



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## New Editor for The Bridge: David McCallum

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Many of you already know, but for those new to the area, here's a bit of newsletter history. *The Bridge*, formerly known as *The Stentor*, covered primarily school news. Twenty years ago the newsletter was expanded and became a community-wide, collaborative effort of the Lowell School District, City of Lowell, and the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District to provide an effective and inexpensive way to inform citizens about important community and local government activities.

The cost to print and mail the newsletter is shared by the three agencies. Newsletters are mailed to all households in the Lowell (97452) and Fall Creek (97438) zip code areas. Electronic copies are emailed to several agencies, local residents, and others outside the area who want to stay abreast of news in our community.

As noted in the July issue, the search for a new editor was undertaken and we are pleased to announce that David McCallum has stepped up to continue this publication.

David is a graduate of Lowell High School, where he worked on the yearbook committee. At Lane Community College, he was a photographer and designer for The Torch college newspaper before graduating with a degree in Broadcasting there.

Transferring to the University of Oregon, David graduated with a degree in Design before working at UO Libraries for fifteen years as a designer/developer at New Media Center. He's excited to help promote events and gatherings that bring people together, from functional meetings to the fun times that define a community — and we're excited to welcome David to this new role!

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## Register Your Student Now for Next School Year — First Day of School is September 4th!

Student registration is now available online. Go to the District website: [lowell.k12.or.us](http://lowell.k12.or.us) and then to the **Resources** section where you'll find an easy link to Student Enrollment Online.



If you need help with lost login information or have questions, please leave a voicemail at 541-937-2124, option 1.

After you have completed the registration process, your student's school office will be in contact with you if they need additional information. Thank you!

## Sports Registration Open

Registration is open for all middle school and high school sports! Students must complete registration prior to participation using this link: [https://or-lowell.edupoint.com/PXP2\\_Login.aspx](https://or-lowell.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx). Please note, student enrollment registration must be complete for the current school year before you can start the athletic registration process.

## Volleyball Kids Camp!

Come have fun at our high school volleyball team kids camp! This will be a skill specific camp focusing on passing, setting, hitting, and serving. We are committed to improving each player's technique and execution of skills, while cultivating a love for the game. This camp is for kids grades 1st-9th.



Camp is August 13-15 from 4:00pm-5:30pm for kids grades 1st-5th and 5:30pm-7pm for kids grades 6th-9th in the high school gym. The cost is \$30 per child which includes all three days and a t-shirt. This will be paid on the first day of camp (cash or card accepted). Please arrive 30 minutes early to check your child in on the first day of camp.

Please pre-register your child by going to <https://forms.gle/ENMJULCfu3POBGxTA>. Thank you and hope to see you there!

## It's time to register for the 2024-2025 school year!

We invite all Lundy, Mountain View and Bridge Charter families with Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to complete the free, quick, and easy registration process using the QR code to the right. Families who registered last year will need to renew their registration to continue receiving email notifications about teams and events in our area.



## We look forward to accomplishing more together.

With the help of the community and in partnership with the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation and Lowell School District, we achieved big things for our youngest athletes in our first year:

- ◆ Raised over \$1,200 for kids in our community
- ◆ Registered more than 60 LYST families
- ◆ Sponsored athletes in need
- ◆ Filled local teams for all ages in volleyball, basketball, wrestling, baseball, and softball — *and doubled overall participation!*
- ◆ Coordinated practice space in Lowell for all teams
- ◆ Purchased bases for the newly reopened youth baseball/softball field
- ◆ Provided portable field toilets for our youth teams
- ◆ Hosted youth sport nights and camps

In addition to registering, please follow the LYST Collective page on Facebook.



# RED DEVIL REPORT

## Lowell Athletics Update



### JR/SR HIGH ATHLETIC REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is open for all middle school and high school sports and must be complete prior to participation. As always, we have no sports fees, no try-outs, and no cuts. And the registration process is easy:

- 1. Complete your biennial physical exam.**
- 2. Register on ParentVue using the QR code to the right or by going to [https://or-lowell.edupoint.com/PXP2\\_Login.aspx](https://or-lowell.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx).**

Please note, student enrollment registration must be complete for the current school year *before* you can start the athletic registration process. Once your student is registered, click the “online registration” button in the top right corner of your account and select “Athletic Registration”.



- 3. (High school only) Complete a biennial IMPACT concussion baseline test.**

If your student is due for a new baseline, a free test link will be emailed to you after registration.

### JR/SR HIGH FALL SPORTS

#### High School Football

Head Coach: Ray Yarbrough

- First Practice: Monday, Aug 19 at 7:30 a.m.  
Lundy practice field
- Parent Meeting: Tuesday, Aug 20 at 6:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School football field
- Social Media: Lowell Red Devil Football, Lowell, Oregon  
 @lowellreddevilfootball

#### Middle School Football (6th-8th grade)

Head Coach: Pat Todd

- Team Camp: Thurs-Fri, Aug 15-16 at 6:00 p.m.  
Lundy practice field
- First Practice: Tuesday, Sept 3 at 3:30 p.m.  
Lundy practice field
- Parent Meeting: Thurs, Sept 5 at 5:30 p.m.  
Lundy practice field

#### High School Volleyball

Head Coach: Rachel Thurman

- First Practice: Monday, Aug 19 at 5:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School gym
- Social Media: Lowell Red Devil Volleyball  
 @lowell\_volleyball\_

#### Middle School Volleyball (6th-8th grade)

Head Coach: Jessica McCart

- First Practice: Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 3:15 p.m.
- Parent Meeting: Monday, Sept. 9 at 5:00 p.m.  
Lundy Elementary gym

#### Middle/High School Cross Country (5th-12th grade)

Head Coach: Jill Chapman

- First Practice: Monday, Aug 19 at 4:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School track
- Parent Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 4 at 5:30 p.m.  
Lowell High School track
- Social Media: Lowell Cross Country  
 @red\_devil\_cross\_country



### YOUTH SPORT CAMPS

Please support our high school football and volleyball teams as they host youth camps for kids in our community. Online registration is preferred. Links will be available on each team’s social media pages.

#### Football Camp

- Grades: Kindergarten-8th grade
- Dates: Thursday-Friday, August 15-16
- Times: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Location: Lundy practice field
- Cost: \$20, including a t-shirt

#### Volleyball Camp

- Dates: Tuesday-Thursday, August 13-15
- Times: 1st-5th grade—4:00-5:30 p.m.  
6th-9th grade—5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Location: Lowell High School gym
- Cost: \$30, including a t-shirt

## Community Spotlight: Mike Cobiskey's Dedication to Rolling Rock Park

Dear Residents,

I'd like to take a moment to shine a spotlight on one of our community members, Mike Cobiskey. For the past two months, Mike has been hard at work pressure washing the sidewalks in Rolling Rock Park, ensuring they look their best for our annual Blackberry Jam Festival. Now, he's joined by his wife Kayleen and his son-in-law, also named Mike, to repaint the striping on the sidewalks, adding the finishing touches.

Mike's connection to our community runs deep. Born in Eugene, he and Kayleen moved to Lowell in 1986. In 2001, while serving on the City Council, he was instrumental in the creation of Rolling Rock Park. The land was once vacant and plagued with drainage issues, but through Mike's guidance, it was transformed into the beautiful park we enjoy today.

His efforts included coordinating volunteers, managing budgets, and assisting with design concepts. He oversaw the grading and drainage improvements, installation of utilities, and the construction of sidewalks and lighting. The high level of community volunteerism during this project remains one of Mike's proudest accomplishments.

Mike's contributions to our community extend beyond the park. He played a role in getting our food pantry started and has a storied past with the iconic Green Tortoise Company. Mike and Kayleen, along with their five adult children and seven grandchildren, continue to call the Lowell community home.



**Pictured: Community volunteer Mike Cobiskey**

Please join me in thanking Mike for all he has done and continues to do for our community. Rolling Rock Park stands as a testament to what we can achieve when we come together.

## Call for Applications: Vacant City Committee Seats

We are seeking dedicated and community-minded individuals to fill vacancies on our city committees. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in shaping the future of our city.

**Library Committee:** Two vacancies. The Library Committee advises the City Council on library-related matters. The committee consists of five members, with a mix of residents and non-residents. Members serve two-year staggered terms.

**Parks and Recreation Committee:** One vacancy. The Parks and Recreation Committee makes recommendations regarding park and recreation operations, including planning, acquisition, development, and maintenance. The committee includes five members, primarily residents, with one position available for a youth member or non-resident. Members serve two-year staggered terms.

**Budget Committee:** Two vacancies. The Budget Committee serves as a standing advisory body. It includes members of the governing body and an equal number of electors from the city. The committee reviews and approves the annual budget and property tax rates. Members serve three-year staggered terms.

**Application Deadline:** For full consideration, please submit your application by **August 14 at 4:00 PM**.

**How to Apply:** Complete the application online here or pick up a form at City Hall. Link to the application online: <https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/administration/page/volunteer-boards-commission-application>. Submit completed and signed applications in person at City Hall or via email to [jcaudle@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:jcaudle@ci.lowell.or.us).

**Upcoming meetings – Meeting details available here:**  
**<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2024-08>**

August 6—City Council @ 7:00 pm  
August 8 – Parks and Recreation Committee @ 7:00 pm  
August 20 – City Council @ 7:00 pm

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

### **Maggie Osgood Library News**

Summer reading continues through August 31. Drop reading logs at the library anytime in August to pick up your prize package. We have some wonderful items this year thanks to the generosity of local businesses. The fun lasts until August 17 when Dealightful Family Entertainment, the magic, facepainting, ballon, group that we had last year returns. To participate stop by the library to get a reading log and a list of activities. There are crafts and stories every Tuesday and Saturday at 10:30.

We intend to restart our weekly Get out and Get Informed Program in September. This is the series where we invite experts to share their knowledge with us. It ran on Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30. If you have suggestions for topics or have any questions, comments or concerns contact Peggy. [pokane@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:pokane@ci.lowell.or.us) Also look for information on our Oral History Project set to launch this fall.

The Library Committee needs two new members. If you are interested in serving, please apply through the volunteer form on the City of Lowell website. The library could also use more volunteers for our day-to-day operations. The same form also lets you apply to volunteer. <https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/administration/page/volunteer-boards-commission-application>.

#### **Library Hours**

Mondays	Closed
Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Fridays	Closed
Saturdays	10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Sundays	Closed



**The Maggie Osgood Library is co-located with City Hall at 70 N. Pioneer Street in Lowell**

**AUGUST 17 & 18, 2024**  
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**CDBA**  
COLUMBIA DRAG BOAT ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all who helped organize and run this year's event. BBJ committee chair Meesa Anders would especially like to thank Mike Cobiskey for all his hours preparing the park, Lyn Alexander and Jessica McCart for bringing back the Kids' Corner, and the City, School and Fire District staff for all their help!



Horseshoe competition winners!!  
Brad and Bryan



At left, Greased Pole Climb winners Banyon Jalof, 13 & under; and Wyatt Smith, 14 & older.



3 on 3 tournament winners: Cam Parks, Trevin Hoyt & Aaron Jordan.



Below, at the Cornhole Contest: Kris and Darby for the win; second to ACL Pro Justin and Collin.

Below left, fun vendor booth.



Coins in the Hay



Molly Martinka performing on Sunday afternoon.



Class of 2025 Bingo!

# In and Around the Community

**FREE** **LOWELL SUMMER** **AGES 7-12**  
**Recreation & Fitness Program**

**9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**  
 BREAKFAST @ 9:00 AM  
 LUNCH @ 12:00 PM

**SCAN TO REGISTER**

OR VISIT [WWW.LOWELL.K12.OR.US/SUMMER](http://WWW.LOWELL.K12.OR.US/SUMMER)

**JULY 8-12 • SOCCER & NET GAMES**  
**JULY 15-19 • TRACK & FIELD**  
**JULY 22-26 • NATURE HIKING**  
**JULY 29-AUG 2 • DISC GOLF**  
**AUG 5-9 • BASEBALL & FOOTBALL**  
**AUG 12-16 • FISHING & ARCHERY**

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LOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

JULY 8 - AUGUST 16

This summer, Lowell School District is serving free breakfast and lunch to anyone **18 years old or younger**. Summer meal service will operate Monday to Friday, beginning Monday, July 8 and ending Friday, August 16. All meals will be served in the Lundy cafeteria. The Lundy covered courtyard will be designated for dining.

MEAL	BEGINS	ENDS	SITE LOCATION
BREAKFAST	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	LUNDY CAMPUS CAFETERIA & COURTYARD
LUNCH	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	45 S. MOSS ST. LOWELL, OR 97452

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### Ballet Classes at the Grange!

Delight in Dance Company is offering ballet lessons at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street beginning in September. Various levels of classes are held Monday and Wednesday, for ages 4-14.

Placement class for new students will be held on September 4th. Contact Meg Grecian at 458-205-1212 for weekly schedule and more information.



**Oakridge 4-H**

## EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

Join Lane County Extension & 4-H for 3 days of summer fun! Campers will get to explore OSU Extension's 4-H, cooking, gardening, food preservation and forestry programs through hands-on activities. Lunch and snacks will be provided!

**When:** August 20 - 22, from 9 am - 3 pm  
**Where:** Westridge Middle School, 46433 Wesfir Rd., Westfir OR  
**Ages:** Incoming 1st - 6th Graders

**Space is limited! Sign up soon!**

**FREE** Register online by 8/14 at [beav.es/pQa](http://beav.es/pQa)

Need help with registration? Call the Lane County Extension Office at 541-344-5859. You may also contact the Oakridge Satellite Office at [heather.buley@oregonstate.edu](mailto:heather.buley@oregonstate.edu) or 541-237-6886 with questions or to make an appointment to register in person at 48310 E. 1st St. Unit C, Oakridge OR 97463.

OSU Extension Service prohibits discrimination in all its programs, services, activities and materials. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made two weeks prior to event to Heather Buley, 541-237-6886, [heather.buley@oregonstate.edu](mailto:heather.buley@oregonstate.edu)

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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: August 2024

- 2—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 4—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street
  - 6—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**  
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
  - 8—Parks and Recreation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Station
  - 17-18—Columbia Drag Boat Races, Lowell Marina
  - 14—**Lowell Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Main Station**
  - 17—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 20—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**  
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
  - 23—Library Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Library Conference Rm
  - 24—Chili Cook-off, noon—1:30 p.m., Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd St.
  - 26—Lowell School Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., PDC Lundy Elem.
  - 30—Senior Potluck, Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- In September:  
4—First day of school!



### Lowell Grange Chili Cookoff

Help celebrate the 4th Annual Grange Chili Cookoff! Just \$5 will allow you to sample all the chili and cornbread and vote to select the prize winning recipe.

This event will be held at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street, on Saturday, August 24th from noon until we run out of chili. Judging is from noon until 1:30 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the Lowell Grange Building Restoration Fund. See you there!