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Two More State Champions For Lowell High School!

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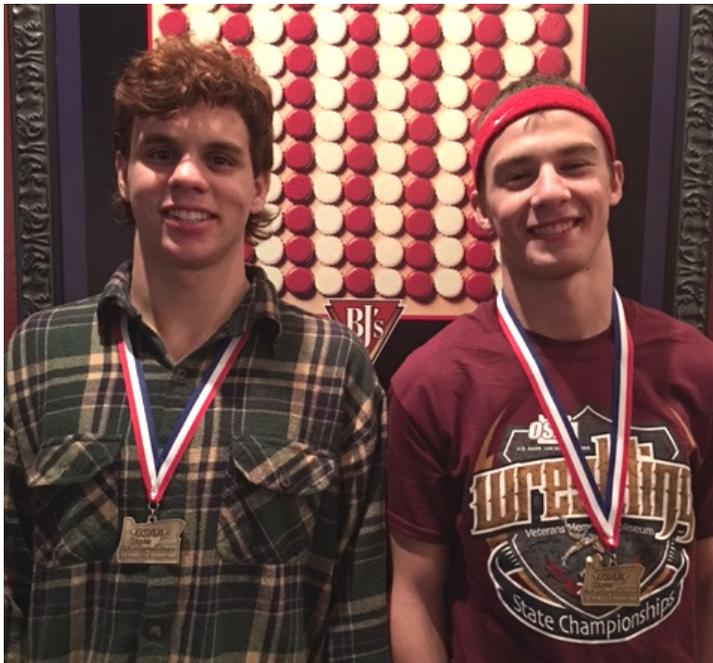
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The Lowell Wrestling team placed 2nd overall in the State 1A/2A Championships on February 27th and crowned two more champions for Lowell. Junior **Thomas Harvey** lived up to his number one ranking with a pin in the finals at 152#. Then immediately afterward junior **Hayden Trimble**, also ranked number one in his weight class of 160#, won with a 5-3 decision.

Other medal winners included freshman **Symon Thurman** who placed 2nd in the 106# weight class, joined by junior **Justyn Barton** with 3rd place at 145#, and two 4th place finishers, juniors **Kenny Lane** at 170# and **Colton Riggs** at 182#. Also wrestling in the State tournament were senior Evan Nolan, juniors Mahsen Asher and Zach Kintzley, sophomore Thomas T-Ward and freshman Kasey Erwin.

Congratulations to all the wrestlers, coaches, parents and other supporters on this great season of Lowell Wrestling!



Hayden Trimble and Thomas Harvey

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FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Fire District Board Reviews and Reaffirms District Goals

Fire District Board Members reviewed the District's Master Plan and reaffirmed components of the plan while updating other portions of the document. The Master Plan was initially adopted in November of 2005 and has been reviewed and updated annually in January or February of each year.

The Board reaffirmed the current services provided by the District with no change. The services include the following:

- Structural fire suppression (residential & commercial)
- Wildland fire suppression (initial attack – non forest fire activities)
- Emergency Medical first response to the advanced life support level
- Public Education Programs (fire prevention & EMS)
- Fire and EMS training and continuing education for District personnel, as well as neighboring agencies
- Limited water rescue
- Limited rope rescue
- Hazardous Materials first response
- Fire & life safety inspections and code enforcement in conjunction with the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office
- Open burning regulation enforcement for Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

Goals were established in two categories listed as those that should be accomplished within two years and those that should be accomplished within five years. The listing of these goals is in no specific order of importance or priority.

Two-Year or Short-Term Goals:

Goal 1: Develop and implement an emergency management response program to address all hazards that might be presented to the district. The plan must comply with and complement all recognized Federal, State and County requirements.

Status: In development – As this process and document is a living document, continual update and revisions will occur. Currently working with School District and City to Review and Revise Plan – 1/16

Goal 2: Enhance service delivery in rural areas of the district.

Status: With the new Station 2 in operation, service delivery has been improved in Fall Creek Area through reduced response times. Again this is a continuous process and will be updated regularly. 1/16

Goal 3: Develop and implement a standardized public education program that addresses the specific educational needs of district patrons.

Status: Several programs have been developed and implemented over the past several years. Most of the programs are offered on an as needed basis and proceeding as needed. New programs are developed as the need might arise. This too, is a continuous goal and will be addressed as needed. 1/16

Goal 4: Review and update Board policies, district operational policies and procedures and SOP's. All policies and procedures shall be appropriately codified, published and training shall be provided as needed.

Status: Completed in 2014. Updated as needed. Personnel policy manual is in development. 1/16

Goal 5: Develop and implement a vehicle, facilities and equipment maintenance and replacement plan. The plan shall be fiscally responsible and designed to maintain district assets at optimum levels of service. The plans shall also create specific timelines and funding options for replacement of assets.

Status: Completed and adopted 2010 – Reviewed and revised at least annually. 1/16

Goal 6: Develop and implement a member wellness program that promotes physical as well as mental well-being and fitness.

Status: Completed and implemented 2014 – Reviewed and revised as necessary. 1/16

Goal 7: Develop and implement a recruitment and retention program that generates adequate personnel levels to meet demand.

Status: Partially complete 2014 – Additional programs ongoing. 1/16

Long Range Goals:

Long Range Goals are those that will require several years to accomplish. These goals generally require three to five years to accomplish,

Goal 1: Develop a plan for the relocation of the Fall Creek Station to a more suitable location to accommodate the future development of the Fall Creek area. The Plan shall include a needs assessment, funding plan, acquisition and construction plan, and an operations plan for the facility.

Status: Relocation Complete – Construction plan moving forward – Improvements in progress. 1/16

Goal 2: Develop a plan to identify and implement service enhancement and delivery methods with neighboring fire and EMS agencies. Study efficiencies that may be implemented to accomplish main goal.

Status: Project on hold – Significant progress had been made until changes in neighboring district's caused delay in development and implementation. A service study is currently being conducted by other districts on this issue. Suggest hold until stability is established and study is complete.

Goal 3: Develop and implement a fire and life safety inspection and education program for district commercial structures and businesses.

Status: In progress

Summary

The Master Plan is a road map for the future, an instrument of change and a direction of purpose. Trying to predict the future is difficult and challenging at best. This Master Plan (Strategic Plan) is a living document, intended to be reviewed at least annually, and revised as required. Our organization, community and resources will continue to change as needs arise. Planning for the future is a primary component of our day-to-day operation so that we might help direct the future rather than just react to it.

Fire and emergency activity will tend to remain fairly consistent with the predictable growth of the communities. The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District will continue to provide the best, highly trained fire, medical and rescue force with the resources provided by our patrons.

This plan, by no means, is all inclusive of every project or goal the organization, the Board of Directors, its personnel or the Fire Chief might have for the future. But this plan does express the major goals that will require significant effort and commitment by everyone to meet the needs of the district.

Spring Is Almost Here – Time To Start Thinking About Summer Wildfire Safety

Spring is just around the corner, and with the longer, dryer days we should start thinking about making our homes and property wildfire safe. Here are some things you can get a jump on to help keep your home, out buildings and property, wildfire safe this spring and summer.

- Remove dead or overhanging branches. During the windy conditions that exist during a wildland fire, flames, sparks and firebrands could travel from the tree to the roof of your structure.
- Remove leaf accumulation from your yard. Leaf accumulation provides fuel for a wildland fire.
- Remove leaf clutter from your roof and gutters. During a wildland fire, leaves and needles on the roof and/or in the gutters could be ignited by flying embers.
- Remove tall, dry grasses. Tall, dry grasses provide a path for fire that can lead directly to a house.
- Remove "ladder fuels". Prune tree limbs so the lowest is between 6' - 10' from the ground. Fire burning through tall, dry grass could ignite these limbs and climb to the top of the tree with relative ease.
- Check your generator and/or hose to be sure it is in good repair. Refuel garden equipment carefully. Yard equipment needs annual maintenance and proper fueling. Hoses develop leaks and deteriorate with age and exposure. During wildland fire season, fuel your lawn mower properly --away from dry, flammable grasses.
- Prune bushes and shrubs regularly. Remove excess growth as well as dead leaves and branches to decrease their flammability, and the threat they could pose during a wildland fire. Dispose of cuttings and debris promptly, according to local regulations.

For more information about making your home and property wildfire safe, check lowellfiredistrict.org or visit us on facebook.

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

Come to Lowell!

Open enrollment begins March 1st. Please let your friends, family and neighbors know that Oregon House Bill 3681 allows students to attend/transfer from districts outside of Lowell to attend our schools. All it takes is for a parent to complete an Open Enrollment form (included in this newsletter) and submit it to the District by April 1st. You can also access the form on the District website at www.lowell.k12.or.us or by calling Kandi Day at 541-937-2124.

Mountain View Academy Charter School Receives ODE Grant

Mountain View Academy has been notified by the Oregon Department of Education that it will receive an Implementation Grant of \$450,000. A large portion of the grant will be used to improve and increase technology. This grant will offer tremendous support in several areas including: science, character education, PE and early math and literacy.

Lowell Music Gears Up for Busy Spring

It's another active year for the ever-expanding Lowell Music Program! Following successful local winter concerts in December, the pep band has appeared at several basketball games to great acclaim, while our singers have attended voice clinic (high school choir) and performed outstandingly at the annual Just Sing It! Festival (middle school choir) — in fact, despite being the smallest school at the January 20th event, Lowell once again shined as one of the best in our region, regardless of size. This has resulted in additional invitations to prestigious state-wide festivals for our young musicians!

In March, the high school band gears up for state-level competition, attending the OMEA District 12 Festival on March 11th at Thurston HS, and the Willamette Valley Concert Band Festival at LCC on March 17th. Prior to that, the group will also give a short local performance at the GEAR-UP College Readiness night on March 8th at LHS at 6:00 p.m.

Many additional performances lay ahead in April and May for all of our bands and choirs (see school website for details) as the high schoolers ultimately prepare for a four-day trip to Seattle and Victoria, BC in early June. Many fundraising ventures are afoot — stay tuned for upcoming information on the annual Dinner Concert Fundraiser on May 22nd; and, donations to Lowell Music are always happily accepted and appreciated!

School Board to Review Master Plan and Recommendations on March 28th

At its meeting on March 28th, the Lowell School Board will review the Facility Master Plan and recommendations that grew out of the input received by staff and community members. The Board will have the opportunity to discuss the findings and recommendations provided by gLAs Architects, who led the effort. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Professional Development Center at Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street.

The Master Planning process reviewed and prioritized needs for all Lowell School District facilities in the context of current needs, enrollment and projections for the next decade. The process also addressed the security and safety needs of both schools.

Although the Master Plan document is close to final, community outreach and input is still underway. The District will be holding information sessions in the coming months and will share details of the recommendations on its website, in The Bridge, and via mailed information to our community. For more information call the District office at 541-937-2124.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Be the first to witness this once in a lifetime event!

The 6th grade proudly presents:

“The Living Wax Museum”

Special guests include: John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, The Wright Brothers, and many more.

This trip through history will take place on:

March 10th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street

Lowell Community Preschool Enrollment

Early enrollment for the 2016-17 school year is here! Currently there are nine spots available. ONLY 3 of those spots are for ages 3-4. Current preschool families and Lowell School District residents can enroll starting March 1st-14th, then between March 15th-31st we'll be opening enrollment to all families in surrounding areas.

Registration forms, immunization records and a registration fee of \$75 is due to reserve your child's spot for the 2016-17 school year. Forms can be found online at www.lowell.k12.or.us or at the preschool at Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street. Questions? call Jessica Pelroy at 541-953-9200.

Junior High Girls Basketball

Girls basketball continues to have a bright future with a huge turnout of talented players at the junior high level. Teammates include Laurie Bienamie, Audra Chapman, Katie Chapman, Hailey Curry, Kloee Harris, Tykara Hepner, Ashley Jenks, Kylee Johnson, Maddie Keffer, Kelsey Peters, Lucy Plahn, Ashley Schnee, Kaitlyn Sinnett, Priscilla Thurman, Hannah VanWinkle, Kristina Warchol, Ashley Woodhurst and Serena Yarbrough. Head coach Jack Devereaux is assisted by Jill Chapman.



Varsity Girls Basketball Wins District

The girls basketball team clinched the district championship on Feb. 20th. Saturday's game was against Siletz, the number two team in the league Siletz, which Lowell had narrowly defeated twice. On Saturday the girls came out ready for a big win, and held Siletz to only 2 points the whole first quarter, winning the game 54-40.



Anna Cardwell was voted Most Outstanding Player of the Mountain West League and contributed 27 points in Saturday's win. Daisy Schnee also represented Lowell on the first team all league team. Marisa Owsley got to finish her four years as a Lowell basketball player as a member of the third team all league. Lily Lane and Jenna Martini also both received third team league recognition. Lowell girls got a bye in the first round of state playoffs, then fell to Crane on February 26th in the second round.

Congratulations to our basketball teams on their exciting seasons!

Varsity Boys Basketball

Finishing 10-2 in league play, the boys team got in to the playoffs and advanced to the second round with a win over Powers 57-47. The second round proved more difficult, resulting in a loss to Columbia Christian in Portland.

The Lowell PTO invites you to a **Family Movie Night** to enjoy the movie "The Good Dinosaur" on **Friday, March 18th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** The movie is free; pizza slices \$3.25 each
Lowell High School Gym

Junior High Students of the Month



Ashley Schnee is the daughter of Chris & Evette Schnee of Fall Creek. Ashley plays basketball, softball and volleyball, plays in the band and sings in the school choir as well. Ashley works hard at keeping her grades and attendance up. In her free time she enjoys hunting, fishing and hiking.

Nicholas Sotomayor is the son of Stephen & Julie Sotomayor of Little Fall Creek. Nicholas is a great student who really focuses hard on his grades and attendance. He is on the track and basketball teams and is also involved in the high school band, choir and the talented and gifted (TAG) program. In his spare time he enjoys music and building things.



Congratulations Ashley and Nicholas!

City Beat

By Jared Cobb, City Administrator

New City Councilor Appointed

At the regular meeting on February 2nd, the Lowell City Council appointed Gail Harris to fill the unexpired term of office for the seat vacated by Councilor Judith Rennert. Ms. Harris has been a resident of Lowell for over 31 years. She has served on the Lowell Planning Commission for the last two years, and has also been an active volunteer with the Lowell School District and the annual Blackberry Jam Festival. Ms. Harris currently works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as an Administrative Officer.

Small Business Opportunities

Are you thinking about starting or expanding your small business in the City of Lowell? If so, there are free resources available! The Lane Small Business Development Center and Lane Council of Governments both offer services to help your business succeed.

The Lane Small Business Development Center is located on the downtown campus of Lane Community College and offers no-cost business advising. Business advisors are available to guide you through the planning and development process, and assist with workshop, class and resource referrals. All advising is professional, confidential, and at no-cost to your business.

The Lane Council of Governments' (LCOG) Business Loan Program assists small businesses to utilize various government loan resources including local, state, and federal programs such as the U.S. Small Business Administration. These programs can offer numerous benefits including an attractive rate of interest, higher loan-to-value, and easier access to loan financing.

For more information on these organizations please use the contact information below. If you have general questions regarding starting a business in Lowell, you may contact City Hall at 541-937-2157.

Lane Small Business Development Center
101 West 10th Avenue, Suite 304 in Eugene
LaneSBCD@laneccd.edu
<http://www.lanesbdc.com/>
541-463-6200

Lane Council of Governments
859 Willamette Street, Suite 500 in Eugene
debetschart@lcog.org
<http://www/lcog/org>
541-682-3359

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 February 2nd regular meeting:

- Appointed Gail Harris as City Councilor. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson; Opposed: None.
- Motion to approve Resolution 639, increasing monthly sewer rate to \$53.11 per EDU or 8% failed. In support: Bennett, Paulson; Opposed: Burford, Harris, Osgood.
- Motion to authorize the City Administrator to spend up to \$5,000 on Economic Development Committee Projects failed. In support: Osgood, Paulson; Opposed: Bennett, Burford, Harris.
- Approved Resolution 640, Budget Transfers. In support: Bennett, Burford, Harris, Osgood, Paulson; Opposed: None.

From the February 16th regular meeting:

- Appointed Patricia Angelini to the Planning Commission. In support: Bennett, Harris, Osgood, Paulson; Opposed: None; Absent: Burford.

Spring Book Sale

By Maggie Osgood, Volunteer Librarian

The Lowell Community Library will be hosting a spring book sale from March 28-30 inside Lowell City Hall. Hundreds of books from all genres will be available, along with VHS tapes and magazines. Prices are generally \$0.50 for hardback books, \$0.25 for paperback books, \$0.25 for VHS tapes, and magazines are free of charge. All proceeds are used to support and enhance programming at the Lowell Community Library. If you would like more information, please contact the Library at 541-937-2157.

Donations to Kidz Korner

The Blackberry Jam is seeking donations for the Kids Korner prize tent at the festival. Any new or gently used toys or monetary donations to purchase toys would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your toys and donations to Joyce at City Hall or you can call 541-937-5544. Thank you for your help!



In and Around Our Community

Veterans: Impact Your Health Free Breakfast and Dental Care

Saturday, March 26th
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Free Dental Services
Fall Creek Event Center
39898 Church Road, Fall Creek

All Veterans and their families will be served breakfast. Veterans without dental insurance or coverage through the VA are eligible for free dental services. Please bring proof of service in the U. S. Military. The first 25 Veterans will be served and others will be scheduled for future clinics based upon first come, first serve. For additional information please call Randy Meyer at 541-937-2786 or email him at randy@carinhandsworldwide.org.

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council 2016 Annual Elections & Science PUB

On Wednesday, March 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Gatehouse Pizza in Pleasant Hill, learn about past, present and future operations at Fall Creek Dam to support wild Chinook. Info: education@mfwwc.org.

Also:

Freshwaters Illustrated UPRIVER Film Premiere
Monday, March 7th, 7:00 p.m. — FREE
Brewers Union 180, 48329 1st Street, Oakridge
Visit <http://up-river.org> for more information

March 5th Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Cub Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Saturday, March 5th** with the showing of the Sponge Bob Movie **Sponge Out of Water**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00



p.m., at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street. Children of all ages are welcome but those under age 7 should have an adult present to supervise.

And now that it's dark when the movie ends, either pick up your child or make sure he/she has an escort if walking home. Admission is free; sales of refreshments support scout activities. Info: 541-228-5664.

Lowell Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for Derby car weigh-ins
Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street, Lowell

Grange Events in March

Breakfast on March 6th
Texas Hold 'em Poker on March 4 and 19th
Bingo! on March 16th

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

Easter Egg Hunt March 26th!

Open to Toddlers through 13 year olds
Saturday, March 26th, 10:00 a.m.
Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street

Thanks to our generous community!

To everyone who bought Girl Scout cookies on Saturday, Feb. 20th. They sold out in 2-1/2 hours.

To the Lowell Student Body who brought in 680 pounds of food for the Lowell Food Pantry.

To the blood donors on Feb. 4th who donated 13 lifesaving units. This means that over 36 patients will benefit from these donations. The next blood drive will be Wednesday, May 4th from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Monthly Police Log (January 23 – February 22)	
01/24	12:44 pm Disorderly Subject at 100 Block East 2nd
01/27	08:08 am Subpoena Service at 100 Block West 2nd
01/30	06:32 pm Unlawful Use of Vehicle at 100 Block N. Moss
01/31	04:39 pm Incomplete 911 Call at 100 Block N. Moss
02/01	06:58 am Hit and Run at 100 Block N. Pioneer Street
02/01	03:14 pm Assault at 100 Block West Fourth Street
02/01	09:01 pm Burglary at 100 Block South Pioneer Street
02/04	08:57 pm Dispute at 100 Block North Cannon Street
02/07	02:45 pm Dispute at 100 Block West Fourth Street
02/08	01:42 pm Harassment at 100 Block South Damon Street
02/08	01:55 pm Suspicious Subject at 100 Block West 2nd
02/09	06:10 pm Suspicious Conditions at 200 Block East 2nd
02/09	09:27 pm Traffic Stop at E. Main Street and No. Cannon
02/11	12:06 am Foot Patrol at North Shore Drive and N. Moss
02/11	12:18 am Traffic Stop at So. Pioneer and E. Lakeview
02/15	02:25 pm Traffic Stop at 100 Block North Hyland Lane
02/17	07:03 am Incomplete 911 Call at 100 Block North Moss
02/19	09:59 pm Harassment at 100 Block North Cannon Street
02/19	10:12 pm Suspicious Conditions at 500 Block N. Moss

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: March 2016

- 1—City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 3—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
 - 4—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 5—Free Family Movie Night at the Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
 - 6—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
 - 8—Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
 - 9—After School Puppets Show, 3:30-4:15 p.m., Lowell Library
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
 - 10—The Living Wax Museum, Lundy Elementary, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 - 11—OMEA District 12 Band Festival, Thurston HS, 4:30 p.m.
 - 14—Softball & Baseball @ Creswell, 4:30 p.m.
 - 15—City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 16—Softball @ St. Paul, 3:30 p.m. Double header
Baseball v. East Linn Christian, 4:00 p.m.
MFWWC Elections & Science PUB, Gatehouse Pizza, 6-8 pm
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
 - 17—Willamette Valley Band Festival, Lane Comm. College, 1 pm
 - 18—Baseball @ Umpqua Valley Christian, 6:30 p.m.
PTO Family Movie Night, Lowell HS Gym, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - 19—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 22—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
 - 23—Fables with Mr. Ben, 3:30-4:15 p.m., Lowell Library
 - 26—Veterans Breakfast/Dental Services, FC Event Center, 8 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m., Lowell Grange
 - 27—Free Easter Breakfast/Brunch, East Valley Church, 8:30 a.m.
 - 28—Softball & Baseball v. Creswell, 4:30 p.m.
School Board meeting, PDC Lundy Elementary, 6:00 p.m.
 - 28-30—Spring Book Sale, Lowell Library at City Hall, 9:00-5:00
 - 29—Baseball v. Umpqua Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 - 30—Softball & Baseball v. Yoncalla, 4:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, 6:30 p.m., Lowell Grange
- In April:
2—Softball & Baseball @ Crow, 4:30 p.m.



**Covered Bridge Regattas
coming in April!**

**Collegiate Regatta April 9th
Masters & Juniors April 16-17**

**If you'd like to volunteer,
please contact Jill Hoyenga at
regatta@oarowing.org**