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Four More State Champions For Lowell High School!

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Tanner Harvey, Chasen Clayton, Josh Cardwell and Austin McNichols

The Lowell Wrestling team placed 2nd overall in the State 1A/2A Championships on March 1st with impressive contributions by these four champions. Chasen Clayton started the finals off with a close 3-2 win over the #1 ranked opponent in the 132# class. Josh Cardwell followed with a 5-1 decision in the 153# final following earlier round pins of 1:00 and 1:37. Austin McNichols hardly broke a sweat winning all three of his matches with pins of :46, 1:02 and 1:37 to capture the 160# title. Then Tanner Harvey won at 182# with a 26 second pin in his championship match. Colin Cash placed 2nd at 220#. Placing 3rd were Gabe Anderson at 170#, Grant Chapman at 182# and Tommy Harvey at 132#. Also in the finals was Hayden Trimble at 145#.

Congratulations to the athletes, coaches and families.
We are very proud of you!

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April
Showers
bring May
Flowers

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

Lowell Music Warms Up for Spring

"Lowell Music continues another strong year with several events on the calendar for 2014. The Lowell Junior Choir recently participated in the first-ever Just Sing It! Middle School Choir Festival, held February 20th at Springfield High School. As is often the case, we were the only 1A/2A school in attendance, yet our kids once again showed themselves to be some of the best-behaved and best-prepared young musicians in our area. Performing alone and with a massed choir under the direction of LCC's Matt Svoboda, the kids had a fun and successful experience, and plan on attending for many years to come.

Next on the calendar is the 2014 Metropolitan Choral Festival, held on April 22nd at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts! The Lowell Concert Choir will be participating for the first time in this annual event, which includes choirs of all sizes from our region. During the evening concert, our high school group will perform alone and also be joined by other participants for two combined numbers. The performance is set for 7:30 p.m. with tickets available at the Hult Center Box Office.

On May 7th, all Lowell Music students grades 7-12 will travel to the Mtn. West Music Festival, this year hosted by McKenzie High School. This annual league festival is an all-day affair, where each of our groups has the chance to perform for our small-school peers and receive special instruction from local master teachers. In the afternoon, all schools join together to form three massed ensembles (Middle School Band, High School Band, and JH/HS Choir), and the day culminates in a 7:00 p.m. performance at the MHS gymnasium. All are invited to attend!

Local spring concerts are in the works as well. The Lundy Spring Concert (grades K-5) is set for Tuesday, May 27th; the Spring Band Concert (grades 6-12) will be on Thursday, May 29th; and the Spring Choir Concert (grades 7-12) will on Tuesday, June 3rd. All shows will be in the high school gym at 7pm. We hope to see you at some of these many events!"

Blood Drive Planned for April 21st

Roll up your sleeves and give a pint to help others. The next Lane Blood Center drive is Monday, April 21st from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Register in the high school library.



Big Changes Coming to School Buildings!

You may notice a lot of activity beginning April 1st inside and outside our schools. Building improvements at Lundy Elementary include new flooring, new windows and new siding. Lowell High School will also receive new windows, siding, insulation and exterior painting. Many people will be happy to know that the classic look of the high school circa 1953 will be maintained. Lowell Schools are definitely on the *move...*

Track Rebuild Planned

Plans are also underway to rebuild the high school track in May. The plans are to remove 3" or 4" of the old grass and dirt down to the curb then replace the top material with new. If anyone has some hand tools or tractors to load the old material and haul it off, please call Dennis McCallum at 541-913-6957 or email him at N6508c@yahoo.com. You can also contact Jef Jalof at the school. The final day and time will be published in the May edition of The Bridge depending on volunteer availability.

Kindergarten Registration April 24th!

Choose the NEW Lowell School District #71!
We offer a full-day program five days a week!

Bring your child: There will be an opportunity for them to interact in a classroom setting, tour the school, and get excited about the opportunities at Lowell.

When/Where: Thursday, April 24th from 1:00—2:30 p.m. at Lundy Elementary, 45 South Moss Street

What to bring: Immunization records and a copy of birth certificate

Children who are 5 years of age prior to September 1, 2014 are eligible for the 2014-15 school year.

To discuss your student's educational future, please contact Principal Kay Graham at 541-937-2125 or send an email to her at kgraham@lowell.k12.or.us

SPRING SPORTS IN FULL SWING

Girls Softball

Team members include seniors Chelsea Roberts, Akayla Devereaux, Taylor McMurrin and Hannah Jearls; juniors Faith Bainbridge, Sam Harshbarger, Anna Cardwell and Hali Asher; sophomores Marisa Owlsey and Destiny Thurston; and, freshman Chelsea Byrne. Head coach Jeff Cardwell is assisted by Jack Devereaux.

As always, watch the reader board for weather related game schedule changes!



Boys Baseball

Team members include seniors Eric Huffman, Casey Mitchell, Josh Cardwell, Austin Bigbee, Bailey Adams and Colin Cash; junior Gary Norris; sophomore Grant Greenacre; and freshmen Braydon Long, Zach Kintzley, Brady Bigbee, Colton Riggs, and Scott Karbowski. Head coach is Johnie Matthews. This is a combined team from Lowell, Mohawk and McKenzie.

Varsity Track includes Hali Asher, Faith Bainbridge, Chelsea Byrne, Anna Cardwell, Kaysee DeMarce, Akayla Devereaux, Sam Harshbarger, Hannah Jearls, Giuia Luini, Milika Poggemeyer, Chelsea Roberts, Mahsen Asher, Josh Cardwell, Colin Cash, Sean Castellani, Christopher Chapman, Grant Chapman, Luke Kinnamon, Kenny Lane, Devin Long, Austin McNichols, Colten Nichols, Evan Nolan, Alex Norris, Colton Riggs, and Hayden Trimble. Head coach Dan Goss is assisted by Christie Poggemeyer.



JH Track includes Lily Lane, McKenzie Smith, Julia Donnell, Katie Chapman, Audra Chapman, Lucy Plahn, Ashley Woodhurst, Kalie Folck, Mahayla McFadden, Kelsey Peters, Trudi Ablieter, Cody Brooks, Chance Hickey, Devin Maughan, Thomas Talamantes-Ward, Jay Brandt, Andrew Hinrichs, Kasey Erwin, Clay Rooks, Ian Sotomayor, Owen Chapman, Nolan Melton, Ari Patu, Brian Lemon, AJ Devereaux, Andy Kintzley, Taysian Williamson, Sam Smith, Nicky Sotomayor, Fisher Schescke, Carter Wendt, Aidden Williamson and Timmy Stratis. Head coach Brian Chittim is assisted by Jill Chapman.



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Fire District Recognized Volunteers

The Fire District held its Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner Saturday March 22nd. Members of the Volunteer staff received honors for their achievements and contributions to the District as well as the community. Awards winners include:

Drill Attendance – June Walker, Jeff West, Nathan Brown, Dave Campbell and Morgan Stevenson.

100% Drill Attendance – Richard Johnson, Leslie Brandt and Chris Shomler.

Incident Response – Angel Talamante, Morgan Stevenson and Leslie Brandt.

A Special Unit Citation was awarded for outstanding performance during an exceptionally difficult or complex rescue. Awards were given to Mike Cook, Chris Shomler, Andrew Rivera, Danny Ingalls and Leslie Brandt for their performance on a trail rescue on Big Fall Creek Road in July of 2013.

Outstanding Service Awards – Bob Graham for his work on the District water rescue and rope rescue programs, Jeff West for his work on the 5 Alarm 5K event, Mike Cook for his work on the District public education and training programs, Leslie Brandt for her work on the Community Holiday Dinner, Drag Boat Races, Blackberry Jam and firewood projects.

Training Coordinator Mike Cook received a well-deserved special award from the Volunteer Association for his exemplary contribution and dedication to the District's training programs and the volunteer members of the District.

The following were recognized for their length of service to the District: Lloyd Hall and Brandon Winwood for 5 years of service, Nathan Brown for 20 years of service. Nathan has actually been with the District for 22 years, but due to an oversight, is only now receiving recognition for outstanding service.

The Chief's Award went to Lloyd Hall for his commitment, dedication and service to the community and District. This award is presented to members that stand out in achievement and/or contribution to the organization and community.

The Rookie of the Year Award is presented to a member that has been with the organization for less than one year, and has demonstrated in action and deeds, a greater level of achievement. The award is presented based on a vote of the volunteer membership. This year's recipient of the Rookie of the Year Award is Andrew Rivera, pictured below at right.



The Volunteer of the Year Award is presented to a member that has demonstrated in action and deed, a greater level of achievement and dedication to the District and community. The award is presented based on a vote of the membership and this year's recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award is Richard Johnson, pictured above at left.

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District, Board of Directors and Chief Hoehn would like to congratulate all of this year's winners and also express their gratitude and thanks for all that the District's Volunteer Firefighters, EMTs, and Special Service members do to help protect and preserve the communities of Lowell, Fall Creek and Unity. Their dedication to public service is unmatched and much appreciated.



Lowell Fire District Employees and Volunteers

City Beat

New Public Works Employee on Board

Thom Von Flatern is the new Utility Worker II in the Public Works Department for the City of Lowell. Thom grew up in the Thurston area of Springfield then worked nine years at Country Coach. Most recently he successfully completed a job retraining program at Lane Community College and received his water/wastewater certifications. He and his wife Cathy and their two dogs will be relocating from Eugene to the Lowell area. They are both excited about living in the country with a little elbow room. He enjoys staying busy, being outside and getting his hands dirty. He also enjoys fishing so this area seems like an ideal place.



Next time you see Thom out reading meters, be sure to say hello and welcome him to the community.

City of Lowell, Oregon Job Announcement: Utility Worker I

The City of Lowell seeks dedicated team player to fill a full-time position of Utility Worker I in its Public Works Department.

Position Description: This position is for operations and maintenance of all aspects of a water and sewer utility. The position is also required to accomplish other public works related duties including street, storm drain and park maintenance. The position requires the ability to meet certain physical demands including, but not limited to, heavy lifting, digging, climbing and standing or walking for extended periods. It also requires the ability to operate various types of equipment associated with maintenance and repair activities and consent to work flexible schedules including nights, weekends and holidays, and perform overtime/comp time work when essential for utility operations. **THIS IS NOT AN ENTRY LEVEL POSITION.**

Desired Qualifications:

- 5+ years demonstrated experience in public works, sewer or water operation/maintenance, or equivalent combination of experience and training.
- Oregon Water and Wastewater Certifications/Licenses: Water Treatment II with filtration endorsement, Sewer Treatment III, Water Distribution I, Sewer Collections I.
- Valid Oregon Driver’s License with driving record acceptable to the City and the City’s insurance carrier.
- High School Diploma or Equivalency Certificate.
- Ability to respond to system alarms and emergencies within 15 minutes of notification.
- Ability to be a team player and put forth an extra effort when needed.
- Ability to work independently and unsupervised.

Salary: \$2,770 to \$3,536 per month depending on experience and qualifications.

Benefits: Medical and Dental Insurance for employee and dependents; Group Term Life Insurance for employee; participation in Public Employees Retirement System.

For additional information and to request a detailed job description and application, contact Lowell City Hall at 541- 937-2157.

This position is open until filled; first review of applications will be on Friday, April 4th. Applicants may submit additional information such as resumes and training certificates with their applications.

A background check for driving history and criminal record will be required and a drug test may be required before employment. The City of Lowell is an equal opportunity employer and maintains a drug free workplace.

Council Actions:

March 4th meeting:

- Pauly, Rogers presented the 2012-2013 audit report; no material weaknesses were noted.

March 18th meeting:

- The City entered into an interim city attorney contract with Lane Council of Governments for fiscal year 2014.

In and Around Our Community

Lowell Grange Open House — April 12th

Visitors to the Lowell Grange Open House will be treated to hamburgers, hotdogs, and handmade ice cream on Saturday, April 12th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. In addition to the goodies, entertainment will include a Boy Scouts Dance-off at 12:30 p.m., Barbershop Quartet at 1:00 p.m. and more to follow.

Built in 1913, the Lowell School served area students beginning that Fall. High school students moved to the new high school in 1930 and elementary students moved to their new school in 1940. Since 1940 the Lowell Grange has owned the building, holding numerous events including the 100th celebration of the building and its history. Grange members have worked very hard over the years to rehabilitate the building while providing fun activities for community members. These events include a monthly breakfast, Texas Hold 'em poker tournaments, Bingo and Bunco games and more! The Grange is also available for rent to local families for private events and to others for events open to the public.

April is National Grange Month to celebrate what Granges offer to the communities they reside in. The Grange is a non-profit, fraternal organization that welcomes new members who are interested in promoting and supporting their community, helping people in need, developing leadership skills and having fun. The Lowell Grange sponsors Lowell Cub Scout Pack #937, Lowell Girl Scout Troop #221, Lowell Boy Scout Troop #937, the Dexter Farmers' Market and numerous community events.

Come hear all about what's going on at the Grange. We're especially excited to get started with replacing the roof, thanks to all the supporters of our fundraising efforts.

The Grange is located at 51 East 2nd Street. For more information, please contact Jim Burford at 541-915-8976 or Maggie Osgood at 541-937-3759 or send an email to lowellgrange@gmail.com.

More from the Lowell Fire District:

Summer Is On Its Way

With the warmer weather fast approaching, don't forget to take time to start making your home and property wildfire safe. Here are some tips to help you protect your home from any possible wildfire threats:

- Prune low hanging limbs to reduce ladder fuels
- Clean roofs and gutters of pine needles and dead leaves
- Keep flammable plants and mulches at least 5 feet away from your home's perimeter
- Use low-growing, well pruned and fire-resistive plants around home
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire screening no larger than 1/8-inch mesh
- Sweep decks and porches clear of fallen leaves
- Move woodpiles away from the home during non-winter months
- Bring doormats and furniture cushions inside when an area is threatened by a wildfire
- Close garage doors when leaving your home in the event of an evacuation

Your home ignition zone extends up to 200 feet—and it's quite common to have neighbors whose home ignition zone overlaps yours. Buildings closer than 100 feet apart can ignite one another if they are in flames. In addition, many communities have commonly owned property, including natural or wooded areas that can pose fire risks to all. This means that to be most effective, neighbors need to work together and with their local fire service to achieve greater wildfire safety.

Together, community residents can work with agencies and elected officials to accomplish the following:

- Ensure that homes and neighborhoods have legible/ clearly marked street names and numbers
- Create "two ways out" of the neighborhood for safe evacuation during a wildfire emergency
- Create phone trees to alert residents about an impending fire
- Review any existing community rules or regulations on vegetation management and construction materials to see if they are "Firewise-friendly"
- Use the "Ready, Set, Go!" program with the fire department to educate neighbors

Fire safety is everyone's business.

In and Around Our Community

Reduce Child Abuse 90% by 2030

Please join parents, educators, civic leaders and your neighbors for a conversation about Lane County's ambitious goal to reduce Child Abuse by 90% by 2030. Dr. Jeffrey Todahl and Rose Wilde of 90by30 will introduce this new partnership of the University of Oregon and residents of Lane County to members of the greater Lowell community.



Groups of interested volunteers and key civic leaders are forming all over Lane County to learn what works best in preventing child abuse, and leading the effort to bring these ideas

into Lane County. This forum on child abuse prevention focuses on positive actions, not sad stories. Please join us on Thursday, April 17th, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Lowell Grange. For more information, see 90by30.com.

Fall Creek Park Clean-up April 26th

The freezing rain brought many limbs and trees down and we need your help to clean it up. In addition to your help, we could use brush hogs and a chipper. Bring your gloves and tools — come join in the fun. Lunch will be served. Please call Maggie at 541-937-3759 and let her know if you will be able to join them for lunch. If you have other questions, please call Pam at 541-937-1978 or Glen at 541-937-2536.

New Racing Schedule for CDBA this Summer

The Columbia Drag Boat Association has scheduled their races on Dexter Lake for July 11-13, August 23-24, and September 20-21.



Grange Breakfast Menu Expands

Based on input from attendees, the menu at the monthly Grange breakfast has expanded to include hashbrowns. Along with eggs, waffles, pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit and beverages, this hearty meal is sure to get your day started off right. Breakfast is served on the first Sunday of each month from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m. Donations are gratefully accepted. Proceeds go to the Building Restoration Fund used to make building improvements to the Grange Hall.

April 5th Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Boy Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Saturday, April 5th** with the showing of **Star Trek Into Darkness (PG-13)**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m., at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street.



As this is a PG-13 rated movie, children under age 13 will need to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Admission is free; sales of refreshments support sending scouts to summer camp. For more information call 541-937-2643.

20th Annual Covered Bridge Regatta

The 20th annual Covered Bridge Regatta will be held this year April 12th and 13th on Dexter Lake. Come watch hundreds of high school, collegiate and adult rowers compete on the 2K and 1K race course. This event is hosted by the Oregon Association of Rowers with co-hosts University of Oregon Club Crew and South Eugene Rowing Club.

Come watch the action, or better yet, join many of your neighbors in volunteering. Opportunities are available to volunteer for merchandise sales, distributing medals, and more. If interested in volunteering, contact Kit at kitstaples@yahoo.com or phone 541-521-9213. We hope to see you there!



BINGO continues in March

Lowell Fire Fighter Volunteers will be hosting Bingo on Wednesday, **April 2nd** at the Lowell Grange beginning at 7:00 p.m. Then on Wednesday, **April 16th**, Grange members will host Bingo games also starting at 7:00 p.m.

These activities are fundraisers for the Volunteer Fire Fighters Association and the Lowell Grange Building Restoration Fund. Come on out to support these great causes and have fun in the process. You may even win a pot of money!

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: April 2014

- 1—Varsity Baseball @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 2—Varsity Softball v. Yoncalla, 4:30 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
 - 3—Varsity Track @ Pleasant Hill, 4:00 p.m.
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
 - 4—Varsity Baseball v. Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 5—Varsity Track @ Petersen Invitational in Winston, 11:00 a.m.
Free Family Movie Night at the Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
 - 6—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
 - 7—Varsity Softball DH at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.
 - 8—Varsity Softball v. Crow, 4:30 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Hall
 - 9—JH Track @ WVYL Meet in Junction City, 3:45 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
 - 10—Varsity Track @ Creswell, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Baseball @ Creswell JV, 4:30 p.m.
 - 11—Varsity Baseball v. Toledo, 4:30 p.m.
 - 12—Lowell Grange Open House, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., 51 E. 2nd
Varsity Track @ Meet of Champions in Salem, 11:30 a.m.
Varsity Softball DH @ Umpqua Valley Christian, Noon
 - 12/13—Covered Bridge Regatta, Lowell Marina
 - 15—Varsity Softball @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Baseball @ Siletz Valley, 4:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 16—Curriculum Day — Half day of school!
JH Track @ WVYL Meet in Pleasant Hill, 3:45 p.m.
 - 16—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Yoncalla, 4:30 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
Fire District Budget/Board Mtgs, 6:30 p.m., Lowell Station
 - 17—Varsity Track League Meet @ Oakridge, 4:00 p.m.
 - 18—Varsity Baseball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
 - 19—Varsity Softball/Baseball DH @ Reedsport Charter, Noon
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 20—Varsity Softball @ Willamette, 4:30 p.m.
 - 21—Lane Blood Drive at Lowell High School, 8:30 a.m. until noon
Varsity Baseball @ Toledo, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.
 - 22—Lowell Concert Choir at the Hult Center, 7:30 p.m.
Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
 - 23—JH Track @ WVYL Meet in Creswell, 3:45 p.m.
Varsity Softball DH v. N. Douglas/Elkton, 3:30 p.m.
Varsity Baseball @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
 - 24—Kindergarten Registration, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Lundy Elementary
Varsity Track @ McKenzie Mt. West League Meet, 4:00 p.m.
 - 25—Varsity Baseball v. Creswell, 4:30 p.m.
 - 26—Varsity Softball/Baseball DH @ Oakland, Noon
 - 28—Lundy Awards Assembly, 10:30 a.m., Lundy Gym
 - 29—Varsity Baseball @ Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
 - 30—JH Track @ WVYL Meet in Junction City, 4:00 p.m.
- In May:
- 2—Varsity Baseball @ Siletz Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Track @ Sisters Invitational, 3:30 p.m.