



The Bridge

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Class of 2014 Graduation June 6th

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Graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Lowell High School. The graduating seniors are: Gabe Anderson, Josh Cardwell, Colin Cash, Chasen Clayton, Akayla Devereaux, Trina Gillmor, Hanna Jearls, Devin Long, Giulia Luini, Taylor McMurrian, Austin McNichols, Sky Moskowitz, Colten Nichols, Emma Nolan, Milika Poggemeyer, Chelsea Roberts and Ariaah Ullrich.

Valedictorian is Chelsea Roberts. She is the daughter of Melissa and Mark Roberts of Lowell. Chelsea finishes her high school education with a GPA of 3.98 and received a full scholarship to attend Northwest Christian University where she will major in science.



Salutatorian is Austin McNichols, son of Mary and Gary McNichols of Lowell. Austin also finishes with high marks from Lowell with a GPA of 3.90 and will major in engineering at University of Portland with a full scholarship through the Army ROTC program.

Congratulations to the Class of 2014!

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

From the Principal's Office

Another school year has nearly been completed at Lundy and Lowell Jr./Sr. High School. It has been an exciting and rewarding year for students and staff. The year has been filled with change and accomplishment and this change will continue even over the summer.

This summer you will see a great deal of building improvement happening at both schools. Lundy and Lowell Jr./Sr. High will each have a "face lift" as windows and siding are replaced, insulation is added, and both schools get a fresh coat of paint. New carpet will be added to Lundy and Lowell will have a fresh paint job on the inside of the school. We are excited to see these changes. Of course, all of this work will also mean that both schools will have very limited access over the summer. Lundy will be closed to the public for the summer and the High School Office will be temporarily moved to the computer lab through June. During the month of July, the school offices will be closed until the first week in August. The district/business office will be open the month of July and will be located in the classrooms near the cafeteria at Lundy.

Summer school will be happening this year with sessions for the incoming 1st-4th grades beginning June 23rd, and running through July 24. Classes will be in session from 8:30 to noon Monday through Thursday. Older students will have summer lessons beginning July 28th and running through August 21st. Parents with students eligible for summer school sessions have been contacted or are in the process of being contacted.

Teachers will also be participating in their own "summer school" as they work to plan for next year by attending summer conferences and work sessions to plan and prepare for the upcoming school year.

It has been an exciting year academically as Lundy revamped the reading curriculum, piloted a new math curriculum, and planned several enrichment activities for students including field trips to the Hult Center for a musical concert, the pumpkin patch, local parks for restoration work, the Raptor Center, College Campuses, Outdoor School and Wildlife Safari. The high school students had the chance to participate in various field studies and student conferences as well.

This year saw amazing success for our student athletes as Football and Wrestling brought home 2nd place State finishes and Boys Track and Field took 3rd at the State meets last week. Volleyball was 6th and as of this writing, Softball is still in the running for playoffs. The Lowell Athletic program was just recently recognized as

having the best overall 1A athletic performance in the State due to the accomplishments this last year.

As we wrap up the school year, the seniors have been very busy completing all of their high school credit and presenting their senior projects. Seniors will be graduating on June 6th at 7:00 p.m. Additionally, they have worked hard to earn funding for their Senior Trip. This year they will be traveling to Disneyland. They are indeed a motivated and accomplished group. They have large aspirations and we are confident they will accomplish their goals and dreams for the future. We are excited to see what the future holds for these fine young people.

As always, we certainly appreciate all of the support the Lowell community provides for our school district. So much work happens due to the dedication of our community volunteers and those who support the education of our students.

Lowell Music Wraps Up Another Successful Year

Lowell Music is finishing up another successful year and building a strong foundation for the future. At the 2014 Mtn. West Music Festival on May 7th, four of our top ensembles shined in their performances and stood out as some of the best in our league. The 20-person Intermediate Band (JH) was the largest and best-sounding group of its kind at the festival, and the Concert Band (HS) also gave their best performance in two years and impressed the judges mightily. Likewise, the Junior Choir shined as the best middle school choir and received a "-I" rating, only a single point from a "Superior" ranking. Meanwhile, the Concert Choir followed up their recent Superior score at the Hult Center with a "I+", the highest ranking possible. The festival also turned out some of the best massed ensemble performances that anyone can remember for many years, so it was a rewarding day all around for our young musicians.

Our final concert of the year is set for Tuesday, June 3rd, at 7pm in the high school gym. It will feature the four groups noted above as well as the Lundy Beginning Band, which is one of the largest and best ensembles of its kind that Lowell has seen in recent years. With all the talent in our district, exciting things lay ahead for Lowell Music! The high school groups will also be performing at graduation on June 6th. We hope to see you at these events, and thank you for your support!

Lowell Boys Track Does It Again — McNichols Sets State Mark

Last year the Lowell Boy's Track team took third in the state meet marking only the second time in school history that the track team brought home a trophy from the state track meet. This year the boy's team again took third making it the first time ever that Lowell has brought home back to back trophies from the state track meet. Austin McNichols also set history several times. Austin started the meet setting a new Class 1A state record in winning the pole vault by vaulting 14'-0.50". Austin then won the 110HH in school record time of 14.93 also becoming the first track athlete from Lowell to be a three-time state champion in the same event. Not finished yet, Austin then won the 300IH in a personal best 40.47. Austin's 30 points also earned him athlete of the meet (another first for Lowell). Alex Norris ran a personal best of 16.51 in the 110HH taking 3rd place. Luke Kinnamon threw a personal best of 151-7 in the Javelin to place 5th. Sean Castellani ran 10:05.86 in the 3000M to place 6th. Colten Nichols ran a personal best 2:10.56 to place 8th and round out the boy's team effort.

On the girl's side, Milika Poggemeyer vaulted 9-0 in the pole vault tying her personal best and taking 3rd place. Chelsea Roberts ran a personal best of 2:32.8 to take 3rd place in the 800M. Giulia Luini ran a season best of 17.51 in the 100HH to place 6th. Hali Asher ran a season best 5:32.16 to place 7th in the 1500M. And the 4x100M relay team of Anna Cardwell, Giulia Luini, Chelsea Roberts, and Milika Poggemeyer ran 54.73 to place 8th.

This being my last year coaching Lowell Track and Field, I want to give special thanks to my assistant coaches Brian Chittim, Christy Poggemeyer, Brad Asher, and Dan Chapman. The success the track team has had over the years could not have been possible without your help. Congratulations to all of our student athletes for another successful season and thanks for the memories. — Coach Goss



Austin with his six career track medals

Softball and Baseball Wrap Up

Baseball narrowly missed the playoffs and the softball team made it to the first round. Along the way they provided exciting games to watch. Thanks to all the coaches and supporters for a fun season.

Nexus Greenworks News

A big thank you to everyone who had an opportunity to stop by the LHS Nexus greenhouse open house and plant sale. Student workers were slammed all day! It is our goal to provide quality customer service and the best plants and amendments for your needs. If you missed the sale, the greenhouse is open and staffed by students from 9:00 am to noon Mon. – Fri. for drop-in sales. We will also accommodate appointments to meet your schedules if needed.

We have available: tomatoes (six varieties), cauliflower (three varieties), peppers (bells, hots and sweets), zucchini, winter squash, sweet corn, eggplant, flowers and onion sets, one gallon raspberry plants and cucumbers.

Please note that Nexus Greenworks will be attending the Dexter Lake Farmers Market on Sundays from noon to 3 pm beginning on June 1st.

All of our raised beds both in the greenhouse and outside are now planted and they look great!! Nexus has also expanded the community garden space along the alley adjacent to the athletic field. There is now 300' of new space to be planted. We would love to have community gardeners assist with labor and ideas for this new project to fill this fantastic space with food for all of our friends and neighbors. Stop by and visit to see what is going on at the garden. If you need more information, contact: Jef Jalof, program coordinator at 541 937-2124, ext. 303 or jjalof@lowell.k12.or.us.



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Make Your Family and Home Wildfire Safe

You can increase your home's survival rate during a wildfire by making the right decisions now about landscaping and home construction. Making this positive impact doesn't need to cost a lot of money or time, just effort and commitment. Is your home ready for a wildfire? It is up to you to make sure it is. A wildfire is still a threat even if it's miles away. Traveling embers can ignite roofs, lawn chairs, decks, fences, mulch, pine needles and other common items around your house and yard. Cleaning your property of debris and maintaining your landscaping reduces the likelihood of ignition. Consider everyday preparedness actions to make your home and property safer from wildfire, such as creating a "fuel-free" area within five feet of your home's foundation, moving firewood stacks and propane tanks away from your house or shed, and disposing of lawn cuttings.

Practice Wildfire Safety: People start most wildfires. Find out how you can promote and practice wildfire safety.

- Contact the Fire District Office or the Oregon Department of Forestry office for information on fire laws and helpful hints.
- Make sure driveway entrances and your house number are clearly marked.
- Report hazardous conditions that could cause a wildfire.
- Teach children about fire safety. Keep matches out of their reach.
- Know when to dial 911 for emergency situations. Post emergency phone numbers by every phone in your home.
- Ensure adequate accessibility by large fire vehicles to your property.
- Plan two escape routes away from your home.
- Talk to your neighbors about wildfire safety. Work with your neighbors year-round to reduce fire risk.
- Consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs, such as elderly or disabled people. Make plans to take care of children who may be on their own if parents can't get home.

Resources found at www.fireadapted.org provide more thorough tips to identify your wildfire risk so you can be prepared. Also, contact the Lowell Fire District Office and/or state forestry personnel, for more specific information about techniques, materials, procedures and partnerships. For additional information on wildland fire, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/fireservice/prevention_education/strategies/wildland.

Fire District Puts Wildland Engine In Service

The Fire District received a 1990 Wildland Fire Engine from the Federal Excess Property Procurement last month and has completed upgraded the unit and will be putting it in service in early June. The unit is much like the 1998 unit that was placed in service 3 years ago and is a welcome addition to the District's wildland response inventory. The unit carries 1000 gallons of water, with a 450 gallon per minute pump, specifically designed for wildland fire fighting. The unit was previously owned and operated by the US Department of Forestry.

Improvements to the unit include: new paint, lettering and striping, installation of emergency lighting, and installation of hose reels, hose and other necessary fire fighting equipment. The District has invested approximately \$4,000 into the unit that would have otherwise cost nearly \$150,000 for a new unit similarly equipped.

The District has received a number of items from the FEPP program over the years and currently maintains the two 1000-gallon wildland engines, one tank and pump mounted in a District pickup, a new 400 gallon per minute towable portable volume pump, an 8000 gallon water storage tank, an 18 KW generator and 16 foot flatbed multipurpose trailer, all supplied at little to no cost to the taxpayers of the District.



Firefighters Gear Up for Summer Water Sports

With the approach of the summer water sports and fishing season, members of the Lowell Fire District will be practicing swift water rescue techniques in our local waters. Luckily, these extremely important rescue skills don't have to be used very often, but when emergencies occur around rushing water, rescuers must be confident and proficient in rescue techniques that account for rescuers safety as well at the safety of the public.

Moving water has awesome power. Swimmers and boaters can sometimes forget just how powerful moving water can be until its 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.

The Fire District would like to remind everyone that water safety always begins with wearing an approved life jacket and using safe practices anytime you are around water, whether it be 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.

Burn Season Ends June 15th

Just a reminder, that the last day for open burning in Lane County is Sunday, June 15th. After that date all open burning of brush, tree trimming and yard clippings will be prohibited. In addition, tall grass and noxious vegetation within the city limits of Lowell must be kept under control by cutting to a height of no more than 12 inches.

The Fire District will be working with City staff to identify fire hazards from noxious vegetation inside the city limits. For more information about open burning regulation and vegetation management, contact the Fire District Office or the City of Lowell for residents within the city limits.

On the web:
www.lowellfiredistrict.org

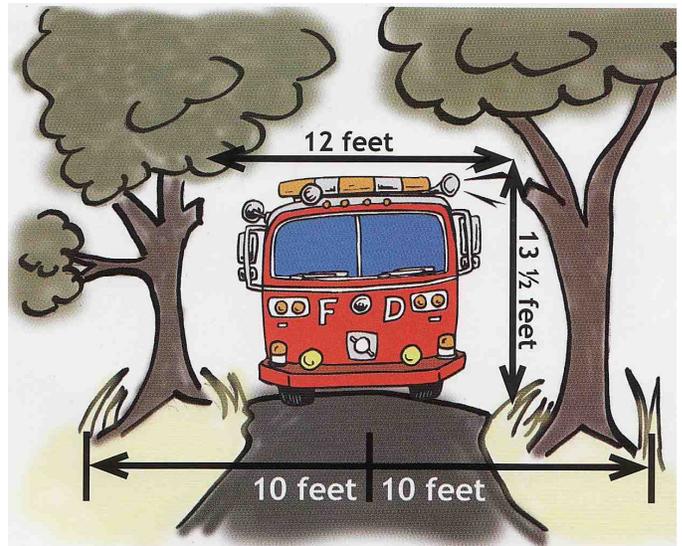
Can Emergency Vehicles Reach Your Home In An Emergency?

Can fire and emergency medical vehicles get to your home and property in an emergency? One of the greatest problems facing emergency personnel is the ability to reach homes located in the rural environment. Access to a home or structure, is often difficult due to overgrown brush, trees and shrubs, that block roadways and driveways to emergency vehicles.

Emergency vehicles, especially fire apparatus are generally larger and heavier than the family car or pickup. With overgrown access, emergency vehicles may not be able to get to you or your home or may be damaged if driveways and access roads are not properly maintained.

Help us help you by keeping your home and property accessible to emergency vehicles. Maintain a road surface at least 12 feet wide. The surface should be well maintained and hard packed gravel or pavement. Tree trunks should be at least 10 feet back from the center of the roadway and trimmed to at least 13 feet vertically from the road surface.

Bridges are another hazard for emergency vehicle access. Bridges should be inspected by a qualified structural engineer regularly, and certified to carry at least 60,000 pounds. If access to your home is over a bridge, and it has not been certified to carry the required weight in the past 10 years, emergency vehicles may not travel over it and a response to your home or property may be delayed. Contact the District Office for more information about what you can do to make your home accessible in case of an emergency.



City Beat

New City Website Launched!

The new City website is now up and running. It is still a “work-in-progress” but it will continue to be updated and improved. There is a “Subscribe” option on the site in the left margin. If you are interested in receiving City news and meeting reminders, click this button and you will receive email alerts.

If you have pictures of Lowell you would like to have considered for posting and/or feedback on what other items you might like on the website, please submit those through the website.

The address is: www.ci.lowell.or.us

Thanks to Parks Clean-up Day Volunteers

A small but dedicated group of volunteers had a successful annual parks clean-up event on Saturday, May 3rd. The City would like to thank **Karen Burford, Bob Burr, Jacob Neet, Hall O’Regan, Steve and Jill Paulson, Idella and Dennis Stinson, and Maureen and Warren Weathers** for helping with this year’s Park Clean-up event.



Summer Reading Program

The Lowell Library’s Summer Reading Program will be held every Wednesday in July and the first Wednesday in August from 10:00 a.m. until Noon, starting with July 2nd. Come join in the fun!

Food for Lane County Summer Lunch Program June 23—August 22

This program provides free lunches for children less than 18 years of age. The summer lunch program is available Monday through Friday at noon at Paul Fisher Park at Moss & 3rd Streets in Lowell.

For more information, contact Food for Lane County at 541-343-2822.

Budget Hearing set for June 3rd

The Budget Committee unanimously approved the draft budget at their final meeting May 27th, which means the budget will be presented to the public at a budget hearing on Tuesday, June 3rd. The meeting will be held in the Lowell Fire Station meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

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 6th regular meeting:

- Approved moving forward with one round of the Economic Development/Enterprise Zone Committee’s proposed Tri-Fold and Eco-Flyers, once council concerns are addressed. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Knokey; Opposed: Burford.

From the May 20th regular meeting:

- Approved the Economic Development/Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee to initiate printing of their first brochure and perma-flyer project at Bear Printing for an amount not to exceed \$800 of tourism funds. In support: Paulson, Rennert, Reese, Knokey; Opposed: Burford.

From the May 27th special meeting:

- Approved directing the City Administrator to draw up a new ordinance to repeal Ordinance 242, an ordinance amending Ordinance 211 Establishing the Office of City Administrator, and placing the new ordinance on the next City Council meeting agenda June 3, 2014. In support: Rennert, Reese, Knokey; Opposed: Paulson, Burford.

Donations to Kidz Korner

The Blackberry Jam is seeking donations for the prize tent at the festival. Any new or gently used toys or monetary donation to purchase toys would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your toys and donations to Joyce at City Hall or you can call 541-937-5544. Thank you for your help!



In and Around Our Community

Cheese Fest is Back!

End of school year Cheese Fest is back! Lots of cheesy food, cheesy games, and the cheesiest movie, "Rocket Man!" You can even get your picture taken with a vicious Martin Crust Devil (with wet sucking lips!).

Free to all ages! **Thursday, June 12th** at 4:30 pm at the Youth House (4 E. Lakeview, by the south end of the High School football field).



Discover Your Watershed Tour June 14th

The MFWWC will be hosting a *Discover Your Watershed* tour on Saturday, June 14th from 8 - 11 a.m. along the Middle Fork Willamette River Loop Path starting at Clearwater Park in Springfield. Biologist, Dave Bontrager, will be guiding this tour focusing on birds of the area. For more information or to RSVP call [\(541\) 937-9800](tel:5419379800) or email education@mfwwc.org. FREE!

June 7th Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Boy Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Saturday, June 7th** with the showing of **Captain America (PG-13)**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m., at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street.



As this is a PG-13 rated movie, children under age 13 will need to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Admission is free; sales of refreshments support sending scouts to summer camp. For more information call 541-937-2643.

Grange Events in May

Breakfast on June 1st
Texas Hold 'em Poker on June 6th and 21st
Bingo! on June 4th and 18th

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

Dexter Lake Farmers' Market Opening Celebration

The Dexter Lake Farmers' Market proudly announces it's sixth season with an opening celebration, Sunday, June 1st from noon until 3:00 pm. There will be live music with the Fiddlin' Big Sue Band, beautiful artwork; photography, pottery, knitting, soaps, candles, fresh produce from Circle H, Riverbend and Lost Valley Farms, as well as eggs, honey, cheese, pork and lamb meats. Wood fired-baked pizzas and smoothies made from fresh, local and organic ingredients and offering gluten free options. The market takes place at the Dexter State Recreation Site 39011 Highway 58, on the Dexter side of the lake. The park has an award winning disc golf course, boating, fishing, hiking and horseback riding trails, picnic and swimming areas. Most of the vendors are from the Willamette Cascade Foothills Community. The market will continue every Sunday until September 28th. Come on over and join in the fun and help support our local small farmers and artisans. For more information DexterLakeFarmersMarket.org or call Pam Driscoll at 541-937-3007.

20th Annual Covered Bridge Regatta

The 20th annual CBR was a success on many levels. The weather was great so all the scheduled races were rowed. Hundreds of volunteer hours by OAR Master rowers and local community members made this event even possible, and it was interesting to quantify the local financial impact on our community. Following are a few examples of the positive impact of the Regatta on Lowell: Lowell Grange Hall \$950 for providing housing; Lowell High School \$500 for parking lot security and equipment rentals, \$1,200 for transportation services; Lowell Fire Department \$500 for EMS services; local gas stations \$262 for fuel; Oregon State Parks \$900 for park rental fees/permits.

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: June 2014

- May 31st—FFA Spring Carnival, 5-8 p.m., High School Gym
- 1—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 3—Lowell HS Choir & Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., HS Gym
City Council Budget Hearing & Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 4—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 5—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 6—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Lowell High School Graduation, 7:00 p.m., HS Gym
- 7—Free Family Movie Night at the Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
- 8—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 10—LHS Talent Show, 7:00 p.m., High School Gym
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Hall
- 11—Preschool Registration, Lundy Elementary, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
- 12—**Last Day of School!** School restarts on September 3rd
- 15—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
Backyard Burning Season Ends
- 17—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 18—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 21—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 22—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 23—**School Board meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
- 24—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
- 29—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area

In July:

- 2—Summer Reading Program begins 10am-Noon, City Library

Lowell Community Preschool Registration
Lundy Elementary
45 S. Moss Street
Wednesday, June 11th
5:30—8:30 p.m.

LHS Drama Presents...

The LHS TALENT SHOW

A showcase of talent from Lundy Elementary
and Lowell High school

Tuesday, June 10th
7:00 p.m. Showtime

High School Gym
FREE!

Donations will support LHS Drama Program.