



The Bridge

Making community connections

Class of 2015 Graduation

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Graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Lowell High School.

Valedictorian is **Jessica Chittim** (above left), the daughter of Leslie and Brian Chittim of Fall Creek. Jessica will graduate with a 3.71 GPA and is enrolled at Western Oregon University to pursue a degree in Nursing.

Salutatorian is **Hali Asher** (above right), daughter of Melissa and Brad Asher of Lowell. Hali will finish the year with a 3.58 GPA. She will attend Mt. Hood Community College to major in Nursing and will also participate in their track and volleyball programs.

Jessica and Hali have attended Lowell Schools for a long time (Jessica from preschool and Hali since 4th grade). They have appreciated the small school environment that allowed for one-on-one help from teachers and have met life-long friends over the years.

Congratulations to these talented students!

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

Summer Food Programs Begin June 15th

The Lowell School District is excited to announce that we will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program this year, from June 15 to September 4. Instead of serving lunch in the park, as done in years past, lunch will be provided at the Lundy Elementary cafeteria daily from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The District will be serving supper at Lowell High School from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

The District will also be serving lunch daily at Fall Creek Christian Church from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM, and at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Dexter from 1:15 PM to 1:45 PM. Meals will be served at no charge to all children who are 18 years old or younger. If you have any questions about the program, please call 541-937-2105. We look forward to seeing you and wish everyone a wonderful summer!

USDA and Lowell School District are equal opportunity providers and employers.

Lundy Elementary 'American Symbols' Musical a Hit!

With a lot of help from staff, students and parent volunteers, Lundy Elementary presented a well done show to the community May 28th. Great job everyone!



Back drop hand painted by Chantelle Wendt.



History of the Bald Eagle.

Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation Presents Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



What Is It?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60-volume set of books beginning with the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could*. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. Best of all it is a **FREE GIFT!** There is no cost or obligation to your family.

Who Is Eligible?

Children ages one month to five years old that live in the Lowell School District.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Reside in Lowell School District zip codes 97452 or 97438.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent/guardian (form must be approved and on file with Lowell School District)
3. Notify Maggie at 541-937-3759 any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address listed on the official registration form. *If the child's address changes, you must contact the person at the address on this form in order to continue receiving books.*
4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received and entered in the database, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue until your child turns five or moves out of Lowell School District.

**To register your child or to learn more,
please call Maggie at 541-937-3759.**



Varsity Track

Although their turnout was much smaller than the junior high team, the varsity squad finished well by sending four athletes to the state meet on May 21st and 22nd. Grant Chapman competed in the discus, Hali Asher in the 1500, 3000, 100 m hurdles and 300 m hurdles, Sean Castellani in the 3000 and Lily Lane in the pole vault. Other team members included Chris Chapman, Cody Brooks, Devin Maughan, Mahsen Asher, Jay John and Thomas Ward. Head coach Jack Devereaux was assisted by Jill Chapman.

Baseball finished 5th in the league. The boys showed great promise towards the end of the season. Coach Wendt is already excited for next year. The **Softball** team narrowly missed league playoffs. We have some very talented young players and the future is bright. We had a huge turnout for **JH Track**, nearly 30 kids. They did very well at the District meet. The 5th and 6th graders won the league for both boys and girls. Congratulations everyone!

Class of 2015

The graduating class of 2015 includes: Hali Asher, Faith Baimbridge, Jaron Barckley, Keira Beyer, Jason Byrne, Sean Castellani, Grant Chapman, Jessica Chittim, Joshua Connor, Tanner Crawford, Kaysey DeMarce, Sam Harshbarger, Chase Holstad, Luke Kinnamon, Sebastion Miller, Alex Norris and Bailea Trimble.



City Beat

City Administrator Candidates Sought

Candidates interested in applying for the Lowell City Administrator position are requested to send a resume, salary history and references to Mike Kelly by 5:00 p.m. June 15th at consultingkelly@aol.com.

More information is posted on the city's website at www.ci.lowell.or.us.

Summer Reading Program, June 24—July 29

The Lowell Library's Summer Reading Program will be held the last Wednesday of June and every Wednesday in July from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. Interesting programs are scheduled. Come join in the fun!

Parents need to sign up their children ahead of time or on the first day. The Lowell Library is located in City Hall at 107 E. 3rd Street. More info: 541-937-2157



Blackberry Jam is coming soon!

The 21st annual Blackberry Jam will be held July 24, 25 and 26. This year's event marks the return of a 5K run on Sunday and expanded hours for the Radio Controlled Flyers at the marina as well as all the other great events. Booth spaces for vendors are still available and don't forget to purchase your quilt raffle tickets.

While you're doing your spring cleaning at home, if you have new or gently used stuffed animals or toys for the Kidz Korner prize tent, you can drop them off at City Hall or call Joyce at 541-937-5544.

Volunteer opportunities are available during the festival – especially with setup on Friday and takedown on Sunday – and your help is welcome at the Kidz Korner, Car Show, Parade and more. Sign up ahead of time at City Hall or come to our last regular committee meeting on July 14th, 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Fire Station.



Volunteer Park Clean-Up Day June 6th

The Lowell Parks Advisory Committee has scheduled Saturday, June 6th for a Volunteer Park Clean-Up Day. June 13th is scheduled as a 'rain' back-up day. The Committee is asking that Lowell residents join them from 9:00 a.m. until noon to assist with spring clean-up and with minor improvements in our City parks. This is a great way to get involved with your friends and neighbors to improve our parks for the benefit of everyone. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join your neighbors in cleaning up our parks. Following the clean-up, there will be a picnic for all our volunteers held at City Hall.

Annual Code Enforcement Inspection Scheduled

City staff will conduct a City-wide code enforcement inspection during the last week of June. This inspection will identify properties that do not meet Lowell code regarding nuisances, noxious vegetation, vehicles and any other code violation 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.

Dog Licensing in Lowell

In a 5-0 vote on May 19, 2015, the Lowell City Council passed Ordinance 289, Animal Control. Dog licenses will go on sale July 1, 2015. After June 1, the full ordinance will be posted on the City’s website for downloading or the public may request a copy of the ordinance at City Hall, where there will be a small charge. The licensing fee schedule will be as follows:

Dog Fee Schedule			
1 Yr.	2 Yr.	3 Yr.	
\$18	\$30	\$42	Sterilized Dog
\$42	\$66	\$84	Fertile Dog
\$14	\$24	\$34	Sr. Citizen*

*Dog owner must be 65+ yrs. old & dog must be sterilized

Rabies vaccinations must be current and owners must submit proof of vaccinations at the time of issuing a dog license. However, the expiration of the dog license will not extend beyond the expiration of the rabies vaccination. Penalties for not having a current rabies vaccination can range between \$500 and \$1,000, and for no City of Lowell dog license can range between \$50 and \$250.

For residents who have had a dog license issued by Lane County that is still current, City Hall will replace that license with a Lowell dog license at no cost. The replacement license will not expire beyond the expiration of the County license or the rabies vaccination.

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 5th regular meeting:

- Approved a first reading of Ordinance 289—An Ordinance Establishing the Regulation of Animal Control, Establishing a Procedure for Setting Fees, Providing for Remedies, Establishing a Complaints Process, and Changing LCR 5.200 thru 5.208. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson, Rennert; Opposed: none.
- Adopted Ordinance 290—An Ordinance Amending Lowell Revised Code Sections 2.062 Relating to Responsibilities and Supervision of the city Attorney for the City of Lowell, Oregon. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson, Rennert; Opposed: none.
- Approved a motion to engage Mr. Kelly for City Administrator recruitment. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson, Rennert; Opposed: none.
- Approved a motion to make the CA position full-time, 40 hours/week, with salary range \$60,000-\$70,000 with benefits. In support: In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson; Opposed: Rennert.
- Adopted Resolution 621—A Resolution Transferring Funds to transfer resources between funds. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson, Rennert; Opposed: none.

From the May 19th regular meeting:

- Adopted Ordinance 289 (explained above). In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson, Rennert; Opposed: none.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

JUNE 6, 2015 AT 12 NOON

LOWELL CITY HALL

The City of Lowell would like to invite the city’s volunteers to a picnic. We would like to thank you for your dedication of time and service in making Lowell a great place to live.

(Hamburgers/Hot Dogs and Drinks Provided)

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Fire District Provides Water Rescue Training

Members of the Lowell Fire District, Pleasant Hill Fire District and South Lane Fire & Rescue participated in a Water Rescue class this past month. Instructors from the Lowell Fire District provided basic training as well as advanced training in swift water rescue that included moving water hydraulics, self-rescue, and advanced rescue techniques.

Participants learned the dangers and hazards of moving water, the use of rope systems for rescue, boat operations for moving water, and command operations for swift water rescue. The three-day class will be followed by a power boat operators course later this summer with additional advanced training in water rescue. With the expected lower river levels this summer, the likelihood of rafting and boating accidents are sure to increase with submerged objects becoming more hazardous, changing river channels and the possibility of more general river traffic.

The swift water rescue program for the Middle Fork region includes Lowell Fire District, Dexter Fire District, and Pleasant Hill Fire District. Eugene/Springfield Fire Department and the Lane County Sheriff's office provide powerboats for most river operations where powered craft are required. All the agencies involved work together closely to provide this valuable service to one of our greatest recreational areas in Lane County.



Fall Creek Station Update

Progress on the Fall Creek Station has been delayed due to the discovery of some permit issues this last winter and spring. During the permit application process to construct a temporary building to house fire apparatus, it was discovered that the Lane County Building Department had never closed the final placement permit on the home and that permit needed to be closed before issuing the permit for the temporary building.

During the residential final inspection it was also discovered that the construction of the front deck roof and rear deck roof did not meet current code requirements, and that left the district with unplanned improvement costs to be considered. The options included reinforcing the foundation of the structure, rebuild the roof structure itself or remove the roof over the two decks all together.

As the plan for the residential structure is to stay in place for only 5 to 8 years, it was determined that it would be much more cost effective to remove the deck roof in front and rebuild the rear roof, rather than to construct a new foundation for the home as the current foundation was sufficient for the time frame required.

The removal of the deck cover did, however provide an excellent training opportunity for District personnel. (See photo below.) Firefighters practiced vertical ventilation techniques on the structure during the teardown. Vertical ventilation is an important part of fighting a fire, as cutting a large hole in a roof allows hot and lethal gasses to escape in a controlled fashion and helps direct and control flame spread which reduces loss in burning buildings.



As soon as the final inspection is completed, projects for improvements to the station will continue. Funds have been allocated this coming fiscal year for the construction of a permanent engine house and the temporary building previously planned for will be erected at the main station in Lowell to provide needed cover for apparatus currently stored outside.

The District is also actively recruiting resident volunteer members and residents in the Fall Creek area to staff the station for response. With the development of the Fire Science Degree Program at Lane Community College later this winter and the current Paramedic program, the District hopes to attract more student firefighters to help staff the station.

In and Around Our Community

Cheese Fest is Back!

It's back and cheesier than ever! Come experience Jason and the Argonauts filmed in Dynorama. Witness the mightiest band of warriors battle the bronze giant Talos, the hideous harpies, and sinister skeleton warriors. Free for all ages! Food, games and a whole lot of cheese! Meet at the Youth House on Lakeview Street on Thursday, June 11th at 4:30 p.m.

Lowell Food Pantry Thanks You!

A special thanks to the Lowell Post Office for taking the time to pick up all the food for the Postal drive and to all those who made donations. The Lowell Food Pantry collected 170 pounds of food through the drive.

We thank you all so very much for your support and generosity. — Mike Ward & Shawn Brady

Sign Up Now for Community Garage Sale

The Community Garage Sale is Saturday, July 18th at the Lowell High School parking lot. Stall spaces will be lined out and there will be a \$5 fee. If you have so much stuff you want to have your own sale, then a map of Lowell, with your sale site will be passed out at the parking lot. The fee to be listed on the map is \$5. The \$5 fees will go to the sponsoring school organization. Currently stall spaces are estimated to be 15 ft x 15 ft. You must provide your own tables and you can erect your own sun shade.

There are Drag Boat races that weekend, so there will be a lot of visitors in town. We already have several stalls spoken for and a listed home site sale. To reserve a site, call Jerry at 541-937-3121. More details to follow in the July Bridge.

Grange Events in June

Breakfast on June 7th.....Texas Hold 'em Poker on June 5th and 20th.....BINGO! on June 17th

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 opened its seventh season on Sunday, May 31st from noon until 3:00 pm. The market will continue every Sunday until September 27th. There will be live music throughout the summer, beautiful artwork; photography, pottery, knitting, soaps, candles, and fresh produce as well as eggs, honey, cheese, meat and plant starts. Wood-fired baked pizzas and smoothies made from fresh, local and organic ingredients will be offered, including 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. Come on over and join in the fun and help support our local small farmers and artisans. For more information check out DexterLakeFarmersMarket.org or call Pam at 541-937-3007.

Open Burning Ends June 15th

The open burning season will end after June 15. The last open (backyard) burn day will be June 15, provided the season is not shortened due to fire danger. The burning of yard debris, yard clippings and organic material will be prohibited from that date through the high hazard summer months to October.

Recreational or camp fires may be allowed in some regulated and unregulated areas within the Lowell Fire District during the summer months however. The Fire District utilizes the rules established by the Oregon Department of Forestry and listed in Oregon Administrative Rule 629-025-000, to help provide guidance for these fires.

Recreational or camp fires that present a fire danger, may cause the unwanted spread of fire or present a public hazard will be investigated and regulated by the Fire District under the authority of the Oregon Fire Code. Most portions of the Lowell Fire District outside the city limits of Lowell are regulated by the Oregon Department of Forestry with the assistance of the Fire District. If you have any questions about open burning this summer, contact the District Office at 541-937-3393, or the Oregon Department of Forestry, Eastern Lane District at 541-726-3588. We would like everyone to have a safe and enjoyable summer season. **Please play it FIRE SAFE.**

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: June 2015

- 2—Lowell Spring Band Concert, Grades 6-12, 7:00 p.m., HS Gym
Blackberry Jam Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fire Station
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 4—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 5—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 6—Park Clean-up Day, 9:00—Noon
Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, Noon, Lowell City Hall
- 7—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 8—Science Fair, Lundy Elementary Gym, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 9—**City Budget Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 10—LHS Talent Show, 7:00 p.m., HS Drama Room
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
- 11—**Last Day of School!** School restarts on September 8th
Cheese Fest, 4:30 p.m., Youth House on Lakeview Street
- 12—Lowell High School Graduation, 7:00 p.m., HS Gym
- 14—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 p.m., Dexter Rec. Area
- 15—Summer Food Service Program begins, 11:30-1:00, Lundy Elem
- 16—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 17—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 20—Columbia Drag Boat Races, all day, Lowell Marina
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 21—Columbia Drag Boat Races, all day, Lowell Marina
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 22—**School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
- 23—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
- 24—Summer Reading Program, 10:00-11:30 a.m., City Library
- 28—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area

