, residents sometimes report lost pets. You should also contact the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Shelter in Eugene at 541-844-1777.

**My neighbor's dog won't stop barking. Is there anything the City can do?** Staff encourages residents to first contact your neighbor. Sometimes they are unaware of the problem, particularly if it occurs while they're away at work. If this isn't an option, you should submit a Complaint Form to City Hall. Staff will review the complaint, contact the property owner, and attempt to resolve the issue. Barking or howling for more than 15 minutes is a violation of the code and may result in a citation.

**There's a dog running at-large in my neighborhood. What should I do?** Contact City Hall. Staff will attempt to identify the dog and its owner. Dogs that are unlicensed and/or running at-large may be subject to a citation.

**What should I do if I, or someone I know, gets bit by a dog?** If the bite breaks the skin, professional medical advice should be sought to evaluate the risk of rabies or other infections. You should also contact City Hall to complete a bite report and provide the time, date, and place of the incident. This will allow staff to complete a follow-up investigation and ensure the animal has a valid license and is vaccinated against rabies.

**There are loose cats in my neighborhood that have become a nuisance. Is there anything I can do, or the City can do to resolve the problem?** Property owners may humanely capture and detain a cat located on their property for up to 72 hours if the cat has taken up residence; kills, menaces or endangers other animals; or is sick, injured, or a health hazard. LRC 5.227 provides several requirements. Please review these requirements or contact City Hall before taking any action.

**Are there any low cost spay and neuter clinics in our area?** There are several resources available, including:  
 Eugene Spay and Neuter Clinic, 541-682-3643  
 Willamette Animal Guild, 541-345-3566  
 Greenhill Humane Society, 541-689-1503  
 Pro-Bone-O (homeless only), 541-607-8089

## Library Book Sale

The Lowell Community Library will be hosting a book sale from February 8-9 inside Lowell City Hall from 10:00-4:00. Hundreds of books from all genres will be available, along with VHS tapes and magazines. Prices are generally \$0.50 for hardback books, \$0.25 for paperback books, \$0.25 for VHS tapes, and magazines are free of charge. All proceeds are used to support and enhance programming at the Lowell Community Library. If you would like more information, please contact the Library at 541-937-2157.

## Board and Committee Vacancies

The City is still accepting applications for the Budget Committee, Planning Commission, Blackberry Jam Festival Committee, and Economic Development Committee. 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](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us). *Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.*

## 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.

### At the January 2nd study session, the following topics were addressed:

- Reviewed Report on 2017 Service Improvements; reviewed Proposed 2018 city Administrator Objectives; Reviewed Branding and Marketing Improvements; and, reviewed Personnel Evaluation Process.

Study sessions are held for the City Council to receive background information on City business and to give Council members an opportunity to ask questions and express their individual views. No decisions are made, and no votes are taken on any agenda item. The public is invited to attend, however, there is generally no public comment period.

### At the January 16th regular meeting:

- Approved a new, three-year City Administration Contract
  - Approved City Administrator Objectives for 2018
- Motions were approved 4-0. In support Bennett, Burford, Harris and Osgood; Angelini absent.

### At the January 16th study session:

- The 2018 Strategic Plan was reviewed.

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## Monthly Police Log (December 26—January 27)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
12/29/18	9:02 PM	Reckless Endangering	100 Block East Fourth Street
01/01/18	5:26 AM	Assist Oregon State Police	100 Block North Hyland Lane
01/03/18	9:30 PM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block North Pioneer Street
01/05/18	11:32 PM	Shots Fired	100 Block West Fourth Street
01/06/18	5:23 PM	Dog Bite	North Moss Street and East Third Street
01/08/18	1:13 AM	Vehicle Stop	100 Block North Moss Street
01/08/18	11:37 AM	Drug Information	500 Block North Moss Street
01/18/18	4:50 PM	Assist Outside Agency	500 Block D Street
01/22/18	12:29 AM	Disorderly Subject	300 Block Marina Vista Drive
01/24/18	8:31 AM	Restraining Order Service	100 Block East Fourth Street
01/26/18	12:23 PM	Restraining Order Service	100 Block East Fourth Street
01/27/18	9:42 AM	Civil Enforcement	400 Block North Moss Street
01/27/18	1:41 PM	Hit and Run	100 Block South 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

### Volunteer & See What You Can Achieve

Have you ever thought about becoming a Firefighter or EMT? The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District provides Fire Protection to a district of 23 square mile around Lowell, Unity and Fall Creek. The District includes rural, residential, business and forest lands as well as recreational areas. We are always looking for volunteers to help protect our community.

The wide variety of protected lands and structures within the District requires our volunteers to be well 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 and visitors 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/Intermediate 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. Visit us on Facebook or on the web at [www.lowellfiredistrict.org](http://www.lowellfiredistrict.org). No experience is necessary. 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. 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 all that is required. We also have an Intern Program for folks that do not live in the District but want to volunteer. 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](http://www.lowellfiredistrict.org) or visit us on Facebook.

### Meet Your Firefighters: Brandon Stevens

Brandon was born in Colorado and shortly after moved to Springfield, Oregon with his family. Currently Brandon lives in Dexter. He began high school in Creswell then moved to Lowell high his senior year where he performed a job shadow with the Lowell Fire District to fulfill a requirement for graduation. Brandon realized that he was very interested in the fire service. Brandon joined the Lowell Fire District in 2017 and participated in a Highway 58 Corridor Fire Academy with others from Dexter, Pleasant Hill, Goshen and Oakridge.

In his free time Brandon enjoys Football, Basketball, Baseball and Soccer. Brandon plans on continuing in the fire service by obtaining his EMT as well as his Firefighter 1 certifications. Brandon is a very mellow and laid-back person, until it comes to sports, then "Look Out".



## In and Around Our Community

### Clothing Bank Request

The clothing bank is open to serve those in need of all kinds of clothing at 4 East Lakeview Street (behind the football field). Hours are 11am-2pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

We are overloaded with winter clothing at this time but are gladly accepting CLEAN summer items to meet future community needs. Thank you very much for your support!



Congratulations to the junior high boys basketball team for receiving the championship trophy in their league — way to go Lowell!

### The Jam Quilt Show Needs Your Quilt!

Now is the time to start thinking about what you'd like to enter in the 2018 quilt show.

More information will become available as we get closer to July. In the meantime, please contact Teri Harter at [gortharter@gmail.com](mailto:gortharter@gmail.com) or call 541-937-2343 for more information.



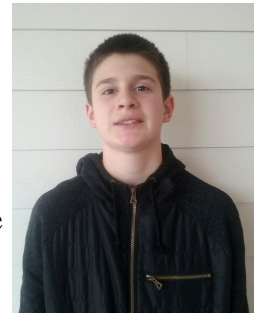
### Grange Events in February

Breakfast on Sunday, February 4th  
Texas Hold 'em Poker on February 2nd and 17th  
Bingo! on February 21st

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

### Student of the Month: Raymond Fassbender

Raymond is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Lowell Jr/Sr High School. His parents are Shannon and Ray Fassbender. He has one brother and two sisters. He does well in academics. The activities that he is involved in are football, basketball and track. In his free time, he likes to play basketball, hang out with friends, ride his bike or skateboard and go to the movies.



### Lowell High School Drama presents...

Event: 10 Ways To Survive The Zombie Apocalypse - a Short Comedy by Don Zolidis

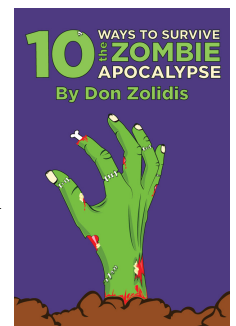
Date: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2018

Time: 7pm Showtime

Location: LHS Drama Room Theater (Rm. 11, next to the main parking lot)

Synopsis: It's the end of the world and hordes of rampaging zombies are about to kill you. What do you do? Try your hand at kung fu against the undead? Attempt to reason with creatures that would rather eat brains than use them? Turn to this handy and hilarious guide to survive the apocalypse! (Hint: sacrifice the weak is step number one.)

Donations will be accepted to support the continued development of the LHS Drama Program.



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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: February 2018

- 1—Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ Mohawk, 5:30/7:00 p.m.  
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 2—**Grading Day — No School**  
Varsity Wrestling Districts in Lowell, 10 a.m.  
JH Wrestling @ Harrisburg, 9:00 a.m.  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 4—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 5—JH Girls Basketball v. Oak Hill, 4:00 p.m.
- 6—Varsity Girls Basketball v. Alsea, 6:00 p.m.  
**City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 7—Economic Development Committee, 1:00 p.m., City Hall  
JH Girls Basketball @ Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
- 8—Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. McKenzie, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
- 8-9—Library Book Sale, 10 am-4 pm, City Hall
- 8-10—Ten Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse, 7:00 p.m.  
Lowell Drama Room Theater at the High School
- 12—JH Girls Basketball v. Alsea, 4:00 p.m.
- 13—Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall  
**Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station**
- 14—Parent Teacher Conferences, Half-day of school  
JH Girls Basketball @ Eddyville, 5:00 p.m.
- 17—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 19—**Presidents' Day**, No School, City Hall closed
- 21—JH Girls Basketball v. Falls City, 4:00 p.m.
- 20—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 21—Fall Creek Park Cleanup, 10:00 a.m.  
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 23—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 26—JH Girls Basketball @ McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.  
**School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.**
- 28—JH Girls Basketball @ Triangle Lake, 4:00 p.m.

