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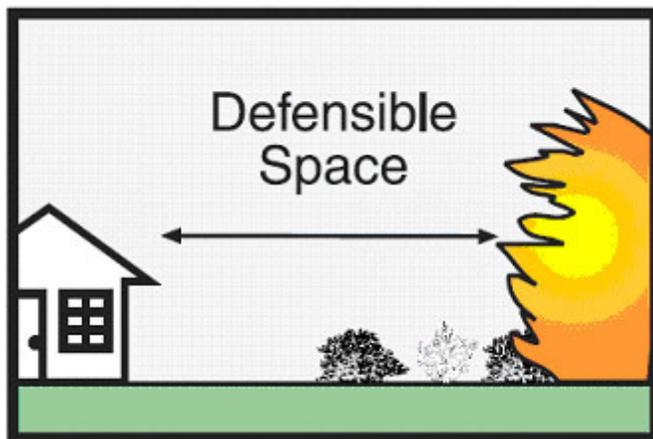
Making community connections

Fire District Reminds Everyone to be “Wildfire Safe”

Yes, Fire Season is once again upon us and the Lowell Fire District would like to remind everyone that there are a number of ways property owners and tenants can reduce the likelihood of wildfires. There are also a number of ways to reduce the chance of your home or out buildings falling victim to a spreading wildfire should one occur.

To help prevent wildfire damage create a “DEFENSIBLE SPACE” around your home by keeping grass and shrubs cut to a height of less than six inches around your structures. Keep grass and shrubs well irrigated and green to make them less susceptible to fire. Keep combustibles away from structures, keep fir needles and branches clear of roofs and gutters. And remember, outdoor burning is prohibited this time of year due to fire danger.

For more information about preventing wildfires and making your structures wildfire safe, visit the district website or go to www.firewise.org. An additional resource is the Oregon Department of Forestry for property owners living in forestlands. Keep your home wildfire safe.



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School supplies lists are on the District’s website and at most retail stores. If you’d like to contribute, drop off your donations to Lundy Elementary at 45 S. Moss Street. Thank you!

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

From Principal Kay Graham:

As you may have noticed, there are many physical changes happening to Lowell Jr./Sr. High School and Lundy Elementary. The District has also hired four new teachers for the 2014-2015 school year. In way of introduction to the community, the new staff was asked to answer some questions about themselves. Following is a summary of their responses.

Katrina Burkhardt: 3rd Grade Teacher

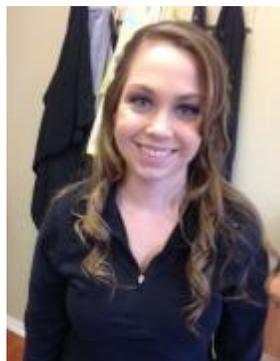
Mrs. Burkhardt was born in Connecticut and lived in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Nebraska, and Germany. She spent most of her time in Nebraska where her extended family currently resides. In 2007 Katrina and her family moved to Oregon where she and her husband and children (and dog and four chickens) enjoy all that the Pacific Northwest has to offer. Katrina has been teaching for just over 10 years and works hard to instill knowledge and skills in her students as well as a passion for life-long learning. The thing that attracted Ms. Burkhardt to teaching at Lundy Elementary was the notion that she would be working in a small-schools community where she could get to know her students and their families better, and make a difference in her students' lives. She has a Kindergarten age son who will be attending Lundy in the fall.



When Ms. Burkhardt is not working, she and her family enjoy reading, cooking, crafts, gardening, going to parks to play, hiking and camping. One interesting fact about Ms. Burkhardt is that she loves to scuba dive!

Alicia Holloway: 4th Grade Teacher

Soon to be Mrs. Osborn (she is getting married in a few days) grew up in Mapleton, Oregon and graduated from Mapleton High School. She has a degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Oregon State University and recently completed her graduate studies at the University of Oregon with a Masters in Curriculum and Teaching. Though she is relatively new to teaching, she has had exceptional student teaching training and has worked in many student programs at Mapleton and Springfield. Alicia was attracted to the Lundy job because having grown up in a



small community, she wanted the opportunity to teach in a small community and attend various sporting and community events. Ms. Holloway is passionate about teaching because she believes excellent teachers impact students' lives in positive ways and wants to help students and families lay a strong foundation for student success.

During Alicia's free time she loves to watch and attend sporting events. She is also a participant in athletics. Another favorite pastime is reading. One thing that people might find surprising and interesting about the "soon-to-be" Mrs. Osborn is that she has a twin sister. Alicia's friends have been known to get very confused when they see her sister and think it is Alicia. When she and her sister were young they tried to prank adults but were not very successful at it...now as adults, they are often mistaken for each other!

Carolyn Cramer: Lowell Jr. /Sr. High English Teacher

Mrs. Cramer (also known as Cari or CJ) is a native Oregonian. She grew up in Bend and graduated from Bend High School. Mrs. Cramer studied at the University of Oregon and most recently completed her Master's degree from Pacific University. She recently finished a teaching year at Willamette high school where she taught Language Arts and Drama. Mrs. Cramer has two children (age 8 and 1) and her husband is a music teacher in the Bethel School District in Eugene.

Mrs. Cramer was attracted to Lowell because her father taught in a small school district and she has always enjoyed the community feel within smaller districts. She is also very excited about the teaching assignment that covers grades seven through twelve. Carolyn believes that the most rewarding aspect of teaching is making connections with students and watching them grow into adults.



In Carolyn's free time, she plays with her children and enjoys camping and hiking with her family. She is very active in the theater and frequently participates in Community Theater. Most recently she was part of the cast of the play *Fiddler on the Roof*. During the summer she plays recreational soccer. One thing you might find surprising about Mrs. Cramer is that she is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts and was part of the choir that recorded the second Girl Scouts' Greatest Hits album!

Taylor Llewellyn: Lowell Jr. /Sr. High Math Teacher

Mr. Llewellyn is also a native Oregonian and grew up in Estacada, Oregon. He graduated from Oregon State University with a B.S. in Mathematics and spent ten years putting his math skills to use in a career as an actuarial analyst and pension administrator in Portland. During that time he got to experience how math is used in the "real world". After ten years in that field Taylor decided he wanted a career in education where he could make a positive impact on students' lives. He went back to school at OSU and earned his Master's in Science and Math Education. He is passionate about his teaching on a daily basis. Taylor's wife is a first grade teacher at Veneta Elementary and they have one daughter.



Taylor was drawn to the Lowell position because he believes the size of the school will allow him to personalize math education and make a significant impact on each student's understanding of mathematics while watching them grow and mature from seventh grade to graduation. There are few positions where this opportunity exists.

During their free time in the summer, the Llewellyns enjoy backpacking, camping and canoeing. In the winter months, Taylor enjoys reading and attending many Beaver basketball games. One thing that people might find surprising about Mr. Llewellyn is that he has run over ten marathons including the Boston and New York City Marathons. While he has taken a few years off from running a marathon, he hopes to get back into marathon running at some point.

Lundy Elementary and Lowell Jr. /Sr. High are certainly fortunate to have such a talented teaching staff. Our new staff members are welcome additions to the Lowell School District!

Upcoming Volleyball/Football Dates

Kids Camp run by the high school volleyball team for grades 3rd-8th, August 11-14. Camp is from 5:30-7:30 each night. Cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. To pre-register and guarantee that your child gets the size t-shirt they want, please call 541—729-3256 or email kristen.prenevost@yahoo.com.

August 27th is the Lowell Volleyball alumni game. Open to any alumni, spouses of alumni or anyone with a connection to the community. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 with a t-shirt. The game starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Lowell high school gym.

Follow the Lowell Red Devil volleyball team on Facebook for season announcements.

Youth football camp will be held August 12-14 from 5-6 pm. Cost is \$10.

High school football camp will be held August 12-14 from 6-8 pm. Cost is \$10.

Registration Dates

Register your student for school on either Tuesday, August 12th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, August 13th from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Registration will be at the high school with the exact location to be determined depending on the construction. Signs will be posted.

Take advantage of our continued progress to upgrade facilities and programs by enrolling your children in the Lowell School District. We are on the *move*...



City Beat

Interim City Administrator: Bill Lee

William (Bill) Lee was appointed to serve as interim city administrator at the July 7th special council meeting. Bill grew up in Cottage Grove then entered the Air Force after high school. After a 21-year career, he retired as a Master Sergeant in Victorville, California. He spent ten years in code enforcement with the city of Victorville, retired again for three years, then worked in code enforcement for Jackson County. His desire to become a city administrator led him to earn a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and he's currently working on his master's degree with the goal of achieving his doctorate. Bill worked in Kake, Alaska as a city administrator then came back to Oregon where he served as interim city administrator in Wheeler. He enjoys studying best practices in small cities and hopes to make whatever improvements he can to make Lowell a model city. A book titled "The Best Concepts and Practices for Managing Small Municipalities" is in the works. He and his wife Linda live in Sutherlin with their dog Bucky. They enjoy singing karaoke separately and together and Bill is a member of Sutherlin's Blackberry festival committee, the Lions Club and the Eagles.



City Council Candidate Filing Deadline

August 26th at 4:30 p.m. has been established as the deadline to file candidacy for Lowell City Council positions for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Candidates may file by petition or by declaration. City Council positions #1 and #4 will be decided at the November 4th election. Candidate packets are available at City Hall for any qualified person considering running for one of these City Council positions. Don't wait for the last minute as the County may not have time to do the verifications of signatures. To be a qualified candidate, a person must be a qualified elector (registered voter) and have resided within the City for the twelve months immediately preceding the election. For more information, please contact Bill Lee, City Elections Officer, at 541-937-2157.

Thanks Frank

The Lowell City Council wishes to acknowledge, and to thank, Frank Knokey for bringing his personal set of "Oil Booms" down to the Sewer Treatment Plant on July 7, 2014, and for personally getting into the muck to deploy them, after an oil leak in the Clarifier Tank threatened to seep into Dexter Lake. His quick thinking and willingness to offer his time and equipment saved us from a possible violation. He also took time to change the City Hall bathroom door handles so they are now handicapped accessible! Way to go Frank!

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 July 1st regular meeting:

- Approved Intergovernmental Agreement for Operational Maintenance (Streets) Service with Lane County.
 - Approved agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Oakridge.
 - Accepted City Administrator's resignation and approved contacting former CA candidate Bill Lee to determine his interest in an interim position.
 - Approved motion to confer with the city attorney to compose CA Hamilton's severance agreement.
- All motions were approved unanimously by: Paulson, Rennert, Burford, Knokey and Reese.

From the July 7th regular meeting:

- Approved a motion to enter into negotiations with Bill Lee for the CA Pro Tem position if he wishes to apply for the position.
 - Approved a motion for the Mayor to execute the contract subject to review by the City Attorney.
 - Approved a motion to direct the Mayor to execute the CH2M Hill contract for one more month.
- All motions were approved unanimously by: Paulson, Rennert, Burford, Knokey and Reese.

From the July 15th regular meeting:

- Approved a motion to authorize the CA to begin work on establishing a long-term contract for Public Works operations.
 - Accepted resignation of the Finance Clerk, Lucie Swarm.
- All motions were approved unanimously by: Paulson, Rennert, Burford, Knokey and Reese.

Annual Code Enforcement Inspection Scheduled

City staff will begin its Annual City-wide code enforcement starting the 1st of September. This inspection will identify properties that do not meet Lowell code regarding nuisances, noxious vegetation, vehicles and any other code violations that is readily apparent. City staff will **not** enter private property and will only be identifying violations that are clearly visible from a public street or alley. Those properties in violation will be sent a letter identifying the violation and be required to correct the violation within 10 days of being notified.

The staff will be inspecting primarily for the following:

- Accumulations of garbage, junk and debris clearly visible from a street or alley.
- Vegetation that needs to be cut back so that it doesn't impact use of sidewalks or streets.
- Tall grass which needs to be cut and weeds which are going to seed.
- Blackberry vines that extend into a public street or across a property line.
- Dismantled vehicles or vehicle parts stored on private property in clear view of the street.
- Unregistered or inoperable vehicles parked within the public right-of-way.

Copies of the ordinances which establish the standards that are expected to be met and identify what constitutes a violation are available at City Hall or on the City's website www.ci.lowell.or.us under the Government Page. Also, if you have any specific questions, please don't hesitate to contact City staff at 541-937-2157.

Blackberry Jam wraps up successful 20th season!



Car Show Grand Champion George Potter of Pleasant Hill with his 1934 Packard Victoria V-12



Parade Grand Marshals Donna & Dennis McCallum enjoyed their ride!



A great time was had by the many visitors and residents attending our 20th annual festival. Pie baking contest winner was Gretchen Hake of Fall Creek (above left); junior pie eating champion was Lucas Stutesman of Springfield (above center); pole climb finalists were all from Lowell including 1st place Chasen Clayton, 2nd place Derek Scharff, and Zack Smith in third. The beautiful Pine Needlers' raffle quilt was won by Jude Hill of Walterville. Fishing Derby winners were Dan McBride for longest fish, Team Butler for Top Boat and Team Hillbilly for Top Shore. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who make this happen and to our sponsors, vendors and visitors for their continued support. Next year's festival is July 24-26!

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Summer Water Safety Reminder

Whether at home or enjoying our local waterways, it is always important to keep safety in mind when in or near water. Drowning can happen at any time of year, but be especially cautious during the summer months when drowning incidents can increase by as much as 89% as compared to the rest of the year.

When the weather turns warm, as it is now, everyone naturally wants to be in or around the water to help stay cool. Hanging out at the pool or the lake on a hot day is a great way to beat the heat. For people between the ages of 5 and 24, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death.

It doesn't have to be that way, though. Most water-related accidents could be avoided by knowing how to stay safe and following a few simple guidelines. Learning how to swim is essential if you plan on being on or near water. Many organizations provide swim instruction to folks of all ages, check to see what classes are available in our area.

Here are some Swim Smart ideas:

- Alcohol and Water DO NOT MIX. Anytime you are on or near the water, stay sober. A leading cause of boating accidents is due to alcohol being on board. And I don't mean just on board the boat. Just like driving a car, drinking alcohol and driving a boat can cause disaster as well as land you in jail.
- "Buddy up!" Always swim with a partner, every time — whether you're swimming in a backyard pool or in a lake. Even experienced swimmers can become tired or get muscle cramps, which might make it difficult to get out of the water. When people swim together, they can help each other or go for help in case of an emergency.
- Get skilled and be prepared. Learning some life-saving skills, such as CPR and rescue techniques, can help you save a life. A number of organizations offer free classes for both beginning and experienced swimmers and boaters.
- Know your limits. Swimming can be a lot of fun but if you're not a good swimmer or you're just learning to swim, don't go in water that's so deep you can't touch the bottom and don't try to keep up with skilled swimmers. That can be hard, especially when your friends are challenging you — but it's a pretty sure bet they'd rather have you safe and alive.
- Swim in safe areas only. It's a good idea to swim only in places that are supervised by a lifeguard. No one can anticipate changing currents, sudden storms, or hidden underwater dangers. In the event that something does go wrong, lifeguards are trained in rescue techniques. Recognize that swimming in an open body of water (like a river, lake, or ocean) is a lot different than swimming in a pool. You need more energy to handle the currents and other changing conditions in the open water.
- Some areas with extremely strong currents are off limits when it comes to swimming. Do your research so you know where not to swim, and pay attention to any warning signs posted in the area.



Contact the district office at 541-937-3393 or check our web site at www.lowellfiredistrict.org for more information on water safety and boater safety.

Thank you Lowell Fire Department!

The Blackberry Jam Festival Committee would like to thank the Lowell Fire Department for their support before and during the Jam. They assisted in many ways: cleaning the sidewalks and covered bridge walkway, directing traffic during the parade, providing a fun activity for children at the festival and collecting money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. We are very lucky to have such great volunteers and staff in the Lowell Fire District — thank you very much!!



On the web:
www.lowellfiredistrict.org

In and Around Our Community

Fall Creek Park Annual Potluck August 23rd

Enjoy good food and fun in the sun with your friends and neighbors. Fall Creek Park Potluck picnic is Saturday, August 23rd from noon until ??

Bring your favorite dish and chair. Raffle will be at 4:00 p.m. If you have anything you would like to donate to the raffle, contact Pam at 541-937-1978, Glenn at 541-937-2536 or Maggie at 541-937-3759. See you there!

To get to Fall Creek Park, go west on Jasper-Lowell Road past Unity Bridge to milepost 7-1/2. If you've never visited the park, this would be a great time to stop by!

Library Volunteers Needed

We have openings for volunteers at the Lowell Library: Mondays 1:00-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Thursdays 1:00-4:30pm. To sign up or receive more information, please call Maggie at 541-937-3749 or stop by the Library at City Hall, 107 East 3rd Street..



Food for Lane County Summer Lunch Program continues through 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.



Grange Events in August

Breakfast on August 3rd
Texas Hold 'em Poker on August 1st and 16th
Bingo! on August 6th and 20th

Your support of these events help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. You may have seen the new roof on the building. This is what your support has allowed to happen. Thank you very much!

Dexter Lake Farmers' Market Continues

The Dexter Lake Farmers' Market continues its weekly offering of 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 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.

Lowell/Fall Creek Annual Reunion

The Lowell/Fall Creek Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 16th. Please contact and invite any former classmates, faculty, staff and parents of students that you know and invite them. Pleasant Hill students that attended Lowell Grade School are also welcome. Attendance in 2013 was approximately 145! The Legaults would like to extend their thanks for the donations in support of the class reunion.

Date/time/place: August 16th, noon until ??, 40203 Little Fall Creek Road, Fall Creek

Parking: Hot rods/classic cars can turn into the gate by the old barn at milepost 2. For general parking, enter at the road before the house driveway and follow signs.

Potluck: Bring a main dish or salad, and one dessert. Please bring your own table service, a chair if possible, and a beverage but please, no alcohol.

For more information call Jerrie Jo or Mike at 541-746-3656.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: August 2014

- 1—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 3—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 5—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 6—Summer Reading Program, 10 am—Noon, Lowell Library
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 7—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 10—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 12—Blackberry Jam Committee — cancelled
- 13—Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
- 16—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Lowell/Fall Creek All-class Reunion, Noon, Legault's
- 17—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 19—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 20—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 22-24—Drag Boat Races, Dexter Lake
- 23—Fall Creek Park Picnic, Noon, Fall Creek Park
- 24—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 25—**School Board meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
- 26—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
- 31—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area

**You're invited to our
Back-to-School Night
and Renovation Celebration!
Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, 5:30 p.m.
Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street
For more info., call 541-937-2124**



**Exceptional people creating
an extraordinary educational
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