



The Bridge

Making community connections

Class of 2021 Graduation June 18th

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Valedictorians from front left: Ashley Woodhurst, Katie Chapman, Lucy Plahn; back row left Matthew Peters; Salutatorian in back row right: Audra Chapman.

Graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m. on the football field at Lowell High School. Social distancing protocols for this ceremony will be followed but masks will not be required. Seniors will be allotted a certain number of tickets for friends and family. The ceremony will be live-streamed so that extended family members and friends can watch from the comfort of their own homes. Please see the link on the District website: lowell.k12.or.us to watch the ceremony.

Prior to the ceremony, starting at approximately 6:30 p.m., a parade will wind through the streets of Lowell, basically following a similar route as the Blackberry Jam parade. Residents are asked to support the seniors from their front lawns or various locations along the route where they can respect social distancing.

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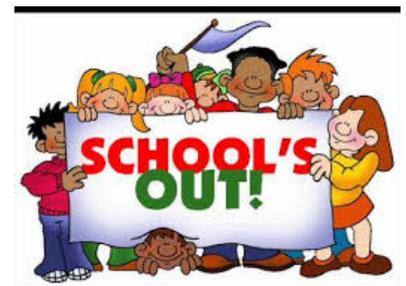
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LOWELL SCHOOLS: We're on the *Move*...

Ashley Woodhurst, daughter of Heather and Pat Woodhurst, earned a 4.0 GPA and will attend Oregon State University to achieve her goal of becoming a Veterinarian. Ashley has attended Lowell School District since kindergarten and has been active in Basketball, 4H, National Honor Society, Band, and Robotics Club.

Katie Chapman, daughter of Jill and Dan Chapman, earned a 4.0 GPA and will be attending Western Oregon University to major in Exercise Science. Her goal is to become a Physical Therapist. Katie attended Mt. View Academy through 8th grade, then finished her secondary education at Lowell High School. She has been active in Cross Country and Track, Basketball, Band, and National Honor Society. Katie will be running Cross Country and Track at WOU.

Lucy Plahn, daughter of Dionne and Jake Plahn, earned a 4.0 GPA and will be attending San Diego State University. Lucy attended Lundy Elementary since kindergarten through 3rd grade, MVA from 4th through 8th, and is graduating from Lowell High School. Her extracurricular activities include Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, ASB, Band and Honor Society.

Matthew Peters, son of Amy and Rich Peters, also earned a 4.0 GPA and will begin his post-graduate education at Lane Community College. His goal is to attend California Institute of the Arts. Matthew's career goal is to become a Storyboard Artist. He has also received his K-12 education in Lowell and was involved with Honor Society and Band.

Audra Chapman, daughter of Jill and Dan Chapman, earned a GPA of 3.93. She will be attending Oregon State University on a Naval ROTC scholarship, majoring in Engineering, with a career goal of becoming a Naval Aviator. She attended MVA and Lowell High School, participating in Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Football, Band, National Honor Society, and was the student publicist for ASB.

Class of 2021 graduating seniors this year are: Fisher Albert, Bernard Anderson, Tyler Astbury, Dillen Biggs, Audra Chapman, Katie Chapman, Kalie Folck, Ellie Forte, Eric Fuller, Tristan Garcin, Gwendolyn Gardner, Cesar Guzman-Fields, Nyah Jalof, Zachary Jenks, Kylee Johnson, Nika Littlebury, Kaelyn Matthews, Paige McDonald, Mahayla McFadden, Alicia Perez, Matthew Peters, Lucy Plahn, Shane Reid, Jeremiah Rodriguez, Angelina Scharff, Kelsie Smith, Nicholas Sotomayor, Timarion Stratis, Nicole Tucker, Haley Vaughn, Kaitlyn Watson, Larry Wells, Carter Wendt, Aidden Williamson, Ashley Woodhurst, and Serena Yarbrough.

Be sure to line the streets on Friday the 18th to congratulate these outstanding graduates, and all the graduating members of the Class of 2021, and wish them a very successful future!

Dear Lowell and Fall Creek Community,

It is almost here, the end of a school year unlike any other. And we can only say one thing: thank you! To each and every community member, student, staff, and family, from the bottom of our hearts, we cannot express the level of appreciation we have for you. Not many communities can say that they conquered this together!

Even more humbling to us, you have trusted us. You have trusted us to continue to educate your children. There were points during this past year when we were making changes and pivoting each and every day of operations. Yet, you trusted that what we were doing was our very best. You gave us your faith that we were doing our best to not only nurture and educate your children but also keep them safe and healthy.

This year has taught us that technology is an amazing tool. We have had distance learning, Zoom meetings, and virtual conferences. However, this year has also taught us that we need each other. We need hugs, contact, proximity from those we love. Thank you for believing in us as we opened our doors and gave our students, and staff the connection they needed.

Moving into the next year, we cannot make guarantees on what it will look like. Will we have masks? Will we be socially distanced? We just don't know. We promise that we will continue to do our best and honor your faith in us. We will do everything in our power to educate your children, keep them safe and healthy. We will care for them and connect with them. And we will be grateful for every day that we are given that opportunity to do that.

Again, thank YOU! Sincerely, Jessica Edgerton, Lundy Elementary Principal

End-of-Year Performances for Lowell Music



As this crazy school year comes to a close, Lowell Music is doing its best to provide opportunities for kids and small rays of sunshine for the community! While no school program faced greater challenges or restrictions during this pandemic, the students have done their very best at learning, growing, and performing great music under difficult circumstances. Normally, this time of year features our Lundy Spring Musical, countless festivals/competitions and out-of-state travel for our high schoolers, and culminating concerts that feature junior high and high school bands and choirs. While some of those routines have proven impossible this year, there are still performances to be enjoyed!

For our 6th-grade Beginning Band and our 7th/8th-grade Intermediate Band, we're happy to announce a public concert at Rolling Rock Park on Thursday, June 10th, at 7:00pm. Thankfully, the outdoor Banner Bank Pavilion is just big enough to hold these groups, who are eager to play for a real audience after a very long hiatus! NOTE: Due to ever-changing guidance from OHA, the following special considerations are in play: 1) the audience for this concert will be limited to family of performers only (RSVP); 2) attendees are asked to bring their own chairs (as we have done for outdoor athletics); 3) masking and distancing guidelines as determined by the Lowell School District and the City of Lowell -- in accordance with OHA guidance for that week -- will be posted and enforced, so please plan ahead for all possible scenarios; and, 4) in case of rain, the show will be rescheduled as a virtual performance in the days that follow!

For our High School Band and Choir -- both of whom are too large to fit on the outdoor stage -- we remain limited to virtual showings to end the year. However, both groups remain strong and have already cobbled together impressive performances for the 2021 OSA Culminating Events (the pandemic version of State Finals). Please see the District website (lowell.k12.or.us) for links to these videos, and more coming soon from the Choir around Graduation time!

Mt. View Academy Graduation Events

Mountain View Academy Charter School will hold Kindergarten and 8th grade graduation ceremonies on Wednesday, June 16th at 1:00 p.m. Graduation will take place in the field behind the modular classrooms. Please park in the gravel area on West Main Street and follow the path onto the field.

Parents and family members are invited to this outdoor event — tickets are not required. To help us celebrate our graduates, we ask that you bring your own chair and sit in family groups.

Bridge Charter Academy Graduation

Bridge Charter Academy Charter School will hold a virtual graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 5th. Twenty-one students from both the Lowell and Bend campuses are graduating this year.

The ceremony will be live streamed on YouTube. Just search for "Bridge Charter Academy" on YouTube.com and join in the celebration!

Senior Decision Day Celebration

On Wed., May 12th, our Seniors shared their post-graduate plans and achievements they have had this year! This graduating class has the highest number of students admitted to two and four-year colleges/universities in the last 14 years, due to all the time, energy and sacrifices that our staff has committed to prepare them for their future and our incredible volunteers as part of the ASPIRE and GEAR UP programs.

Our staff and some community members donated goodies to go into gift bags to give to each Senior to congratulate them on all of their hard work and to use on their future adventures, wherever that might be!



Thank you to Tumas, GEAR UP, Coach Todd, Ms. Cardwell, Jeanie May, Ms. Beckett, Mr. Klatt, Mr. Yakovich and Ms. Day for their donations! Our Seniors are thankful and appreciative!

Lowell Track Athletes Compete at State

Four Lowell athletes competed in the 2A State meet in Union: Audra Chapman, Katie Chapman, Austin Smith and Carter Wendt. Audra achieved a 2nd in the pole vault and 5th in the high jump and Katie placed 4th in the 1500 and 5th in the 3000. They all represented Lowell very well. Congratulations on a great season — we are proud of you!!



City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

Job announcements. The City of Lowell has three job openings. The City will be hiring two part-time, seasonal Grounds Maintenance Laborers. These positions will work approximately 20 hours per week from spring into early fall. The Grounds Maintenance Laborers will be responsible for landscaping and upkeep of City properties.

The City will also be recruiting for a full-time City Clerk position. The current City Clerk will be retiring after 10 years of distinguished service to the City. This is an excellent opportunity for someone with strong organizational and customer service skills who is looking to make a difference in the community.

The full job announcements and instructions on how to apply will be posted on the City's website. You will be able to find the job postings at the following web address on Wednesday, June 26: <https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/jobs>. These positions will remain open until filled.

Movie night at the library. The City is considering holding "Movie Night at the Library" events.

We are reaching out to parents and business owners to determine if there is support for showing movies at the Maggie Osgood Library this summer, as COVID-19 guidelines allow.

If you are interested in being part of planning, organizing, and overseeing a fun event for children, please contact City Hall at (541) 937-2157 or via email at: jcaudle@ci.lowell.or.us.



Planning for holiday decorations. The City is interested in engaging the community in selecting decorations for the holidays, with a focus this year for the winter holiday season. If you're interested in being involved in this project—including sharing ideas, volunteering your time, and making donations to purchase decorations—please contact City Councilor Tim Stratis. You can reach Councilor Stratis at: tstratis@ci.lowell.or.us.

City Council and other committee/commission actions:

At its May 6th special meeting and work session, City Council took the following actions:

- Heard a presentation from Wilson Architecture regarding their proposal for the Maggie Osgood Library renovation project.
- Held a first reading of Ordinance 304, "An ordinance adopting the vacation of a slope easement located on map and tax lot 19-01-14-13-04900 of lot 51 on the second addition to Sunridge subdivision."
- Held a first reading of Ordinance 303, "An ordinance granting Douglas Services, Inc., locally known as Douglas Fast Net (DFET), a non-exclusive franchise for the construction, operations, and maintenance of a fiber optics telecommunications system."
- Approved a quote in the amount of \$5,000 for irrigation installation and repair for Paul Fisher Park.
- At the work session, discussed topics ranging from the library renovation project to improvements at Rolling Rock Park.

At its May 13th meeting the Blackberry Jam Committee decided to hold a quilt show and car event on July 24 and 25.

At its May 18th regular meeting, City Council took the following actions:

- Held a second reading of Ordinance 303, “An ordinance granting Douglas Services, Inc., locally known as Douglas Fast Net (DFN), a non-exclusive franchise for the construction, operations, and maintenance of a fiber optics telecommunications system.”
- Held a second reading of Ordinance 304, “An ordinance adopting the vacation of a slope easement located on map and tax lot 19-01-14-13-04900 of lot 51 on the second addition to Sunridge subdivision.”
- Heard an appeal of Planning Commission approval of Land Use Application #2021-03 and voted to affirm the Planning Commission’s decision.
- Approved an architectural services agreement with Wilson Architecture.
- Declared the church pews at the library as surplus property.
- Approved a quote for stormwater improvements.
- Authorized the City Administrator to prepare for and negotiate the sale of the City’s vacant property located at 8 North Hyland Lane.
- Authorize the City Administrator to hire two part-time, seasonal, and temporary laborers for the Public Works Department.

Monthly Police Log (April 27 to May 20)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
5/5/2021	6:26 PM	VEHICLE STOP	S PIONEER ST
5/5/2021	7:07 PM	VEHICLE STOP	100 N MOSS ST
5/6/2021	6:25 AM	ALARM	S MOSS ST
5/6/2021	4:30 PM	THEFT	S ALDER ST
5/7/2021	11:20 AM	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	N MOSS ST
5/8/2021	8:58 AM	ALARM	S PIONEER ST
5/8/2021	5:07 PM	ILLEGAL BURN	E 1ST ST
5/8/2021	6:15 PM	CHECK WELFARE	N EVERLY ST
5/10/2021	11:16 AM	HARASSMENT	W 2ND ST
5/11/2021	6:28 AM	ALARM	S MOSS ST
5/12/2021	10:14 PM	DISTURBANCE	S ALDER ST
5/13/2021	12:33 PM	TRAFFIC	DEXTER RESERVOIR
5/13/2021	3:52 PM	DISABLED BOAT	DEXTER RESERVOIR
5/16/2021	11:49 AM	ARREST	N CANNON ST
5/17/2021	6:22 AM	ALARM	S MOSS ST
5/18/2021	12:07 AM	ALARM	S PIONEER ST
5/18/2021	2:35 PM	DISPUTE	S PIONEER ST
5/18/2021	10:41 PM	SUSPICIOUS CONDITIONS	W 4TH ST
5/19/2021	4:37 PM	TRAFFIC	S PIONEER ST
5/19/2021	10:55 PM	ALARM	S PIONEER ST

Please report suspicious activity and tips to the Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) by phone at 541-682-4150 or 541-682-4141. For a crime in progress or other emergency always dial 9-1-1.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Burn to Learn Scheduled for June 12th

On Saturday, June 12, 2021 the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District, along with numerous neighboring departments, will be conducting a live fire training burn at 205 Main Street. This location is across from the High School. All state and local guidelines for conducting this training event have been met.

There will be fire equipment in the area during the training period, starting around 6:30 a.m. This equipment will remain in the area through a majority of the day for the training event and then continue to be on the location until the area is deemed safe. Traffic impacts should be kept to a minimum but motorists should be aware and vigilant in passing through the area.

Along with fire department apparatus, there will be smoke in the area. Every effort to minimize smoke will be made. Residents should expect to smell and see smoke in different volumes throughout the day in and around the training location. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact the fire station at 541-937-3393.

We appreciate your understanding as we gain knowledge and continue to improve our skills. Our goal as always is to provide the best possible service to Lowell and our surrounding communities. Thank you again for your understanding!

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Lowell Rural Fire Protection will be held on June 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at 389 N. Pioneer Street, Lowell, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 389 N. Pioneer Street between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or online at lowellfiredistrict.org. This budget is for an annual period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact Lon Dragt	Telephone number 541-937-3393	E-mail dragt2300@gmail.com	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amounts 20____-20____	Adopted Budget This Year: 20_21-20_22	Approved Budget Next Year: 20_21-20_22
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital		200,000	200,000
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges.....		0	0
3. Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations		0	0
4. Revenue from Bonds & Other Debt.....		0	0
5. Interfund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements		0	0
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes.....		19,500	19,500
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received.....		494,052	494,052
8. Total Resources —add lines 1 through 7.....		713,552	713,552
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
9. Personnel Services		346,600	346,600
10. Materials and Services		210,650	210,650
11. Capital Outlay		24,500	24,500
12. Debt Service		65,251	65,251
13. Interfund Transfers.....		25,000	25,000
14. Contingencies.....		41,551	41,551
15. Special Payments.....		0	0
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure		0	0
17. Total Requirements —add lines 9 through 16.....		713,552	713,552
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for Unit or Program		
Name Fire Chief		1	1
FTE			
Name Deputy Chief		1	1
FTE			
Name Lieutenant		2	2
FTE			
Name Admin Assistant		0	0
FTE			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 2.697 Per \$1000)		2.697	2.697
Local Option Levy	0	0	0
Levy for General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
Long Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, but not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds	0	0	
Other Bonds	0	0	
Other Borrowings	481,000	0	
Total			

The Pine Needlers Present: Diamonds in the Rough Quilt Show

The show will be presented on Saturday, July 24th from 10 am until 4 pm, and on Sunday, July 25th from 10 am until 3 pm in the Lundy Elementary School Gymnasium, located at 45 S. Moss Street in Lowell. All current Covid protocols will be observed.

The show is free. Raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets for additional raffle prizes are also available. The quilt winner will be drawn on Sunday and you don't need to be present to win! All monies earned from the raffle prizes go back to the community of Lowell.

If you'd like to enter a quilt in the show, forms are available at Lowell City Hall, from Teri Harter 541-968-9079, and online at bbjamquiltshow.wordpress.com.



Clothing Bank Update

Due to the generosity of our community, the Clothing Bank is stocked to the gills and must take a break from accepting donations for a couple months due to limited space. In the meantime, please stop by the Hake Center at 4 East Lakeview (behind the football field) on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and get free clothing for anyone in need. All sizes are available. Thank you to this amazing community for all your support!

LHS Drama presents a Live Virtual Production...

"The Monologue Show"* A short one-act Comedy by Don Zolidis

It took Mr. Banks' drama class three long months to prepare for their monologue show . . . but barely a minute to throw all their plans out the window. From the couple staging their real-life break-up to the garden-gnome thief confessing his crimes, everything that can go wrong will in this flexible collection of hilarious tall tales.

Three FREE 7PM Shows: Thursday, Friday, Saturday—June 10, 11 and 12th

Now Performing VIRTUALLY via Google Meet—A FREE live streaming link will be posted on the LHS Homepage (lowell.k12.or.us)

*Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com)

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.

Lowell Grange to Begin Fun(draising) Activities Again!

Although it may be some time before our popular monthly breakfasts are able to begin again, the Events Committee has scheduled two fun events coming up.

Grange Open House with FREE Strawberry Dessert Saturday, June 12th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. — 51 East 2nd Street

Come have a great time with the Grange! Even Covid can't keep us down. Come see what you could do as a Grange member and enjoy some strawberries and cake with us. We will showcase our past activities and the activities we'd like to do in the future. Come be social, (safely), with us and enjoy a good dessert. We are also taking donations of Ziploc sandwich bags, empty pill bottles, and eye glasses for various State Grange charity activities.



Chili Cook-off to be held Saturday, July 17th

Get your favorite recipe perfected for entry in the Chili Cook-off July 17th. No entry fee is required but there will be a limited number of entries. Deadline for entry is July 10th. Forms can be obtained at Bridge Town Market or contact Ruth at 541-937-2078 or ruthgeorge513@gmail.com. Watch for more information about tasting the entries in the next issue of this publication.

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: June 2021

- 1—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Monroe, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
JH Wrestling v. Oakridge, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session, 7:00 pm, via Zoom
- 2—JH Boys Basketball v. Cottage Grove, 3:00 p.m.
JH Girls Basketball @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling @ Reedsport, 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission meeting, 7:00 pm, via Zoom
- 3—JV Boys/Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ East Linn, 4:30/6/7:30
JH Wrestling @ Harrisburg, 6:00 p.m.
- 4—JV/Varsity Girls & Boys Basketball @ Oakland, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 7—JH Boys Basketball @ Junction City, 3:00 p.m.
- 8—JV/Varsity Boys Basketball v. Regis, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball @ Regis, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Festival meeting, 6:00 pm, via Zoom
- 9—JH Girls Basketball @ Junction City, 3:00 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling v. North Douglas/Oakridge, 5:00 p.m.
Lowell Fire District Board meeting; 7:00 p.m., Main Station
- 10—JV/Varsity Girls Basketball v. Central Linn, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball @ Central Linn, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
- 11—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Oakridge, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
- 12—Varsity Wrestling @ Harrisburg, 5:00 p.m.
- 15—JV/Varsity Girls Basketball v. Jefferson, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball @ Jefferson, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
- 17—Kindergarten Graduation, 6:00 pm, Lundy covered play area
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball v. Monroe, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls Basketball v. Monroe, 7:30 p.m.
- 18—Lowell High School Graduation, 7:00 p.m., Football field
- 19—JV/Varsity Boys Basketball v. East Linn, 11:30/2:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls Basketball v. East Linn, 1:00 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 26—Green Waste Facility — 10:00 a.m. until noon
- 28—**School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elem.**



Sunday, June 20th