



The Bridge

Making community connections

Class of 2017 Graduation June 16th

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Graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym at Lowell High School. The graduating seniors are: Mahsen Asher, Justyn Barton, Chelsea Byrne, Anna Cardwell, Madison Christensen, Kameron Eidenschink, Michael Hoopes, Eddie Jenks, Scott Karbowski, Zach Kintzley, Kenny Lane, Braden Long, Anessa Madden, Shaundra Miller, Colton Riggs, Ryan Sinnett, Eden Smith, Isaac Smith, Brandon Stevens, Noah Stewart, Michael Thornton, Destiny Thurston-Panko, Hayden Trimble and Jordan Winfrey.



Valedictorian is Anna Cardwell. She is the daughter of Karen and Jeff Cardwell of Fall Creek. Anna finishes her high school education with a GPA of 3.97 and will attend either Northwest Christian University or the University of Oregon to major in Education. Salutatorian is Madison Christensen, daughter of Michelle Christensen of Fall Creek. She also finishes with high marks with a GPA of 3.85 and will major in Anthropology at the University of Oregon this fall.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

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

Major Work to Happen This Summer

You'll see a lot of construction work around both schools this summer. First, two modular classrooms will be installed on the south side of Lundy Elementary the first week of June. One will house the 2017-18 5th and 6th grade classes and the other will house Kindergarten and Preschool students. Then the day after school is out, the high school will be closed to complete a \$1.2 million seismic upgrade project. This project will include installation of shear wall panels for stability and improvements to wall surfaces, sound acoustics, lockers and flooring. Over the summer the Lundy Elementary and Business offices will remain in their current locations but the high school office will relocate to a classroom in the north wing at the high school.



Summer Rec Program Needs Your Support

The Lowell Summer Recreation and Fitness program is returning this summer and will be bigger than ever! Thanks to many generous supporters, over \$7,000 in donations have been received — almost meeting our goal of \$10,000 to fully fund this program for a record number of kids.

Research is clear that *summer educational connections significantly impact a child's long-term success in life*. Camps include soccer, hiking, treasure hunting, football, rocketry, golf, fishing and wildlife, and culinary creations. Breakfast and lunch are also provided — all at no charge to the students.

If you've already given to this great program — thank you! If you haven't yet and would like to lend your support, donations can be dropped off at either school or mailed to 65 S. Pioneer Street. Thank you for helping us create and grow a program that keeps our kids safe and engaged in meaningful activities over the summer. For more information, please call Greg at 541-937-2105.

TAG Robotics Fundraiser

The TAG Robotics club will be holding a silent auction this Fall to help pay for equipment for the robotics team. If you would like to support this effort, they would appreciate cash donations or auction items such as tools, gift baskets, craft items, and gift certificates. Proceeds will help pay for uniform shirts, motors, sensors, controllers, repair tools, computers and lots of other fun stuff to help the TAG students learn more about robots and how to program them. If you have any donations or any questions, please contact Heather at 541-937-2643. Thank you for supporting Lowell kids!

Summer Food Program—June 19 to Sept. 1

The summer food program will begin on Monday, June 19th, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner each weekday — at no charge — to all children 18 years old or younger. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-9:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30-1:30 p.m. at the Lundy Cafeteria, 45 S. Moss Street. Supper will be served from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the high school concession stand, 65 S. Pioneer Street.

All children can participate — there's no charge, no paperwork and you don't have to be a Lowell resident.

Over the summer there will be surprise cooking demonstrations and cooking contests led by Chef Billy Reid.

For more information, please call 209-226-2429.

Summer Volleyball will be starting soon!

If you are an incoming freshman or current high schooler, you are invited to participate in a variety of activities for the summer. These are all free and voluntary. Some of the activities will include open gyms, skill clinics, team hikes, workouts and weight lifting. The dates/times have not been set yet as Coach Prenevost is working on coordinating with the other summer programs to try to avoid conflicts. Some skill clinics for younger players are also being planned. Please "like" and follow the Lowell Red Devil Volleyball Facebook page for the most up-to-date information. You can also email Coach Prenevost at Kristen.Prenevost@yahoo.com with any questions.

Lowell HS Band Wins OSAA State Championship!

The musicians of the Lowell Concert Band are officially the 2017 OSAA 2A/1A Band State Champions! Competing at the LaSells Stewart Center at Oregon State University on May 12th, the LHS Band bested the other remaining top finalists from around the state to take the top honors, and made history in the process. Not only did Lowell land the highest numerical score for all divisions 1A-4A, they also became the first 1A-designated public school to place first in the 31-year history of the event (long dominated by private and larger schools). It was a special day for all involved. Following a terrific performance on-stage, the Red Devils also proceeded to set the high mark in the "sight-reading" room (where the band performs music they've never seen nor practiced for a judge) to ice the win. In waiting for the awards to be announced, many wondered if their efforts were strong enough to "place." When the Champion was announced, there were shouts and tears of joy, and a lot of hugs! "I couldn't be prouder or more excited for these kids and what they've accomplished!" said director Paul Burch. "It's a special group, and they've left a real legacy for our school and our community."

State Champs! (*L to R*): Lily Lane, Tessa Ferguson, Melina Winters, Kelsey Peters, Julia Donnell, Ashley Woodhurst, Zac Jenks, Andy Kintzley, Kerra McSpadden, Kaitlyn Sinnett, Ian Sotomayor, Shyann Pocholec, Mr. Burch, Chelsea Byrne, Jason Stratis, Dayce Riberal, Hayden Trimble, Eden Smith, Nature Letts, Serena Yarbrough, Taysian Williamson, Gabe Carroll, Nicky Sotomayor, Tykara Hepner; (*Kneeling*): Julieann Lay, Owen Chapman, Daisy Schnee, Morgan Lysiak, Mikayla Curry; (*Not pictured*): Alaina Hadley.



More Great News from Lowell Music

The LHS Band wasn't the only bright spot for Lowell Music this spring. The Lowell Concert Choir also competed at the 2017 OSAA State Choir Championships, held at George Fox University on May 4th. Although bested by the private schools in attendance, the Red Devils did manage to finish once again as the top public 1A group in the state. They will close the year with a public concert in the LHS Gym on **Thursday, June 8th**, at 7pm. Joining them will be the Lowell Junior Choir and special guests The Cascade Chorus -- a community barbershop-style group from Eugene. Please come to this outstanding program!

Our Junior High Band and Choir also shined brightly this year, giving outstanding performances alongside their high school counterparts at the Mountain West Music Festival, held at Oakridge HS on April 28th. All Lowell groups took high scores for their respective levels, and supplied nearly half of all music participants in the event. The JH Band will be joined by the 6th-grade Beginning Band and the HS Band at a public concert this week, on **Thursday, June 1st**, at 7pm in the LHS Gym.

Not to be left out of the fun, Lundy Elementary will debut it's 3rd annual spring musical on **Tuesday, June 6th** (7pm, HS Gym). The show, "Gold Dust or Bust," is a musical journey through the California Gold Rush of 1849, and features the talents of Kindergarten through 5th grade. We'll see you at the show!

In-House College Fair a Success!

Students in Mr. Beard's sophomore career class led a college fair for all students. The goal was to create a climate of college and career readiness.



Over 120 students participated in learning about various in-state colleges to help them plan for their future.



City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Committee Tours Local Businesses

One of the first discussions of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) centered on business retention and expansion. The Committee decided that the first step in this process was to meet our local business owners to gain a better understanding of their needs. The goal of the project is to develop and recommend policies to improve the business environment in Lowell.



EDC members with Dennis and Donna McCallum of Tumac

This past month the Committee conducted six (6) tours of local businesses. This included the Giddy Goat Coffee Shop, Bridge Town Market, Armando's Mexican Restaurant, Tumac, Fungi for the People, and J&K Electrical. The following suggestions were identified:

- Maintain business-friendly atmosphere with low business regulation
- Continue code enforcement efforts to provide a safe, healthy, and attractive environment
- Develop additional signage to highlight Lowell's businesses and attractions
- Provide or assist with identifying additional local marketing opportunities
- Support technical training programs provided through the Lowell School District and LCC
- Establishment of a business to business mentoring group
- Attraction of supporting businesses and facilities, including lodging, commercial kitchen space, and hardware store
- Review land development code to ensure it provides adequate regulation and flexibility to attract desired business and industry

For more information, a more detailed report will be provided to the Economic Development Committee at their next regular meeting on June 7 at 1:00 p.m. A copy of the meeting packet and report will also be provided for review on the City's website at www.ci.lowell.or.us.

Dexter Lake Farmers' and Craft Market

The market season begins this Sunday, June 4 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Rolling Rock Park. Stop by, tour, and shop for fresh fruits, vegetables and crafts. Each market will also provide entertainment. The inaugural market features the Fiddlin' Big Sue Band. For more information, you can visit the Market website at www.dexterlakefarmersmarket.org or find them on Facebook at Dexter Lake Farmers' Market.



Fiddlin' Big Sue Band

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.

From the May 2nd study session:

- Discussed the Paul Fisher Park Master Plan and the Orchard Park Recreational Dock.

From the May 16th regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 673 Establishing Water and Sewer Rates
 - Approved Resolution 674 Certifying Services
 - Approved Resolution 675 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2017-18
 - Approved Resolution 676 Adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 and Imposing and Categorizing Tax
 - Approved Resolution 677 in Support of Requesting Funding through the Transportation Growth Management Program to Develop a Transportation System Plan
- All resolutions approved 5-0, Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Angelini, Harris.

Open Burning Regulations

The open burning season, established by the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), ends on June 15. This date is subject to change if hot and dry conditions continue. Please check with LRAPA before burning. Advisories are available on their website at www.lrapa.org or by phone at 541-726-3976.

In addition, after June 15 new open burning regulations take effect in the City of Lowell. A list of these regulations is provided below. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 541-937-2157.

The following open burning is prohibited:

- The burning of any refuse, garbage, or other waste products
- The burning of any construction or demolition waste
- Field, ditch or weed burning
- Commercial or industrial burning as defined by LRAPA
- The burning of wet woody yard trimmings, leaves and grass clippings

The following open burning is allowed subject to compliance with the regulations as prescribed by LRAPA or the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District:

- Fires initiated for firefighting training purposes
- Recreational fires used for cooking with fire in a fireplace, barbecue set; or an outdoor fireplace, fire ring, or pit fueled with cut and split firewood
- Bonfires or religious ceremonial fires as approved in writing by LRAPA and the LRFPD
- The burning of clean woody yard trimmings, leaves and grass clippings on LRAPA approved burn days in October, March, April and May

Monthly Police Log (April 28 – May 26)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
04/29/17	6:31 PM	Repossessed Vehicle	100 Block North Everly Street
04/29/17	7:58 PM	Reckless Driving	100 Block West Second Street
05/03/17	12:49 PM	Harassment	100 Block South Pioneer Street
05/04/17	11:08 PM	Dispute	100 Block North Shore Drive
05/09/17	12:02 AM	Civil Enforcement	500 Block North Moss Street
05/11/17	11:51 AM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block North Moss Street
05/12/17	11:06 AM	Welfare Check	200 Block North Damon Street
05/13/17	10:06 PM	Missing Person	100 Block East Lakeview Avenue
05/14/17	7:01 PM	Dispute	West Main Street and North Moss Street
05/14/17	8:46 PM	Disorderly Juvenile	200 Block East Main Street
05/15/17	7:53 AM	Vehicle in Ditch	South Parker Lane and West Boundary Road
05/17/17	11:13 AM	Alarm	100 Block East Second Street
05/20/17	1:47 PM	Assault	West Boundary Road and South Pioneer Street
05/22/17	4:24 PM	Assault	500 Block D Street
05/24/17	1:41 AM	Vehicle Stop	North Moss Street and East Fourth Street
05/25/17	9:10 AM	Alarm	100 Block East Third 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

Fire District Holds Annual Recognition Dinner

In April the Fire District held its annual Awards Dinner to recognize the great work and dedication our Volunteer members have for the community and the district. Recognition and awards were presented as follows:

Superior Drill (training) Attendance Award – Nick Brickner (96% attendance), Chris Zammarelli (92% attendance), and Chris Shomler (88% attendance). Superior Alarm Response Award – Nick Brickner (163 calls, 58%), Kate Bishop (132 calls, 47%), Morgan Stevenson (128 calls, 45%). Superior Service Award – Alex Woldt for EMS Training Activities, Bob Graham for Dedication to Duty. Special Service Award – Regina Bell for her contribution to the Community Dinner. Rookie of the Year. This award is voted on by the volunteer membership and was presented to Lane Gilliland.

Chief's Award is presented by the Fire Chief to an individual that most exhibits the values, dedication and service to District functions and activities. The award was presented to Bob Graham.

Volunteer of the Year. This award is voted on by the volunteer membership and is presented to the individual that most exemplifies the positive attributes of the organization and its membership. This year's award went to Nick Bruckner (pictured at right). This is the second year that Nick has received the award.

Congratulations to all those receiving special recognition and thank you from Chief Hoehn as well as the District Board of Directors (Jason Prenevost, Mike Ballenger, Bob Burr, June Walker and Ron Ballenger), for the dedication, commitment and service by the entire volunteer membership.

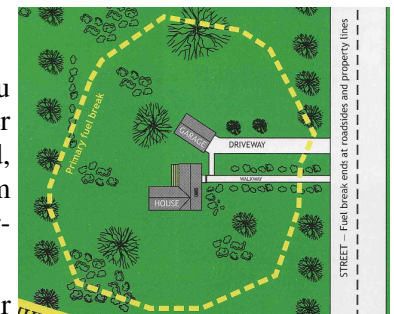


Protecting Property from Wildfires

Learning about the dangers of wildfires can help save your home and the ones you love. According to experts, wildfires across the country are burning hotter and faster than ever before. After a severe fire season in which fourteen hundred homes burned, The National Fire Protection Association created the Firewise program. The program offers simple ways community members can work together to prevent their properties from becoming fuel for a wildfire.

Residents can reduce the risk of their home's ignition by simply modifying their homes and immediate surroundings. For example, clearing a space around the home can reduce wildfire threat. Reduce surrounding vegetation and prune large trees. Even something as simple as cleaning gutters and eaves of leaves and debris can prevent an ember from igniting a home.

Learn more about how to keep families safe and reduce homeowners' risk for wildfire damage at www.firewise.org. Free printed and audiovisual materials can be found on the Firewise Website and ordered online through the Firewise catalog. For more information please feel free to contact the Lowell Fire District at 541-937-3393.



HOT DAYS ARE COMING

Over the next few months Lowell Fire will be working on water rescue techniques. Moving water has awesome power. Swimmers and boaters can sometimes forget just how powerful moving water can be until it's too late. The less experienced or those unfamiliar with the river and all its channels, eddies, twists and turns can find themselves taken under by a log, underwater obstacle or bar that can capsize boats or puncture inflatable devices. Put alcohol and no life jacket with the dangers of moving water, and you have the recipe for a disaster.

Water safety always begins with wearing an approved life jacket and using safe practices anytime you are around water, whether if on a lake or on the river. It only takes one small mistake to alter a life forever. Please enjoy our local waters, but do it safely and sober. Never go near the water without a life jacket and never mix alcohol with any water sports activities.

On the web: www.lowellfiredistrict.org

In and Around Our Community

Lowell Grange Rummage/Garage Sale

Check out all the good household items for sale on Friday, June 9th from 3:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Hot dogs, chips and soda will be available for purchase. It's not too late to sign up for a table — just call Maggie at 541-937-3759.



Blackberry Jam Quilt Show Needs Your Quilts

Members of our community are invited to display their quilts during the Blackberry Jam Quilt Show. They can be quilts you made or ones passed down from other family members.

Drop off: Friday, July 28th between 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Pick Up: Sunday, July 30th between 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Hours of the show are Saturday, 7/29, 10:00-4:00 and Sunday, 7/30, 10:00-3:00. Your quilt may even win a ribbon, so please enter!

Questions/entry forms: call Teri at 541-937-2343.

Cheese Fest is Back!

It is that time of year again, the end of school means Cheese Fest, featuring a movie called “The 7th Voyage of Sinbad”. The movie has a dragon, a large cyclops, a fighting skeleton and more. Along with the movie there will be cheesy food and drinks with games and prizes — and it is all free for everyone! The Cheese Fest is the official end of the school year and the beginning of summer fun. This year's Cheese Fest will be on Saturday, June 17th at 4:00 p.m. at the Youth House on Lakeview Street. Come one and all!



Grange Events in June

- Breakfast on June 4th
- Rummage Sale June 9th and 10th
- Texas Hold 'em Poker on June 2nd and 17th
- Bingo! on June 21st

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

Lowell Girl Scouts say Thanks!

Thanks to our community's support of our local troop, the Scouts were able to participate in several fun activities at camp this year. They appreciate your support very much!



Upcoming Rowing Camp

Enjoy week-long sessions of crew training on beautiful Dexter Lake. Our goal is to provide new rowers an opportunity to discover the joys of rowing in a fun, social environment and to provide returning rowers an opportunity to learn and improve upon their skills. We emphasize participation of all campers and team building skills. Camp runs from 8 a.m.—2:30 p.m. All campers will receive camp t-shirts along with great summer memories. Cost if \$280 per week or \$520 for both weeks. Email questions to summercamp@southeugenecanoeingclub.org.

South Eugene Rowing Club

Rowing Camps

8th - 12th Graders
Learn to Row!
- No Experience Necessary -

Two 1-week sessions:
July 24 - 28 and July 31 - Aug. 4

www.SouthEugeneRowingClub.org

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: June 2017

- 1—Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
 - 2—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 3—Lost Wagon Train presentation, 2:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
 - 4—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm., Downtown Lowell
 - 5—Library Committee, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 6—Lundy Spring Musical, 7:00 p.m., HS Gym
City Council Study Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 7—Economic Development Committee, 1:00 p.m., City Hall
LHS Talent Show, 7:00 p.m., High School Gym
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 8—Kids Club, Fall Creek Events Center, 6:00 p.m.
 - 11—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm., Downtown Lowell
 - 13—Lundy Elementary Awards Assembly, 10:15 a.m., Lundy Gym
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
 - 14—Puppets by Liisa, 3:30-4:15 p.m., City Hall
 - 15—Kindergarten Graduation, 6-7 pm, Lundy Gym
Backyard Burning Season Ends
 - 16—**Last Day of School!** School restarts on September ____
Lowell High School Graduation, 7:00 p.m., HS Gym
 - 17—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 17-18—Columbia Drag Boat Races, all day, Lowell Marina
 - 18—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm., Downtown Lowell
 - 19—Summer Food Service Program begins at Lundy Elementary
 - 20—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
 - 21—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
 - 25—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm., Downtown Lowell
 - 26—**School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.**
 - 28—Fables by Ben, 3:30-4:15 p.m., City Hall
 - 30—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- In July:
5—Summer Reading Program begins 12:30-2:00, Lundy Library

LHS Drama Presents...

What: The 2017 LHS Talent Show!
When: Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m.
Where: LHS Gymnasium
Admission: Free! (Any donations will be used to support LHS Drama)

Featuring a variety of performances from both Lundy and Lowell High School students. Don't miss it!