



# **Blackberry Jam Festival**

\* Music \* Food \* Fun \* July 28, 29, 30

The **23rd Annual Blackberry Jam** kicks off on Friday, July 28th, 5:00 p.m. at Rolling Rock Park in downtown Lowell. This year's festival includes a fantastic line-up of performing artists, our ever popular returning events, plus lots of delicious food and unique crafts for sale. As always, **admission is free!** 

On Friday night come check out the vendors beginning at 5:00 p.m. then grab a plate of delicious food to sit down and enjoy the music of **Howlin Dogma** at 6:00 p.m. and **Mixt Nuts** at 8:30 p.m. The kids will enjoy the Coins in the Hay and Greased Pole Climb all three days.

The **Fishing Derby** begins at daylight on Saturday (and Sunday) and at 8:00 a.m. the **Creswell RC Flyers** will hold a radio controlled aviation float-fly at the Lowell Marina until 3:00 p.m. The Pine Needlers quilt group will host the **Quilt Show** at the Lowell Grange and the **9th Annual Car Jam**, a classic car show with participants from around the state, will be staged at the high school football field. Saturday also features the popular and eclectic **Parade** at 11:00. **Grand Marshal Keith Hoehn**, retired fire chief, will be recognized on the Main Stage at 12:45 p.m. Local entertainment on the main stage will begin at 1:30 p.m. Thanks to our generous sponsors and advertisers, more free entertainment is on tap Saturday night with **Daniel and The Blonde** kicking it off at 6:00 p.m. followed by **Heavy Chevy** at 8:30 p.m.

The **5K Devils Dam Dash race** will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. Kids of all ages will enjoy the ever popular **Dr. Delusions Illusions Magic Show** at noon, followed by the pie eating and baking contests. The **Quilt Show** continues at the Grange from 10:00-3:00 and the **Horseshoe Tournament** runs from Noon until 5:00 p.m. Sunday's entertainment will be the **Westside Jam** featuring Twenty Feet Away from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. The festival will close with a drawing for the beautiful handmade Pine Needlers quilt at 4:00 p.m. Please see the website for a complete schedule.

There's something for everyone at the Jam and we hope you will join us in the fun. For more information phone 1-866-516-5534 or check out

### www.blackberryjamfestival.com

Free Admission!
Family Oriented—No Drugs or Alcohol—No Pets Please

The Bridge

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### SCHOOL NEWS

#### "Lazy" Days of Summer?

The "lazy" days of summer officially started after June 16th for Lowell School District students but this summer the days will be anything but "lazy". Below are all of the things happening in the District:

- Summer Recreation and Fitness Program Due to the extreme generosity of the City of Lowell, the Lowell/ Fall Creek Education Foundation and numerous individual donors, over \$8,000 has been donated to make sure kids ages 8 through 12 have fun, physical activities this summer! The program begins on Wednesday, July 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., runs Monday through Friday through August 25th. Breakfast and lunch will be available for all participants daily. Participants will enjoy a variety of activities including soccer, golfing, hiking, fishing, flag football, culinary creations, treasure hunting and rocketry and kites. It's not too late to register. Go to www.lowell.k12.or.us/summer or pick up forms from the high school office.
- Summer Food Program Lowell School District is proud to serve the children of our community through the Summer Food Service Program. We will be serving breakfast, lunch, and supper at no charge, to all children ages 1 to 18. All meals will be served Monday through Friday, starting June 19th and ending September 1st. Sites will be closed July 3rd and 4th. Breakfast is served from 9:00-9:30 a.m. at the Lundy Cafeteria, Lunch from 12:00-12:30 p.m. at the Lundy Cafeteria, and Supper is served from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the High School Football Concession Booth.



- Summer School Classes are available to help students with their studies at Lundy Elementary from July 24th through August 24th, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. High School classes began June 19th and will run Monday through Thursday from 9:00-Noon through Friday, July 14th.
- Summer Camps This year Lowell and Lundy students (4th grade and up) will have the opportunity to participate in both the Science Camp (focus this year is on Geology of Oregon and Coastal Forest with field trips to Crater Lake and Cape Perpetua) and the Drama Camp. Additionally two culinary camps are scheduled with one camp taught by Billy Reid and the other as part of the Oregon State Extension Service. The culinary camps are for middle school aged students and high school students.
- Rowing Camp South Eugene Rowing Club is sponsoring a rowing camp for 8-12th graders July 24-28 and July 31-August 4. No experience is necessary. (Go to www.SouthEugeneRowingClub.org)
- **High School Renovation** Construction at the high school is underway, causing the high school to be closed for the summer. The \$1.2 million seismic upgrade project will include stability improvements, acoustic improvements, as well as new lockers and flooring. The High School Office has been relocated to the classroom closest to the baseball field in the North Wing.
- **Registration** Back to school registration is August 8th, 5:00-8:00 p.m. and August 9th, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the high school. School supply lists have been sent out to all local stores.

With all these great summer activities for kids, parents shouldn't have to worry about the dreaded ..."I'm bored"!

#### **Volleyball Activities to Begin July 10th**

Voluntary high school volleyball summer activities will begin the week of July 10th. Information will be posted on the Lowell Red Devils Volleyball Facebook page.

High schoolers <u>must</u> have a current sports physical (once every other year) and have filled out the District Packet before they can begin daily doubles.

Watch for information in the August issue for camp August 15-17 and August 22-24.

If you have any questions, you can email Coach Prenevost at Kristen.Prenevost@yahoo.com with any questions.

#### Hall of Fame Honorees Selected!

Mark your calendars to attend the 3rd Annual Alumni and Friends Association Hall of Fame Celebration Dinner and Program: Saturday, September 23rd. Invitations will be mailed out soon.

2017 Honorees include:

**Ron Johnson**—Former Superintendent who still actively support school and community events

**Bunny Rice**—Lettered four years in four sports and still holds the record for the 100 yard dash set in 1953 Four time State Wrestling Champions

#### Scott Cardwell, Jeff Cardwell, Dan Casarez, Heath Harvey and Zac Cardwell

Please join us in honoring these great Hall of Famers.



On June 5, ten MVA students and two chaperones flew across the country to see the spectacular sights in Washington D.C. They spent five days exploring and listening to all of the incredible history that surrounds the area. Students visited The White House, Ford Theatre, The Washington Monument, The Lincoln Memorial, The Vietnam Memorial, WWII Memorial, Holocaust Museum, and The Smithsonian Institute, just to name a few. Mr. Miles, said, "This was an amazing opportunity that I am grateful I got to share with a great group of kids."

Katie & Audra Chapman and Sam Smith said the Twilight Tattoo Military Show was their favorite part of the trip. Katie said, "Everything was exactly like the pictures, but when you see it face to face, you can experience how big it is." Audra added, "It was a fun and neat experience." Daxton Bloxham and Sam Smith also really liked the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Sam Smith stated, "This is a great experience for anyone because there is so much history in D.C." Lucy Plahn said her favorite part was the WWII Memorial, "I had never seen photos of it so it was really cool". Noah Tornell was very impressed when he realized that every structure and memorial was built with the purpose of honoring those who have fallen. Alonzo Pierce enjoyed the Martin Luther King and Lincoln Memorials. Alexis Curry, Abigail Mikulich and Landon Miles said their favorite place was Mt. Vernon. Landon Miles said, "Going to D.C. was really cool because we got to see actual buildings and artifacts that came from our country's history." Abigail added, "It was interesting to see and hear about all of the big events that had to happen to make America what it is today." Alexis Curry summed it up by saying, "Going to Washington D.C. was a once in a lifetime opportunity. There was an amazing feeling that I can't describe (at Mt. Vernon). Just being in the presence of Washington was something I will never forget."

We want to thank the members of this community who offered incredible support in helping these kids finance this trip. In addition to all of the generous donations, our students were given an opportunity to work to raise the money needed. This was a trip of a lifetime and we look forward to sending another group of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the spring of 2019.

#### **Accolades Continue for Lowell Music!**

In addition to an OSAA State Championship and an excellent series of spring concerts, Lowell Music had even more great news to close the year. Three students were selected to participate in the Music in May Festival at Pacific University May 25-27. Senior Chelsea Byrne and sophomores Kerra McSpadden and Ian Sotomayor all shined brightly at the all-star event. Additional students Tessa Fergason, Lily Lane, Dayce Riberal, Daisy Schnee and Jason Stratis were also selected for the honor but were unable to attend.



The Lowell HS Band is already gearing up for next school year, being one of only a handful of groups statewide chosen to perform this fall at the Oregon School Board Association 2017 Annual Convention, November 9-12 in Portland! Then, in the spring of 2018, LHS will welcome the Eugene Symphonic Band (ESB) as part of their school outreach program — only one school is chosen per year to host the event, which includes special clinics and instruction from master musicians and teachers, and culminates in a benefit concert where ESB and LHS play as one ensemble for the enjoyment of all. Lowell is the first small school to be selected for this great honor!

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# City Beat

#### **City Exceeds Water Quality Standards**

In 2016, the City of Lowell exceeded all established drinking water health standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Water systems are required to document compliance with these standards. Annually, water systems compile their testing results and report them directly to consumers through an annual Water Quality Report.

The staff of the Public Works Department works diligently to produce and deliver exceptionally safe drinking water. The City maintains a conventional surface water plant that draws water from the middle of Dexter Lake. Raw water passes through a complex filtration system at the plant and is subsequently treated with chlorine. This process removes sediment, contaminants, and produces potable water. During peak periods, the plant can can produce up to 223,000 gallons per day.

Water samples are pulled daily at the plant by staff in accordance with USEPA and DEQ guidelines. Samples are then transported to an accredited independent lab for testing and detailed analysis. Over 1,500 tests are completed each year for potential microbiological contaminants, disinfectant and disinfection byproducts, and inorganic contaminants. These include turbidity and substances such as coliform, barium, nitrate, copper and lead. For 2016, these substances were non-detectable or significantly below the thresholds established by the USEPA and DEQ.

All customers were recently mailed a copy of the 2016 Water Quality Report. Additional copies are available at City Hall and on the City website at <a href="https://www.ci.lowell.or.us">www.ci.lowell.or.us</a>. If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact City Hall at 541-937-2157.



**Interior of the Water Treatment Plant** 

#### **Lost and Found**

Missing something? City staff routinely receives lost property from the general public and while cleaning facilities. We currently have several cellular phones, children's scooters, bicycles, and other miscellaneous items. If you think you may have left something behind, please visit City Hall to identify and claim your property.

# Lowell Library Summer Reading Program Begins in July

The Lowell Library is again sponsoring a Summer Reading Program. The schedule is as follows:

All Wednesdays in July, 12:30—2:00 p.m. Lundy Elementary Library, 45 S. Moss Street

First Wednesday in August 12:30— 2:00 p.m.\* City Library, 107 E. 3rd Street \*Featuring a juggler!

Info: contact Maggie at 541-915-1971.

#### **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 June 6th study session:

Discussed the Annual Update of System Development Charges, Annual Employee Compensation
 Adjustments, Agreement for Contract Accountant,
 End of Year Budget Transfers, New Asset Management System and Orchard Park Recreational Dock
 Proposal, followed by a short executive session.

#### From the June 20th regular meeting:

- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 296— Nonexclusive Franchise for Cable Services
- Approved Resolution 678—A Resolution Making Employee Compensation Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2017-18
- Approved Resolution 679—Budget Transfers
- Approved a Contract for Accounting Services with Layli Nichols
- Approved a Contract for Law Enforcement Services with the City of Oakridge
   All actions approved 4-0, Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Harris; Angelini absent.

Most of the souvenir programs for the Blackberry Jam are distributed to outlying communities in order to attract more visitors to our area but a limited number will be available at City Hall July 12. Jam information is also available on the festival's website at www.blackberryjamfestival.com. Here's a list of some of the main events.

#### 2017 Blackberry Jam Festival -- Schedule of Events as of June 26th

Friday, July 28

5:00pm Vendor Booths Open
6:00-8:00pm Music - Howlin Dogma

6:30/7:00pm Coins in the Hay, ages 6 and under; followed by ages 7-10/Greased Pole Climb

Saturday, July 29

Daylight Fishing Derby Begins - Lowell Marina

7:00am-Noon Car Jam Registration - High School Football Field

8:00am-3:00pm Creswell RC Flyers Model Aviation Exhibition – Lowell Marina

10:00am Vendor Booths Open

10:00am-4:00pm Quilt Show - Lowell Grange

11:00am Parade

Noon-6:00pm Kidz Korner Booths Open

12:30/1:00pm Coins in the Hay, ages 6 and under; followed by ages 7-10/Greased Pole Climb

1:00pm Greased Pole Climb
1:30pm-2:30pm Music - The ZRockers

3:30-4:30pm Music - Dancers from Celebration Studio

**4:30pm** Car Jam Recognition for Special Award Winners – Main Stage

6:00-8:00pm Music – Daniel and The Blonde

6:30pm Greased Pole Climb
8:30-10:00pm Music – Heavy Chevy

Sunday, July 28

9:00am East Valley Church Service on Main Stage

9:00am **5K Devils Dam Dash** followed by a 1K Fun Run for kids

10:00am Vendor Booths Open

10:00am-3:00pm Quilt Show - Lowell Grange (Raffle quilt winner announced at 4pm!)

Noon-12:45pm Dr. Delusions Illusions Magic Show

Noon-5:00pm Horseshoe Tournament

1:00pm Pie Eating and Pie Baking Contests

1:30pm Greased Pole Climb Finals

2:00-4:00pm Music – Westside Jam featuring Twenty Feet Away

4:00pm Raffle Quilt Drawing

#### Monthly Police Log (May 27 – June 23)

Date	Time		Call Type	Location
05/27/17	2:37	PM	Incomplete 911 Call	South Moss Street and East Lakeview Avenue
05/30/17	8:03	AM	Civil Enforcement	100 Block East 6th Street
05/31/17	3:17	PM	Suspicious Conditions	100 Block South Moss Street
05/31/17	3:36	PM	Arrest	100 Block West Main Street
05/31/17	9:53	PM	Dispute	100 Block South Pioneer Street
06/01/17	5:04	PM	Harassment	100 Block North Hyland Lane
06/01/17	9:12	PM	Harassment	200 Block East 2nd Street
06/03/17	1:05	PM	Vehicle Stop	100 Block South Pioneer Street
06/04/17	12:37	AM	Prowler	200 Block South Pioneer Street
06/12/17	11:10	AM	Civil Service	500 Block Carol Street
06/12/17	' 11:14	AM	Civil Service	100 Block West 4th Street
06/13/17	9:15	PM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
06/17/17	1:26	AM	Drug Overdose	100 Block North Everly Street
06/18/17	9:35	AM	Civil Service	300 Block North Damon Street
06/18/17	9:40	AM	Follow-Up	100 Block East 3rd Street
06/18/17	10:15	PM	Disorderly Subject	North Moss Street and East Fourth Street
06/19/17	1:36	PM	Vehicle Stop	North Moss Street and West 7th Street
06/19/17	6:06	PM	Vehicle Stop	South Pioneer Street and East Main Street
06/20/17	11:55	AM	Subpoena Service	100 Block North Cannon Street
06/21/17	9:28	PM	Incomplete 911 Call	300 Block North Pioneer Street
06/22/17	4:29	PM	Reckless Endangering	200 Block East 2nd Street

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.

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### FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

#### By Chief Lon Dragt

# 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.

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

**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.

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. Stop by the main fire station in Lowell or go to www.firewise.org for more information.







#### Thanks!

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District was at the June Boat races on June 17th and 18th. We thank everybody that came by to say hello. We would like to say thank you to Thomas Ward, Andy Kintzley, Owen Chapman, Kent McIntosh, Symon Thurman, Zach Smith, John Clarke and Nicky Sotomayor for all the great help you provided for both days. You guys did a fabulous job and Lowell RFPD truly thanks you.

Lowell Fire is always looking for volunteers. If you know somebody that may be interested, please have them contact us at 541-937-3393.

#### **Burn Season Reminder**

Remember that June 15<sup>th</sup> ended back yard burning. Lowell has a new burn advisory for residents in city limits, all other areas will follow Lane County Burn Regulations. For the outdoor burning advisory call Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), burn advisory line at 541-726-3976 Option 3. Outdoor burning is allowed on days designated by LRAPA. Make sure it is a burn day and you are burning authorized material. For more information on outdoor burning call LRAPA at 541-736-1056 or go to www.LRAPA.org.

#### **Keep Fireworks Legal**

The Lowell Fire District and the OSFM encourage everyone to use the four B's of safe fireworks use:



- Be Prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket.
- Be Safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks.
- Be Responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal.
- Be Aware: use only legal fireworks and use them only in legal places.

Keep our community safe during the 4<sup>th</sup>, use only legal fireworks and use them safely.

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# **In and Around Our Community**

#### Back Pack Giveaway at the Blackberry Jam

At the Blackberry Jam Festival, East Valley Church will be having a Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. at the stage in Rolling Rock Park. Stop by our booth to cool off in the dunk tank and to sign up for our back pack giveaway.

### CDBA Racing Schedule for July July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

Test & Tune July 14th

#### **Blackberry Jam Quilt Show**

Saturday, July 29th & Sunday, July 30th The Pine Needlers quilt group invite you to enter your quilt. For more information, contact Teri Harter at 541-937-2343 or gortharter@gmail.com.

#### Food Pantry to be Closed July 4th

Due to the holiday, the food pantry will be open on July5th instead, same hours.

# Small Town Superheroes: Little helping Heroes make a BIG difference!

Small Town Superheroes are at it again! This time the Little Helping Heroes swooped down to repaint a picnic table in fun colors at the park — and they left their hand prints. Where will they help next?

Stop by Paul Fisher Park (located by City Hall) on July 9th at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting. We would love to hear your ideas for our next service project and for more families to join! If you are interested in joining, check out our Facebook group: Small Town Superheroes https://www.facebook.com/groups/1139143882867889.

We are a group of parents, focused on providing opportunities for our little ones to become involved in philanthropy and spreading kindness in our local community (the Lowell/PleasantHill/Jasper/Dexter area). We do this through fun and educational group community service projects.





#### **Erosions Repair Project to Disrupt Access**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin erosion repairs below Dexter Dam, southeast of Eugene, July 10. The repairs may disrupt access to the south shore fishing area until July 20.

High flows eroded the shoreline, causing a fishing platform to collapse, in December 2010. The Corps will place large boulders as 'rip-rap' along the river and will close areas during mobilization of equipment before and after the repairs.

The area around the work-site will be restricted from public access, but the west-end of the parking area will be open for recreations purposes. The fishing platform will not be replaced at this time.

#### **Dexter Lake Farmers' Market Continues**

The Farmers' Market, located in downtown Lowell, will continue **each Sunday from Noon until 4:00 p.m**. Info: www.DexterLakeFarmersMarket.org. or email Jef Jalof at jj.bestfriends@gmail.com

# The Bridge

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#### **Making community connections**

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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: July 2017**

- 2—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 4—Independence Day City Hall closed Food Pantry Closed Live music & food at the Dexter noon to dusk; Fireworks at dark
- 5—Summer Reading Program, 12:30-2:00 pm—Lundy Library Economic Development Committee, 1:00 p.m., City Hall
- 6—Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- 7—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 9—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 11—Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station Blackberry Jam Committee, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 12—Summer Reading Program, 12:30-2:00 pm—Lundy Library Puppets by Liisa, 3:30-4:15 p.m., City Hall
- 13—Kids Club, Fall Creek Events Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 16—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 18—City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 19—Summer Reading Program, 12:30-2:00 pm—Lundy Library
- 22—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 23—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 24—School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 26—Summer Reading Program, 12:30-2:00 pm—Lundy Library Fables by Ben, 3:30-4:15 p.m., City Hall
- 30—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell



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Rolling Rock Park

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