



# The Bridge

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## Lowell Fire District Awards Presented

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The Annual Lowell Fire District Awards Banquet was held March 31st to honor the members of the fire district and to recognize those members for special achievement.

The Volunteer of the Year honor is the most prestigious award of the evening. This award is the award presented to a member as voted on by the district firefighters. They consider the following when making their choice: Professionalism, Enthusiasm, Participation, Motivation, Training, Leadership, Skills, Dedication and Commitment. This award is held in high esteem and represents to them and the District the Firefighter that exemplifies the organization's image, values and service who have more than one year of service with the District.



2017 Volunteer of the Year Shelby Fountain

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

## From Walt Hanline, Superintendent

### Building Program Update - Completion of Planning Phase One

May is the end of the first planning phase of the building program, following the input from the users and experts on the design and specifications that will be used in developing the complete set of plans and specifications. On May 14<sup>th</sup> a meeting will be held with the Experts to receive their critique or suggestions on the specifications and design components. May 31<sup>st</sup> will be a briefing of the Users, reflecting the input received by the Experts.

During the summer, we will begin to work on projects that are simple and can be done in-house or with limited specifications. The focus will be on security improvements. For example, replacing the front door at Lundy Elementary and creating an electronic monitoring of the door, once school opens, and the placement of security fencing at Lowell High School. Phase Two of the planning phases will begin on May 31<sup>st</sup> and conclude on September 24<sup>th</sup>, with action to be taken by the Board of Directors on the design development and the estimation of costs for the building program. We will meet with the Expert Group to seek their advice on August 13<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the September Board meeting.

### Special School Events

There's never a dull moment in our schools. Here are a couple special events that occurred recently.

Mr. Beard's sophomore career class put on a college fair for parents and students in a Celebrating GEAR UP event.



A cultural event was presented to Lundy Elementary students thanks to the Parent Teacher Organization. Puppeteers came from the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art for two presentations.

### Second Round of Mini-Grants Awarded

The Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation recently awarded five additional mini-grants to teachers worth \$1,000 for a total of \$4,300 awarded this year. Teachers are requesting funds for creative ways to enhance their classroom learning. This round covered requests from stuffed animal reading buddies for kindergartners to materials to build a boat! Also funded was a bog terrarium and tomato growing project for high school science, a greenhouse garden for MVA (teachers pictured below) and math manipulatives for Lundy 4th graders. Several other requests were not able to be funded so if you would like to help support these efforts, your donations to the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation would be greatly appreciated. The drama department's request for a sewing machine was fulfilled with a donated machine, so donated items are great too. Thanks to Foundation board members for making this happen!



### Student of the Month: Trapper Roat

Trapper Roat is our Junior High Student of the Month. His parents are Darci and Jeremy Roat and his brother is Nate. Trapper's interests are dirt bikes, four wheelers, and working on things with his dad and brother. The activities he enjoys the most are football, wrestling, and being the manager for the High School Track Team. His favorite thing about being manager is to go with the team to meets and to watch his brother pole vault.

Trapper is a joy to have in the Lowell School District. He is always willing to help with whatever is asked of him. He works hard at keeping his grades up and he always has a smile.

Congratulations Trapper!



## Spring Sports in Full Swing!



### Lowell Softball

After a slow start against some tough non-league teams, LHS softball is 6-6 with seven games remaining. Team members include seniors Haley Riisberg, Michaela Smith, Daisy Schnee, and Abaigael Shields; juniors Raelynn Trimble, Julia Donnell, Taylor Crawford, Dayce Riberal and Kendra Phillips; sophomores Melina Winters, Shyanne Pocholec, Alanna Beyer and Kaitlyn Sinnett; and, freshmen Summer Huey, Kylee Johnson, Mahayla McFadden, Kaelyn Matthews, Kristalynn Pyles, Shaylinn Howard and Kelsie Smith. Head coach Pat Todd is assisted by Gary Riberal.



### Lowell Baseball

It's been a tough season for the guys this year so come out and help root them on. Team members are: seniors John Clarke, Sean Reid and Kody Jenks; juniors Kent McIntosh, Mason Wendt, Ian Sotomayor and Justin Corp; sophomores Carson Gardner and Josiah VonDoloski; and, freshmen Nicky Sotomayor, Duane Cunningham and Shane Reid. Head coach Kody Eidenshink is assisted by Mark Gonzalez.

### LHS Varsity Track

Varsity track team members this year are: seniors Cody Brooks, Nate Roat, Thomas Ward and Shari Baeuerlen; juniors Gabe Carroll, Ian Sotomayor, Jason Stratis, Symon Thurman, Nature Letts and MacKenzie Smith; sophomores Owen Chapman, AJ Devereaux, Teaouk Ha, Andrew Kintzley, Brian Lemon and Taysian Williamson; and, freshmen Bernie Anderson, Jeremiah Rodriguez, Nicky Sotomayor, Timmy Stratis, Aidden Williamson, Audra Chapman, Katie Chapman, Summer Huey and Serena Yarbrough. Head coach Jack Devereaux is assisted by Jill Chapman and manager Trapper Roat.

**Junior High Track** is having a great season. Team members are: Abigail Mikulich, Alana Yarbrough, Ashlee Brooks, Eilyahna Asher, Esperanza Guzman, Hailey Curry, Jasmine Valencia, Julia VonDoloski, Kadie Silebi, Kelly Scharff, Kendall Graham, Lindy VonDoloski, Lydia Plahn, Priscilla Thurman, Adon Shalberg, Alex Stratis, Andrew Bardis, Aric Coleman, Austin Smith, Beauden Asher, Ben Silebi, Caden Durfee, Damien Davis, Daniel Ginsberg, Danner Debusk, Deacon Savio, Derrick Scharff, Devon McCourt, Dyma Silver, Elijah Scharff, Enoch Carroll, Harley Hardison, Hayden Graham, Hayden Savio, Jamar Thurman, Jordon Kinkade, Justin Brooks, Justin Hern, Justus Thurman, Landon Miles, Mason Corwin, Matai Williamson, Noah Richards, Octavion Moers, Raymond Fassbender, Rowan Files, Ryan Pelroy, Sam Smith, Sawyer Kordon, Tanilo Fernandez, Taylor Horton and Wahkaime Benson. Head coach Brian Chittim is assisted by Jessica Coleman.



## City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

### **Lowell Beautification Day**

*Lowell High School Parking Lot*

*Saturday, May 5, from 9:00-12:00*

This year's event will include the parks cleanup, containers for residents to dispose of household items and yard waste (see acceptable materials below), and the Lowell PTO can and bottle drive. Volunteers are asked to wear work clothes and gloves. Juice and donuts will be available in the morning, and lunch will be served at the end of the event. An alternate date for bad weather will be scheduled if there is a rain out.

#### Acceptable Materials

- Plastics (i.e. lawn chairs, toys)
- Recyclable bottles and cans
- Cardboard
- Scrap metal
- Furniture
- Bagged clothing
- Ink cartridges (no cracks or leaks)
- Clean appliances
- Tires (limit of 4, no larger than 17 in.)
- Small electronics
- Yard debris, including tree limbs (less than 6" diameter and 10' in length, leaves, and similar garden waste)

#### Unacceptable Materials

- Household garbage
- Construction or commercial waste
- Fluorescent lights
- Alkaline batteries
- Household chemicals
- Computers, monitors, and TVs
- Dirt or sod waste
- Animal waste
- Herbicides, fertilizers, or insecticides
- Treated logs or lumber
- Stumps or stump grindings

### **Yard of the Month Program**

This month the Lowell Parks and Recreation Committee is starting a Yard of the Month Program. The goal of the program is to award and recognize the efforts of Lowell residents who take pride in their home and landscape, while inspiring others to do the same. More information on the program is provided below:

#### Award Information

1. The Parks and Recreation Committee will select one home each month.
2. The Committee will judge only the portion of the yard viewed from the street.
3. The Yard of the Month program will start in May and end in October.
4. The Committee will place a Yard of the Month sign in each winning yard for a month.
5. Each resident may nominate any yard and landscape within the City, including their own.
6. Each yard may only win the Yard of the Month award once in a calendar year.
7. City Council and staff are ineligible for the program.

#### Evaluation Criteria

The Parks and Recreation Committee will use the following criteria when choosing a Yard of the Month. These are only guidelines and the Committee will make a final decision based on the evidence that shows the homeowner's pride in his or her yard:

- Yard is well-groomed; Landscape is attractive, with a variety of plants, shrubs, trees and materials
- Buildings, fences, porches, and patios on the property are in good repair
- Yard is free of litter, junk and debris (no appliances or indoor furniture on porches/patios)
- Yard is free of inoperable or junked motor vehicles
- House numbers are displayed attractively
- Extra consideration may be given to properties that have invested extra effort using attractive art pieces, potted plants, birdhouses, patio or lawn furniture, windsocks, or decorative mailboxes

#### Nominations

To nominate a yard, please send an email to [yardofthemonth@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:yardofthemonth@ci.lowell.or.us) with the property address. Nominated property owners will be contacted and may elect to withdraw from consideration. Staff will take photographs of participating properties and submit to the Parks and Recreation Committee for review and consideration.

#### Award

A specially designed "Yard of the Month" sign placed in the winning front yard for one month, a certificate of recognition to the homeowner signed by the Mayor and presented at a Council meeting.

## Board and Committee Vacancies

The City is accepting applications for the Budget Committee, Planning Commission, Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee, and Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering 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

### At the April 3rd study session, the following topics were addressed:

- St. Vincent de Paul presented a request to release Lots 11 & 12 for sale outside the HOYOP
- Additional information was provided on the significant water leak that occurred in November 2017
- DLCDC Grant Agreement for the Downtown Master Plan was presented
- Procurement Process for Downtown Master Plan Consultant was discussed
- Liquor License Renewal Application Notification from OLCC was presented
- Community Grant Program Applications from Dexter Lake Farmers Market to purchase canopies and from the Pine Needlers Quilt Group to purchase stands to display quilts at the BBJ Festival were presented
- Resolution 694—Authorizing the Deferral of System Development Charges was discussed
- City Administrator informed the Council that the Economic Development Committee would like to work with Rural Development Initiative to develop a Chamber of Commerce for the surrounding area

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. Although the public is invited to attend, there is generally no public comment period.

### At the April 17th regular meeting:

- Approved an adjustment to account #1184 due to water supply leak of \$4,379.76
- Approved a 2017-18 Community Grant request of \$1,800 from the Pine Needlers Quilt Group  
Motions approved 4-1. In support Angelini, Bennett, Harris and Osgood; Burford opposed.
- Appointed Aaron Graham and Timarion Stratis to the BBJ Festival Committee
- Approved the request of issuance of three credit cards from Banner Bank with \$2,500 limits
- Approved a 2017-18 Community Grant request of \$1,023.07 from the Dexter Lake Farmers Market
- Approved Resolution 694 — Deferral of System Development Charges
- Approved Resolution 695—Budget Transfers
- Approved the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to provide \$2,000 to support the 2018 Lowell School District Summer Recreation Program
- Approved the Economic Development Committee's recommendation to approve a \$30,000 grant from DLCDC to develop a Downtown Master Plan
- Approved the Economic Development Committee's recommendation to request a proposal from the Lane Council of Governments for the development of the Lowell Downtown Master Plan.  
Motions were approved 5-0. In support Angelini, Bennett, Burford, Harris and Osgood.

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## Monthly Police Log (March 29—April 28)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
03/29/18	1:53 PM	Dispute	300 Block Marina Vista Drive
03/30/18	7:21 AM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
03/31/18	1:03 PM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block South Pioneer Street
04/01/18	3:30 PM	Drunk Driver	100 Block North Moss Street
04/06/18	6:34 PM	Repossessed Vehicle	North Moss Street and East 4th Street
04/12/18	2:19 PM	Violation of Restraining Order	500 Block Carol Street
04/15/18	7:34 PM	Theft	West Boundary Road and Parker Lane
04/20/18	8:44 PM	Subject Down	100 Block East North Shore Drive
04/26/18	9:03 PM	Assault	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.

# FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

The Chief’s Award is presented to someone that shows great improvement and dedication to service. For 2017 I had a hard choice. There were many outstanding individuals that showed dedication and improvement, however, there was one individual that really took to their new role and showed a lot of hard work and dedication: Nick Bruckner. With a lot of changes happening in 2017, he grew a lot. Nick has recently been hired with Eugene/Springfield Fire as a Firefighter Paramedic.



The members of the LRFPD also choose the Volunteer Rookie of the Year. In making their decision, they consider the same attributes as for Volunteer of the Year but within their first year of service with the District. The Volunteer Rookie of 2017 is Toby Martin.

We also like to recognize hard work in training. We look for someone who constantly is working on improving themselves and helping other to improve. For 2017, the member who showed these and many other attributes was William Priser.



Each year the District also recognizes milestones for years of service. The following recognition was given: Nate Brown for 25 years of service; Chris Shomler, Alex Woldt and Morgan Stevenson for five years of service; and, Shelby Fountain for one year of service.



## Volunteer & See What You Can Achieve

Ever thought of becoming a Volunteer for the Fire District? Ever wanted to learn something new and a bit more exciting almost every day? Ever get bored with the same ol’, same ol’ stuff everyday? Have a little extra time that you might want to contribute to an organization that can provide you with a number of different opportunities to give back to your community? Then maybe becoming a volunteer with the Lowell Rural Fire District might be just your ticket to personal fulfillment and growth.

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District provides emergency medical and fire response to 23 square miles of mostly rural land with homes, businesses and outdoor recreation areas. The wide variety of protected lands within the District require our Firefighters to be well trained in wildland fire fighting as well as structural fire fighting and a number of different specialized rescue techniques. The variety of experiences made possible through our organization can provide a number of different opportunities for just about anyone who has some time to contribute to the District.

For more information about programs offered by the Fire District, contact the District office at 541-937-3393, stop by the station at 389 N. Pioneer Street or visit our web page at [www.lowellfiredistrict.org](http://www.lowellfiredistrict.org),

## In and Around Our Community

### Vacation Bible School Coming in June

Where: Lundy Elementary School,  
45 S. Moss, Lowell  
Date: June 25-29  
Time: 8:30 a.m.—Noon  
Ages: 5-12

Please come join us for our Annual Vacation Bible School. There will be singing, dancing, games, crafts and *no cost*, just lots of fun. **Parents** we would love to have your help, we usually have 75-85 kids participate at this event. If you would like to come and be a part of making a difference in their lives, please call the church at 541-937-3329.

GRAND FINALE on Friday, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at East Valley Church, 72 East 2nd Street.



**SENIOR MOMENTS**

Starting May 9

10:00am-12:00pm

Second Wednesday

featuring:

Documentaries, conversations,  
snacks, drinks and more.

Lowell Community Library  
inside city hall 107 E. 3rd St.

For information call Maggie 541-937-3759



### Grange Events in May

Breakfast on Sunday, May 6th  
Texas Hold ‘em Poker on May 4th and 19th  
Bingo! on May 16th

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

### Pine Needlers Offering Community Grants

The Pine Needlers Quilt Group makes and raffles a quilt every year at the Blackberry Jam Festival Quilt Show. The money raised from the sale of raffle tickets goes back to our community in various ways. Past recipients have been the Lowell Fire Department, Lundy Elementary Clothes Closet, Lowell Food Pantry, Lowell Library and Lowell Grange. Grants are available to all Lowell and Fall Creek non-profit organizations serving the community to meet the needs of citizens.

Applications to request money for your non-profit group are available at City Hall and must be returned by June 30th for consideration. Applications will be reviewed and awards will be announced in September.



### Lowell High School Drama presents...

Event: "4 A.M." - a Short Dramey\* by Jonathan Dorf  
Dates: Thurs., Fri. and Sat., May 10th, 11th, and 12th  
Time: 7:00 p.m. Showtime  
Location: LHS Black Box Theater  
Rm. 11, next to the main parking lot  
Donations will be accepted, to support the development of the LHS Drama Program.

Synopsis: What's it like to be awake when the rest of your world is asleep? Meet an early-morning jogger, a radio DJ whose show may have an audience of none, a modern Romeo and Juliet, the author of a most unusual letter, and many other teen characters as they search for connection in the magic hour. Through a series of connected scenes and monologues, join them on their journey as they discover whether the monster under the bed is real and collectively wonder...is there anybody out there?

\*Note: The show "4 A.M." contains some mature subject matter, with one character discussing an unsuccessful suicide attempt, and is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Parental guidance is suggested. For more information, please feel free to contact Mr. Klatt at [mklatt@lowell.k12.or.us](mailto:mklatt@lowell.k12.or.us) or 541-937-2124.



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## Postal Customer Lowell/Fall Creek

*The Bridge is a cooperative effort of Lowell School District #71,  
City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: May 2018

- 1—Varsity Track @ Cottage Grove JV Invite, 3:00 Field, 4:00 Track  
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.  
**City Council Work Session—cancelled**
- 2—Varsity Softball @ Jefferson JV, 4:00 p.m.  
Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 3—OSAA State Choir Finals, 1:10 p.m., George Fox University  
JH Track @ Oakridge, 3:45 Field, 4:15 Track  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- 4—Varsity Softball/Baseball DH v. Mohawk, 3:00 and 5:30 p.m.  
Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 5—JH Track @ McKenzie MWL MS Championship, 11:00/1:00 pm  
Beautification Day, High School Parking Lot, 9 am—Noon  
Nexus Plant Sale, HS Greenhouse, 9:30 am—2:00 pm
- 6—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 7—Economic Development Committee, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 8—Varsity Baseball @ Mt. Angel v. Kennedy, 4:30 p.m.  
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall  
**Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station**
- 9—Senior Moments, Lowell Library, 10:00 a.m.—Noon
- 10, 11, 12—Lowell Drama Presentation, 7:00 p.m., HS Drama Room
- 11—OSAA State Band Finals, 10:35 a.m., OSU LaSells Stewart Ctr
- 14—PTO Meeting, 3:15 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elementary  
Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Monroe, 4:30 p.m.  
**School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.**
- 14-17—Buy One, Get One Book Fair at Lundy Elementary
- 15—**Lowell City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 16—Fall Creek Park Cleanup, 10:00 a.m.  
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 17—Varsity Softball/Baseball DH v. Monroe, 2:00 & 4:30 p.m.
- 19—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 25—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 28—**Memorial Day—No School, City Hall closed**

  
**Spring Plant Sale**  
**Saturday, May 5th**  
**9:30 am— 2:00 pm**  
**The Nexus Program’s greenhouse is**  
**located on the high school campus**  
**next to the bus barn on Main Street**  
**Lots of vegetable starts and**  
**blueberry plants.**  
**Get your garden in early!**