



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## Open House at the Lowell Grange

51 East Second Street

Saturday, May 7th, Noon—3:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun day at the Grange on Saturday, May 7th from noon until 3:00 p.m. Enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and ice cream. The Lowell Grange is located at the corner of 2nd and Moss Streets. All are welcome! Our friendly Grangers will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about the Grange.

This year's open house will feature several activities and presentations including **Cake Walks** throughout the day, **Music** by Danny Ingram and Lou Crist, and Don Bennett will be on hand with the **Traveling Trunk**. Our feature presentation will be from Grange members who will talk about all the improvements that have been accomplished and what future plans include.

Use of the Lowell Grange for community and family activities has continued to increase as members and other volunteers have made many improvements to the building. If you haven't been in the Grange Hall lately, you will be pleasantly surprised to see the progress made. The many monthly fundraising activities have helped make these improvements possible.



Thanks to all of you for your continued support!

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

### Community Members Attend School Open Houses, Learn About Improvements and 10-Year Plan

Lowell School District opted for a “show and tell” approach to describe the results of its 10-year master planning process instead of focusing on the analytical and technical reports associated with the process.

Held in April on one unseasonably warm Tuesday evening and the next rainy Saturday morning, the Open House approach is one that community members appreciated. “We’ll certainly continue to invite residents to gather for discussions like these,” said Superintendent Walt Hanline. The open houses gave us the chance to have meaningful discussions with the community, and allowed those who attended to talk to the architects and hear from the others who have helped to produce the Master Plan that will guide our efforts in the coming decade.”

The Open Houses included a presentation about the planning process and the recommendations that grew from that effort, and a tour of Lundy Elementary and Lowell Junior/Senior High Schools. Participants ducked into the plumbing chase at one school, inspected the deteriorated asbestos tile in another, observed drooping ceiling tiles, and walked through the plan to build a new gym that would free the current, non-regulation compliant gym for use as a multi-use space that would serve as cafeteria, performing arts venue and space for community gatherings.

Discussion also covered timelines and budgets. If the community chooses to proceed with the first \$4 million in work, the district could leverage \$1.1 million in recently awarded, state-provided funds for seismic improvements, and possibly another \$4 million in matching funds from the State – resulting in \$9.1 million in improvements at a cost to local taxpayers of \$4 million. The \$4 million would be issued in bonds, at an annual estimated cost of \$1.14 per \$1,000 assessed value of each home.

The next steps in the process are:

- April 25<sup>th</sup>: The Board unanimously approved the proposed Master Plan.
- June: The school district applies for matching funds.
- July: The district learns about the status of matching funds.
- August: The Board decides whether to seek voter approval to fund the work. This decision depends on the outcome of the matching fund request.

The presentation from the Open House can be downloaded at [www.lowell.k12.or.us](http://www.lowell.k12.or.us) and community input is always welcome. Please direct questions or comments to Assistant Principal Johnie Matthews at [jmatthews@lowell.k12.or.us](mailto:jmatthews@lowell.k12.or.us).

### Lowell Music Shines, Headed to Two State Finals

The Lowell Music program has been enjoying another successful spring. In March, the High School Band competed in two regional festivals, and while the events included many schools of all sizes (1A-6A), twice Lowell earned the highest state-qualifying scores for public schools *for all divisions*. On May 13th, they will compete for a championship at the OSAA Band State Finals at Oregon State University.

Not to be outdone, the Lowell High School Choir has achieved some mighty accomplishments of their own. At the OMEA District 12 Choir festival on April 5th, they once again earned the highest state-qualifying scores for public schools *for all divisions*! This was followed with a solid performance at the Metropolitan Choral Festival at the Hult Center on April 19th. The group will compete at the OSAA Choir State Finals on May 5th at George Fox University.

(Consult [www.OSAA.org](http://www.OSAA.org) for performance schedules.)

On April 28th, the Junior High Band and Choir also gave notable performances at the annual Mountain West Music Festival, where they proved themselves the best group of their kind in our league, too!

Likewise, the budding stars of Lundy Elementary shined brightly in their April 21st production of "We Come from Everywhere," which met with rave reviews from the great crowd in attendance. For our many Lowell musicians and performers of all ages: way to go!



## SPRING SPORTS UNDERWAY!

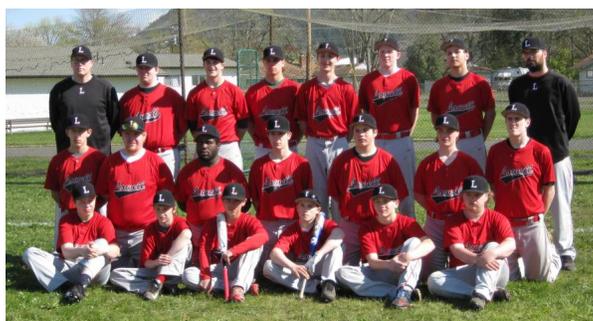
### Girls Varsity Softball

At press time the team is 8-4 going into the last three weeks of league play. This young team includes senior Marisa Owsley; juniors Marisia Ramirez, Eden Smith, Anna Cardwell and Chelsea Byrne; sophomores Lily Lane, Daisy Schnee, Julieann Lay and Abaigael Shields; and, freshmen Ali Zaniroli, Raelynn Trimble, Dayce Riberal, Jenna Martini, Kerra McSpadden, Madison Miller, Anissa Watkins and Kendra Phillips. Head coach Jeff Cardwell is assisted by Jesse Funez, Toni Taylor and Gary Riberal.



### Boys Varsity Baseball

Check out the game schedule on page 8 to come out and root for your Red Devils. Boys baseball team members are: seniors Cam Slaven, Sam Thurman, Lane Gilliland and Mitchell Riberal; juniors Brennen Gillmore (Mohawk), Hayden Trimble, Zach Kintzley, Colton Riggs, Brayden Long and Michael Thornton; sophomores Jordan Winfrey, Dillon Dove and Justin Marsh; and, freshmen Ian Sotomayor, Devin Karbowski, Mason Wendt, Bryce Pickett, Justin Corp and Symon Thurman. Head coach Kody Eidenschink is assisted by Matt Wendt.



### Varsity and Junior High Track

A huge turnout for junior high track should help bolster the varsity track numbers in years to come. Out this year for the varsity team are senior Christopher Chapman; juniors Zach Kintzley and Justyn Barton; sophomores Jackson Christiansen, Thomas Ward, Devin Maughan and Cody Brooks; and, freshmen Kasey Erwin and Anthony Yarbrough. Head coach Jack Devereaux is assisted by Akayla Devereaux.

Junior high track team members include 8th graders Dustin Astbury, Owen Chapman, AJ Devereaux, Andy Kintzley, Brian Lemon and Tay Williamson; 7th graders Tyler Astbury, Audra Chapman, Katie Chapman, James Farrington, Gino Martini, Kelsey Peters, Lucy Plahn, Fisher Schescke, Nicky Sotomayor, Tim Stratis, Carter Wendt, Aidden Williamson and Ashley Woodhurst; 6th graders Andrew Bardis, Ashlee Brooks, Enoch Carroll, Hailey Curry, Ben Hinrichs, Abigail Mikulich, Landon Miles, Deacon Savio, Austin Smith and Priscilla Thurman; 5th graders Kaylee Astbury, Hannah Bakke, Aric Coleman, Bella Gerhke, Esperanza Guzman, Lily Haynes, Aislynn Jenks and Lydia Play; and, 4th graders Damien Davis, Kelly Scharff and Alex Stratis. Head coach Brian Chittim is assisted by Jill Chapman and Jessica and Jon Coleman.



Check the schedule on page 8 for game/meet times, then come out and root for these hard working student athletes!

## FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

### Lowell Fire District Budget Committee Meeting

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District, Budget Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Main Station located at 389 N. Pioneer St., Lowell at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the Budget Message and to receive and review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. The public may make comments on the proposed budget at the meeting.

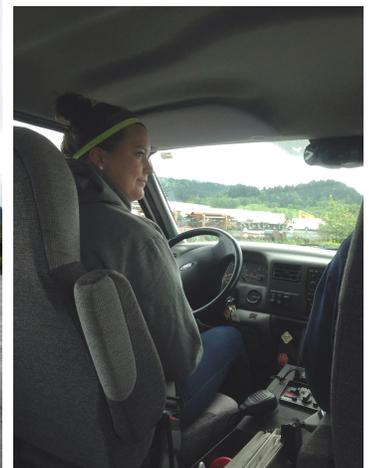
For more information concerning the meeting, contact the district office at 541-937-3393. The regular meeting of the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District will be held following the Budget Committee Meeting.

### Volunteers Receive Skid Training

The State Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), provided advanced driver training in Goshen the weekend of the April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The program was sponsored by DPSST and the Goshen/Pleasant Hill Fire Districts, and provided training in vehicle skid avoidance and proper techniques in safely managing a skid in fire and rescue vehicles should a skid occur.

The program provides classroom as well as real life driving instruction and practice on a closed course. The key to the training is the “skid vehicle” operated by DPSST. The truck can be manipulated to replicate any type of adverse road condition and gives students a chance to see what it’s like to have a truck (fire engine, rescue) skid on a slick surface and how to safely manage a skidding truck.

Oregon is one of just a few states in the nation to offer this type of training for firefighters and emergency responders and eight of our fourteen eligible district volunteers have completed this extremely valuable training.



### Use the “Zone Concept” to Help Protect Your Home From Wildfire

The primary goal for FireWise landscaping is fuel reduction — limiting the amount of flammable vegetation and materials surrounding the home and increasing the moisture content of remaining vegetation. The home itself and everything around it up to 100 – 200 feet is known as the ‘home ignition zone.’ In areas across the country where the risk of wildfire is high, the home ignition zone extends up to 200 feet beyond the actual home structure. Within this 200 foot area, there are three zones:

Zone 1 encircles the structure and all its attachments (wooden decks, fences, and boardwalks) for at least 30 feet on all sides. *Note:* the 30-foot number comes from the very minimum distance, on flat ground, that a wood wall can be separated from the radiant heat of large flames without igniting. In this area:

- Plants should be carefully spaced, low-growing and free of resins, oils and waxes that burn easily.
- Mow the lawn regularly. Prune trees up six to ten feet from the ground.

- Space conifer trees 30 feet between crowns. Trim back trees that overhang the house.
- Create a ‘fire-free’ area within five feet of the home, using non-flammable landscaping materials and/or high-moisture-content annuals and perennials.
- Remove dead vegetation from under decks and within 10 feet of the house.
- Consider fire-resistant material for patio furniture, swing sets, etc.
- Remove firewood stacks and propane tanks; they should not be located in this zone.
- Water plants, trees and mulch regularly.

Zone 2 is 30 to 100 feet from the home, and plants in this zone should be low-growing, well irrigated and less flammable. In this area:

- Leave 30 feet between clusters of two to three trees, or 20 feet between individual trees.
- Encourage a mixture of deciduous and coniferous trees.
- Create ‘fuel breaks’, like driveways, gravel walkways and lawns.
- Prune trees up six to ten feet from the ground.

Zone 3 is 100 to 200 feet from the home and this area should be thinned, although less space is required than in Zone 2. NOTE: Because of other factors such as topography, the recommended distances to mitigate for radiant heat exposure actually extend between 100 to 200 feet from the home – on a site-specific basis. In this area:

- Remove smaller conifers that are growing between taller trees. Remove heavy accumulation of woody debris.
- Reduce the density of tall trees so canopies are not touching.

Download the FireWise Landscaping and Construction Guide which provides a more in-depth look at each zone and the applicable actions steps (within that zone) that homeowners can take to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to their home and property. Go to [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org), or [www.lowellfiredistrict.org](http://www.lowellfiredistrict.org) or stop by the Lowell Fire Station for more information.



**District Receives Bids For Station 2 Construction**

The Fire District is currently receiving bids for the construction of the Engine House for the Fall Creek Station. Bids will be received until 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. It is the intent of the District to award the construction bid at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. A construction calendar will be established following the award. The Engine House is designed as a forty foot by forty foot, two-bay building, able to house two pieces of fire apparatus. The current manufactured home will remain as living quarters for personnel, with its replacement scheduled for 5 to 8 years.

Improvements to the Training Station 3 will also continue. Later this spring reconfiguration of the interior of the container units will begin to include a “live fire” area and construction of several different props simulating structural components of buildings to practice on.

More from the Lowell School District

**Junior High Students of the Month**



Taysian Williamson is the son of Christopher and Deseray Williamson of Lowell. He is very involved in sports, such as Football, Basketball and Track. He is also very involved in our school band, choir and our TAG (talented and gifted) program. Taysian enjoys working hard to keep his grades up. He also enjoys playing with siblings and playing Call of Duty.



Angelina Scharff is the daughter of Jolene and AJ Scharff of Lowell. Angelina is a great student who always works hard and does her best. She has near perfect attendance and she is always willing to go the extra

mile. She is very involved in our middle school Choir, Band and Drama Club. Angelina is also a great volunteer for our after school power hour program where she helps elementary school students improve their skills. Her hobbies are reading, writing, drawing and hanging out with her best friends.

Congratulations Angelina and Taysian on being selected as students of the month for Lowell Junior High!

# City Beat

By City Administrator Jared Cobb

## Stormwater Management

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the land surface. The addition of roads, driveways, parking lots, rooftops and other surfaces that prevent water from soaking into the ground to our landscape greatly increases the runoff volume created during storms.

In Lowell, much of the runoff is eventually collected by the City’s stormwater system. This includes approximately 3.5 miles of stormwater pipe, 32 manholes, 94 catch basins, and one sediment basin. Water enters the system through catch basins, is conveyed through storm pipe, then is discharged at various locations into Dexter Lake.

To help ensure the health and quality of our watershed, remember that any chemicals or other harmful substances applied to the ground may contaminate stormwater and end up in Dexter Lake. Always follow product labels and be mindful of these common contaminants:



- Oil, grease, metals and coolants from vehicles
- Fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals from gardens and homes
- Bacteria from pet wastes and failing septic systems
- Soil from construction sites and other bare ground
- Soaps from car or equipment washing
- Accidental spills and leaky storage containers

The City of Lowell Public Works Department provides routine maintenance of the stormwater system, such as clearing debris from catch basins. Additional work is completed through a contract with Lane County. If you notice any stormwater problems, such as a blocked drainage channel or catch basin, please report them to the Public Works Department at 541-937-2157.

## Water and Sewer Plant Open House

The City of Lowell Public Works Department will be hosting an open house at the water and sewer plants on **Saturday, May 21, from 11:00-2:00**. Residents are invited to attend, learn more about our operations, and take tours of both facilities. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 541-937-2157.

<u>Water Treatment Plant</u>	<u>Sewer Treatment Plant</u>
60 South Parker Street Lowell, OR 97452	240 South Moss Street Lowell, OR 97452

## 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 April 5th regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 643—Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson; Opposed: none; Absent: Harris.
- Resolution 644—Amending the Fiscal Policies and Financial Management Procedures Manual. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson; Opposed: none; Absent: Harris.

### From the April 19th regular meeting:

- Approved giving the City Administrator the authority to approve requests for calculating EDUs for meter sizes greater than 3/4 inch by averaging annual water use. In support: Bennett, Burford, Harris, Osgood, Paulson; Opposed: none.

## Monthly Police Log (March 25 – April 22)

03/27 04:24 p.m. | Suspicious Conditions, 100 Block North Shore  
 03/29 03:21 p.m. | Harassment, 100 Block West Second Street  
 03/31 06:43 p.m. | Assault, North Pioneer Street and East 2nd  
 04/03 03:23 p.m. | Theft, 500 Block Carol Street  
 04/03 05:09 p.m. | Assault, 100 Block South Pioneer  
 04/05 10:35 p.m. | Harassment, 400 Block D Street  
 04/06 08:12 a.m. | Vehicle Stop, 100 Block North Moss Street  
 04/08 06:43 p.m. | Dispute, 100 Block North Cannon Street

04/14 10:15 p.m. | Check Welfare, 200 Block N. Pioneer Street  
 04/14 07:10 p.m. | Traffic Hazard, N. Moss and 6th Streets  
 04/15 07:54 a.m. | Incomplete 911 call, 400 Block North Shore  
 04/15 05:59 p.m. | Violating Stalking Order, 500 Block N. Moss  
 04/18 09:18 p.m. | Criminal Trespass, 100 Block South Moss  
 04/19 12:36 a.m. | Missing Person, 100 Block West 4th  
 04/19 06:42 a.m. | Repossessed Vehicle, 100 Block N. Everly  
 04/21 12:30 a.m. | Suspicious Conditions, 100 Block East Main

## In and Around Our Community

### Discover Your Watershed in May: Fishy Field Day Saturday, May 14th — 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Elijah Bristow State Park

There are 32 species of fish native to the Willamette Basin, but few people can name more than salmon, sturgeon and trout. Coming in May, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist, Brian Bangs, aims to change all that during a field tour and presentation of the lesser-known fish species of the Middle Fork Willamette during our Discover Your Watershed Fishy Field Day, at Elijah Bristow State Park. Brian will highlight fish such as Oregon chub, large-scale suckers, and sculpins in explaining the diversity and ecology of our river's native non-game fish, and walk participants around sloughs and ponds at the park to observe fish. He'll also speak about the ecology of the river system and the history of conservation of the Oregon chub, a minnow that was recently recovered from the federal Endangered Species Act.

Please email [education@mfwwc.org](mailto:education@mfwwc.org) to register.



### Spring Plant Sale and Open House!

The Nexus Program will be holding their annual open house and spring plant sale on Saturday, May 14th from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

They will be selling tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, broccoli, cucumbers, watermelon, pumpkins, winter and summer squash, zucchini as well as herbs. The greenhouse is located adjacent to the high school parking lot. For more information please contact Mark Kintzley at 541-937-2124.



### Grange Events in May

- Breakfast on May 1st
- Open House, May 7th
- Texas Hold 'em Poker on May 6th and 21st
- Bingo! on May 18th

Your support of these events help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. Thank you very much!

### Discover Your Watershed: Tire Mountain Wildflower Tour

Tour will begin at the USFS Middle Fork District Ranger Station on Sunday, May 15th at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to a 5-6 mile hike. There is limited space so please register by emailing your RSVP to [education@mfwwc.org](mailto:education@mfwwc.org).

**Lowell Music Hosts Annual Dinner Concert Fundraiser**

Please join Lowell Music for an evening of fine dining and entertainment on the evening of Sunday, May 22nd. With a new menu (and new approach to staffing), the dinner is sure to satisfy: Choose a combination of Spaghetti Marinara, Pasta Alfredo, and freshly-made meatballs, with delicious salads, breads, refreshments, and desserts to boot. With full table-service and entertainment provided by the High School Band and Choir, the event is the can't-miss evening to circle on your calendar!

Festivities start at 6:00 pm in the LHS Gym. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased from Lowell Music students or from the main office at 541-937-2124. All proceeds will go to support the LHS Band & Choir tour to Seattle and Victoria, B.C. in June.

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: May 2016

- 1—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
  - 2—Awards Assembly at 10:15 a.m., Lundy Gym
  - 3-5—6th Grade Outdoor School in Oakridge
  - 3—Varsity Track @ Marshfield, 4:00 p.m.  
JH Track @ Mapleton, 4:15 p.m.  
Softball/Baseball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.  
**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
  - 4—Lane Blood Mobile, 2:30-5:15 p.m., Lowell High School
  - 5—OSAA Choir State Finals, George Fox University  
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
  - 6—Softball/Baseball @ Oakland, 4:30 p.m.  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 7—JH Track Districts @ McKenzie, 11:00 a.m.  
Varsity Track @ Gilchrist, 11:00 a.m.  
Lowell Grange Open House, Noon—3:00 p.m., 51 E. 2nd Street
  - 9—Site Council Meeting, 3:15 p.m., Lundy PDC
  - 10—Softball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.  
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
  - 11—Softball/Baseball v. North Douglas, 4:30 p.m.  
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
  - 13—OSAA Band State Finals, Oregon State University
  - 14—Nexus Spring Plant Sale, 10am-2pm, Lowell High School  
Varsity Track Districts @ McKenzie, all day  
MFWWC Fishy Field Day, 10am-1pm, Elijah Bristow Park
  - 17—**Fire District Bgt Committee Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Lowell Station**  
**Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station**  
**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
  - 18—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
  - 19—Varsity State Track @ Hayward Field, all day
  - 21—Water & Sewer Plant Open Houses, 11 am—2 pm  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 22—Lowell Music Fundraiser Dinner, 6:00 p.m., LHS Gym
  - 23-26—Scholastic Buy-One Get-One Book Fair, Lundy Elementary
  - 23—**School Board meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
  - 24—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
  - 26—JH Track Meet of Champions @ Corvallis, 10:30 a.m.
  - 30—**Memorial Day—No School, City Hall closed**
- In June:  
16—Last day of school!  
17—Graduation

#### LHS Drama presents...

“The Internet is Distract — OH LOOK A KITTEN!”

A comedic one-act play by Ian McWethy  
With 15 Lowell 6th-12th grade students

Showtime is 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
May 26th, 27th, 28th

Location: LHS new and improved Drama Room Theater

FREE Admission, donations gratefully accepted  
to support the LHS Drama program