



The Bridge

Making community connections

3rd in State and Two More State Champions!!

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The Lowell Wrestling team placed 3rd overall in the State 1A/2A Championships (out of 34 teams) and crowned two more champions for Lowell. Senior **Kasey Erwin**, ranked first in the 132# weight class, won 1st place for the second year in a row. Senior **Symon Thurman**, ranked third at 120#, also took 1st place.

Other medal winners included 3rd place finisher senior **Sebastian Garcin** (160#) and 4th place finisher senior **Tyson Brasfield** (132#). Also wrestling in the State tournament was junior **Andy Kintzley** (285#).



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

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

Dear Community,

We have so many great things to report this month that I'll keep my remarks short. Since the recent "snowpocalypse" there have been many questions about making up lost days. I will be discussing our options with staff and state officials and will report back as soon as possible. In the meantime, I would like to thank the many hardworking staff members who jumped into action as soon as the snow started falling. There were also countless community volunteers that jumped in as well — from people plowing roads and driveways, to serving hot meals, to driving stranded residents into town for a warm place to stay. I am extremely proud of the way our community responded. Once things are back to normal, we will continue to refine our schedule for the upcoming groundbreaking of the bond projects that should begin sometime in late May/early June. These updates will appear in future editions of The Bridge and on our website at www.lowell.k12.or.us.

Respectfully, Johnie Matthews, Lowell Superintendent

Lowell Brass Wins District 12, Headed To State Finals

Six of Lowell Music's finest young people have managed another first for LHS and small schools of our kind. On February 23rd, they took high score in the "Large Ensemble" category while competing at the OMEA District 12 Solo/Ensemble Festival. This is uniquely different from OSAA Band and Choir, in that Solo/Ensemble features small, conductor-less groups and does not differentiate for school classification. In other words, all participants are competing head-to-head for a ticket to State. Seniors Ian Sotomayor and Jason Stratis, juniors Owen Chapman and Taysian Williamson, and sophomores Nicky Sotomayor and Timmy Stratis, outscored all comers -- each of whom hailed from 5A and 6A schools -- to take the District Championship, and will head to Pacific University for State Finals on April 26-27 (times TBD).



From L to R: Ian Sotomayor, Timmy Stratis, Taysian Williamson, Jason Stratis and Nicky Sotomayor (not pictured: Owen Chapman).

Of particular note, the first five boys listed above have now been District Champs and State Finalists in *three* different OSAA Activities in their careers. For any athlete or musician this is a rare feat, indeed! All six boys and the rest of the Lowell Band will try to duplicate this success in Band state qualifiers on March 15th and 21st. Good luck!

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

The 6th grade proudly presents: **"The Living Wax Museum"**

Special guests include: Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, Amelia Earhart, and many more.

This trip through history will take place on March 7, 2019 at Lundy Elementary.

No Cost Dinner: 5:00-6:00 in the Lundy gym — Performances: 6:00-8:00 in the Lundy Hallways

To make the wax figures come to life you insert one ticket into the ticket box. Each ticket costs 25 cents at the door. Our Wax Museum project will serve as a fundraiser for an end of the year field trip, so come one, come all. New to the Wax Museum will be a dinner hosted by Billy Reid prior to the performances. This event will allow you to take an educational trip through history and you won't leave disappointed. See you there!

You are cordially invited to a Night of Student Presentations

Wednesday, MARCH 20 • GEAR UP NIGHT FOR GRADES 6-11

6:00-6:30 Pizza, salad, cookies, and soda

6:00-7:00 Showcasing Music, Drama, Science Fair Projects,
Student Displays, Art Show, and Sophomore-Led College Fair

7:00-7:30 "How to Pay for College" presentation for 10th & 11th grade parents



Junior High Boys Basketball

Team members include: 8th graders Jacob Farrington, Sol Tendick, Hayden Vaughn and Levi VonDoloski; 7th graders Gabe Dorelien, Caden Durfee, Hayden Graham, Ayden Hadley, Justin Hern, Jaden Jalof, Preston Neet, Alex Palencia, Ben Silebi, Alex Stratis and Tyler Yearous; and, 6th graders Camden Alexander, Caden Fisher, Devon McCourt and Colton Wendt.

Head coach Greg Erickson is assisted by Tim Stratis.



Varsity Wrestling

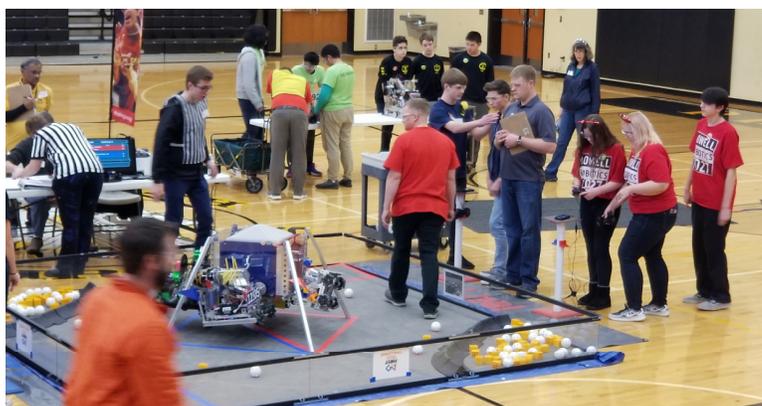
The team put in a lot of hard work during the season that culminated in a third place team finish in the 1A/2A state championship. Members include: seniors Tyson Brasfield, Gabe Carroll, Justin Corp, Kasey Erwin, Sebastian Garcin, Kent McIntosh and Symon Thurman; juniors Desmond Able, Tristan Garcin and Andrew Kintzley; and, freshmen Deacon Savio, Odin Sinnett and Austin Smith.

Head coach Jeff Cardwell is assisted by Jaxon Ward.

Great job everyone!

Lowell Robotics Team Performs Well

The Lowell Robotics team had a great year! Members of the team (Ashley and Zac Jenks, Ashley and Tristan Woodhurst, and Ian and Nicky Sotomayor) started the season by using massive, out of the box thinking to design the beautiful bot. Then, with the help of innovative ideas and problem-solving, and a brand-new 3D printer to make any extra parts (which many are thankful for), alas Lowell Robotics' masterpiece was born! In late January, the team went to a competition in Philomath. Competition went way better than expected and the bot was pretty consistent, doing amazing things. We cannot wait to see what next year has in store. Good job Lowell Robotics!



Junior High Students of the Month



Hayden Vaughn was chosen for Student of the Month for working hard and having a great attitude. His grandparents are Londa and Randy Minyard. When Hayden isn't working hard on his grades and helping his grandparents, he likes to eat, sleep and play sports.

Sawyer Kordon was chosen for his politeness to students and staff. His parents are Jennifer and Chad Kordon. When he is not working on his grades and helping out at home, his favorite activities are hunting, fishing, sports and riding his quad.



Congratulations Hayden and Sawyer on being selected as students of the month for Lowell Junior High!

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Winter Storm Response

Monday, February 25 was supposed to be an uneventful snow day. Instead, we all woke up to one of the biggest storms in local history, with snow totals ranging from 18-24 inches. The immediate result was fallen trees, downed power lines, impassable streets, and total loss of power in Lowell.

While caught off guard, our staff immediately responded with measures to sustain basic services and support local partners, including the following:

- Reporting downed power lines to Lane Electric
- Hauling diesel fuel from Springfield for the City and Fire District
- Transitioning the Water Plant, Sewer Plant, Lift Station, and Water Reservoirs to generator power
- Providing public information through the City website, Facebook, and bulletin board postings
- Forwarding City Hall phone lines to the Water Plant
- Conducting welfare checks and assisting residents with special needs
- Contracting for snow and tree removal to open at least one travel lane for emergency vehicles and traffic



On behalf of our staff and the City Council, there are many organizations and individuals that we would like to sincerely thank for their support and hard work during the event:

- Lowell Fire Department for conducting welfare checks, providing an emergency warming shelter, coordinating with AT&T to improve cellular phone service, and responding to emergency calls
- Lowell School District for plowing roads, providing meals at the warming shelter, and setting up the fuel station to provide a sustainable supply of diesel for generators at the Schools, Fire Department, Water Plant, Sewer Plant, Lift Station and Water Reservoirs
- Jerry Valencia and Roy Nelson for volunteering to plow roads and driveways
- Jason Prenevost with J&K Electric for being on-call and responding to electrical issues throughout the event for the City, Lowell School District, and Lowell Fire District
- Chad and Dave Corwin with C&D Land and Tree for plowing streets, clearing and removing hazardous trees
- Daniel Bessett with Portable Rock Production for plowing streets
- Jimmy and Mindy Martini for temporarily opening Bridge Town Market for residents to purchase groceries and essential supplies

This was a historic snowfall for Lowell. While I am very proud of our community response, there is always room for improvement. In the coming weeks and months City staff will work with the Lowell Fire District and Lowell School District to share lessons learned and plan for the next event.

Green Waste Facility Open

Staff and contractors continue to remove trees, limbs, and debris from the right-of-way. The Green Waste Facility (Sewer Plant, 240 South Moss Street) will be open all next week to accept tree limbs and other yard debris. We are also working on a plan to assist residents that do not have access to a truck or trailer to haul debris. Please stay tuned to the City's website or Facebook page for additional details early next week.

New City Councilors Appointed

At the February 19, 2019 meeting the City Council interviewed three (3) candidates for City Council Position 3 and Position 4. After the interviews concluded the Council appointed Samantha Dragt to Position 3, which expires December 31, 2020, and Tim Stratis to Position 4, which expires December 31, 2022. Both positions will be on the May 2020 ballot to serve the remaining unexpired terms.

Business Focus Groups

Would your business benefit from a local business organization to help with marketing and promotion, networking, tourism, or business attraction? Join with other local businesses to share ideas and discuss the best ways to market and work together.

- Lowell/Fall Creek - Thursday, March 7, 5:30 p.m. at Lowell City Hall
- Dexter/Pleasant Hill - Friday, March 8, at 8:30 a.m. at The Studios at the Pisgah Public Market, 35851 Highway 58, Pleasant Hill, Oregon



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 5th special meeting:

- Approved Acquisition of 70 North Pioneer Street for Library and City Hall
- Approved Office Equipment Lease Contract

At the February 19th regular meeting:

- Appointed Samantha Dragt to Position 3 and Tim Stratis to Position 4 on the City Council
- Approved Community Grant Program Application in the amount of \$1,200 for the Pine Needlers
- Approved \$1,400 for marketing and permit costs for Oregon Paddle Sports Demo Day
- Approved 2019 City Administrator Objectives
- Approved Resolution 711—2019 Strategic Plan
- Approved Resolution 712—Requesting Transfer of County Owned Property (parcel in Rolling Rock park)

Monthly Police Log (January 28 – February 28)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
01/29/19	11:43 AM	Citizen Contact	100 Block South Moss Street
01/29/19	5:09 PM	Assault	100 Block South Damon Street
01/29/19	11:06 PM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block North Everly Street
01/31/19	8:15 AM	Follow Up	100 Block East Third Street
01/31/19	12:14 AM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
01/31/19	12:56 AM	Suspicious Conditions	400 Block East First Street
01/31/19	5:39 PM	Follow Up	100 Block South Moss Street
01/31/19	7:56 PM	Assist Outside Agency	400 Block North Hyland Lane
02/01/19	11:16 PM	Request Cover	100 Block West Seventh Street
02/02/19	5:39 AM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
02/02/19	4:21 PM	Reckless Driving	300 Block North Moss Street
02/04/19	11:14 PM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
02/08/19	4:00 PM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block North Cannon Street
02/09/19	9:56 AM	Mental Subject	400 Block North Hyland Lane
02/09/19	9:57 AM	Vehicle Stop	North Everly Street and North Shore Drive
02/09/19	11:28 AM	Theft	400 Block North Hyland Lane
02/09/19	12:05 AM	Criminal Mischief	100 Block South Pioneer Street
02/09/19	5:39 PM	Assist Oregon State Police	400 Block North Hyland Lane
02/09/19	5:49 PM	Illegal Dirt Bikes	200 Block East Main Street
02/09/19	11:25 PM	Criminal Trespass	400 Block East First Street
02/12/19	4:24 AM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block North Cannon Street
02/12/19	8:28 AM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block North Cannon Street
02/12/19	9:35 AM	Stalking Order Service	400 Block North Hyland Lane
02/12/19	2:50 PM	Reckless Driving	100 Block South Moss Street
02/14/19	3:58 AM	Prowler	400 Block East First Street
02/14/19	10:10 AM	Harassment	100 Block North Everly Street
02/14/19	6:24 PM	Welfare Check	100 Block North Everly Street
02/15/19	9:27 AM	Assist Outside Agency	100 Block North Everly Street
02/16/19	1:09 AM	Assault	100 Block North Everly Street
02/16/19	2:51 AM	Assault	100 Block North Everly Street
02/20/19	8:16 AM	Lockout	100 Block West Fourth Street
02/20/19	9:14 AM	Suspicious Vehicle	300 Block North Hyland Lane
02/20/19	10:30 AM	Civil Enforcement	100 Block West Fourth Street
02/20/19	3:43 PM	Alarm	200 Block South Pioneer Street
02/22/19	5:49 PM	Custodial Interference	200 Block North Damon Street
02/23/19	1:38 AM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
02/23/19	5:19 PM	Alarm	200 Block South Pioneer Street
02/24/19	7:06 PM	Tree Down	South Pioneer Street and Lakeview Avenue
02/26/19	2:31 PM	Assist Fire Department	300 Block Marina Vista Drive

Please report suspicious activity to (LCSO) at 541-682-4150 or 541-682-4141.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Lowell Roundup HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



Saturday, March 9
9am - 2pm
Lowell Fire Station
389 North Pioneer St.

Many common household products contain hazardous ingredients. Anything with a caution label such as **Danger**, **Warning** or **Caustic** can become a pollutant to groundwater and streams. Avoiding these products saves money and protects children and wildlife from exposure.

BRING:

- Cleaners
- Paints and solvents
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Car care products
- Prescription medication
- Arts and crafts products
- Other household hazardous waste

Limit to 35 gallons from each household.
Keep products in original labeled container
or label known items.

DON'T BRING:

- Asbestos
- Drums
- Electronics
- Explosives
- Infectious waste
- Pressurized cylinders
- Radioactive waste

For information about how to
dispose of these materials,
call (541) 682-4120.



Year Round Collection

Batteries, electronics, paint, fluorescent bulbs/lamps (up to 4 ft.), prescription medication and sharps are accepted year-round at the Hazardous Waste Collection Center. For more information, visit www.lanecounty.org/hazwaste or call (541) 682-4120.

In and Around Our Community

Kidsports Baseball to Start

Spring is just around the corner and that means baseball season is starting! This year the youth teams (K-8) will be signing up out of district through Kidsports. The season will begin with some baseball clinics to help improve children's skills. Clinics will run every Friday and Sunday for grades 5-8 and Friday only for grades K-4, and will continue weekly until the season begins in April. The fee for Kidsports Baseball is \$60 per child, all fees are due to coaches by April 1st. The baseball clinics are FREE and are intended to build a solid baseball program beginning with the youngest athletes, any extra donations are appreciated and will be used to purchase equipment for the program.

Grades K-4 Clinic:

Starting Friday, March 8th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Lundy Elementary, repeating weekly, FRIDAYS ONLY. Still have questions? Call Shannon at 541-515-5675.

Grades 5-8 Clinic:

Starting Sunday, March 3rd from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Lundy Elementary. Friday clinics will be from 3:15-4:45 p.m., Sunday will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m., repeating weekly.

Your child will need their own baseball glove, cleats and water. This is not a babysitting service, please accompany your child to the clinics. Remember that ALL programs are run by volunteers. There are coaches for every grade level but extra hands are always appreciated. If you are available to help through the season, please let the coaches know when you bring your child to the clinic. If you have questions, please bring them with you to the clinic.



**The Blackberry Jam Quilt Show
needs your quilts!**

July 27th & 28th

**Time to start thinking about entering your quilt in
the show. If you have questions, please call Teri
Harter at 541-968-9079**



Dexter Lake Farmers' Market

Dexter Lake Farmers' Market will be open in the summer of 2019 on Sundays in Lowell's Rolling Rock Park. On Sunday, March 3rd, we have scheduled a meeting for interested people at the Lowell Grange, starting at 2:00 p.m. with a "Meet and Greet" and finger food potluck, with a meeting to follow at 3:00.

We are hoping to offer a wider variety of ready-to-eat food at the market. Remember when bake sales were readily held by small organizations wanting to make a little money? Increasing regulations have made this all but impossible.

In the past couple years there has been an opening for those who want to sell baked goods: <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9192.pdf>, or preserves: <https://www.oregon.gov/ODA/shared/Documents/Publications/FoodSafety/FarmDirectFAQ.pdf>.

You can sell your home made products which qualify under these programs in your own booth, or in our consignment booth. For info. call 541-937-3034.

Lowell Community Preschool

Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year will begin March 1st.

We serve children in the Lowell, Fall Creek, Dexter, Pleasant Hill and Springfield areas who will be 3 or 4 years old before September 1st, 2019. Children must also be independently potty trained.

To register visit https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url? a=https%3a%2f%2f%2f%2fwww.lowell.k12.or.us%2fpreschool&c=E,1,Dko-IFHULO8M1KqQYrwXRg-JjhhYB_vTGIVmSXQYmfWxe5Ad-CpK5ODxp gnGu3Mde1tAE6hLM2iHS5E6bd-T5BaIZcSFG08pGcBXvybsm0tCaksCZgXiScp2uhg, &typo=1 to print a registration form or visit our Lowell Community Preschool Facebook page for more information. A registration fee of \$75.00 is due upon registration to ensure a spot. We accept cash, checks (made payable to Jessica Pelroy), or any major credit card paid through Square Payment.

Current 1st year preschoolers will have precedence over new students, then we'll enroll students on a first come, first serve basis until full. For any questions, please contact us at 541-937-2105 ext. 203.

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On the web: www.lowell.k12.or.us

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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 2019

- 1—Read Across America Events — Cancelled
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 2—Cans/Bottle Drive, 10am until noon, HS parking lot
- 3—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market Meeting, 2:00 pm, Lowell Grange
- 4—JH Boys Basketball v. Triangle Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, to be rescheduled
Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee, to be rescheduled
- 5—**City Council Special Meeting & Work Session, 7:00 p.m.,
City Hall**
- 6—Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 7—Wax Museum & Dinner, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Lundy Elementary
Business Focus Group, 5:30 p.m., Lowell City Hall
- 8—JH Boys Basketball @ Mapleton, 4:30 p.m.
PTO Meeting in the PDC, 5:30 p.m., All are welcome!
- 9—Hazardous Waste Roundup, 9am-2pm, Lowell Fire Station
- 10—Daylight Savings Time Starts—Spring forward one hour!
- 11—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Myrtle Point, 4:00 p.m.
- 12—Blackberry Jam Committee, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 13—Half day of school, Curriculum Day, release at noon
Open Enrollment for Kindergarten, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Lundy PDC
Varsity Baseball @ Coquille, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball @ Pleasant Hill, 4:30 p.m.
- 13—JH Boys Basketball @ Crow, 4:30 p.m.
- 14—Varsity Baseball @ North Douglas, 4:30 p.m.
- 16—JH Boys Basketball @ McKenzie, time TBA
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 19—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Waldport, 4:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 20—Gear Up Night for Grades 6-11, 6:00 p.m. Lowell High School
Parks & Recreation Steering Comm., cancelled
- 21—Varsity Baseball v. North Douglas, 4:30 p.m.
Municipal Court, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 22—Dads on Fridays! 1:30 p.m., Lundy Elementary
Varsity Softball @ Crow, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Baseball v. Coquille, 4:00 p.m.
- 25—**School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.**
- 26—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Waldport, Noon
- 29—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church


Happy Spring Break

March 25—29