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Lowell Honor Society Inducts New Members

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On February 19, Lowell held its annual Honor Society induction ceremony. The ceremony honored current members, Angelee Cobiskey, Stephanie McCoy, and Keara Miller. The new inductees were Lily Bonomo, Katie Chapman, Rebecca Dean, Ashley Jenks, Victoria Lynchard, Matthew Peters, Angelina Scharff, Kaitlyn Watson, Melina Winters, Audra Chapman, Izzac Crowell, Tristan Garcin, Nika Littlebury, Kaelyn Matthews, Lucy Plahn, Haley Vaughn, Carter Wendt, and Ashley Woodhurst.

Getting into the Honor Society is no easy task. Students must have a high GPA, be service oriented, have demonstrated leadership traits, and be of good character. Students apply for membership and the Honor Society adviser must approve the application. The four pillars of Honor Society are Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. At the induction ceremony four students (Melina, Carter, Lucy, and Angelee) spoke about the National Honor Society Pillars. We are very proud of our Honor students and their commitment to excellence.

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

Last Game in Lowell High School Gym

The last Lowell athletic competition held in the "old" high school gym was on February 14, 2020. The gym was packed on this night with cheering and supportive fans. There was a special ceremony honoring the gym which included a wonderful tribute by Timarion Stratis followed by the school fight song and a picture at "center court" of everyone in the audience who had ever participated as an athlete or coach in our "Grand Gym". After the last basketball game, celebration cake was served to the Lowell fans.



Lowell Community Preschool — Now Enrolling for Fall 2020

Classes:	Morning Pre-K	Afternoon Preschool
Days/Hours:	T/W/Th 8:15-11:45am	T/W/Th 12:30-3:15pm
Cost:	\$175.00/month Sept.-June	\$150.00/month Sept.-May
Requirements:	Potty trained + Age 4 by 9/1/20	Potty trained + Age 3 by 9/1/20

Located in Lundy Elementary School, we are the longest running preschool program in the area. We pride ourselves on building personal relationships with our students and families, offering a structured, safe, and fun early learning environment with simple and clear classroom rules. All of this combined allow us to help foster a deep love of learning with our young students and keep families returning year after year!

Schedule a visit to our classroom to meet our amazing teachers or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lowellcommunitypreschool/> to find out why families in Lowell and surrounding areas make Lowell Community Preschool their top pick for their child's first learning experience.

How to enroll: please print the enrollment form on the Lowell School District website at www.lowell.k12.or.us/preschool, fill it out and return it with the enrollment fee of \$75 (same for both classes) to P.O. Box 415 Lowell, OR 97452 or contact Jessica at 541-953-9200 to schedule a visit to the classroom to drop your paperwork and fee off in person. We'd love to meet you!



March Students of the Month



High School Student of the Month is senior **Melina Winters** (at left). Her mom is Kerri Winters. Melina's interests are nursing, the TV show *The Office* and her dog. Her goals are to graduate from OIT and go into nursing. Melina has attended the Lowell School District since she was a kindergartner. She is always helpful and has a smile.

JH Student of the Month is 8th grader **Alex Palencia**. His mom is Lupita. Alex's interests are science and sports. His goal is to try to get all As the rest of the year. Alex has a positive attitude and gets along well with staff and friends.



Congratulations Melina and Alex on being selected Students of the Month!

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

LOWELL RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTERSTATE COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT

Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 279A.220 and District Contracting Rule 137-046-0460, notice is hereby given that the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District intends to enter into a contract with HME Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$529,631 for the purchase of one new HME Fire Truck. The contract is based on the terms of an interstate cooperative procurement administered by NPP.Gov/Sourcewell in accordance with ORS 279A.220. The purpose of this notice is to provide information to the public and invite interested persons an opportunity to submit written comment.

Written comments and protests must be delivered to the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District at the address below no later than 5 p.m. on March 17th, 2020. Written protests received after this deadline will not be considered. Submittals should be addressed to Fire Chief Lon Dragt, at 389 N. Pioneer Street, Lowell, OR 97452, and shall provide a detailed factual and legal basis for the comment/complaint and the relief requested. Protests will be handled pursuant to District Contracting Rule 137-046-0460, 137-046-0470 and ORS 279A.225.

DATED THIS 1st DAY OF March, 2020.

Lowell and Dexter Lake Farmers Market

On Sunday February 16, a Dexter Lake Farmers Market board meeting was held. Some of those present pointed out that the market belongs to Lowell as well as Dexter. Our physical presence has been in Lowell since 2017. And Lowell is located on Dexter Lake. We decided a name change is needed. We will gradually morph the name to reflect both areas, making the change over time. We are in



one 2020 tourist destination publication already as "Dexter Lake Farmers Market" so we cannot make a complete change. Our process will move to a more inclusive name, perhaps Lowell/Dexter Lake Farmers Market.

Our general meeting with election of board members will be Sunday March 15 from 2-4 PM at the Lowell Fire Hall. All are welcome. Our next board meeting will be held Sunday March 22 from 12:30-2:30, also at the Fire Hall.

We have a six-member board. Gilbert Monroe and Marion Mclean are finishing two-year terms and are up for re-election. The board nominated both Marion, Gilbert and Jef Jalof as board members for the two board positions available, each for two years. At the next meeting, any voting member can nominate themselves or any other member for the board. 2019 voting members are eligible to vote at this meeting.

Members may attend board meetings with the consideration that the board is charged with the ongoing function of the market. The priority of the board meeting is to plan for and conduct business. We also want to hear from you, and will always make time for discussion. We welcome community members' input at all meetings.

We are starting our 2020 membership and fund drive. Please buy your membership and provide support; encourage your family and friends to join. The money goes for 2020 market season start-up and ongoing expenses.

Membership is \$15 or as much as you wish to give, for one year. The largest membership fee we have received was \$100; thank you very much! Membership gives you the right to set up a booth at the market on any regularly scheduled day. There are other rights and privileges which have varied from year to year. If you buy your membership and set up regularly, or volunteer monthly during market season, you are a voting member. 2020 membership cards will be available at the March 15 meeting. Come sign up.

A consignment booth will be at the market this year. One of our priority goals is to promote local food resilience. If you grow a bumper crop of peas, consider consigning with Lowell/Dexter Lake Farmers Market. We will open on Sunday May 17, and will run through Sept. 20 from noon to 4 on Sundays. If you are bringing things to consign, please come between 10:30 and 11:30. For questions or concerns please call 541-937-3034, or e-mail toepkmclean@gmail.com.

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Public Hearing March 17

A public hearing will be held at the Maggie Osgood Library on March 17 at 7 p.m. to discuss improvements to Lakeview Avenue from Moss Street to Pioneer Street. The City has received grant funds to renovate the street and make safety improvements. Currently, the street does not meet minimum width standards for a two-way street. The City Council would like to hear from stakeholders regarding their preference for either a one-way street (in the direction of Pioneer Street) or widening the street.

Outdoor Burning Season Opens March 1

The outdoor burning season opened in the City of Lowell on March 1 and runs through May 31. City regulations for burning are provided below. All outdoor burning is also subject to the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) and residents should check their advisory hotline at 541-726-3976 or www.lrapa.org prior to burning.

Prohibited:

- The burning of any refuse, garbage, or other waste products
- The burning of any construction or demolition waste
- Field, ditch or weed burning
- Commercial or industrial burning as defined by LRAPA
- The burning of wet woody yard trimmings, leaves, and grass clippings

Allowable:

- Fires initiated for firefighting training purposes
- Recreational fires used for cooking with fire in a fireplace, barbecue set; or an outdoor fireplace, fire ring, or pit fueled with cut and split firewood
- Bonfires or religious ceremonial fires as approved in writing by LRAPA and the LRFPD
- The burning of clean woody yard trimmings on LRAPA approved burn days in October, March, April and May



Whenever possible, choose other ways to dispose of yard debris. Chipping, composting and hauling are healthy alternatives. The City of Lowell maintains a green waste drop-off site at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 240 South Moss Street. The facility is open the last Saturday of every month from 10:00-12:00. Residents may drop off acceptable materials at no charge. Proof of residency is required, and may be confirmed with a recent water, electric, cable or telephone utility bill.

Board and Committee Vacancies

The City is accepting applications for the Budget Committee, Planning Commission, Library Committee, Blackberry Jam Festival Committee, and the Economic Development Committee. All interested residents and non-residents (as applicable) are encouraged to apply. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at www.ci.lowell.or.us. *Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.*

Sealed Bid Auction

The City of Lowell will be holding a sealed bid auction of a surplus vehicle. Bids must be submitted on the City of Lowell Bid Form in a sealed envelope marked "SEALED BID" and received at the City of Lowell, 107 East Third Street, P.O. Box 490, Lowell, Oregon 97452 by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020 by noon. No late bids will be accepted. Winning bid announcement will take place at 3:00 p.m. on the same day. All items must be paid for in-full and removed within five (5) working days.

The surplus vehicle can be viewed by calling City Hall at 541-937-2157. The vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder on an “as is-where is” basis. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids if determined to be in the best interest of the City. Exact cash or cashier’s check only will be accepted.

The item for sale is a 2001 Ford F-150. Bid forms, additional information and pictures are available on the City website at www.ci.lowell.or.us.

Lowell City Council Actions

This report of actions by the City Council is provided to inform citizens of recent decisions made by the council.

At the February 4th special meeting, the following actions were taken:

- Approved Ordinance 300—Parks and Recreation Master Plan—2nd reading and adoption
 - Reviewed and accepted the FY 2019 Financial Audit
 - Approved a motion to sell the 2001 Ford-150 truck through a closed bid process
 - Authorized the City Administrator to apply to USDA Rural Development for funding to replace a water line on Main Street from Pioneer Street to Moss Street, water and sewer lines on Lakeview Avenue from Pioneer Street to Moss Street, and citywide water meter replacement for an approximate cost of \$460,000.
 - Approved the 2020 City Administrator Contract
 - Approved a first reading of Ordinance 301—BBJ Festival Committee Membership Requirements
- All actions were approved 4-0 with Angelini absent.
- Appointed Robert Prehm to position 5 of the Library Committee
- Approved 5-0.

At the February 4th work session, the following topics were discussed:

- Financial reports; Douglas Fast Net Franchise Agreement; and, Maggie Osgood Library Campaign.

At the February 18 regular meeting, the following actions were taken:

- Approved Ordinance 301—BBJ Festival Committee Membership Requirements
- Awarded Informal Solicitation 2020-01 to C&D Land and Tree LLC for FEMA Railroad Corridor Trail Cleanup.

Both actions were approved 5-0.

Monthly Police Log (January 28 – February 25)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
01/30/20	1:05 AM	Suspicious Vehicle	100 Block East Third Street
01/30/20	8:40 PM	Criminal Trespass	600 Block North Moss Street
02/01/20	1:37 PM	Violation of Restraining Order	600 Block North Moss Street
02/02/20	6:35 PM	Reckless Driving	Marina Vista Drive and North Shore Drive
02/06/20	3:14 PM	Dispute	400 Block North Hyland Lane
02/06/20	4:40 PM	Unattended Children	400 Block North Shore Drive
02/07/20	8:34 PM	Assist Public	100 Block North Everly Street
02/09/20	4:56 PM	Civil Service	100 Block West Second Street
02/09/20	6:26 PM	Follow-Up	100 Block North Moss Street
02/11/20	6:38 PM	Violation of Restraining Order	600 Block North Moss Street
02/13/20	1:43 PM	Civil Service	600 Block North Moss Street
02/20/20	3:34 PM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block East North Shore Drive

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.

In and Around Our Community

Introduction to Yoga Series beginning in March!

Beginning March 3rd, join Jessi Osborn Tuesdays evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street in Lowell. This four-class series is intended to give you a proper foundation to begin your journey into a regular yoga practice (and prepare you for future yoga series). We will break down the proper alignment of the basic yoga postures, tune into the breath, and build awareness and connection to your body. These classes will be slow and methodical, with articulate instruction and hands on adjustment to set you up for safe yoga practice.



Jessi is a resident of Lowell and is a 200hr RYT as well as a Life Coach and Massage Therapist. She designs classes with the interconnectedness of mind and body for a deep practice both on and off the mat. Her teaching style is intended to leave you feeling centered and connected to your body, clear and calm your mind, and offer relief from stress and body pain.

The full series can be paid up front for \$50, or the drop-in rate is \$15/class.

Please bring your own yoga mat. There are a few additional props recommended to make postures more accessible and alleviate unnecessary struggle: two 4" yoga blocks, a blanket or big beach towel, yoga strap.

Wear clothes you can move easily in that will not be distracting to you in any way. Basic physical requirements: ability to get down on the floor (doesn't have to be gracefully); ability to stand on your own feet; open mind; a willingness to navigate yourself with patience and curiosity.

For more information, please contact Jessi at 760-547-6674.

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HUD/Lane County Gross Annual Income Limits as of June 28, 2019

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Income	\$36,350	\$41,550	\$46,750	\$51,900	\$56,100	\$60,250	\$64,440	\$68,550

In and Around Our Community

Covered Bridge Regatta Coming in April

The Oregon Association of Rowers (OAR) is a non-profit Masters rowing club serving the Eugene/Springfield area in the Willamette Valley since 1990. Their mission is to advance the sport of rowing for competition, fitness and recreation and they are located on Dexter Lake in Lowell State Park.

Every year in April, OAR hosts the Covered Bridge Regatta. UO Crew and the South Eugene Rowing Club (juniors) are co-hosts. This regatta offers 2K races for Collegiate and Junior rowers and 1K races for Masters. This year, the Covered Bridge Regatta for collegiate rowing will be April 11th and for juniors and Masters on Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19. Check out the OAR website for updated information (oarowers.wordpress.com).

A special note to boaters, Dexter Reservoir, from the Covered Bridge to the west shore will be a SLOW-NO-WAKE during the regattas.



Lowell Community Theater Needs Your Help

After a five-year tradition of popular and entertaining dinner theater productions at the Grange, we need new volunteers to step up and help create more theater and community with us! We need actors, costumers, builders, musicians, cooks, servers, publicists, and those who just want to help bring more arts to our Lowell community.

We had a productive first informational meeting and will have another on **Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m.** at the Lowell Grange. We also welcome our neighbors in Fall Creek, Dexter and beyond, to join us. Spread the word. Help keep the Lowell Grange's theater tradition alive!

At the meeting you'll hear more about our vision and have an opportunity to fill out an interest form. If you can't make the meeting, feel free to contact Lonna Bennett at 541-937-2312 to express your interest and acquire a form.



LOWELL GRANGE CHILI COOKOFF Saturday, March 21st



Contestants to set up by noon. Judging from Noon to 1:00; food available Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Let's celebrate with a chili and cornbread cook off!
FAVORITE RECIPE WINS A PRIZE!

There is no entry fee! For just \$5 our guests can try all the great chili entries, eat cornbread, and vote on who is the best! Or for just \$3, eat chili and cornbread!

Entry deadline is March 15th. Entries are limited to the first ten registrations.
Entry forms may be picked up at Bridge Town Market or City Hall.

For more information, email Ruth at RGeorge927@aol.com or phone 541-510-5607.
Thank you and we hope to see you there!

Spring Bingo Night

Mountain View Academy invites you to our Spring Bingo Night and Silent Auction on March 12th from 6-8 p.m. at the Laurelwood Academy Barn! Come out and enjoy a \$5 pizza dinner, with the option to purchase dessert for \$1 — while supplies last. There will be lots of silent auction items to bid on and bingo cards are \$.50 each or 25 for \$10. We have TONS of exciting prizes, for both adults and children. This is a fun, family-centered event that benefits the students heading to Washington D.C. in 2021!



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*The Bridge is a cooperative effort of Lowell School District #71,
City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: March 2020

- 1—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Outdoor Burning Season Opens
- 2—Read Across American — Lundy Elementary — All day
Library Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Osgood Library
- 3—Yoga at the Grange, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 51 E. 2nd Street, Lowell
**City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m.,
Maggie Osgood Library, 70 N. Pioneer Street**
- 6—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 7—Cans/Bottle Drive, 10am until noon, HS staff parking lot
- 9—**School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.**
- 10—Yoga at the Grange, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 51 E. 2nd Street, Lowell
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Osgood Library
- 11—Half-day Curriculum Day, Students released at noon
- 12—MVA Bingo Night, 6-8 p.m., Laurelwood Academy Barn
6th Grade Wax Museum, Lundy Elementary, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 15—Farmers' Market General Meeting, 2-4 p.m., Lowell Fire Hall
- 16—Boys Baseball @ Harrisburg, 4:30 p.m.
- 17—Girls Softball @ Regis, 4:00 p.m.
Yoga at the Grange, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 51 E. 2nd Street, Lowell
**City Council Meeting/Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m.,
Maggie Osgood Library, 70 N. Pioneer Street**
- 18—Varsity Track & Field @ Pleasant Hill, 3:00 p.m.
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
Planning Commission Mtg: 7:00 p.m., Maggie Osgood Library
- 19—Girls Softball/Boys Baseball v. Waldport, 4:00 p.m.
Community Theater Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
- 21—Chili Cookoff, Noon-2:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 22—Farmers' Market Board Meeting, 12:30-2:30, Lowell Fire Hall

Spring Break — March 23-27

- 24—Yoga at the Grange, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 51 E. 2nd Street, Lowell
- 27—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 28—Green Waste Facility Open 10 am—Noon, 240 S. Moss Street
- 31—Boys Baseball @ Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.

In April:

- 3—Boys Baseball v. Central Linn, 2:00 & 4:30 p.m.
- 6—Girls Softball @ Reedsport, 4:30 p.m.
Boys Baseball @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.



**March 8th
Daylight Savings
Time**

**Move your clocks
forward one hour**