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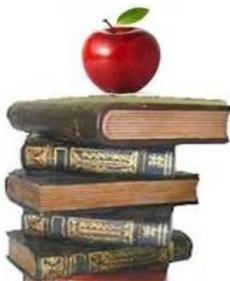
August 2023

The Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation is excited to announce the return of the **Hall of Fame Celebration** on Saturday, October 7th! As you may recall, the 2020 Celebration was cancelled due to the pandemic so we are pleased to be able to pick up where we left off.

Honorees include Lowell graduates and community supporters extraordinaire Donna and Dennis McCallum, All-State Girls Basketball player Stephanie Marlow-Watkins, supported by the 1961 girls team members, and, the late Warren Weathers.

This year's event will focus on the Foundation's mission-based projects such as the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program, Lowell Youth Sport Team Collective (see page 2), Mini-Grants to Teachers, Summer Recreation Program, post-high school program scholarships, and more.

The Foundation is committed to building positive relationships between our District and our community which support the academic, athletic and artistic achievement of the students served by all schools within the Lowell School District. The goals and objectives reflect the belief that the Foundation will provide supplementary support to the programs and services provided to students, teachers and families of the District.



The Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to 65 S. Pioneer Street, Lowell OR 97452. Our tax identification number is 93-1167635. Thank you for your support!

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Dear Lowell/Fall Creek Community,

It is my pleasure to serve as the new superintendent of the Lowell School District. I may know some of you from my time as the principal of Lowell Jr/Sr High School from 2020-22. Although my tenure was short, it provided me with valuable insight into the district. Ultimately, it's what led me to apply for this position — I knew Lowell was a special place.

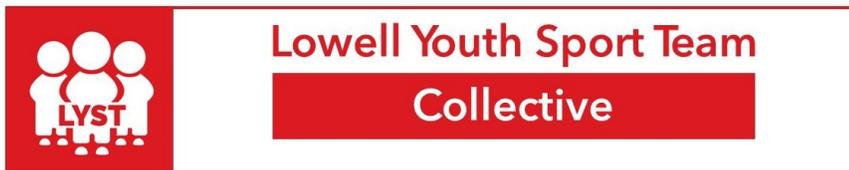


While I may not be new to the district, I am new to the position. There's a lot to learn, but I'm confident in my ability to lead the district to continually grow and improve. I wholeheartedly believe in leading by example and making decisions that are in the best interest of kids. Fortunately, I am surrounded by a great staff who are willing to go the extra mile for their students.

The education of our students is a collaborative effort. Without the support of parents and families, our job becomes very difficult. One area I would like to emphasize this year is improving attendance. Unfortunately, schools nationwide have seen a decrease in attendance over the past few years. When students don't attend school regularly, it makes it difficult to educate them appropriately and put them in the best position to succeed. I ask for your help in making sure your students get to school prepared to learn. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need any support in making this happen.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the school district and community. I look forward to working with students, teachers, support staff, administrators, school board members, and the community to build upon the success of our schools. Sincerely, Scott Yakovich, Superintendent

Introducing the Lowell Youth Sport Team (LYST) Collective



The LYST Collective is newly commissioned under the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation in partnership with the Lowell School District. The Collective strives to connect Lowell kids too young for school-sponsored sports to athletic opportunities and resources locally.

If you have Pre-K through 5th grade athletes in our community or are a supporter looking to get involved, please **add your name to the LYST** at <https://forms.gle/bFG6PxkhFnDWAo799>
Follow us on Facebook at LYST Collective.



** Wednesday, August 9th ** Lowell School Campus

- Bring insurance
- Self-pay, \$25
- Spots limited
- Call ahead for reservation



(541) 782-8304


ATHLETIC REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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

1. Complete your bi-annual physical exam.

To remove barriers, Orchid Health will be performing sport physicals in the Lundy Elementary gym on August 9. Insurance will be accepted or \$25 cash payment. More details will be available soon.

2. Register on ParentVue at https://or-lowell.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx.

Click the “online registration” button in the top right corner of your account and select “2023-2024 Athletic Registration”. Note: Student enrollment registration must be complete for the current school year before you can start the athletic registration process.

3. (High School only) Complete an IMPACT concussion baseline test.

A free test link will be emailed to you after registration. Computers will also be available on August 9 in the Lundy gym to take the test if needed.

FALL SPORTS

High School Football	— <i>Head Coach: Ray Yarbrough</i>
First Practice:	Monday, August 14 at 7:00 a.m. Lowell practice field (behind Lundy)
Parent Meeting:	Wednesday, August 16 at 8:00 p.m. Lowell High School football field
Social Media:	 Lowell Red Devil Football, Lowell, Oregon
High School Volleyball	— <i>Head Coach: Rachel Thurman</i>
Parent Meeting:	Monday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. Lowell High School gym
First Practice:	Monday, August 14 at 8:00 a.m. Lowell High School gym
Social Media:	 Lowell Red Devil Volleyball
Middle/High School Cross Country	— <i>Head Coach: Jill Chapman</i>
First Practice:	Monday, August 14 at 4:00 p.m. Lowell High School track
Parent Meeting	Monday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m. Lowell High School track
Social Media:	 Lowell Cross Country  @red_devil_cross_country

Check out next month’s issue for information about middle school football and volleyball.

Volleyball Kids’ Camp

The Lowell High School Volleyball Team is hosting their annual kids’ camp for all 1st-8th graders.

When: August 8– 10, 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Where: Lowell High School Gym

Cost: \$25

Registration: <https://forms.gle/zyE9q2sfAA888pAk6>

Update on road damage on E. 1st Street. As you know, a water main rupture damaged an approximately 300-foot section of E. 1st Street in November last year. The incident occurred during underground boring work conducted by a contractor with Charter Communications.

Since November, city staff, in collaboration with our legal and engineering consultants, have been diligently working on a plan to rebuild the road and surrounding infrastructure. The city engineer has estimated the cost of repairs to be between \$300,000 and \$500,000. While these costs exceed the available funds in the city budget, we are exploring various options, such as short-term loans, to secure the necessary funds for the road reconstruction.

Upon reviewing the facts surrounding the water main rupture, the city engineer has confirmed that the Public Works Department appropriately marked the underground utilities. In light of this, the city is actively pursuing all available legal avenues to seek redress and recover our repair costs and other damages from the responsible parties involved.

At this moment, we are unable to provide a specific timeframe for the when the road reconstruction will begin. However, we want to assure residents that the Public Works Department is taking measures to minimize the inconvenience. They have applied a "dust glue" product to keep dust levels to a minimum, and graveling of the road will continue to prevent potholes from forming. As this project progresses, we will ensure regular updates to keep you informed. The city appreciates your understanding and patience throughout this process.

Upcoming meetings – Meeting details available here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2023-08>

- August 1 @ 7:00 pm – City Council
- August 3 @ 7:00 pm – Parks Committee
- August 15 @ 7:00 pm – City Council

Meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District station located at 389 N. Pioneer Street

Library Summer Hours:

- Mondays, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**
- Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**
- Wednesdays, 1:00-7:00 p.m.**
- Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

August Programming:

- 1st: Story Time and Craft Activity, 10am
Craft and Chat, 1pm
- 2nd: Finding Your Voice, 2pm
Use Our Words, 6pm
- 5th: 4H STEM Based Crafts & Activities, 9:30am
Finding Your Voice Stories & Crafts, 9:30am
- 8th: Story Time and Craft Activity, 10am
Craft and Chat, 1pm

- 9th: Finding Your Voice, 2pm
Local History, 4pm
- 12th: Finding Your Voice Stories & Crafts, 9:30am
- 15th: Craft and Chat, 1pm
- 16th: An Introduction to ASL, 4pm
- 22nd: Craft and Chat, 1pm
- 23rd: Chasing Chapters Book Club, 6pm
- 29th: Craft and Chat, 1pm





Perennial favorite Dr. Delusions Illusions Magic Show



Molly Martinka was a crowd pleaser



Greased Pole \$50 winners Bryson McCart and Wyatt Smith



Gryff "defends" Officer Garcia-Cash from "bad guy" Officer Hargis during the Springfield Police Officers' K9 demonstrations



Cornhole winners:
1st place Brad Anderson & Bryan Etchison
2nd place Greg Gomez & Kevin VanPelt



Team CAM from Pleasant Hill took 1st Place in the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

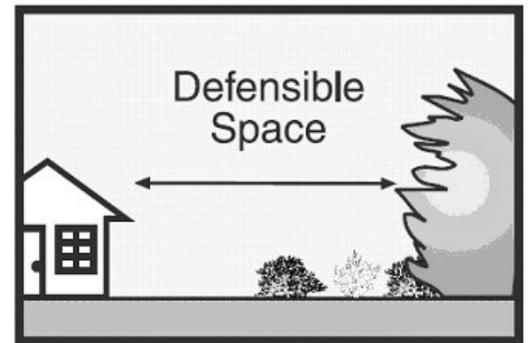
FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Lowell 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 outbuildings falling victim to a spreading wildfire should one occur.

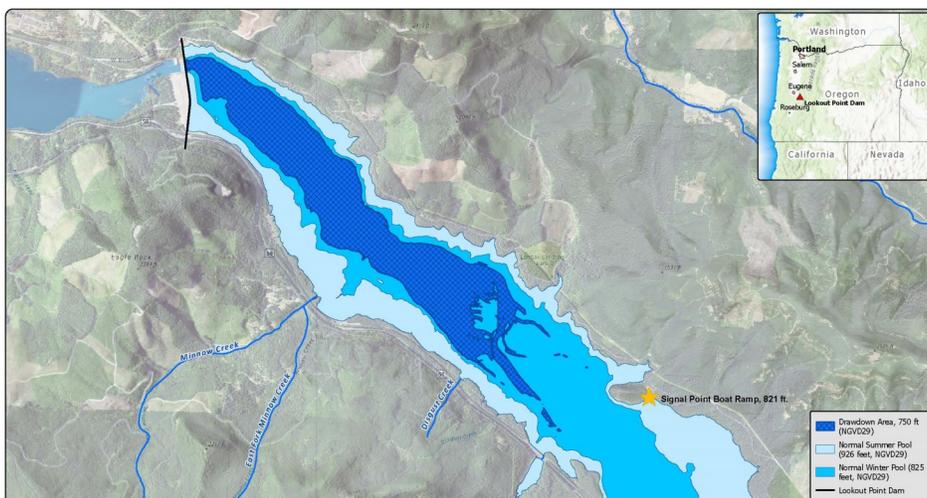
To help prevent wildfire damage, create a “DEFENSIBLE SPACE” around your home by keeping grass and shrubs cut to a height of less than six inches around your structures. Keep grass and shrubs well irrigated and green to make them less susceptible to fire. Keep combustibles away from structures, keep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



A Message from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The Signal Point Boat Ramp will be closed from September 2023 until February 2024, due to a deep drawdown of Lookout Point Reservoir. The boat ramp may close as early as the end of August if the water reaches an elevation of 821 feet above sea level. The reservoir will be gradually drawn down to an elevation of 750 feet above sea level (75 ft below normal winter pool) and held at that elevation from mid-November to mid-December. The reservoir will then be refilled to the normal winter pool elevation (825 feet.)

The goal of the reservoir drawdown is to increase juvenile spring Chinook and winter steelhead survival and passage through the reservoir and past the dam. Both these fish are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The measures being taken to help fish passage are part of an injunction ordered by the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon. For more information please visit <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Releases/Article/3391034/corps-to-begin-deep-drawdowns-at-green-peter-lookout-point/>.”



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Lookout Point Lake
Deep Drawdown to
750 Feet (NGVD29)



In and Around the Community



Let's celebrate the 3rd Annual Grange Chili Cookoff! Just \$5 will allow you to sample all the chili and cornbread and vote to select the prize winning recipe.

This event will be held at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street, on Saturday, August 19th from noon until we run out of chili. All proceeds benefit the Lowell Grange Building Restoration Fund. See you there!

Lowell Community Preschool is Enrolling for the 2023/2024 School Year!

Morning Pre-K Class:

- ◆ Tues, Wed, Thurs from 8am to 11:30am
- ◆ 4 yrs old before Sept. 1; potty trained
- ◆ Tuition is \$250/month, +\$125 fee

Afternoon Preschool Class:

- ◆ Tues and Thurs from 12:30pm to 3pm
- ◆ 3 yrs old before Sept. 1; potty trained
- ◆ Tuition is \$175/month +\$125 fee

For more information or to register your child, visit <https://www.lowell.k12.or.us/preschool> or call Emily at 541-729-7837.



Ballet is Back!

Each Wednesday afternoon, beginning September 13th, Delight in Dance Company will offer ballet lessons at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street.



Cost is still \$10 per class but this year will be open to ages 4 through 12, with the ability levels to be determined based on those enrolled.

Please contact Meg at 458-205-1212 or via email at meggreian@gmail.com for more information.

Breakfast at the Grange: First Sundays

Breakfast at the Grange is served on the first Sunday of each month from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Donations are gratefully accepted. All proceeds go to the Building Restoration Fund used to make building improvements to the Grange Hall.



AUGUST 19 & 20, 2023
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Collections are Underway for Lane County Veterans Stand Down

Local Granges (including the Lowell Grange) are collecting donations of Men's and Women's undergarments (new only) including all weight of socks as well as regular and thermal underwear; outerwear (new or clean and in good condition only please) including all types of shirts, pants, coats and footwear; and also food that is commercially produced, individually packaged, and not past the expiration date. Fleece throws have been especially welcome items.

Donations may be dropped off at the Lowell Grange (51 E. 2nd Street) during our monthly Grange Breakfast, either **August 6th** from 8am to 11am, or, **September 3rd** from 8 am to 11 am. Or contact Ruth George by text or phone at 541-510-5608 or phone Lonna at 541-937-2312. Monetary donations to purchase items on your behalf will also be accepted. Thank you in advance for helping us help our veterans!

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: August 2023

1— **City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview

3—Lowell Parks Committee, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer Street

4—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.

6—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street

9—**Lowell Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Main Station**

15—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview

19—Chili Cookoff, Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street, Noon
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.

19-20—Columbia Drag Boat Races, Lowell Marina/Dexter Lake

22—RAIN Entrepreneur Support, 2:00-3:30, 113 E. Main Street

25—Senior Potluck, Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church

28—Lowell School Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., PDC/Lundy Elem.

National Relaxation Day Tuesday, August 15th



Sometimes, you just have to
stop and smell the roses.