



# The Bridge

Making community connections

The Lowell Grange invites you to an  
Open House  
Saturday, April 27th

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**IT'S A  
LUAU PARTY**

**The Lowell Grange Open House  
Invites You to Our  
Taste of Hawaii**

**April 27, 2024  
3 to 5 PM**

**We will be serving a taste of Hawaii,  
Celebrating the Hawaiian Luau, and  
Talking about what we do at the grange.  
Come Join the Fun!**

Grange members have been busy with improvements to the Grange Hall, holding fun activities, and making the Hall available for rent to community members. We appreciate the support we receive from the community. And remember, you don't have to be a Grange member to help with projects and events!! Just contact Don at 541-937-2312 or Maureen at 541-954-5765.

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April  
Showers  
bring May  
Flowers



## Promoting Literacy and Encouraging a Love of Reading — Read Across America

Read Across America Day is celebrated every year on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in honor of the late, great, Dr. Seuss. While many think that Dr. Seuss was the creator of Read Across America Day, it was actually established in 1997 by the National Educator's Association. Dr. Seuss's birthday was chosen as the hallmark of this celebration in honor of his contributions to children's literacy.

The focus of this special day is to promote literacy and encourage a love of reading among children. Activities are planned in libraries, homes, schools, and cities for this special event. At Lundy, we take pride in our celebration of this special day because reading is the cornerstone of education.

This year, our staff and students dressed as their favorite book characters. We had a mouse with a cookie, the cat in the hat, care bears and so many more. Our junior high and high school students took time out of their day to show our elementary students how important reading is by spending time reading books to them.

On the lead up to Read Across America Day, our library placed a focus on books from Dr. Seuss as well as special readings and displays. Our classes held coloring contests, did research on special book characters and wrote book reports. The day was filled with reading and showed our students just how much we as a district value literacy and the love of reading.

As the Read Across America oath states, "I promise to read each day and night. I know it's the key to growing up right. I'll read to myself, I'll read to a crowd. It makes no difference if silent or loud!"



Another event that Lowell School District proudly celebrated March 4-9<sup>th</sup> was Classified Staff Appreciation Week. Our grounds crews, bus and van drivers, custodians, educational assistants, cafeteria crews, secretaries, and all the other classified staff who support our district and students each day of the year were honored this week with some extra goodies. Classified staff were treated to breakfasts, lunches, donuts, and other fun items throughout the week. Signs and cards were displayed sharing how grateful we are for all that they do. Even though the week is over, there is no end to our gratitude for them each and every day.

**THANK YOU** to our families, friends, businesses, and community members who graciously donated to or attended the LHS Senior Class Trip Spaghetti Dinner, Bingo & Silent Auction fundraiser. Attendance, support, and event success was beyond our expectations.

Event proceeds covered airline, hotel and food allowance for everyone.

A very special thank you to **Hole in the Wall BBQ** for donating your time to cook, deliver and serve at our event.

Fall Creek Farms Bakery, Three Rivers Casino, Vallie Todd, Brothers Plumbing, Mucho Gustos, Becky Garner, The Bow Rack, Chuck & Alice, Coiner Leather, Hop Valley, Jason Johnson, Wish Salon, Lani Moku, Master Donuts, Kintzley Klothing, Peggy Pickett, Tannerite, Konni Hollis, Linda Howell, Little Red Farm, McMenamins, Toxic Burger, Maddie Maher, Stomping Grounds, Tall Trees Quilting, Jamie Price, Susan Thompson, Suzanne Kintzley, Sweet Life Bakery, Hole in the Wall BBQ, Melia Mellon Tattoo, Ashlee Coiner, Deb Levesque, Chase Flowers & Gifts, Tall Firs Café & Events, Peterson Supply, Lane Forest Products, Lowell Fire Department, Goshen Forest Products, Courtland Manufacturing, LHS Wood Shop, Johnson Brothers Nursery, Albertsons on Mohawk, Jerry's Home Improvement, Wynant's Health Food Store, Anytime Fitness Springfield, Tony T McTattoo, Groundup Construction—Shane Prom, Unity Glassworks, Northern Light Christmas Tree Farm, Northwest Arsenal Indoor Shooting Range, Portable Rock Productions—Daniel Bessett, Westlane Tree Service — George & Maria Schrader



# RED DEVIL REPORT

Lowell Athletics Update



## WINTER SPORTS WRAP UP

**High School Boys Basketball** continues to add up the accolades. By vote of 2A basketball coaches across the state, senior Jaden Jalof received Honorable Mention All-State honors. Congratulations, Jaden!

**Junior High Boys Basketball** moved to a tough league this year where our 6th through 8th graders competed against 8th grade-only teams from larger schools. Still, A-team captain Henley Garner and B-team captains Easton Lauzon and Brenten Davies helped lead their teams in high-level competition. Coach Jacob McCart said, "Playing in a higher league with good competition challenged our teams, pushing us in ways that turned into learning opportunities on and off the court, making us better as a team and as individuals. No matter the victory or the record, these young men came out victorious."

## HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS



Our **high school softball** team is led by Mark Gonzales and assisted by Pat Todd and Wade Davis. Athletes (pictured left) include seniors Amerika Baszler, Annabelle Pickett, Brooke Davis, Elizabeth Able, Kaili Kirkhart, and Kassidy Matthews; juniors Cheyanne McNamee, Jada Cantrell, and Gracie Aldinger; sophomores Madison Thurman, Marley Plahn, and McKenna Fassbender; and freshman Kaylie Dodson.

Our **high school baseball** team is led by Boone Casarez and assisted by Dan Casarez. Athletes (pictured right) include senior Louie Estrada; juniors Harley Hardison and Camden Alexander; sophomores Barrett Straight and Liam Burch; and freshmen Wyatt Pelroy, Adam Davis, Henry Coiner, Wyatt McNamee, and Zak Hermansen.



Our **high school track & field** team is led by Jill Chapman and assisted by Dan Goss. Athletes (pictured left) include seniors Jaden Jalof, Justin Hern, and Rowan Files; juniors Amelia McCollister, Bryson Hoffman, Colten Wendt, Isabella Peterson, and Ryan Pelroy; sophomores Ayden Medart, Callum Plahn, David Finch, Madeline Peterson, , and Matti Skordahl; and freshmen Aniah Watson, Aubrey Gastelo, Carson Ewan, Christopher Meador, Gage Greco, Jade Clark, Jax Norcutt, Marix Wendt, and Tyler Harris

Register today through  
**Kidsports!**

Registration is open through April 3 at [Kidsports.org/Registration/](http://Kidsports.org/Registration/)

Lowell will have baseball and softball teams for all K-5 students through Kidsports this season. Teams will practice in Lowell beginning the week of May 13, and will play in Eugene beginning the week of May 26.

Register at [kidsports.org/registration](http://kidsports.org/registration) **by April 3.**

For K/1 teams, please call Kidsports at 541-683-2374.



## City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

**City of Lowell congratulates Public Works teammates on their 5-year anniversary.** Public Works operators Nick Harris and Hunter Harris (no relation) celebrated their 5-year anniversary with the city in March. While both teammates are cross-trained in all areas of public works, Nick specializes in wastewater treatment and Hunter's focus is in water treatment. Both teammates recently received a promotion due to attaining higher levels of certification in public works.

Hunter, who recently bought a home in Lowell, stated that his longterm goal with Lowell is to "Continue with my career and be as best as I can with what I do." In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

When Nick's not serving the citizens of Lowell, he enjoys golfing, playing with his baby, and watching sports (Go Huskies!). His goal is to continue attaining higher level certifications in public works. Nick and his wife live in Lowell.

Their dedication to excellence and commitment to advancing their skills make Nick and Hunter invaluable assets to our community. Join us in congratulating them on their achievements and wishing them continued success in their careers with the City of Lowell!



**Pictured: Nick Harris (left) and Hunter Harris (right)**

**Notice to abate noxious vegetation.** Pursuant to Lowell Revised Code (LRC) Section 5.123, notice is hereby given that no owner or person in charge of property may allow noxious vegetation to be on their property or on the public right-of-way abutting their property. It shall be the duty of an owner or person in charge of property to cut down or to destroy noxious vegetation. For parcels one acre or larger in size, noxious vegetation need only be controlled 20 feet from an adjoining property where development has occurred and is not required to be controlled adjoining undeveloped property unless specifically requested by the owner of the undeveloped property. The City intends to abate noxious vegetation within not less than ten days of a final notice to abate such vegetation sent to the property owner and that all costs of doing so will be charged to the owner of the property being abated. A citation may be issued in lieu of or in addition to abatement action.

### Upcoming meetings – Meeting details available here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2024-04>

City Council – April 2 @ 7:00 pm

Parks Committee – April 4 @ 7:00 pm

Blackberry Jam Festival Committee – April 9 @ 6:00 pm

City Council – April 16 @ 7:00 pm

**Meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District station, 389 N. Pioneer Street**

### Volunteer Opportunities at the 30th Annual Blackberry Jam!

The Jam will be back to the original three-day schedule this year: July 26, 27 and 28th! We are also hoping to bring back both the Pie Baking Contest and the Car Show if possible.

From Setup to Takedown, and year-round planning efforts, the Blackberry Jam is put on by a committee of volunteers, assisted by many people in our community. If you would like to join this fun team, you are invited to attend the next BBJ Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m., at the Lowell Fire Station located at 389 N. Pioneer Street. You can also contact City Hall at 541-937-2157 or email [info@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:info@ci.lowell.or.us). We appreciate your help!



## Maggie Osgood Library News

There are many ways you can get involved with the Maggie Osgood Library. If any of these interest you email Peggy at [pokane@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:pokane@ci.lowell.or.us) call and leave a voice message at (541) 937-2157 or stop by during our normal open hours.

First, we are planning our summer reading program. The tentative kickoff date is Saturday, June 22. If you are a teen or adult interested in participating in the program by volunteering your time and talents, please let Peggy know. You can stop by the library and fill out a volunteer form or send Peggy an email and she will email the form to you.

Second, we are deeply into creating MOLDR the Maggie Osgood Library Digital Repository. There are plenty of ways to get involved including donating existing digital photographs, using our equipment to digitize your things or our things, or identifying people, places, or things. Again, there is a form you can complete at the library, or you can get in touch via email.

Third, we want to know if it would be helpful to have a home delivery system for those of you who can't make it to the library. If you would like to have someone drop off books at your home and then return to the library, please let us know.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has responded to our Wish List. We've gotten a ton of new books. The list remains up and running. New additions are regularly added. Peggy O'Kane, Library Director

### Library Hours: Located at 70 N. Pioneer Street

Mondays 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
 Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
 Wednesdays 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
 Saturdays 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



### April program Schedule:

Every Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Storytime
Every Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Craft and Chat
Every Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Board Games
Every Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Story and Craft Time
Every Saturday	All day	Board Games
2nd Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	Local History
3rd Wednesday	3:30 p.m.	American Sign Language
Last Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Chasing Chapters Book Club

### Lowell Beautification Day — May 4th

Volunteer and help beautify the Lowell parks on Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. We will all meet in front of the library (70 N. Pioneer Street).

Volunteers are needed for weeding, spreading wood chips, and planting flowers and shrubbery. All ages are welcome to volunteer.



# FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

## Celebrating 50 Years of Service to Our Community!

At their annual service awards dinner March 9th, the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District recognized the years of service of some outstanding members of the department. Chief Lon Dragt, pictured at far right, presented awards to the following, pictured from left to right:



- Nate Brown**, Deputy Chief, 30 years
- Chris Zammarelli**, Lieutenant, 10 years
- Lloyd Hall**, Captain, 15 years
- Bill Priser**, Lieutenant, 5 years

A lot has changed over the 50 years that LRFPD has been in existence but one thing that hasn't changed is the level of service this group of highly trained, dedicated group of people provides to the communities of Lowell and Fall Creek. Congratulations, and thank you for 50 years of exceptional service!!

**Form  
OR-LB-NBC**

### Notice of Budget Committee Meeting Oregon Department of Revenue

**A** Use this notice if public comment will be taken at this meeting.

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Lowell RFPD, Lane, State of Oregon, to  
(District name) (County)

discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 20 24 to June 30, 20 25, will be held at 389 N. Pioneer Street  
(Location)

Lowell, Oregon 97452. The meeting will take place on 04/10/2024 at 05:00  a.m.  p.m.  
(Address) (Date)

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 1, 2024 at 389 N Pioneer Street,  
(Date) (Location)

between the hours of 09:00  a.m.  p.m. and 04:00  a.m.  p.m.


**Mark your calendars for the annual Nexus Program's  
 2024 SPRING PLANT SALE  
 Saturday & Sunday, May 11th & 12th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 Lowell High School Greenhouse on Lakeview Avenue**

## Here are some upcoming OSU Extension events that may be of interest to families!



**Oregon State University**  
Extension Service

April Food Hero Cook-Along: Rhubarb Muffins  
April 22, 5:15 pm. Online. Free.

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/events/april-food-hero-cook-along-rhubarb-muffins>

Edible Gardening on a Budget  
May 27, 12 pm. Online. Free.

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/events/edible-gardening-budget-zoom>

**Oregon State University** | Lane County Extension | 541-237-6808

## Regattas in April

The 2024 Covered Bridge Regatta will span two weekends again this year. First up is the Collegiate Regatta on Saturday, April 6th. Then the following weekend will be the Masters and Juniors Regatta on Saturday, April 13th and Sunday morning, April 14th. For more information please go to [oarowing.org](http://oarowing.org).

Also, mark your calendar for the USRowing Northwest Masters Regional Championships coming to Lowell on June 21st through June 23rd!



## Lowell/Fall Alumni Reunion Planned

In conjunction with the Blackberry Jam Festival this year, an All-Class Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at the Lowell Marina Picnic Shelter.

Since there won't be a Hall of Fame Celebration in 2024 (watch for the 2025 event), here's your chance to connect with former students, staff and friends of Lowell High School.

More information will be forthcoming about a potluck but in the meantime, if you'd like to help with the planning or have questions, please contact one of the following:

Charlotte Porter:  
[kerrycharlotte1969@gmail.com](mailto:kerrycharlotte1969@gmail.com)  
or 509-293-0734

Kent Porter: [kandkporter620@gmail.com](mailto:kandkporter620@gmail.com)  
or 458-201-0859

Jerrie Jo Legault: 541-746-3656.



**Spring  
Art &  
Craft  
Sale**

**April 13 and 14**  
**Saturday 9-5**  
**Sunday 10-3**

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Lowell, OR 97452

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On the web: [www.lowell.k12.or.us](http://www.lowell.k12.or.us)

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*The Bridge is a cooperative effort of Lowell School District #71,  
City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: April 2024

- 1—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Umpqua Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Lowell School District Budget Meeting, 4:00 p.m.—Lundy PDC
  - 2—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**  
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
  - 4—Parks Committee, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer Street
  - 5—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. North Douglas/Elkton, 4:30 p.m.  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 6—Collegiate Regatta, Dexter Lake, all day  
Varsity Track @ Small School Invitational in Glide, 11:00 a.m.
  - 7—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street
  - 8—Jr. Varsity Softball @ Colton, 4:30 p.m.
  - 9—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Oakland, 4:30 p.m.  
Blackberry Jam Committee, 6:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer
  - 10—Jr. High Track Meet, location to be determined, 3:45 pm.  
**Lowell Fire District Budget Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m.,  
and Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Main Station**
  - 11—Varsity Track @ Pleasant Hill, 3:30 p.m.
  - 12—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
  - 13-14—Masters/Juniors Regatta, Dexter Lake, all day
  - 16—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**  
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
  - 17—Jr. High Track Meet, location to be determined, 3:45 p.m.  
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Camas Valley, 4:30 p.m.
  - 18—Varsity Track Meet @ Oakland, 4:30 p.m.
  - 19—Varsity Softball @ Yoncalla, 4:30 p.m.  
Varsity Baseball @ Umpqua Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.
  - 20—Varsity Track Meet of Champions, Sweet Home, 11:30 a.m.  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange
  - 22—Jr. Varsity Softball v. Pleasant Hill, 4:30 p.m.  
**School Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., PDC 45 S. Moss Street**
  - 24—Jr. High Track Meet, location to be determined, 3:45 p.m.  
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. North Douglas/Elkton, 4:30 p.m.
  - 26—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Oakland, 4:30 p.m.  
Senior Potluck, Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
  - 27—Varsity Track @ Junction City Invitational, 10:00 a.m.  
Lowell Grange Open House/Luau, 3:00-5:00 pm, 51 E. 2nd St.
  - 29—Varsity Softball v. North Douglas, 4:30 p.m.
- Coming in May:  
1—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.  
4—Parks Beautification Day, 9:00am—Noon