



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## Class of 2022 Graduation June 17th

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This year's valedictorian is **Myia Lindsay**. She has achieved a GPA of 3.95 and plans to further her education at Linn-Benton Community College on her way to Portland Community College to become a Veterinary Technician. **Andrew Bardis** will graduate with a 3.84 GPA and will also attend Linn-Benton Community College for their two-year Diagnostic Imaging program. Fun fact, Myia and Andrew have been close friends since they met six years ago at Outdoor School and will be attending college together. See page 2 for more information about these special graduates.

Graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the new gym at Lowell High School. 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](http://lowell.k12.or.us) to watch the ceremony online.

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

**Myia Lindsay** has enjoyed her senior year at Lowell, particularly the teachers because they are great at getting to know students and giving their support. Myia's love of animals, beginning with caring for her grandmother's alpacas, led her to completing an internship with a veterinary clinic in Eugene, for which she now works. She loves being around all animals, especially her "baby", border collie Hopper.

**Salutatorian Andrew Bardis**, son of Anna and Tim Stratis, has attended Lowell schools since sixth grade. His interest in diagnostic imaging began with his personal experience of breaking bones and being treated by the imaging techs. Andrew has an interest in bones from an anatomy and physiology perspective and feels he will be successful at connecting with people in a caring, truthful way. He describes his experience with his classmates at Lowell like family — when things go well and even when they don't, they go through it together. He enjoyed his football, basketball and track involvement but especially likes to sing with the choir and play electric bass guitar with the band.

**Class of 2022** graduating seniors are: Deacon Anthony Almeida-Savio, Jaden Isaiea Bachman, Andrew Gregory Bardis, Ashlee May Brooks, Shaela Jean Carter, Faith Renee Colbert, Alexis Paige Curry, Ellis Dyma Farrington, Raymond Lawrence Fassbender III, Aaron Thomas Andrew Hadley, Sydney Helen Hilterbrant, Myia Amber Lindsay, Hyrum Joseph Luke, Trenton Josiah Neet, Cody Duane Prom, Lindsey Ann Reiter, Dylan Joshua Simon, Odin Michael Sinnett, Anthony Scott Smith, Austin D. Smith, Samuel Shane Smith, and Priscilla Marie Thurman.

### Parade

Be sure to line the streets on Friday the 17th to congratulate all the graduating members of the Class of 2022, and wish them a very successful future! The parade will be staged at the industrial park at the north end of Moss Street and begin at 6:30 p.m. Vehicles will travel south on Moss Street, turning left (east) on Main Street, ending at the high school parking lot.

### Parking and Gym Seating

Most of the parking spots in the main high school parking lot will be reserved for the graduating seniors' cars as they finish the parade. Also, seating on the floor of the gym will all be reserved. The bleachers will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Hello Lowell Families and Community,

We are in the final days of this school year! Our seniors are preparing for their big graduation day and all the festivities associated with it. **Graduation is June 17** and will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person.

Lundy Elementary is closing the year out with the **ABC's of Fun!** If you don't know what this is, or your student wants to jump in and participate, just reach out to the Lundy Office and they will make sure you get a copy of the daily activities and dress-up day themes. Our staff and students are happy to make these final days of the year fun!

Summer means sun, fun and vacations for our students, while many of our classified staff will be here working hard to get our buildings and classrooms ready for the next year. We appreciate them very much.

Summer break also brings many programs and activities around the district. Lundy Elementary will be hosting the **KITS program** again this year. This program is for incoming Kindergarteners and their parents to help their transition into school. If you know of an incoming Kindergarten family, let them know about this awesome opportunity.

The **Summer Recreation Program** is seeing a few changes this year. It is still in the works but will be coming your way soon! Registration and weekly activity schedules will be published on social media and the website. Keep looking out for that information.

Lowell Jr/Sr High School finds value in the tool of **Summer School** for our students needing the extra support. However, we are in need of teachers available to facilitate this program. We have not given up hope! We will keep you posted with any changes.

**Breakfast and Lunch** will be served this summer from our very own Lundy cafeteria to all children ages 0-18, at no cost to families. Starting Monday, June 20, breakfast will be served from 9-10:30am and lunch will be served from 11:30-1pm every weekday, except for holidays. Times are subject to change.

Enjoy the rest of the school year! We have big things in store for the coming year...stay tuned!

Johnie Matthews, Superintendent of Lowell School District

### Another Successful Spring for LHS Music

After completing a very successful round of state qualifiers in early April, the kids were excited to attend a four-day tour to San Francisco in May. While primarily for competition, the trip also afforded some amazing sightseeing and fun: a day at Alcatraz and Fisherman's Wharf, and another at California's Great America theme park. Not to lose sight, however, the LHS Band played for a 2nd-Place finish in the Music in the Parks competition, while the Choir took 1st Place in division and Best Overall for *all* competitors. In addition, seniors Deacon Savio and Aaron Hadley received individual awards (for all divisions), namely Best Student Accompanist and Best Vocal Soloist!

The LHS Choir also competed at the OSAA State Finals on May 5th, and although they finished off the podium (in a division dominated by private schools), they still ended the year as the highest rated public-school 2A choir in Oregon. The LHS Band also finished with a top-ten rating in state, despite not competing in the Finals, as expected. "I am so proud of these kids and the way they have come alive this spring," says Music Director Paul Burch. "I'm excited to see what the future holds for us!"



Lowell Music was also fortunate to host The Oregon Brass Society for a joint concert on May 24th, and was able to send junior Adriana Granados-Alvarado and senior Andrew Bardis to this year's Music in May Festival, an all-star event hosted annually by Pacific University. Congratulations to all for an amazing and successful year!

### Spring Band & Choir Concert, June 9th

Our final concert of the year will include all Band & Choir students, grades 6-12, on the evening of Thursday, June 9th, at 7:00pm in the LHS Cafetorium (Old Gym). Call time is 6:30pm for all Band students, and 6:45pm for those only in Choir. We look forward to seeing you at the show!



### Softball Wrap-up

This fun-loving group is young but made a lot of progress this season. Team members include junior Esperanza Guzman; sophomores Elizabeth Able, Kenadee Hermansen, Brooke Davis, Amerika Baszler, Annabelle Pickett, and Cassidy Matthews; and, freshmen Gracie Aldinger, Jada Cantrell, Kianha Baszler, and Cheyenne McNamee. The team finished 14-12 overall, which was 6th in the league and 22 out of 52 in the state. All-League Honors for 2nd Team went to Brooke Davis, and Honorable Mentions to Cassidy Matthews, Kenadee Hermansen, Amerika Baszler, Cheyenne McNamee, and Elizabeth Able.

Head coach Mark Gonzalez and assistant coach Angelica Pickett want to give a shout out to all the parents and fans for their support this year. They are looking forward to an even better season next year!

### Another Lowell State Champion — Rowan Files!

Rowan Files ran a personal record time of 23.18 to win the OSAA 2A State 200 meter race and placed 3rd in the 100 meter race. He also competed in the javelin.

Lowell Track had a great time at Hayward Field and can't wait to return next year.

Congratulations Rowan!!



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## City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

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### Maggie Osgood Library News

The City of Lowell has received two major grants to support the reopening of the Maggie Osgood Library.

The State Library of Oregon awarded a \$12,275 grant for computers, digital catalogue, and related equipment for the library. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the State Library of Oregon.

In addition, the Roundhouse Foundation has awarded \$20,000 to support the purchase of books and other materials for adults and children. The Roundhouse Foundation is a private family foundation based in Sisters, Oregon that supports creative solutions to the unique challenges associated with rural culture and the landscapes of the Pacific Northwest.

The City is continuing to pursue other funding opportunities to enhance the library's collection. If you would like to support the new library, you can make your donation at <https://bit.ly/3yQHfXW>. Every little bit helps!

With construction of the new library and city hall now underway, the City anticipates that the new library will open late this fall. This summer, the City plans to hire a part-time library director. The City will also train community members who would like to be involved as volunteers to provide programming and services at the library. If you are interested in serving on the library committee or becoming a volunteer at the library, please contact City Administrator Jeremy Caudle via email at [admin@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:admin@ci.lowell.or.us).

### City Council and Other Committee/Commission Actions:

Actions from the April 19 City Council meeting:

- Approved a loan with Business Oregon to finance the 70 N. Pioneer St. project.
- Approved a contract with Bridgeway Contracting for the 70 N. Pioneer St. project.
- Made appointments to the Code Committee.
- Approved an "additional professional surveying services" agreement.

Actions from the May 4 City Council special meeting and executive session:

- Approved a grant agreement with the State Library.
- Approved an offer for the sale of 8 N. Hyland Lane contingent on a public hearing.

The Budget Committee met on May 4 and approved the \$4.8 million city budget.

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on May 5 to plan a park clean-up day and to finalize details for the "community shade tree program."

The Blackberry Jam Festival Committee met on May 10.

Actions from the May 17 City Council regular meeting:

- Public hearing on the sale of 8 N. Hyland Lane.
- Discussed results from April law enforcement survey.
- Approved a development agreement related to Lake Town Subdivision.
- Approved a quote for shade trees at Paul Fisher Park.
- Approved an agreement for IT services for the 70 N. Pioneer St. project.
- Approved an agreement with Lane County for street striping services.

### Create a living tribute in Lowell with a beautiful tree at Paul Fisher Park

The Parks and Recreation Committee is launching a “Community Shade Tree Program.” Committee Chairman Hall O’Regan envisioned the shade tree program to bring beauty and shade to the youth of Lowell.

We are asking for community donations to buy shade trees to offer a living and lasting memorial to a loved one or a unique and green gift for any reason. We have selected four species of trees that will in time create a lush and beautiful shade-providing memorial or gift. See pictures of the tree selections at right and below. For more information or to donate, please call City Hall at 541-937-2157.



**White Dogwood—*Cornus florida***  
The slowest growing of the selections, but blooms as soon as the first season after planting. 20-25 ft at maturity. Its deeply hued leaves transform to a fierce scarlet hue in the fall for month-to-month visual interest.



**Autumn Blaze Maple –*Acer x freemanii* ‘Jeffersred’**  
Brightly colored and fast growing. 3-5 Ft per year to maturity at 40-50 feet. Reliable red fall color with amazing hues.



**Purple Ash—*Fraxinus americana* ‘Autumn Purple’**  
Vibrant and fast growing, 2-3 ft per year. 50-70 feet at maturity. Holds its fall color longer than most.



**Golden Desert Ash—*Fraxinus excelsior aurea***  
Attractive colorful ornamental for landscape that grows at a medium rate. 1-3 ft per year. 20-30 ft at maturity. A stunning tree with multi-seasonal interest.

### Upcoming meetings - Meeting details are available here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2022-06>

Due to construction at 70 N. Pioneer St., all City Council and committee meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District station, 389 N. Pioneer Street, unless otherwise specified.

- Thursday, June 2—Parks Committee
- Tuesday, June 7 - City Council
- Tuesday, June 14—Blackberry Jam Festival Committee
- Tuesday, June 21 - City Council

# FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Lowell Rural Fire Protection will be held on June 8, 2022 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, 2022 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](http://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 –20 21	Adopted Budget This Year: 20 21 –20 22	Approved Budget Next Year: 20 22 –20 23
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital .....	416,432	312,467	207,051
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges.....	0	0	0
3. Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations .....	0	0	0
4. Revenue from Bonds & Other Debt .....	429,631	0	0
5. Interfund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements .....	25,000	25,000	0
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes.....	24,940	19,900	6,000
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received.....	522,446	494,052	531,000
8. <b>Total Resources</b> – add lines 1 through 7.....	<b>1,418,446</b>	<b>851,419</b>	<b>744,051</b>
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
9. Personnel Services .....	318,190	346,600	337,320
10. Materials and Services .....	199,092	210,650	187,875
11. Capital Outlay .....	14,308	41,500	0
12. Debt Service .....	65,251	65,251	65,252
13. Interfund Transfers.....	25,000	25,000	0
14. Contingencies.....	0	24,551	16,553
15. Special Payments.....	529,631	0	137,051
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure .....	266,977	1,378,670	0
17. <b>Total Requirements</b> – add lines 9 through 16.....	<b>1,418,449</b>	<b>851,419</b>	<b>744,051</b>
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	1
FTE			
Name Deputy Chief	1	1	1
FTE			
Name Lieutenant/Captain	2	2	2
FTE			
<b>Total Requirements</b>			
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>
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 .....	379,967	0	
<b>Total</b> .....			

## In and Around Our Community

### Warren's Walk—June 21st!

*Alzheimer's disease kills more people annually than prostate cancer and breast cancer – combined.* That's a sobering fact, isn't it? The good news is that a reduction in deaths from these two cancers, and many others, have come as a result of research into effective treatments and education of risk factors and prevention strategies.

**Please join us on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> for Warren's Walk — together we'll raise funds to accelerate research and build toward a world without Alzheimer's disease.**



We'll do this in honor of Warren Weathers. Warren's personal motto was "never give up" and he fought the ravages of this disease valiantly. Unfortunately, with no cure, or even effective treatment for this insidious disease, he lost his battle on July 30, 2021. But we can change the outcome for others!! Please join us in raising funds to advance the vital research needed, and have some fun in the process. The "Warren's Walk" team will be participating in several walking activities. Please join us in one or all of them.

At 8:00 a.m. we will begin a walk from Lowell High School (65 S. Pioneer Street, Lowell OR) and hike along Boundary Road to Lookout Point Dam, returning to the high school (3.0 miles). This route provides an incline to get your heart pumping and a beautiful view of the Cascades at the top. During the day we will be stationed at the high school track with snacks and water as participants log laps around the track. Then at 6:00 p.m. we will finish up the day with a walk down Pengra Road to Dexter Dam and back. This is also a 3.0 mile walk but with easy terrain along Dexter Lake.

To join the team or give a donation to the team's efforts, please go to <http://act.alz.org/goto/WarrensWalk>. Thank you very much for your support! For more information, call Maureen at 541-954-5765.

### Grange Open House with FREE Desserts and Ice Cream Saturday, June 4th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. — 51 East 2nd Street

Come have a great time with the Grange! See what the Grange has been up to and enjoy some desserts and ice cream with us. We will showcase our past activities and the activities we'd like to do in the future. Local author Jerry Rust will be reading from his 2012 book, "The Covered Bridge Murders" at 2:00 and the Flagstaff Highlanders will be playing Celtic music throughout the open house. Come visit with friends and enjoy a good dessert.



Then join us for a delicious **Breakfast on Sunday the 5th from 8:00 until 11:00.** See you there!



The 2nd Annual Community Garage Sale will be happening July 29th through 31st (the same weekend as the Blackberry Jam Festival). If you are from the Lowell/Fall Creek area and would like to be included on a map to be advertised via social media, please stop by Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop on Main Street or phone 541-729-4020 with your sale dates, times, and address and we'll add you to the map. Adding your name is free and the maps will be handed out for free as well.

### The Pine Needlers Present: Windows of Hope Quilt Show

The show will be presented on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 4 pm, and on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 3 pm in the Main High School Gymnasium, located at 65 S. Pioneer Street in Lowell. Admission 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 raffles go back into the community of Lowell. For info go to [bbjamquiltshow.wordpress.com](http://bbjamquiltshow.wordpress.com) or call 541-968-9079.

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: June 2022

- 1—RAIN Entrepreneur Meetup, Noon, Stomping Grounds Coffee
  - 2—Lowell Parks Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Hall
  - 3—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 4—Lowell Grange Open House, 1:00-3:00 p.m., 51 E. 2nd Street
  - 5—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 p.m., 51 E. 2nd St.
  - 7—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm, 389 N. Pioneer**  
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
  - 8—**Lowell Fire District Board meeting; 7:00 p.m., Main Station**
  - 9—Spring Band & Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m., LHS Cafetorium
  - 14—Blackberry Jam Committee, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Hall
  - 16—Kindergarten Graduation, 6:00 pm, Lundy covered play area
  - 17—Lowell High School Graduation, 7:00 p.m., HS Gym  
Parade at 6:30 p.m. from N. Moss Street to HS parking lot
  - 18—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 20—Breakfast and Lunch Program begins at Lundy Elementary;  
Breakfast from 9:00-10:30, Lunch from 11:30-1:00 weekdays
  - 21—Warren’s Walk Fundraiser, 8am, Noon, 6pm, Lowell HS  
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  - 24—Senior’s Potluck, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
  - 27—**School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elem.**
- Pilates Classes at Lowell Grange: Call/text Joe 206-920-3256  
Mondays, 8:15—9:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays, 6:30—7:15 a.m.  
Thursdays, 6:30—7:15 a.m.4
- Self-Defense Class: Call/text Charles 541-915-8283  
June 23rd, 6:00 p.m., Lowell Grange



Sunday, June 19th