

Class of 2018 Graduation



Graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Lowell High School.

Valedictorian is **Lily Lane** (above right), the daughter of Susan and Ryan Lane of Lowell. Lily will graduate with a 3.96 GPA and is enrolled at Lane Community College to major in criminal justice. She has attended Lowell schools since the 3rd grade and has been very active playing volleyball, basketball, track and softball; playing alto saxophone with the LHS award winning band; and, is the current ASB President.

Salutatorian is **Julieann Lay** of Fall Creek. Her parents are Jaclyn Gardner and Jesse Lee Lay III. Julieann will enroll at the University of Oregon to major in Human Physiology with the goal of becoming a medical doctor. She's been in Lowell schools since kindergarten and has also been very active in band and choir and is the school photographer.

Lily and Julieann are also members of the Lowell Honor Society. Congratulations to these students and the entire Class of 2018!

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

From Walt Hanline, Superintendent

June 2018 Building Program Update - Beginning of Phase 2 of Planning

As of the printing of this month's Bridge, Phase One of the planning process is complete. We had a very productive meeting on May 14th, with the "Expert Committee" made of up of representatives from each of the trades and two building contractors, and with the User Group on May 31st. Phase Two of the planning process will take place over the summer and conclude on September 24th, 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, on August 13th, to seek their advice in preparation for the September Board meeting. Our budget is limited, and the wish list is long. Accordingly, the process is designed to be sure we are efficient with the expenditure of both local and state funding. We want to use materials that meet our needs, yet not spend money just to be vogue. We want to construct the new building with this same philosophy in mind, and make every effort to stay within the \$8.4 million allocated.

Lowell HS Finishes the Year as Best Overall 2A/1A Music Program in Oregon

Lowell Music pulled off another fine feat this spring, compiling the best combined finish by any 2A/1A school in the OSAA State Championships for Band *and* Choir. On May 3rd, the LHS Choir competed in the Choir State Finals at George Fox University; in a division historically dominated by private schools, their 6th-place finish was one of the highest ever by a public school. Then, on May 11th, the LHS Band took their turn at the Band State Finals at OSU. The reigning champs played an incredible program, and were honored to receive the 2nd place trophy for their efforts. No other small school (public or private) placed in both competitions, leaving Lowell High School to occupy a very special position in the state.

This very successful May came on the heels of an equally prolific April. The Choir was crowned League Champion by taking high score for *all divisions* at the OMEA District 10 Festival on April 4th, and were also invited to sing with the U of O's University Singers in a special joint rehearsal and clinic on April 18th. Meanwhile, on the 13th, LHS hosted its first Mountain West Music Festival. Thanks to an amazing effort from nearly all district staff, it was a resounding success, with high praise from all eight visiting schools and a well-received evening concert. The Lowell JH Band, HS Band, and HS Choir all took high scores in their respective divisions, to boot!

For our high school musicians, April ultimately culminated in a grand, four-day trip to the San Francisco Bay Area. The 55 participating students had an amazing time touring Alcatraz, Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, riding on the iconic Cable Cars, and spending a day at California's Great America theme park. In addition, while competing in the associated Music in the Parks competition, Lowell managed a sweep of top honors, placing 1st in Band for division, 1st in Choir for divisions, and the "Esprit de Corps" trophy for exceptional professionalism and sportsmanship.

A few other honors worth mentioning: In 2017-2018, Lowell Music became one of the primary organizers and beneficiaries of the Eugene Symphony Orchestra exchange, which brings advanced professionals into local classrooms to work directly with students; this is a program we hope to continue in the future. Also, LHS was excited to send six musicians to the Music in May Festival at Pacific University, May 24th-26th. Seniors Tessa Fergason, Lily Lane, and Daisy Schnee, juniors Kerra McSpadden and Ian Sotomayor, and freshman Nicky Sotomayor were all included in this annual all-Northwest invitational.

Remaining Concerts and Events for Lowell Music:

The Lundy Spring Musical, "Alice's Adventures", debuts on Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00pm in the HS Gym. Grab your seats early for this always-packed annual show!

The Spring Band & Choir Concert (grades 6-12) will come soon after, on Thursday, June 7th (also 7pm at LHS).

Additionally, look out for these special musical performances in June, as well: HS Band at the Dexter Lake Farmer's Market on June 3rd (12pm in Rolling Rock Park), HS Choir at Baccalaureate on June 13th (7pm at LHS), and of course both groups at Graduation (June 15th, 7pm).

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Spring Sports Recap

The Lowell High School Track and Field team placed 2nd in District this year and sent ten athletes to the OSAA 1A State Meet at Hayward Field. Seniors Nate Roat, Thomas Ward and Cody Brooks competed at the state meet along with junior Ian Sotomayor, sophomore Taysian Williamson and freshmen Katie Chapman, Audra Chapman, Jeremiah Rodriguez, Aidden Williamson and Timmy Stratis. Nate won the pole vault competition to become the 1A State Champion. Thomas placed 8th in shot put and 7th in discus. Katie placed 7th in the 300m and 5th in the 800 races and Audra placed 6th in pole vault.

Lowell Softball finished 9-9 in league and 4th place. We missed going to state by one game (we needed to upset Oakland). Our girls did very well in the all league voting. Honors went to 1st team players Dayce Riberal at shortstop, Raelynn Trimble at catcher, Haley Riisberg at centerfield; and 2nd team players Alanna Beyer at 1st base and Daisy Schnee at pitcher.

Lowell Baseball season had a very rough start with injuries and the bad weather making it hard to practice during a very important tie of the season. We replaced a bunch of good seniors so the boys had to step up. About halfway through the season we started consistently competing with good teams and got our first wins against Mohawk. We took that momentum into the last four games against top ten teams in the state and played very well against them. My seniors were awesome, special thanks to Sean Reid and John Clarke. I'm looking forward to taking the momentum of this season and continue to grow and play the game the right way. This team has been the most resilient team I've had the pleasure of coaching and I'm proud of them all. —Coach Kody Eidenschink

Junior High Track had another amazing turnout for middle school track with 36 boys and 14 girls! The team ended strong, with 7th/8th grade girls and boys and also 5th/6th grade boys and girls overall scores earning them first at District!

Congratulations to all these hard working athletes! Special thanks go to the coaches, family members and community members for their support in helping these students succeed in sports and life.

Student of the Month: Issac Hill

Issac Hill is our Junior High Student of the Month.

His parents are Kristen and Michael Hill. He has three siblings. Issac is a joy to have in our school district. He is always helful and eager to help others. His favorite activities are sleeping, reading, band and Nerd Club on Tuesday. He keeps his grades up and is a great kid to have in class. In his



free time he likes to play video games, read and talking things through on how they work.

Congratulations Issac!

2018 Hall of Fame — Saturday, October 6th



1A State Pole Vault Champ: Nate Roat

Congratulations on our newest state champion, Nate Roat. Tied for first, Nate won a jump-off by clearing



A reception will be held in the Lowell High School Library for the 25th reunion and 50th reunion of the Class of 1993 and 1968. Honorees this year are: Arlie "Brownie" Brown, Class of 1954; outstanding student leader, athlete and scholar who went on to be a community volunteer and leader; and, Andrea Maher, beloved kindergarten teacher who implemented the Lowell kindergarten program. The Class of 1993 were her very first students at Lowell. Also being honored are the 1963 State B Basketball Champions: Dave Bainbridge, Robert Craft, Tom and Tim Sindars, Rick Malliris, Richard McLaughlin, Larry Kintzley, Corky Walsh, Dan Pogue, Rex Ballenger and Carl Pelzel (manager).

Mark your calendars to come out and honor these Hall of Fame inductees October 6th!

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City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Affordable Housing Incentives

Like much of Oregon, the City of Lowell is currently experiencing a housing shortage. Staff and the City Council have begun to look at opportunities where we can increase the supply of housing and improve affordability. At the April 17 meeting, the City Council reviewed and approved a recommendation from the Economic Development Committee to allow for the deferral of System Development Charges (SDCs).

SDCs are fees assessed to new development. These fees are collected to help offset the impact development projects have on the City's infrastructure, including parks and recreation facilities, stormwater, water, sewer, and street systems. Each new housing unit is assessed a fee for each type of public infrastructure to cover its "fair share" of improvements to the system. The City of Lowell charges SDCs of \$8,925 per unit.

Previously, SDC fees were collected at the time a building permit was issued. Under the new policy, builders may elect to defer payment until one of the following events occur:

18 months from the issuance of a building or other development permit

Change of ownership of the developed property

Refinancing of a construction loan

The new program will serve to reduce the out of pocket and/or financing costs during construction. To ensure payment, builders will be required to enter into an agreement with the City which stipulates the date SDCs are due and payable, and the placement of a lien on the property and all improvements in the amount of the deferred SDCs. Certificates of occupancy will only be issued after the deferred SDCs are paid in full.

Lowell Beautification Day

The 2018 Lowell Beautification Day was a great success! More than 40 volunteers participated. By the end of the event all three Sanipac disposal containers were filled, both covered bridges were painted, and other special projects were completed. The City Council and staff would like to thank our community partners for their participation, including the Lowell Fire District, Lowell School District, Bridge Charter Academy, and Sanipac. We look forward to

next year!



Board and Committee Vacancies

The City is accepting applications for the 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. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

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Lowell City Council Actions

At the May 15th regular meeting:

• Approved a contract amendment with St. Vincent de Paul to allow SVDO to develop two of the lots for market rate housing because it is not feasible to build affordable housing on those lots. Motion approved 4-1. In support Bennett, Burford, Harris and Osgood; Angelini opposed.

- Appointed Lon Dragt to Position of the Budget Committee; Lon Dragt to Position 3 on the Planning Commission; Mary Wallace, Bob Burr and Aaron Graham to Positions 6, 7 & 8 for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee; and, Don Swain, Pat Woodhurst, Aaron Graham and Lon Dragt to Positions 6, 7, 8 & 9 on the Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee
- Approved Research Agreement No. 25796 with the University of Oregon for the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$43,268 and to authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract documents
- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Lane Council of Governments to develop a Downtown Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract documents.
- Approved Resolution 696 Transportation Growth Management Grant Application to develop a local street network plan.
- Approved a motion to request assistance from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development for a Housing Needs Analysis.
- Approved a motion to allow the City Administrator to negotiate to acquire properties in Rolling Rock Park, on the East end portion of 0.06 acres with Mary Owens and with Lane County for the West portion of 0.42 acres. Motions were approved 5-0. In support Angelini, Bennett, Burford, Harris and Osgood.

Monthly Police Log (April 29*—May 25)

Date	T ime		Call Type	Location
0 5/22/18	3:27	PM	Suspicious Conditions	500 Block North Moss Street
0 5/22 /18	7:40	PM	Violation of Restraining Order	100 Block North Cannon Street
05/22/18	9:08	PM	Dispute	100 Block North Everly Street
0 5/24 /18	2:39	PM	Suspicious Conditions	West Boundary Road and South Pioneer Street

*The Lane County Sheriff's Office recently updated their mapping application. Less than one week of data was available at the time of publication.

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.

Dexter Lake Farmers' Market Begins June 3rd — Yard Sale on June 23rd

Our community market opens Sunday, June 3rd from 12-4 p.m. at Rolling Rock Park. We are pleased to offer fresh, organic vegetables and humanely-raised meats, from local farmers. We also have vendors offering art, upcycled handbags, fishing lures and exotic walking sticks.

This year we are eager to add a children's activity center, The "Free Rangers" booth so parents can take a break and enjoy the Cosmic Country Americana music of Kassi Valazza, as well as the Lowell HS Band. While enjoying the music (and we hope the sunshine), try some of the food prepared by Kyle Shepherd using the pork from Quick Bear Farm.

Each month the market will have a theme. June is personal wellness, so for our first market, look for the Lowell Fire Department, which will be giving free blood pressure checks to get us all ready for the summer fun ahead at the lake.

The Dexter Lake Farmers' Market is planning to hold a yard sale on June 23rd from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.at the Tipsy Duck Tavern on Hwy 58 (formerly My Place). All proceeds go to the market, and it is linked with other community yard sale markets scheduled for the same day. We will be circulating a map of the sites so customers can make a tour of the sales in the area.

Check out your market on Facebook, or at www.dexterlakefarmersmarket.org. We look forward to the spending the summer with you as neighbors.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Burn Season Reminder

Remember that you only have until June 15th to get all your tree, shrub and yard trimmings burned. The outdoor burn season typically ends June 15th, dependent on weather conditions. For the outdoor burning advisory call Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), burn advisory line at 541-726-3976 Option 3. Outdoor burning is allowed on days designated by LRAPA. Make sure it is a burn day and you are burning authorized material. For more information on outdoor burning call LRAPA at 541-736-1056 or go to www.LRAPA.org.

Fire District Budget Committee Approved Budget

The Fire District Budget Committee held a meeting on April 10th to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. The Budget includes \$746,806 in revenue, with expenditures of equal value. The current tax rate of \$2.697 per \$1,000 is sufficient to fund the district at current levels. A copy of the budget can be viewed at www.lowellfiredistrict.org or copies can be obtained by stopping by the main station in Lowell.

The District Budget Hearing will be held June 12th at 6:30 p.m., prior to the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m.. The public is welcome and can present comments on the proposed budget for board deliberation. For more information contact the District office at 541-937-3393.

FORM LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District will be held on June 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm at 389 N. Pioneer St., Lowell, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 as approved by the Lowell RFPD Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 389 N. Pioneer Street, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or online at www.lowellfiredistrict.org. This budget is for an annual budget period and was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Lon Dragt Telephone: 541-937-3393 Email: dragt2300@gmail.com

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES				
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget	
3	2016-17	This Year 2017-18	Next Year 2018-19	
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	336,922	274,413	308,000	
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	23,827	13,200	13,200	
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	429,968	425,606	425,606	
Total Pasources	700 747	742 240	746 906	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	156,058	213,078	218,500
Materials and Services	143,119	203,900	203,795
Capital Outlay	19,349	15,000	125,000
Debt Service	33,533	33,533	33,535
Interfund Transfers	60,000	100,000	50,000
Contingencies	199,528	147,708	115,976
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	179,130	0	0
Total Requirements	790,717	713,219	746,806

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Total FTE	3	3	3

THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
	2016-17	This Year 2017-18	Next Year 2018-19
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$2.697 per \$1,000)	RATE OF \$2.697	RATE OF \$2.697	RATE OF \$2.697
Local Option Levy	None	None	None
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	None	None	None

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS				
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding	Estimated Debt Authorized,		
	on July 1	But Not Incurred on July 1		
General Obligation Bonds	None	None		
Other Bonds	None	None		
Other Borrowings	\$114,904	\$114,904		
Total	\$114,904	\$114,904		

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In and Around Our Community

Vacation Bible School Coming in June

Where: Lundy Elementary School, 45 S. Moss When: June 25-29, 8:30 a.m.—Noon Who: Children 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.

Senior Moments Every Second Wednesday 10:00am—Noon featuring:

Documentaries, conversations, snacks, drinks and more!

Lowell Community Library inside City Hall 107 E. 3rd St.

For info. call Maggie 541-937-3759

Jam Quilt Show New Location! Lundy Elementary School Gym Show dates are: July 28-29

We invite you to enter your quilts. They <u>do not</u>
Have to be made by you, or be new.
You may find entry forms on the website at:
bbjamquiltshow.wordpress.com,
at City Hall, or contact: Teri Harter via email at
gortharter@gmail.com or phone 541-937-2343

Fall Creek Park Clean-up June 20th

We are looking for someone with a brush hog to help cut the wild stuff. Mowers are also welcome. We will be starting at 9:00 a.m. — come join the fun! For more information, please call Maggie at 541-937-3759.

Learn to Row Days — June 2nd and 3rd

Free "Learn to Row" sessions will be held June 2-3 from 8 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Dexter Lake. Sessions are drop in, no experience is necessary. Check out www.southeugenerowingclub.org for additional summer camps this summer.

Summer Recreation and Food Service Programs to Begin

Beginning June 19th and running through the summer, Monday to Friday, the Lowell School District Food Service Department will be providing free summer meals to all children from infants to 18 years old. The times are as follows:

Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street: Breakfast 8:15am to 9:30am Lunch 11:30am to 12:30am

Lowell High School, 65 S. Pioneer Street: Supper 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Choices will be available to suit all tastes and we can accommodate most diet restrictions if needed. Watch for special event BBQs, prize giveaways and more.

Please also take note that this program is funded through a federal grant and every time a meal is served to a child, it helps raise money for the School District. So please help us help you and come enjoy great meals.

The program is open to all children, you do not have to be a student of Lowell or a Lowell resident. This program is open to all children free of charge.

For more information about the program or if you have any specific needs, please call Food Service Director Billy Reid at 209-226-2429.

The Summer Recreation and Fitness Program will run Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting Wednesday, July 2nd and ending Friday, August 24th. The program will be open to all children ages 8 through 12 — at NO CHARGE to families. Participants will enjoy a variety of fun, physical activities including soccer, golfing, hiking, fishing, and track and field. New this year are Kids in the Kitchen, Track and Field, Tumbling and Physical Education Games.

To ensure all children participating are safe and accounted for, we ask that all participants register for the weeks they plan on attending. Participants can register for the program online at www.lowell.k12.or.us/summer, or pick up forms from any of the school offices. Participants may join the program from start to finish, or just the weeks they wish to attend.

For more information or to donate to this important program, please call Greg Erickson at 541-937-2105. Thank you for your support!

The Bridge

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

Upcoming Meetings and Events: June 2018

- 1—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 2-3—Learn to Row, Dexter Lake, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 3—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

 Dexter Lake Farmers' Market begins! Lowell HS Band to perform at noon; the Market runs from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at Rolling Rock Park in downtown Lowell
- 4—Economic Development Committee, 6:30 p.m., City Hall Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- 5—Lundy Spring Musical, High School Gym, 7:00 p.m. City Council Budget Hearing/Work Session—6:30/7:00 pm at City Hall
- 7—Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall Spring Band & Choir Concert, HS Gym, 7:00 p.m.
- 10—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4:00 p.m.
- 11—PTO Meeting, 3:15 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elementary
- 12—Talent Show at Lowell High School, 7:00 p.m.
 Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
 Fire District Bgt Hearing/Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 13—Senior Moments, Lowell Library, 10:00 a.m.—Noon
- 14—Kindergarten Graduation, 6:00 p.m., Lundy Gym
- 15—Lowell High School Graduation, HS Gym, 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Burning Season Ends
- 16—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.

- 17—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4:00 p.m.
- 19—Summer Food Service Program Begins
 Lowell City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 20—Fall Creek Park Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 23—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market Yard Sale, Tipsy Duck Tavern on Hwy. 58, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- 24—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon to 4:00 p.m.
- 25—School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.



The LHS Talent Show will be Tuesday, June 12th
7:00 p.m. Showtime
High School Gym
FREE!
Donations support the
LHS Drama Program