



# The Bridge

Making community connections



## Blackberry Jam Festival

\* Music \* Food \* Fun \*

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The **25th Annual Blackberry Jam** kicks off on Friday, July 26th at 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 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 **Animalingo** at 6:00 p.m. and **Etouffee** at 8:30 p.m. The kids will enjoy the Coins in the Hay Saturday and Sunday and Greased Pole Climb all three days with the final on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. **Kidz Korner** will run from noon-6:00 p.m. Saturday and noon-4:00 p.m. Sunday.

The **Fishing Derby** begins at daylight on Saturday with awards presented at 4:30 p.m. at the Lowell Marina. The Pine Needlers quilt group will host the **Quilt Show** at Lowell High School in the gym and the **11th 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. **Grand Marshal Walt Hanline**, retired school superintendent, will be recognized on the Main Stage at 12:45 p.m. followed by the Springfield K9 Unit demonstration at 1:00 p.m. The **Horseshoe Tournament** begins at 5:00 p.m. **Daniel And The Blond** will perform at 2:00 p.m., **Daddy Rabbit** at 6:00 p.m. followed by **Piksix** at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday kicks off with **East Valley's church service** at 9:00 a.m. on the stage, then 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 Lowell HS Gym from 10:00-3:00 and Sunday's entertainment will be **The Sunday River-stop 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 the website at [www.blackberryjamfestival.com](http://www.blackberryjamfestival.com).

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

### Lowell Music Keeps On Winning

Following record-breaking finishes at the state level, Lowell Music capped its successful spring by taking top honors at the Music in the Parks competition in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on June 1st. Enjoying a three-day trip to the gem state, including a visit to the Silverwood Theme Park, our young musicians took 1st place honors in both Band and Choir, with the LHS Choir also winning the Best Overall Ensemble award for all divisions. Way to go!

Also of note, Lowell Music sent a remarkable nine musicians to the all-star Music in May festival this spring, hosted annually by Pacific University. Seniors Gabe Caroll and Ian Sotomayor, Juniors Ashley Jenks and Melina Winters, Sophomores Mahayla McFadden, Fisher Schescke, Nicky Sotomayor, Timmy Stratis, and Serena Yarbrough all shone brightly alongside some of the best of the Northwest.



### Foundation Mini-Grant Winners

Each year some of the proceeds from the annual Hall of Fame Celebration are used to award mini-grants to teachers in the District. This year, three awards totaling \$3,000 were given to MVA teacher Rob Miles, Lundy Elementary teacher Glenda Green, and Lowell Community Preschool director Jessica Pelroy. Rob's project consisted of purchasing CPR/Trauma Care Training materials to teach 4th through 8th graders (see picture at right). Glenda was awarded a grant to bring some incredibly engaging performances to all students at Lundy Elementary and Jessica purchased social-emotional support kits to help further prepare the preschoolers for a successful transition into kindergarten. Congratulations!



### Students of the Month

**Audra and Katie Chapman** are fantastic students. Their parents are Jill and Greg Chapman of Lowell. Audra likes to run cross country and track and play basketball. Her hobbies are running, skydiving, swimming, knitting and playing with her cats. Katie likes to play volleyball and basketball. Her hobbies are music, playing with her dog, watching conspiracy videos online, pulling all-nighters and drinking coffee.

Congratulations to Audra and Katie on being selected as students of the month for Lowell School District!

### Lowell Graduates Earn Scholarships for College

On June 14th, 37 seniors graduated from high school and took home over \$387,000 in scholarships! Among the awardees were Kasey Erwin and MacKenzie Smith who received \$5,500 and \$4,500 respectively from Lane Electric Cooperative. Kasey will use his scholarship to help fund his dream of becoming a journeyman lineman. MacKenzie will attend Lane Community College in the fall to pursue her dream of becoming a veterinary technician.

### **MVA Students in Washington D.C.**

Many of the Mountain View Academy 7th and 8th graders went to Washington D.C. in May. They spent five very full days visiting historical sites, memorials, government buildings and monuments. These 20 students and five staff members had an incredible time learning about our nation's history, seeing significant documents in person and walking where our forefathers walked many years ago.

Highlights of this trip include walking through George Washington's home at Mount Vernon and seeing his tomb as well as watching the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery and visiting the Air & Space Museum.

We want to say THANK YOU to the community for the support that was given to our students as they prepared for this educational excursion across the country!



### **BookFest Comes to Lundy Elementary**

In Lane County, only 47% of students are reading proficiently by 3rd grade. Research shows that providing children with a handful of self-selected books at the start of summer can help to maintain reading habits and abilities over the summer, which in turn helps more students read at grade level. When kids read at grade-level in 3rd grade, they're more likely to graduate high school on time.

In order to increase reading scores before students enter third grade, Connected Lane County and United Way of Lane County partnered together on BookFest. The program focuses on four core values:

- Access - By providing the event to students while in school we are removing barriers to accessing books.
- Book ownership—Many families have limited resources to purchase books. Regardless of a family's financial constraints, we want to help children build their home library.
- Choice—Self-selection of books is an important component in getting children excited about and engaged with literature.
- Quantity—Students receive 7 books to give them increased opportunities to engage with books and foster reading outside of school.

Over 9,000 books and \$7,900 were donated through community book drives and sponsorships. 1,057 Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade elementary school students at 9 Title I schools chose 7,399 books to take home with them to encourage reading over the summer. Additionally, parents/caregivers were provided information on how to support their child's reading during the summer and free/low-cost resources to prevent the summer slide.

### **Sports Physicals Available**

Pleasant Hill Urgent Care is offering sports physicals for just \$25 during the month of August. They are located at 35859 Highway 58 in Pleasant Hill.

### **Lowell Football Camp**

Lowell football will have a four-day camp August 12-15. Little kid activities will be from 5:00-6:30 p.m. High School will be from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 and each camper will receive a pair of Lowell Football shorts. For more information, please call Coach Todd at 541-221-5612.

## City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb



### New City Hall Hours

Effective July 1, the hours for the front office at City Hall are Monday through Thursday from 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:30. As a reminder, the City accepts utility payments via mail, phone, online, and through the secure payment drop box next to the front door of City Hall.

What if there is an emergency and city offices are closed?

- **If it is a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911.**
- If it is regarding an animal bite, please call Lane County Dispatch at 541-682-4150.
- If it is a water or sewer emergency, please call Lowell Public Works at 541-520-2950.

### Annual Water Report

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires the City of Lowell to provide an annual report with information about the quality of the community's drinking water. The annual report includes information about possible water contaminants and Lowell's source of drinking water.

For the year 2018, the City of Lowell exceeded all federal water quality requirements. A copy of the complete report is available on the City of Lowell homepage at [www.ci.lowell.or.us](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us) or directly from <https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/publicworks/page/annual-water-quality-report>.



### Utility Rate Adjustment

The Lowell Municipal Code establishes water and sewer utility fees and authorizes the City Council to change the fees by Resolution. As with other goods and services, the cost of personnel, materials, services, and capital projects continues to increase. The City of Lowell Budget Committee recommended and, the City Council approved, a 3% rate increase to keep pace with annual inflation and avoid a larger future rate increase.

What does this mean to you as a customer?

- ◆ The monthly base water fee will increase from \$24.59 to \$25.33. The variable rate will increase from \$4.93 to \$5.08 per 1,000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons of consumption. For over 5,000 gallons, the rate will increase from \$6.21 to \$6.40 per 1,000 gallons.
- ◆ The monthly sewer fee will increase from \$58.51 to \$60.27.



### Board and Committee Vacancies

The City is accepting applications for the Planning Commission. All interested residents 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 all 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 June 4th work session, the following topics were discussed:**

- Downtown Master Plan
- Code Enforcement Procedures
- Oakridge Law Enforcement Contract
- 4th of July Fireworks Display



**At the June 18th regular meeting, the following actions were taken:**

- Approved the FY 2018-19 Community Grant Program request in the amount of \$1,249 to the Dexter Lake Farmers' Market
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 298—Blackberry Jam Festival as written
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 299—Downtown Master Plan as written
- Approved Resolution 719—A resolution adopting a supplemental budget for fiscal year 2018/19 and making supplemental appropriations
- Approved Resolution 720—A resolution establishing water and sewer rates to be effective July 1, 2019
- Approved Resolution 721—A resolution certifying services
- Approved Resolution 722—Declaring the City's election to receive State revenues for fiscal year 2019-20
- Approved Resolution 723—A resolution adopting the City budget for fiscal year 2019-20 and imposing and categorizing tax
- Approved Addendum No. 1 to the Accounting Services Contract
- Approved the Caselle software and services proposal
- Approved revised City Hall operating hours

All motions were approved 5-0.

**Monthly Police Log (May 28—June 25)**

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
05/28/19	10:27 AM	Criminal Mischief	400 Block E. First Street
05/30/19	3:11 AM	Alarm	400 Block E. First Street
05/30/19	8:38 AM	Unlawful Use of Vehicle	200 Block Marina Vista Drive
06/03/19	2:47 PM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block E. North Shore Drive
06/04/19	7:55 PM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block E. North Shore Drive
06/06/19	1:29 PM	Mental Subject	300 Block N. Hyland Lane
06/06/19	3:23 PM	Violation of City Ordinance	100 Block W. Fourth Street
06/06/19	3:31 PM	Violation of City Ordinance	500 Block Carol Street
06/06/19	5:55 PM	Mental Subject	300 Block N. Hyland Lane
06/07/19	11:08 PM	Alarm	100 Block S. Pioneer Street
06/08/19	7:19 AM	Alarm	100 Block S. Pioneer Street
06/08/19	12:13 AM	Alarm	100 Block S. Pioneer Street
06/09/19	3:51 PM	Assault	100 Block N. Everly Street
06/09/19	10:02 PM	Dog Bite	500 Block Carol Street
06/11/19	12:50 PM	Restraining Order Service	100 Block N. Pioneer Street
06/12/19	8:08 AM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block N. Moss Street
06/12/19	9:30 AM	Illegal Camping	600 Block Sunridge Lane
06/12/19	4:55 PM	Theft	100 Block S. Alder Street
06/13/19	9:15 PM	Dispute	100 Block N. Everly Street
06/13/19	9:52 PM	Follow Up	Lowell Area
06/14/19	10:05 AM	Illegal Camping	600 Block Sunridge Lane
06/14/19	4:08 PM	Suspicious Subject	100 Block N. Everly Street
06/14/19	7:31 PM	Mental Subject	100 Block E. North Shore Drive
06/14/19	12:44 PM	Dispute	N. Pioneer Street and E. First Street
06/15/19	11:37 AM	Disorderly Subject	300 Block N. Moss Street
06/15/19	5:47 PM	Fraud	100 Block E. Summit Street
06/16/19	7:04 PM	Suspicious Conditions	E. Main Street and N. Moss Street
06/16/19	7:37 PM	Dispute	200 Block Marina Vista Drive
06/16/19	8:07 PM	Illegal Burn	N. Everly Street and W. Main Street
06/17/19	8:58 PM	Dispute	100 Block N. Cannon Street
06/17/19	9:36 PM	Restraining Order Service	100 Block E. North Shore Drive
06/17/19	9:52 PM	Person Stop	E. Third Street and N. Pioneer Street
06/18/19	8:49 AM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block N. Everly Street
06/18/19	4:48 PM	Unlawful Use of Vehicle	100 Block E. Second Street
06/19/19	10:53 AM	Location of Runaway	200 Block N. Damon Street
06/20/19	1:47 PM	Unlawful Use of Vehicle	100 Block E. Second Street
06/22/19	10:37 AM	Dispute	200 Block E. Second Street
06/22/19	2:32 PM	Harassment	100 Block W. Lakeview Avenue
06/23/19	5:11 PM	Criminal Trespass	200 Block E. Second Street
06/24/19	11:44 AM	Unlawful Use of Vehicle	100 Block E. Second Street
06/24/19	8:01 PM	Harassment	100 Block W. Second 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 Lowell Rural Fire Protection District has hired two additional employees that will be starting July 1, 2019. These two additional, plus one that we have, will be working a 48/96 shift. This will bring a 24-hour paid staff to the Lowell Fire District. The staff will be working on training our members on a daily basis as well as being available for calls. We believe that this change will help to continue providing a great service to our community members.

We have entered into regulated use for the summer. We will continue to update our website at [www.lowellfiredistrict.org](http://www.lowellfiredistrict.org) to inform the community on what the current restrictions are.

We are looking at providing CPR classes for community members. Please call the station if you are interested in taking a class and we will get you on a list for the next available class.

This summer we would like to remind everyone of some water safety. Please make sure that you have a life vest when going out in a boat. We have had a couple of incidents already this year when boaters did not have them and needed them. If you go out in a boat on the river, please make sure someone knows where you are travelling and when to expect you to return.

We will be managing the BBJ Parade route again this year. Please be aware that we will be shutting roadways for the parade participants. We will open roadways as soon as possible while keeping the parade group safe. Please plan for possible delays. Then please join us at our booth this year. Our Oregon State Fire Marshall will try to join us this year to provide some educational items for the public. We will be answering questions around volunteering as well as fitting for bicycle helmets if they are needed.

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### Dexter Lake Farmers' Market

OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners are available to answer gardening questions at Dexter Lake Farmers Market in Lowell this summer. Master Gardeners answer can address planting, fertilizing, vegetable gardens, diagnosing plant diseases, insects and much more.

I had a helpful discussion with them about my hollyhocks. I grew up loving these tall plants with flamboyant flowers which flourished in Eastern Washington where we lived. But after several years my hollyhocks in Dexter developed dry looking, rusty spots in patches on the larger leaves .... What might be wrong?

I learned this is a common problem in Western Oregon due to our rainy climate. My childhood climate was much dryer and the hollyhocks grew without problems! I followed the advice of the master gardner for a simple non-toxic treatment that worked. I removed the affected leaves and burned them, then applied onion garlic spray to the plants. Now my hollyhocks look fine and are starting to bloom.

Talk to the Master Gardeners and bring your gardening questions, along with samples or pictures of your plant problems to Dexter Lake Farmers market. They will be there on Sunday July 7 and Sunday July 21. Dexter Lake Farmers Market is open at Rolling Rock Park in Lowell from noon until 4 PM through the end of September, excepting BlackBerry Jam weekend.

Master Gardeners also staff a plant clinic and answer phones Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. (541-344-0265) at the OSU Extension Service office 996 Jefferson Street in Eugene. Call or come by with your gardening questions. You can also email your questions to Master Gardeners at [lanemg@oregonstate.edu](mailto:lanemg@oregonstate.edu).



## In and Around Our Community

### Jam Quilt Show New Location!

**Lowell High School Gym**  
**Show dates are: July 27-28**

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](http://bbjamquiltshow.wordpress.com), at City Hall, or contact: Teri Harter via email at [gortharter@gmail.com](mailto:gortharter@gmail.com) or phone 541-937-2343

### Fireworks Program Cancelled this Year

We regret to inform everyone that this year's annual 4th of July Celebration at Dexter Lake State Park, due to unforeseen circumstances, is not going to happen. We would like to say thanks to everyone who has enjoyed the shows, to the Dexter Library for creating this show, to the Dexter Volunteer Firefighters, and to the Pleasant Hill Boosters for their years of sponsorship to keep it alive. We are working to ensure this event will be back next year and better than ever. THANK YOU!!!!

### CDBA Racing Schedule for July

July 13th and 14th  
 Test & Tune on Friday the 12th  
 Lowell Marina



### Lawrence "Skip" Mann Celebration of Life

Skip Mann passed peacefully in his sleep June 11, 2019. He was a long-time resident of Lowell and graduated from Lowell High School in 1962. He worked in the logging industry, as a volunteer firefighter and worked for the Lowell School District until his retirement.

His celebration of life is set for Saturday, July 13th, 1:00 p.m. at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to bring a dessert, please contact Nancy Morgan at 541-991-7294. The family asks that if you have any mementos you'd like to place on a memory table and share, please feel free to do so.

### Small Town Superheroes Dishing it Out

In honor of Kody and Tim, the Small Town Superheroes will be dishing out scoops of ice cream with the proceeds going to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Stop by the Lowell Grange at 51 E. 2nd Street on Saturday, July 20th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. to purchase your ice cream from this energetic group of community-minded kids.



### Summer Food Service Program Correction

Beginning June 18th 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 correct times are as follows:

Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street:  
 Breakfast 9:00 am to 10:00 am  
 Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

Due to construction at the high school, there won't be a Supper program this summer.

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.

### Summer Recreation and Fitness Program

For those who have already donated — thank you! If you haven't yet but would like to, it's not too late. Please send donations to Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation at 65 S. Pioneer Street, Lowell OR 97452.

Research is clear that summer educational connections significantly impact a child's long-term success in life. Participants will enjoy a variety of fun, physical activities including soccer, golfing, hiking, fishing, and track and field, learning teamwork and leadership skills and building self-esteem. Your financial help is needed to keep this great program going. Thank you for your support!

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events: July 2019

- 2—City Council Work Session—7:00 pm at M. Osgood Library
- 5—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 6—Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Staff Parking Lot
- 7—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
- 9—Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Osgood Library  
**Fire District Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Lowell Station**
- 10—Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Osgood Library
- 11—Parks and Rec. Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Osgood Library
- 12-14—Columbia Drag Boat Races
- 14—Dexter Lake Farmers’ Market, Noon-4:00 p.m.
- 16—Lowell City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 20—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 21—Dexter Lake Farmers’ Market, Noon-4:00 p.m.
- 22—School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.
- 26—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 28—Dexter Lake Farmers’ Market, Noon to 4:00 p.m.



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**July 26, 27, 28**

**Rolling Rock Park**