



The Bridge

Making community connections

Lowell Music Sends HS Band and Choir Back to OSAA State Finals!

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As with many programs impacted during COVID-19, it has been a long and difficult haul for Lowell Music. "Keeping a music program alive and kicking during an airborne pandemic has been quite the challenge," says Music Director Paul Burch. "But we did everything we could do, under the guidelines, and I'm so proud of our current kids for sticking it out. They're now getting to finally reap the rewards of their patience and hard work!"

With the 2020 competition season canceled, and last year's limited to video-only events, it had been 1,041 days since the LHS Band and Choir last competed in a live competition. Indeed, only two members of each ensemble had ever competed on their voice or instrument before. But not to be intimidated, in their very first outings both ensembles managed qualifying scores for the 2022 OSAA State Championships!

On April 6th, the LHS Choir traveled to Marshfield High School for competition, wowing the judges and tying with 5A-state finalists for top score for all divisions. The OMEA District 7 Co-Champions will travel to OSU for State Finals on May 5th (schedule TBD) -- please come root them on!

Not to be outdone, the LHS Band earned state-qualifying scores in *two* competitions, the District 7 Festival at Marshfield on April 7th, and the District 10 Festival at Douglas High School on April 13th. OSAA Band State Finals take place at OSU on May 13th (schedule TBD).

Lowell is one of only two 2A/1A schools in the state (and the only of its size) to qualify for the 2022 State Championships in both Band and Choir. Way to go!



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

Happy spring Lowell families and community,

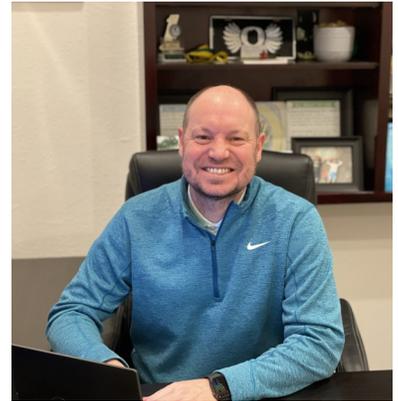
No one ever wants to think about the bad stuff. We don't even like to talk about the bad stuff. The reality is that there is bad stuff everywhere and we want to make sure that our families, community, and students know what to do when they are faced with it.

In July of 2010, the Department of Homeland Security started a campaign called "See Something, Say Something." Originally, the premise was to be on the lookout for terrorism, but it evolved into so much more. Now schools, places of work and general society regard it as a siren call to look out for harm and report it. But we also take this further. Not only should you report if you see something, but if you hear, are told about, or have something happen, you are called to report. In our schools and communities, we need to report vandalism, violence, sexual harassment, self-harm, threats, and suicidal thoughts and actions, just to name a few.

The next question is, how do we report? We have done our best to make this very difficult task a little easier. Of course, you can always report to a teacher, coach, administrator, or any staff member. However, sometimes it is hard to talk to someone you know. It is often scary to come forward when you just are not sure of what you know or how to tell someone. Sometimes you don't even know who you should be telling. This is why Lowell School District is a part of the Safe Oregon program. This program offers a tip line to anonymously report incidents. You can report via email, text, app, phone call or website. Go to the link (or download the app) <https://www.safeoregon.com/report-a-tip/>. (The phone number to text or call is 844.472.3367). All tips go immediately to a tip line technician 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Tips are promptly analyzed and forwarded to designated personnel who can provide further assistance in resolving reported incidents.

No one ever wants to be involved in "the bad stuff." With these opportunities to report incidents, maybe we can all work together to report what we see before something happens. Let's all work together to make Lowell an even better place to work, live and go to school. Remember, if you see something, say something!

Johnie Matthews
Lowell School District Superintendent



Students of the Month



Rowan Files (at left) is a 10th grader at Lowell High School and the son of Amber Stevens. His hobbies are mainly sports, especially football, wrestling, and track. Rowan's favorite school subject is Biology because Ms. Beckett is the teacher. He was nominated for his outstanding job at academics and sports. He is always respectful when asked to do something.

Carter Harris is an 8th grader at Lowell and the son of Molly and David Mork. His favorite subjects in school are PE and English and he likes to play football and baseball.



He especially enjoys rainy/muddy football practices. Burritos are his favorite food because of all the different things you can put in them. In his free time he enjoys going out and riding ATVs and Go Karts. According to his nominator, Carter is a great sports athlete and does well at his academics. He gets along with all his peers.

Congratulations Rowan and Carter on being selected Students of the Month!

Lowell High School Alumni Highlight: Donna and Dennis McCallum

This alumni highlight features Dennis and Donna McCallum of Fall Creek. Donna (Powell) McCallum graduated in 1968 and Dennis McCallum graduated in 1969. They are owners of TUMAC, Inc. In 1977 they started their business in Fall Creek, Oregon. In 1994, the business was incorporated and moved to their current Lowell location in the industrial park. They chose to keep their business local so that the taxes they paid on the business would benefit the community that they feel fortunate enough to live in.

Dennis is a fourth generation Oregonian who moved to Fall Creek from Eugene in 1962. After graduating from Lowell High School he attended Lane Community College and completed training in Machine Technology.

Donna's family moved to Lowell from Springfield, the day before she started first grade. After she graduated from LHS, Donna enrolled at Lane Community College and earned an associates degree in Dental Assisting.

Donna and Dennis have four children who all live locally: David, Dustin, Dionne and Daniele. They have six grandchildren, three of whom attend school in the Lowell School District. They also have one great grandchild!



The McCallums enjoy many interests which include, travel, family activities, and community volunteering. They have been fortunate to travel all over the world including Costa Rica, the Caribbean, Tahiti, England, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico. They have also taken cruises on the Amazon and Rhine Rivers. As volunteers, Dennis has served as a past school board member for 20 years and Donna is currently a Lowell Fall Creek Education Foundation Board Member. Our community has benefited greatly from Dennis and Donna's service over the years!

LHS to Host Special Concert on May 24th

Lowell Music has been chosen this year for a special outreach and joint performance with the Oregon Brass Society! The performance will take place at **7:00pm** on **May 24th** in the **LHS Cafetorium**, featuring the visitors from OBS and our very own state-qualifying LHS Concert Band.

The Oregon Brass Society is a community ensemble based on the model of traditional British brass bands, performing everything from marches to "pops" and showcasing the impressive technical abilities of its performers. "This is a really big deal to be chosen for this," says Lowell Music Director Paul Burch. "OBS features some of the best brass musicians around; they range from really advanced amateurs to world-class teachers and professionals. But the music is not too high-brow -- just really fun and enjoyable for all ages!" Please come to this exciting, free performance and bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

PTO Fundraiser to Continue

Thanks to all who participated in our successful April Papa's Pizza fundraiser. Be on the lookout in May for students selling Papa's coupons so that we can raise even more money. Details will be sent as soon as we know more.

LHS Drama presents an Online Production...

"Help Desk" — A One-Act Comedy by Don Zolidis

Three FREE 7PM Shows: Thursday, May 26th; Friday, May 27th; and, Saturday, May 28th

Now Performing VIRTUALLY via Google Meet

A video streaming link will be posted on the LHS Homepage (lowell.k12.or.us)

Donations will be accepted, to support the development of the LHS Drama Program.

Please contact Mr. Klatt (mklatt@lowell.k12.or.us) if you would like to support LHS Drama.

City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

Construction Project to begin soon!

Renovations to the 70 N. Pioneer Street building will be starting soon. This is the site of the future Maggie Osgood Library and City Hall. At its April 15 meeting, City Council approved an agreement with Bridgeway Contracting to complete the renovations. We expect the renovations to occur over several months through summer and into fall. We will provide more updates on the project as we get further along.

City Council and other committee/commission actions:

Actions from the April 5 City Council meeting:

- Approved an underground storage tank decommissioning proposal
- Authorize grant applications with Business Oregon for water and sewer master planning
- Appointed Jimmy Murray to fill a vacant City Council position

Actions from the April 5 City Council special meeting:

- Voted to approve recommendations from Wilson Architecture on the selection of a general contractor for the library and city hall renovation project

The Blackberry Jam Festival Committee met on April 12 to continue its planning for a summer festival.

Actions from the April 15 City Council special meeting:

- Approved a loan contract with Business Oregon to finance the library/city hall renovation project
- Voted to select Bridgeway Contracting as the general contractor for the library/city hall renovation project
- Voted to appoint five citizens to the Code Committee
- Approved an "additional surveying services proposal"

Pine Needlers Windows of Hope Quilt Show

July 16th & 17th

Lowell High School NEW Gym

Entry is FREE, so we hope you'll attend.

If you'd like to entry your quilts, in this fun local show, you can find forms at City Hall or all information at www.bbjamquiltshow.wordpress.com.

Raffle Quilt this year is:
Windows of Hope
87 x 98



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

May Is Best Month to Help Prevent Summer Wildfires

Residents play a major role in protecting their lives and property. Your home ignition zone extends up to 100 feet and it's quite common to have neighbors whose home ignition zone overlaps yours. Once a structure is engulfed in flames, it could ignite other structures located less than 100 feet away. In addition, many communities have commonly owned property, including natural or wooded areas that can pose fire risks to all. This means that to be most effective, neighbors need to work together and with their fire service partners to achieve greater wildfire safety. Together, community residents can work with fire agencies and elected officials to accomplish the following:

- » Ensure that homes and neighborhoods have legible/clearly marked street names and numbers
- » Know "two ways out" of the neighborhood for safe evacuation during a wildfire
- » Create phone and text trees to alert residents about local fires
- » Sign up for emergency notifications through Lane County "Alert Me" program
- » Talk to your Homeowner Association (HOA) to make sure you are in compliance with existing community rules or regulations on vegetation management and construction materials and if they are "Firewise-friendly"
- » Engage with the fire district officials on how they can work with you and your neighbors, and participate in the "Ready, Set, Go!" program
- » Participation in the Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Program can provide the community with a risk assessment and action plan that will help residents work together annually to make where they live a safer place.

Learn more about how to keep families safe and reduce homeowners' risk for wildfire damage at Firewise.org. Free printed and audiovisual materials can be found on the Firewise website and ordered online through the Firewise catalog. Go to Firewise.org for more information, or contact the Fire District Office at 541-937-3393.

Volunteer & See What You Can Achieve

Ever thought of becoming a Volunteer for the Fire District? Ever wanted to learn something new and a bit more exciting almost every day? Ever get bored with the same old - same old stuff every day. Have a little of extra time that you might want to contribute to an organization that can provide you with a number of different opportunities to give back to your community? Then maybe becoming a volunteer with the Lowell Rural Fire District might be just your ticket to personal fulfillment and growth.

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District provides emergency medical and fire response to 23 square miles of mostly rural land with homes, businesses and outdoor recreation areas.

The wide variety of protected lands within the district, requires our Firefighters to be well trained in wildland fire fighting as well as structural firefighting and a number of different specialized rescue techniques. The variety of experiences made possible through our organization can provide a number of different opportunities for just about anyone who has some time to contribute to the district.

For more information about programs offered by the Fire District, contact the district office at 541-937-3393 or visit our webpage at www.lowellfiredistrict.org, or stop by the station for a visit..

The Blackberry Jam Festival Needs Your Help!

The Blackberry Jam can only be a success with the help of the community. Please attend the next BBJ Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m., at the Maggie Osgood Library located at 70 N. Pioneer Street. We are especially looking for help with the Car Show. Please contact Meesa Anders at 541-206-2727 or email blackberryjam@ci.lowell.or.us.



A Community Garage Sale will also be happening the same weekend as the festival. If you are from the Lowell/Fall Creek area and would like to be included on a map to be advertised via social media, please stop by Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop on Main Street or phone 541-729-4020 to leave your information. There is no cost to participants.

In and Around the Community

2022 Pac-12 Rowing Championships on Dexter Lake

For the first time, Dexter Lake will serve as host for the 2022 Pac-12 Rowing Championships. Competition will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 15 and is scheduled to conclude by 11:00 a.m. Come on out to the Lowell Marina and see this very competitive sport.



Elijah Bristow Scotch Broom Pull—May 21st—10 am until 1 pm

Join the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council and Oregon State Parks for a day of volunteering, pulling Scotch Broom along the confluence of Lost Creek and the Middle Fork Willamette River at Elijah Bristow State Park. Your work will help support previous watershed restoration done in this location and help reduce this noxious weed in the park.



We will meet at the Lost Creek parking lot and hike about 1/2 mile on trail to the worksite. There will be a vehicle on-site in anyone isn't able to hike in. All tools, gloves, and supplies will be provided. We ask that you wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring a water bottle. Families and children are encouraged to join, although we do ask that young children be accompanied by an adults.

Please register for this event so we can have the appropriate number of tools and gloves for everyone joining. You can register at: <https://tinyurl.com/2c6shzf9>. Find out more at middleforkwillamette.org/events.

Lowell Community Preschool is Enrolling Now!

Pre-K Class Information:

This class is offered to children ages 4 & 5 (must be age 4 by September 1st, 2022) who are independently potty trained. We focus on preparing children for kindergarten by meeting each individual child where they're at! Our curriculum emphasizes developing social and emotional skills along with learning important early literacy concepts, art, math, music, movement and encouraging imaginative play.

- This program will operate Tuesday through Thursday, 8-11:30am September 13th through May 31st.
- Annual one time non-refundable registration fee: \$100
- Monthly tuition fee: \$200

Preschool Class Information:

This class is offered to children ages 3 & 4 (must be age 3 by September 1st, 2022) who are independently potty trained. We focus on offering a warm, safe environment for children to be introduced to the school setting. Our routine allows for opportunities to play with peers through sharing, problem solving and cooperation. Hands on learning is emphasized, as well as introduction to the alphabet and early math concepts in an interactive way. Many of these lessons will be expanded on in year two-Pre-k.

- This program will operate Tuesday through Thursday 12:30-3pm September 13th-May 31st.
- Annual one time non-refundable registration fee: \$100
- Monthly tuition fee: \$175

-To enroll in either class, please fill out the form at www.lowell.k12.or.us/preschool and email it to pelroyj@yahoo.com or mail it to P.O. Box 415 Lowell OR 97452

- Payments can be made by check (**made payable to Jessica Pelroy**) or Square Invoice (requested)
- Spots are limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis.
- Open to children in Lowell, Fall Creek, Dexter, Pleasant Hill, Oakridge, Springfield and Eugene.
- Contact Jessica Pelroy for questions about enrollment and to make payments 541-953-9200 (text or call)

In and Around the Community



DON'T FORGET THE SPRING PLANT SALE !!

Saturday & Sunday May 7th & 8th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lowell High School Greenhouse The Greenhouse is located on the High School grounds: behind the woodshop, on Lakeview Avenue.

Take Moss past the football field and Lundy Elementary, turn left on to Lakeview.

There is street parking, bring a box if you have one.

WE HAVE YOUR GARDEN STARTS!

tomatoes • peppers • broccoli • cauliflower • zucchini • squash • lettuce • kale • onions • cucumbers • blueberry plants, and so much more!

We have flower baskets too!



Entrepreneur Meetup May 4th!

RAIN is hosting the Entrepreneur Meetup at Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop on Main Street at noon on May 4th. This get together is held the first Wednesday of every month. While entrepreneurs are by nature very busy people, please consider taking a moment to come connect with RAIN's Lane County Venture Catalyst, Aqsa Khan and other local entrepreneurs.



For more information, please contact aqsa@oregonrain.org or go to oregonrain.org.

Lowell Grange Open House coming in June

The Lowell Grange will have its Annual Open House on June 4th, from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Strawberry shortcake will be served for free!

We will have former Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust, who will read and sign copies of his historically-based mystery yarn about Lowell Covered Bridge. He will also read from a work in progress about the 19th-century Cottage Grove mystical child prodigy, Opal Whiteley. See you there!



Breakfast at the Grange Each First Sunday

A hearty breakfast awaits you at the Lowell Grange! Come and enjoy home cooked eggs, hashbrowns, waffles, pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit and beverages.

Breakfast at the Grange has resumed serving regularly on the first Sunday of each month from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Donations are gratefully accepted. All proceeds go to the Building Restoration Fund used to make building improvements to the Grange Hall, located at 51 East 2nd Street in Lowell. All are welcome!

Pilates and Yoga Schedules for May

Pilates classes will continue at the Lowell Grange (51 East 2nd Street) in May with a change in the schedule. Classes will be now held on Mondays at 8:15 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. The cost is \$30 per month for any classes or \$10 for drop-ins. Mats will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. Info: Joe at 206-920-3256.

Yoga will also continue at the Grange each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Bring your mat, some water, and any other accessories you might want for your practice. Questions: contact Ava at 541-261-2176.

Self-Defense classes will take a break in May and should return in June.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: May 2022

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| <p>1—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street</p> <p>2—Varsity Softball @ Camas Valley, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>3—City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 70 N. Pioneer St. Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview</p> <p>4—RAIN Entrepreneur Meetup, Noon, Stomping Grounds Coffee Varsity Softball v. Camas Valley, 4:30 p.m. Varsity Baseball v. Monroe, 4:30 p.m. City Budget Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Station</p> <p>5—JH Track @ Harrisburg, 4:00 p.m. Lowell Parks Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 70 N. Pioneer St.</p> <p>6—Varsity Softball DH @ Oakland, 2:00/4:30 p.m. Varsity Baseball DH @ Monroe, 2:00/4:30 p.m. Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>7—Spring Plant Sale, 9:00 am—3:00 pm, High School Greenhouse Varsity Track at Gilchrist Small School Invite, 11/1pm field/track Lowell Parks Committee, 7:00 p.m., 70 N. Pioneer Street</p> <p>8—Spring Plant Sale, 9:00 am—3:00 pm, High School Greenhouse</p> <p>9—Varsity Softball @ Glide, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>10—Varsity Baseball @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m. Blackberry Jam Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., location TBD</p> <p>11—Curriculum Day, 1/2 day of school, release at 11:50 a.m. Varsity Softball v. Glide, 4:30 p.m. Lowell Fire District Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m., Main Station</p> <p>12—JH Track Regionals at Pleasant Hill, TBD Varsity Baseball DH v. Oakridge, 2:00/4:30 p.m. City Budget Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lowell Fire Station</p> | <p>14—Varsity Softball DH @ North Douglas, 2:00/4:00 p.m. Varsity Track 2A-D3 Districts, TBD</p> <p>17—JH Track Districts @ Junction City, TBD City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 70 N. Pioneer St. Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview</p> <p>19/20—Varsity Track OSAA 2A State, Hayward Field</p> <p>21—Watershed Restoration event, 10am-1pm, Elijah Bristow Park East Valley Worship at the Park, Noon Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>23—School Board Community Forum and State of the District Presentation, 6:00 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elem.</p> <p>24—LHS Music Concert, LHS Cafetorium, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>26, 27, 28—LHS Drama Production, 7:00 p.m., Online</p> <p>27—Senior's Potluck, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church</p> <p>30—Memorial Day — No School, City Hall closed</p> <p>31—Football Camp starts (through June 3), 3:30-6:00 p.m.</p> |
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Scholastic Book Fair!
May 17—19
Music Room at Lundy Elementary
3:00—7:00 p.m.

