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Let's Jam! July 27th - 29th * Music * Food * Fun *

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The **24th Annual Blackberry Jam** kicks off on Friday, July 27th, 5:00 p.m. at Rolling Rock Park in downtown Lowell. This year's festival includes a fantastic line-up of performing artists, our ever popular returning events, plus lots of delicious food and unique crafts for sale. As always, **admission is free!**

On Friday night come check out the vendors beginning at 5:00 p.m. then grab a plate of delicious food to sit down and enjoy the music of **Hip Billys** at 6:00 p.m. and **Redneck Mother** at 8:30 p.m. The kids will enjoy the Coins in the Hay and Greased Pole Climb all three days.

The **Fishing Derby** begins at daylight on Saturday and at 8:00 a.m. the **Creswell RC Flyers** will hold a radio controlled aviation float-fly at the Lowell Marina until 3:00 p.m. The Pine Needlers quilt group will host the **Quilt Show** at Lundy Elementary in the gym and the **10th Annual Car Jam**, a classic car show with participants from around the state, will be staged at the high school football field. Saturday also features the popular and eclectic **Parade** at 11:00 a.m. with a new route. **Grand Marshal Guy Harshbarger**, retired Dexter fire chief, will be recognized on the Main Stage at 12:45 p.m. followed by the Springfield K9 Unit demonstration at 1:00 p.m. **Novacane** will perform at 2:00 p.m., **Suzie and the Sauce** at 6:00 p.m. followed by **Bump in the Road** at 8:30 p.m.

The **5K Devils Dam Dash race** will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. Kids of all ages will enjoy the ever popular **Dr. Delusions Illusions Magic Show** at noon, followed by the pie eating and baking contests. The **Quilt Show** continues at Lundy Gym from 10:00-3:00 and the **Horseshoe Tournament** runs from Noon until 5:00 p.m. Sunday's entertainment will be **The Sunday Riverstop Jam** from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. The festival will close with a drawing for the beautiful handmade Pine Needlers quilt at 4:00. Please see the website for a complete schedule.

There's something for everyone at the Jam and we hope you will join us in the fun. For more information phone 1-866-516-5534 or check out

www.blackberryjamfestival.com

Free Admission!

Family Oriented—No Drugs or Alcohol—No Pets Please



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

New District Leadership

As one era ends, a new one begins. Dr. Walt Hanline, Lowell District Superintendent, retired June 30th and Lundy Principal Johnie Matthews is stepping into the superintendent position effective July 1st. "Although Walt's shoes are big ones to fill, I have appreciated his mentorship over the last three years and feel ready to partner with our school board members, staff and the community to continue to lead this district in the right direction," said Mr. Matthews. Dr. Hanline will continue his relationship with the district on a part-time consulting role over the next three years. Kay Graham will continue on as principal of Lowell Jr./Sr. High School and Jessica Edgerton has been promoted to principal of Lundy Elementary School.



At his last school board meeting Monday, June 25th, Dr. Hanline was honored for his service the past five years. His accomplishments brought many rounds of applause as board members, staff and community members thanked him for all he's done for the district. "On behalf of my wife and myself, it has been a privilege to be here to serve this community. But ultimately, none of this would have been possible without lots of support and great people to work with," said Dr. Hanline.

Although the leadership is changing, the mission and vision will remain the same: We are dedicated to the educational achievement and success of every student. Not only are we "on the move", we are very much on our way. Thank you for your continued support. —Johnie Matthews, Lowell School District Superintendent

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

Phase Two of the planning process is taking place over the summer and will conclude on September 24th, with action to be taken by the Board of Directors on approving the design development and the estimation of budget for the building program. I want to extend my appreciation for the support of the Expert Group throughout the year. We will meet again with the Expert Group on August 13th to seek their advice in preparation for the September Board meeting.

I am also very pleased and excited about the addition of Jason Pickett as Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation for the District (pictured at right). He will also be the site lead for the building program. His experience and knowledge has already been a significant benefit to our building program. Our budget is limited, and the wish list is long.



With the leadership of Mr. Matthews and Mr. Pickett, the funding will be used in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Jason will ensure we 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.



May Student of the Month: Andrew Bardis

Lowell Junior High Student of the Month is Andrew Bardis. Andrew's parents are Anna Colby and Tim Stratis. Andrew likes to play football, basketball and track and field. He also likes to play the electric bass and sing in choir. When he has some free time he likes to play basketball with friends and play video games and eat food. Andrew feels the community and school supports the students in every area, including academics and sports.

Congratulations Andrew!

Summer Food Service Program Underway

Running through the summer, Monday to Friday, the Lowell School District Food Service Department is 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 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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

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 at no charge to families.

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

Summer Recreation and Fitness Program — Sign up now!

This popular 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!

Summer Football Activities

Want some pre-holiday fun? Come on out to the practice football field at Lundy Elementary on Tuesday, July 3rd at 6:00 p.m. for the annual Passing League Game. Teams from Oakridge, Mohawk and Yoncalla will be on hand for the competition which will include a hot dog eating contest!

Weight Room Summer Hours

Open to all Lowell athletes, the weight room will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00—7:00 p.m. If you aren't bucking hay bales or cutting/hauling firewood over the summer, this is a great way to stay in shape.

Watch for information in next month's newsletter about August Football and Volleyball camps.

Yearbook Signing Party

There will be a yearbook signing party at the Lowell Marina picnic shelter on Thursday, July 26th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. All reserved yearbooks will be available. There will be a limited supply available to purchase. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Beckett via email at tbeckett@lowell.k12.or.us.

Fall Registration Dates are Earlier This Year!

We know you are just getting in to your summer relaxation and fun but please note on your calendars that registration for the 2018-19 school year will be a bit earlier this year. Registration dates are:

Thursday, August 2nd, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Friday, August 3rd, 8:30—Noon

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb



Yard of the Month Award

On June 7, the Parks and Recreation Committee reviewed nominations for the yard of the month award for May. The Committee unanimously selected 92 Wetleau Drive, owned by Monica Thompson.

Ms. Thompson was recognized by Mayor Bennett at the June 19 City Council meeting and received a \$25 gift card to Pleasant Hill Feed & Farm Supply. She will also have a sign placed in her yard to recognize her hard work and effort.

The Parks and Recreation Committee encourages interested residents to submit nominations with the property address by email to yardofthemonth@ci.lowell.or.us or

mail at P.O. Box 490, Lowell, OR 97452.

2017 Consumer Confidence Report Released

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was passed by Congress in 1974 to protect public health by regulating the nation's drinking water supply. This Act authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to set national standards for drinking water to protect us from both naturally occurring and human-made contaminants that may affect our drinking water. The EPA has set standards for 90 contaminants under SDWA. As a result, "drinking water is the most regulated and controlled substance you can ingest – more than any other food, drug, or beverage" (AWWA).

Every year, the City of Lowell publishes a Consumer Confidence or Water Quality Report that summarizes information about the public water supply. This publication includes information about the consumer confidence rule, general information about the content of the report, water quality data, detected contaminant (if any), and educational information. These reports are provided to customers by July 1 of each year.

The 2017 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) was mailed to all water customers the last week of June. Public Works staff is proud to report that there were no water quality violations in 2017. Additional copies are available at City Hall and on the City's website at www.ci.lowell.or.us.

Outdoor Burning Season Closed

The outdoor burning season is closed. It will reopen October 1, weather permitting. All outdoor burning is also subject to the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) and residents should check their advisory hotline at **541-726-3976** or www.lrapa.org.

Board and Committee Vacancies

The City is accepting applications for the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 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 the positions are filled.*

Monthly Police Log (May 26—June 21)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
06/18/18	10:31 AM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
06/19/18	12:52 PM	Impound Vehicle	100 Block North Moss Street
06/19/18	7:32 PM	Criminal Trespass	100 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.

Lowell City Council Actions

At the June 5 special meeting:

- Approved Resolution 697—Establishing Water and Sewer Rates. A three percent rate schedule increase is effective July 2, 2018.
- Approved Resolution 698—Certifying Services. It is a requirement each year to certify at least four core services are provided in order to receive State Revenue Sharing Funds.
- Approved Resolution 699—City's Election to Receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2018-19.
- Approved Resolution 700—Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget and Imposing and Categorizing Tax.
- Committee Appointments—There was an error in the presented applications for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee. A motion was made to appoint Jerry Bjornstad to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee position seven, in place of Bob Burr.

All motions were approved 5-0. In support Angelini, Bennett, Burford, Harris and Osgood.

At the June 5th study session, the following topics were addressed:

- Update on Building Inspection Program—The State has rescinded all of the temporary rules adopted on April 23, 2018 related to program delegation.
- Review Lane County Animal Control Contract—The City is in communication with Lane Animal Control to provide service in the event of a serious dog incident.
- Review City Employee Pay Scale—The FY 2018-19 Employee Pay Scale, employee benefits and upcoming changes were discussed.

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 June 19th regular meeting:

- Approved a Financial Services Contract with Layli A. Nichols with a 5% increase for FY 2018-19.
- Approved a Police Services Contract with the City of Oakridge for FY 2018-19.
- Approved an Animal Control Contract with Lane County Animal Services for enhanced services of a trained officer to respond to priority incidents, such as animal bites, and animals endangering public safety.
- Approved Resolution 701—Annual Employee Compensation Adjustments.
- Approved an Audit Engagement Letter with Emerald CPA Group.
- Authorized Mortier Ang Engineers to serve as a consultant in the litigation against Hatton Roofing and Heater Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

All motions were approved 3-0. In support Bennett, Harris and Osgood; Angelini and Burford absent.

Dexter Lake Farmers' Market Continues Each Sunday — Noon to 4:00 p.m.

The community market is open each Sunday 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.

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



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Backyard Burn Season Ends

Just a reminder that the “Backyard” open burning season is closed. Outdoor burning is prohibited in Lane County. The Oregon Department of Forestry and the Lowell Rural Fire District will be enforcing open burning regulations during the summer months. If you have questions concerning outdoor burning, contact the Fire District Office at 541-937-3393.

Treat Fireworks with Respect

Fireworks may add excitement to Independence Day celebrations, but they are inherently dangerous. If not used wisely, fireworks can cause very serious injuries and even death. Most patients who visit the Hospital emergency department for fireworks-related injuries have small burns on their arms and legs, or eye injuries.

Each year in the United States, approximately 2,400 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms for eye injuries caused by fireworks. Twenty-five percent of those injuries result in permanent vision loss or blindness. According to the OHSU Casey Eye Institute, eye injuries happen in less than a second but often cause lifelong visual impairment.

Doctors at OHSU offer the following tips to avoid injuries:

- Never allow children to play with fireworks. About half of those injured last year were under age 15. Read and follow all fireworks warnings and instructions.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of an accident or fire.
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface. Fireworks should be lit away from houses, dry leaves and flammable materials.
- Do not use bottle rockets. They are the most dangerous type of fireworks by far because they fly erratically, frequently injuring bystanders. Bottle rockets cause 67 percent of all fireworks eye injuries. Firecrackers cause 7 percent of eye injuries and Roman candles cause 4 percent.
- Protect your eyes with safety glasses or safety goggles. Regular prescription glasses, sunglasses or contact lenses provide little or no protection and can actually contribute to an injury.
- Never put fireworks in glass bottles, tin cans or clay pots because these objects can shatter and cause eye injuries.



Does Your Home Have Wildfire Defensible Space?

Homes with a defensible space have a much greater chance of surviving a wildfire than homes without. A defensible space breaks up the continuous path of plants that could carry wildfire to your home. It also gives firefighters a safe zone from which to fight a wildfire. It's worth a little effort, to help protect your home.

What you can do –

- Remove all flammable vegetation around all structures. Provide a 100-foot fire free zone around your home.
- Trim trees so branches are at least six feet from the ground and 10 feet from structures. Remove branches that overhang structures.
- Call the power company for help trimming trees near power line. Never trim them yourself.. Remove dead trees.
- Cut weeds and grass to six inches or shorter. Plant fire-resistant plants in your fire free zone.
- Always work early in the morning and make sure your power tools have spark arresters to prevent equipment-caused fires.
- Maintain your defensible space by keeping it clean and free of plant debris and watered properly.
- Clean dead leaves and fir/pine needles from your roof and rain gutters.
- Enclose the underside of eaves, balconies, decks and vent openings with fire resistant materials to keep out flying embers.
- Stack firewood at least 30 feet from any structure.
- Locate LPG tanks at least 30 feet from any structure and maintain 10 feet of clear space around the tank.

For more information, please contact the Fire District office at 541-937-3393 or go to www.firewise.org.

In and Around Our Community

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

Lowell Food Pantry Says Thanks!

The Food Pantry would like to thank the Lowell Post Office for pickup up all of the food during the Postal Drive in May. Also, a big thank you goes to all of those who donated food to the food drive. We collected 130 pounds of donated good for the pantry. Thank you all so very much! —Shawn Brady

CDBA Racing Schedule for July

July 14th and 15th
 Test & Tune on Friday the 13th
 Lowell Marina



Summer Reading Program begins July 3rd

The Lowell Library is again sponsoring a Summer Reading Program to be held in the 6th Grade Classroom at Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street.

Tuesdays from July 3rd through August 7th
 From 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Special presentations are:
 July 24th—Lowell Fire Department
 July 31st—Award winning storyteller
 Christopher Leebrick
 August 7th—Didgeridoo Down Under

For more information please call Maggie at 541-937-3749 or City Hall at 541-937-2157

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

We invite you to enter your quilts. They *do not* 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

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: July 2018

- 1—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon to 4:00 p.m. at
Rolling Rock Park in downtown Lowell
- 3—Summer Reading Program, 12:30—2:00 p.m., Lundy Elementary
City Council Work Session—7:00 pm at City Hall
- 4—4th of July Celebration, Dexter State park, Noon-10:00 p.m.
- 6—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 7—PTO Can/Bottle Drive, 10 a.m.-Noon, HS parking lot
- 8—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4:00 p.m.
- 10—Summer Reading Program, 12:30—2:00 pm, Lundy Elementary
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 11—Senior Moments, Lowell Library, 10:00 a.m.—Noon
- 12—Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting,
7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 13-15—Columbia Drag Boat Races, Lowell Marina
- 15—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4:00 p.m.
- 16—Economic Development Committee, 6:30 p.m., City Hall
Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- 17—Summer Reading Program, 12:30—2:00 pm, Lundy Elem.
Lowell City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 18—Fall Creek Park Cleanup, 9:00 a.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 21—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 22—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon to 4:00 p.m.
- 23—**School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.**
- 24—Summer Reading Program, 12:30—2:00 pm, Lundy Elem.
- 27—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 29—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon—4:00 p.m.
- 31—Summer Reading Program, 12:30—2:00 pm, Lundy Elem



July 27-29

**Rolling Rock
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