

Lowell City News

**2018 Summer Edition
June, July August**

KATHLEEN JOHNSON MEMORIAL PARK

NWA SPACE ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY OF LOWELL SCIENCE CENTER WILL BE BUILT WEST OF INTERSTATE 49

A science center housing one of the largest telescopes on North America will be built in Lowell's Kathleen Johnson Memorial Park. The Lowell City Council approved the plan during a recent meeting. Tentative science exhibits include metal that melts in your palm, rocks that give off radiation, a large-dome planetarium, a copper tube and magnet to generate electricity, Science on a Sphere® to display data about the Earth, Moon and other planets, and robotics labs to build and practice with robots small and large. NWA Space — a nonprofit working to popularize science in the region — received approval from the Lowell City Council to move forward on a plan for a long-term lease of 20 acres in the park, which is just west of I-49 at exit 78, explained Katherine Auld, chair of the NWA Space board of directors.

Lowell Mayor Eldon Long quickly got the ball rolling in January, when NWA Space board members approached him about the partnership. "This is undoubtedly one of the most exciting projects to come to this region," Long said. "And for Lowell to host the future NWA Space observatory anchored within the Kathleen Johnson Memorial Park is huge! "This facility will not only be educational, but also fun for every generation to enjoy. The project has all the unique qualities that the park advisory committee has predetermined to attract the public and create an atmosphere that promotes an outdoor community gathering place," Long said. "When you combine this with our future museum, our farmers market, the Veterans Memorial and walkway, the disc golf course, and the Razorback Greenway extension and trail-head, this will be a unique park that people will want to come to and spend the day while growing relationships with friends and family. We are excited about these coming attractions becoming a destination point that will be appreciated by the entire community. I want to be first in line to gaze at the stars through this mammoth telescope."

For more information on NWA Space and to learn about volunteer opportunities or to donate to the dream, visit www.nwa.space (the name is the URL, and there is no need to put .com on that).

See insert for telescope pictures



Project RED Friday is proud to announce that we are in full swing of realizing a facility that we are calling "The Connection and Growth Center". In phase 1 of this project, PRF will provide a place where area, regional and state schools can come, in a field trip experience. The students will learn about our military, being deployed and the sacrifices these men and women, as well as their families, make for our country. This will be an 8,000 square foot building.

These students will be given a box and will be able to decorate the box and pack it with items to send to our Armed Forces Members. The students will also write cards and letters to a AFM....the goal will be to encourage a "Pen Pal" relationship between a student and a AFM. With parental permission, we will put the students picture in the box, to give it a more personal touch.

This "Connection and Growth Center", will be located in Lowell, Arkansas. We are in the process of working with the City, which is allowing us the use of 3 acres in the Kathleen Johnson Memorial Park, on Bell View Road. There will be more phases of the project in the future, which will all benefit Active Duty, Guard, Reserve and Veterans of our Armed Forces.

For more details on "The Connection and Growth Center", www.projectredfriday.org

**See you at Mudtown Days
June 1 and 2nd 2018**

Community Calendar

**FREE CITYWIDE
GARAGE SALE
JUNE 15—17, 2018**

City Council Meeting

6:30 PM

June 19, 2018

July 17, 2018

August 21, 2018

Tech Plat/Work Session

6:00 PM

June 4, 2018

July 2, 2018

August 6, 2018

Planning Commission

6:00 PM

June 18, 2018

July 16, 2018

August 20, 2018

Court Dates

Arrestment

8:00 AM

June 11, 2018

July 9, 2018

August 13, 2018

Discovery

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Trial

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June 15, 2018

July 13, 2018

August 17, 2018

Holidays

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July 4, 2018

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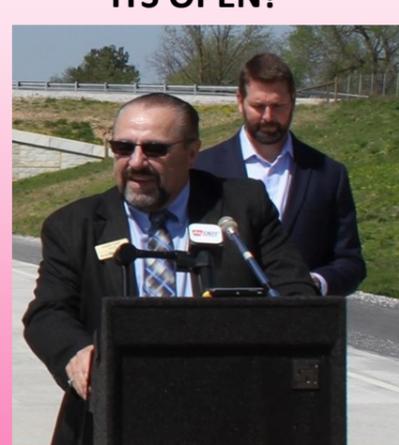
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On behalf of the veterans who attended the veterans salute on November 7th, Sir Glenn Jones presented a canvas portrait of The veterans to Museum Director Liz Estes to be Displayed at the Lowell Historical Museum. The canvas was presented as a token of gratitude for the support that the Lowell Museum gives to veterans.

ITS OPEN!



Mayor Eldon Long spoke recently at the 412 Springdale Northern Bypass Ribbon Cutting. Exciting times in Lowell!



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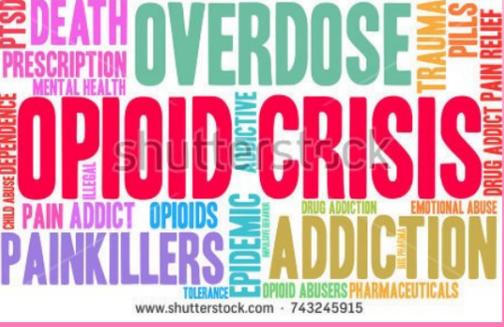
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**First Baptist Church
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Church Wide Sale
Rain or Shine

June 9

7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

FBC Lowell Gym: 130 Jefferson



Ray Birchfield received a Certificate of Appreciation for his volunteer work at the Lowell Historical Museum. The certificate was presented at the Arkansas Museum Association in Calico Rock March 28, 2018. In the picture is Steven Mitchell, Leon Estes, Liz Estes, Ray Birchfield and Pat Birchfield.

Congratulations Ray!

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The Lowell Police Department participated in the annual Cherishing Children Pinwheel Rally today, placing pinwheels in the front of Lowell Police Department along Lincoln Street in Lowell. The Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County partnered with Northwest Arkansas Community College to host their annual Cherishing Children Pinwheel Rally in honor of National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month. Pinwheels were placed in 16 locations across Benton County, each pinwheel representing confirmed cases of child abuse in the county. The pinwheels were displayed during child abuse awareness month.

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A big THANK YOU to Jennifer Gregory who graciously donated funds to sponsor the adoption fee and a much needed oral surgery for twelve year old Douglas the Dachshund from the Lowell Animal Shelter. In honor of the retirement of Phillip Manes, a long-term employee of the Lowell Post Office, Jennifer made a monetary donation to the shelter and requested that the donation go toward the animal that has had the longest stay at the shelter.



The LOWELL ANIMAL SHELTER always has a GREAT selection of Dogs, Puppies, Cats and Kittens available for adoption. For a limited time, the adoption fees for the cats and kittens are waived. To view available animals visit : ***petfinder.com***

Pictured is just one truck load of donated items from Phillips retirement .



Phillip Maness has been with the Lowell Post Office over twenty-four years. When he started working at the Post Office, there were only three postal routes and the Post Office was across from the water tower at Monroe Avenue and Lincoln Street. Twenty-four years later, the Post Office has now grown to seven postal routes. Phillip retired March 30, 2018. To commemorate his retirement, he requested donations be made to the Lowell Animal Shelter. Phillip was overwhelmed with the response in his honor!

What a great accomplishment Phillip
And
Thank You for thinking of our Animal Shelter!

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