



The Bridge

Making community connections

Another Lowell State Wrestling Champion!

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The Lowell Wrestling team placed 4th overall in the State 1A/2A Championships last weekend and crowned another champion for Lowell. Junior **Kasey Erwin**, bested his effort last year when he won 2nd. Ranked first in the 132# weight class with a record of 26-5 this year, Kasey won with a major decision (9-0) in the first round. In the second round he won by fall in 4:48 then won by decision in the first place match.



Kasey Erwin

Other medal winners included 2nd place finisher senior **Nate Roat** (160#) and 4th place finisher junior **Kent McIntosh** (132#).

Also wrestling in the State tournament were juniors **Justin Corp** (113#) and **Sebastian Garcin** (152#) and senior **Thomas Talamantes-Ward** (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...*

From Walt Hanline, Superintendent

Building Program Update

On February 6th, we met with the local Expert Group. The Expert Group members who participated were Chad and Richard Lybarger ~ Brother' Plumbing, Jerry Valencia ~ Bridgeway Construction, Jason Pickett ~ Parent and Facilities Expert, Jason Prenovost ~ J & K Electric, Brian Chittim ~ James Heating, John Murray ~ Lane Electric, and Tim Gribble ~ Preferred Construction. The architect from GLaS, Chris Walkup, and Dr. Hanline briefed the group on the project, with an emphasis on the input from the User Group. The Expert Group gave great advice, both from a construction and a cost point of view. From the input, the architect is now defining the initial specifications and systems that will be used for the project.

Building Program Process Dates

- ◆ May 15th **Expert Group Meeting**, from 5:30 – 9:00 pm, brief the experts and receive input on the specifications and systems.
- ◆ May 31st, **User Group Meeting**, brief and receive final input.
- ◆ June 1st - September 13th, **Architect** will finalize specifications and scope of project, including a formal cost analysis.
- ◆ September 13th, **Expert Group Meeting**, from 5:30 – 9:30, brief the experts and seek their point of view on the costs and specifications associated with the project.
- ◆ On September 24th, **School Board Meeting**, brief and seek approval on the final specifications and design development.
- ◆ September 24th – February 4th, **Architect** designs the final and complete plans and specifications.
- ◆ February 4th, 2019, **Expert Group Meeting**, brief and seek input on the constructability of the plans and specifications, the best way to phase the project, and the approach to packaging the bid documents, including additive and deductive alternates.
- ◆ March 1st – April 8th, 2019, **Solicit Bids**
- ◆ April 22nd, 2019 – **School Board**, Awards Bid
- ◆ June 17th, 2019 – **Construction Begins**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The 6th grade proudly presents:
“The Living Wax Museum”

This trip through history will take place on:
March 1st, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street



Lowell Music Special Performance

On Sunday, March 11th, Lowell High School will be hosting the Eugene Symphonic Band (ESB) for a special joint concert with our own state-champion Concert Band. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the LHS Gym, and feature both bands individually, as well as playing several pieces as a combined group!



The ESB is an exemplary community ensemble who annually chooses one local school for their Outreach Program — Lowell is the first small school (3A or smaller) to be chosen for this honor. The whole community is invited to come to this special show. Admission is free; donations are encouraged to help fund Lowell Music operations. Thank you for your continued support!

Come Join the Lowell School District!

Kindergarten Registration is Coming!

Do you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1st? Lundy Elementary is holding Open Enrollment Kindergarten Registration on March 14th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Bring your pre-K child, their immunization records and birth certificate. We will have fun activities, snacks and a tour of the school.

If you have questions, please call Colette at 541-937-2105.

Open Enrollment Period Open for Lowell School District — March 1 through 31st

Lowell School District has chosen to participate in Open Enrollment since the enactment of Oregon House Bill 3681 in 2012. The law allows students to transfer to school districts outside of their legal residence, if a parent completes an Open Enrollment form and submits it to the District that the student wishes to attend. The form must be submitted within the Open Enrollment period, which is March 1 through April 1, 2018.

If you have a student that would like to transfer in to the Lowell School District, the forms can be found on the District website and at any of the school offices. Please call Kandi at 541-937-2124 if you have any questions.

Student of the Month: Priscilla Thurman

Priscilla Thurman is an 8th grade student at Lowell Jr/Sr High School. Her parents are Aaron and Rachel



Thurman. Priscilla is a joy to have in our school. She loves Volleyball, Basketball and Track and Field. When Priscilla is not working hard on her school work, her interests are listening to music, watching action movies, babysitting, playing basketball on the Xbox and hanging out with her siblings. Priscilla was chosen because she is an all-

around great student.

Congratulations Priscilla!

Lowell Community Preschool Registration!

Lowell Community Preschool will be enrolling new students for the 2018-2019 school year beginning March 1st.

If you have a potty trained 3-5 year old and are looking for an experienced, fun and educational preschool, then don't miss your opportunity to be a part of the Lowell Community Preschool family!

Go to https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https://www.lowell.k12.or.us/preschool&c=E,1,PIVg_03O2qLWERCf-2bvmZ_GnE_TokG--3nMcQ5f8jWmWKFW4k5TKJDjxm9GRxQOynoLN-hceFoXA7RYNB9uhVG5IZ2z5voyBa64wzz9LcOFW WKxIQ-fc5yv&typo=0 to print the Registration Application. Fill it out and drop off your form and fee at the Lundy Elementary School Office. The deadline to register is March 22nd. We look forward to meeting you and your preschooler!

For questions contact Jessica Pelroy, Lowell Community Preschool Director, at 541-953-9200 or you can always find us on Facebook!

Basketball Wraps-up at State Playoffs

Both Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball teams finished 2nd in the Mountain West League. The girls finished 9-3 in league and 15-13 overall. They beat Willamette Valley Christian in the first round, then lost to #1 ranked Country Christian I the second round. Mountain West All-League honors went to Daisy Schnee, 1st team; Jenna Martini, 2nd team; Lily Lane, 3rd team; and, Nature Letts and Lucy Plahn received Honorable Mention.

The boys finished 10-2 in league for 2nd place and 19-8 overall. Lowell beat Falls City 49-48 in an exciting nail biter in the first round, then lost to #1 ranked Pacific. Mountain West All-League honors went to Cole Staggs, 1st team; Bryce Pickett and Mason Wendt, 2nd team; and, Jason Stratis and Zack Smith, 3rd team.

Congratulations on a very exciting season and for making the state playoffs!

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Outdoor Burning Season Opens March 1

The outdoor burning season opens in the City of Lowell on March 1 and runs through May 31. City regulations for burning are provided below. All outdoor burning is also subject to the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) and residents should check their advisory hotline at **541-726-3976** or **www.lrapa.org**.

Prohibited:

- The burning of any refuse, garbage, or other waste products
- The burning of any construction or demolition waste
- Field, ditch or weed burning
- Commercial or industrial burning as defined by LRAPA
- The burning of wet woody yard trimmings, leaves and grass clippings

Allowable:

- Fires initiated for firefighting training purposes
- Recreational fires used for cooking with fire in a fireplace, barbecue set; or an outdoor fireplace, fire ring, or pit fueled with cut and split firewood
- Bonfires or religious ceremonial fires as approved in writing by LRAPA and the LRFPD
- The burning of clean woody yard trimmings, leaves and grass clippings on LRAPA approved burn days in October, March, April and May



Whenever possible, choose other ways to dispose of yard debris. Chipping, composting and hauling are alternatives. The City of Lowell also maintains a green waste drop-off site at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 240 South Moss Street. The facility is open the last Saturday of every month from 10:00 - 12:00. Residents may drop off acceptable materials at no charge. Proof of residency is required, and may be confirmed with a recent water, electric, cable or telephone utility bill.

Acceptable Materials:

Tree limbs
Leaves
Soft, pliable vines
Twigs, branches, and woody vines up to 6" diameter and 10' long
Similar garden waste

Unacceptable Materials:

Dirt or sod waste
Animal waste
Herbicides, Fertilizers, or Insecticides
Treated Logs or lumber
Stumps or stump grindings
Material from contractors or commercial firms

Board and Committee Vacancies

The City is still accepting applications for the Budget Committee, Planning Commission, and Blackberry Jam Festival Committee. All interested residents and non-residents (as applicable) are encouraged to apply. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at www.ci.lowell.or.us. *Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.*

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.

At the February 6th study session, the following topics were addressed:

- Discussed Grant Appropriations Resolutions: Resolution 685, for a grant in the amount of \$32,000 from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept. to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; Resolution 686, a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development to develop a Downtown Master Plan; Resolution 687, a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the Dept. of Land Conservation and Development for an update to the Land Development Code; and, Resolution 688, for a grant in the amount of \$400 from the Lane Library League for equipment and software.
- Discussed Budget Appropriation and Transfer Resolution 689, a resolution providing for budget transfers and making appropriation changes for FY 2017-2018 to increase the Police and Community Development, BBJ Festival and Debt Service appropriation authority to provide for unforeseen expenditures.
- Discussed Utility Bill Adjustments – information on a catastrophic water leak event that occurred, and information for possible changes to policy.
- Discussed Management Responses to the City Auditor addressing the deficiencies in the City of Lowell Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Audit Report.
- Reviewed City Council Guiding Principles.
- Reviewed 2018 Strategic Plan.
- Received an update on Irrigation System Projects.

Study sessions are held for the City Council to receive background information on City business and to give Council members an opportunity to ask questions and express their individual views. No decisions are made, and no votes are taken on any agenda item. The public is invited to attend, however, there is generally no public comment period.

At the February 20th regular meeting:

- Accepted the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Financial Report
Motion approved 4-0. In support Bennett, Burford, Harris, Osgood; Angelini absent.
- Appointed Lisa Bee-Wilson to Position 3 of the Economic Development Committee
- Approved Resolution 684—City Council Guiding Principles
- Approved Resolution 685—ORPD Local Government Grant Appropriation
- Approved Resolution 686—DLCD Technical Assistance Grant Appropriation
- Approved Resolution 687—DLCD Planning Grant Application
- Approved Resolution 688—Lane Library League Grant Appropriation
- Approved Resolution 689—Budget Transfers and Appropriations
- Approved Resolution 690—Management Response to the City Auditor
- Approved Resolution 691—Adoption of the FY 2018 Strategic Plan
- Approved authorization. not to exceed \$10,000, to repair water leaks on 6th Street and West Main Street
Motions were approved 5-0. In support Bennett, Angelini, Burford, Harris and Osgood.

Monthly Police Log (January 28—February 27)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
01/28/18	11:26 AM	Restraining Order Service	100 Block East Fourth Street
01/29/18	2:30 PM	Location of Wanted Subject	100 Block South Pioneer Street
01/29/18	7:36 PM	Dispute	100 Block West Fourth Street
02/02/18	2:26 PM	Assault	100 Block South Pioneer Street
02/04/18	11:35 AM	Accident, Vehicle Pedestrian	100 Block North Moss Street
02/07/18	3:36 PM	Location of Wanted Subject	100 Block North Pioneer Street
02/08/18	9:50 AM	Theft of License Plate	500 Block North Moss Street
02/08/18	12:23 PM	Theft	100 Block West Fourth Street
02/12/18	7:33 PM	Restraining Order Service	100 Block East Fourth Street
02/16/18	8:46 PM	Suspicious Conditions	South Alder Street and West Main Street
02/23/18	10:38 PM	Suspicious Conditions	200 Block North Moss 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.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Website

Lowell Rural Fire Protection District has started a new website. Please check us out at www.lowellfiredistrict.org. We are hoping to be able to bring you a lot of information throughout the year. If you have a suggestion please contact Chief Dragt at 541-937-3393.

Looking for Volunteers

Do you know somebody interested in Fire or EMS? Volunteer Programs available through Lowell RFPD include volunteer firefighter (both resident and non-resident), volunteer EMS responder, as well as non-combatant support positions.

Q: How do I get started?

A: Come by the station during the week and we would be happy to talk to you about the process. Or you may call us at 541-937-3393.

Q: What kind of training will I get?

A: We provide the training for Firefighter, Driver, Engineer, Medical and Rescue.

“Professionalism is an attitude not a job status”

Winter Warnings

Be aware of the icy roads as we see cold weather coming. Give yourself some extra time to safely drive to your destination. Roads can easily hide icy spots.

Lowell Is Growing

The Lowell Fire District is looking to the future. While we are providing training to volunteers, we also know that there may be needs in the community for specific trainings like CPR, Fire Extinguishers or Wildfire Prevention. If you have a need, please let us know.

Thank YOU, Lowell, Fall Creek and Unity

We thank all of the community members that support us throughout the year. We are happy to be here assisting the community any way that we can.

Meet Your Firefighters: Melanie Seaholm

Melanie comes to us from Springfield where she was born and raised. Her family and friends live in the area so she has deep roots here in the Willamette Valley. She first became interested in the Fire and Emergency Medical Services field in 2016. The next summer at Sky Camp, Fire Chief Lon Dragt offered her the opportunity to volunteer in Lowell. She has since received her EMT license and is continuing her education at Lane Community College for an Associate's degree in Paramedicine. She loves spending time with her family, serving her community, and enjoying life. If you see her around, feel free to come up and say hi!



In and Around Our Community

East Lane Commissioner Candidate Forum

An opportunity to hear from the candidates for the East Lane County Commissioner position will be held on Monday, March 19th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 36386 Highway 58. Pleasant Hill teacher Timothy Meinzen will be the moderator.

Candidates who have confirmed their attendance include James Barber, Heather Buch, Tim Laue, Kevin Matthews and incumbent Gary Williams. Another candidate, Frank King, will be unable to attend.

5th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31st!

Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street

Starts at 10:00 a.m.

Ages toddlers to 12 years

Join us for a fun Easter Egg Hunt, special prizes, and meet the Easter Bunny. Don't forget your basket!



PTO Hosts Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Parent, Teacher Organization will be hosting a fun evening on Friday, March 9th in the High School Gym.

They will be showing the movie, Coco, beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will also be pizza, root beer floats, other yummy snacks and lots of fun!



Grange Events in March

Breakfast on Sunday, March 4th

Texas Hold 'em Poker on March 2nd and 17th

Bingo! on March 21st

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

NOTICE OF DIRECTOR VACANCY: Oakridge District (Includes Lowell/Fall Creek)

The term of office for one director in the Oakridge District on Lane Electric's board of directors will expire on May 29, 2018. The Nominating Committee is accepting applications from members who have an interest in their communities and feel a civic responsibility to their neighbors. The committee will develop a strong slate of candidates that will be presented to the members in an election in May. Directors are elected to three-year terms and must live in the district in which they apply. The incumbent director will be seeking reelection. Interested members may apply via the Position Filing process or the Petition Filing process.

Because Lane Electric Cooperative is a corporation, directors have the same basic duties and responsibilities as a director or officer of any other public or private corporation during their three-year term. Primary duties include setting policy, approving budgets, contractual considerations, working with the general manager, and monitoring the operations of the Cooperative.

Members interested in being considered as candidates by the nominating committee should contact Lane Electric for information regarding eligibility, duties and time commitment. To learn more or get an application packet, you may go online to laneelectric.com or call 541-484-1151 and ask for Brenda Everts. Applications must be signed and delivered to Lane Electric's office no later than 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: March 2018

- 1—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
6th Grade Wax Museum, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Lundy Hallways
- 2—Read Across America!, Events all day
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 4—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 5—JH Girls Basketball v. Siletz, 4:00 p.m.
Library Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- 6—**City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 8—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- 9—PTO Movie Night, 6:00 p.m., High School Gym
- 11—Daylight Savings Time Starts — Spring forward one hour
Lowell/ESB Special Concert, 7:00 p.m., High School Gym
- 12—PTO Meeting, 3:15 p.m., Lundy PDC
JH Girls Basketball v. Crow, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball v. Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.
- 13—Varsity Softball v. Reedsport, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Baseball v. Corvallis JV, 4:30 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 14—Half-day Curriculum Day, Release at noon
JH Girls Basketball v. Mapleton, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball v. Creswell, 4:00 p.m.
Open Enrollment for Kinder, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Lundy PDC
- 15—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Jefferson, 4:30 pm.
- 17—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Siletz, Noon
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 19—JH Girls Basketball @ Oak Hill, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Jefferson, 4:30 p.m.
Lane Commissioner Candidate Forum, 6-9 pm, Pleasant Hill
Community Center
School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.
- 20—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 21—Fall Creek Park Cleanup, 10:00 a.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 23—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
Varsity Baseball v. Myrtle Point, 4:00 p.m.
- 26—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Siletz, 3:00 p.m.
- 31—Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m., Lowell Grange

March
26th-30th
Enjoy!

