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Two More State Champions For Lowell High School!

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Tommy Harvey and Justyn Barton

The Lowell Wrestling team placed 2nd overall in the State 1A/2A Championships last weekend and crowned two more champions for Lowell. Senior **Justyn Barton** beat the #1 seed with a pin in the finals at 152#. Then immediately afterward senior **Tommy Harvey** lived up to his #1 ranking in his weight class of 160#, winning with an 8-1 decision.

Other medal winners included 2nd place finishers **Symon Thurman** (106#), **Kasey Erwin** (132#), **Kenny Lane** (182#), and **Thomas Talamantes-Ward** (285#); 3rd place finishers **Hayden Trimble** (170#) and **Mahsen Asher** (220#); and, **Zach Kintzley** with 4th place at 195#. Also wrestling in the State tournament were **Justin Corp** (106#), **Kent McIntosh** (120#) and **Andy Kintzley** (220#).

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*...

Resolution Approved to Support School Funding

The goal of the Lowell School District is and has always been, for the students who walk through the doors of Lowell and Lundy, to have every opportunity to learn. Unfortunately, today's financial realities challenge that goal. Currently, schools are being required to institute costly mandates that put a burden on the finances of the district without any additional funding. This not only challenges the status quo in education, it also adds burdens.

Lowell, as well as all educational systems in Oregon, have been mandated to add full day kindergarten, PE requirements, instructional hours, student health services, Measure 98, and other non-elective financial expectations with no financial subsidies to alleviate the already overburdened school budget.

Because of these ongoing challenges, The Lowell School Board of Directors has signed a resolution requesting that the legislative representatives serving the Lowell School District, actively and assertively ensure for the passage of the minimum funding required to maintain the existing level of educational services. The Resolution, in its entirety is available for review at www.lowell.k12.or.us. The goal of the Lowell School District continues to be to fight for the right for every student to have the opportunity to learn.

Open Enrollment Period Open for Lowell School District — March 1 through April 1

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, 2017.

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.

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 15th 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, call Colette at 541-937-2105.

Lowell Community Preschool Registration!

Lowell Community Preschool will be enrolling new students (potty trained children ages 3 to 5) for the 2017-2018 school year.

When: Wednesday, March 15th at 12:30 p.m.
Where: Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street,
Room 3 in the Preschool Classroom

Come meet the teachers, learn about the curriculum, the daily schedule, tuition (\$125 per month) and how to prepare your child for a positive early learning experience.

*A completed registration form and \$75 supply fee will be required to secure your child's spot in the Fall. First come, first served — limited spots.

Healthy Moves Fundraiser, March 5th

You are invited to a Healthy Moves fundraising dinner "School Lunch Favorites Reimagined" on Sunday, March 5th at Party DownTown in Eugene at 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in supporting this great program that Lundy students take part in, please go to the Healthy Moves website to get your tickets.

www.hm4kids.org



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

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

This trip through history will take place on:

March 16th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street

Girls Basketball Takes Mountain West League Honors!



Lowell Varsity Girls Basketball took first place in the Mountain West League, finishing undefeated. Additional league honors included Senior Anna Cardwell being named the league's Most Outstanding Player. Junior Daisy Schnee received first team recognition, Junior Lily Lane and Sophomore Jenna Martini received second team honors and sophomore Raelynn Trimble received honorable mention.

Daniele McCallum was honored as Coach of the Year. Coach McCallum reports that they will be returning four starters and is confident they will provide the experience needed to help a large group of 8th graders to learn quickly and be competitive again next year.

Boys Basketball Wrap-up

It's been a rewarding year for the Lowell Red Devils Boys Basketball Team. Going into this season expectations weren't high due to the loss of six seniors from last year's team, but this team was not willing to accept the general consensus of being mediocre. Through hard work and determination they achieved a 17-10 record, winning two of four playoff games.

Newcomer Cole Staggs was voted 1st team all conference and Ryan Sinnett and Jackson Christianson were voted 2nd team all conference. Other significant varsity players include Brennen Gillmore, Zach Smith, Logan Miles, and our three bigs, Jason Stratis, Bryce Pickett, and Mason Wendt.

Junior High Students of the Month



Kaitlyn Watson is the granddaughter of Gail and Skip of Lowell. Kaitlyn is a hard working middle school student and she is a great addition to our Jr. High band. In her free time Kaitlyn enjoys riding horses, riding quads and hanging with her best friend Ashley Woodhurst. One special thing about Kaitlyn is that she thinks her best friend Ashley is AWESOME!

Aiden Williamson is the son of Deseray and Christopher Williamson of Lowell. Aiden is a hard working middle school student and a huge asset to our Jr. High band, basketball and track teams. In his free time Aiden enjoys listening to music and playing Undertale. One special thing about Aiden is that he is in the talented and gifted program at Lowell.



Congratulations Kaitlyn and Aiden for being selected as students of the month for Lowell Jr. High!!

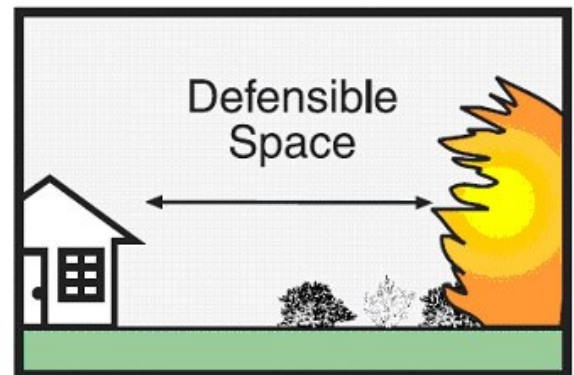
FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

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.

1. 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 this structure.
2. Remove leaf accumulation from your yard. Leaf accumulation provides fuel for a wildland fire.
3. 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.
4. Remove tall, dry grasses. Tall, dry grasses provide a path for fire that can lead directly to a house.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

Vegetation Debris Burning in Lane County

In the rural areas of Lane County, burning of vegetation debris is a viable way to get rid of tree branches, brush cuttings, needles, and leaves that will help keep you property wildfire safe. And with proper site preparation and forethought, you may burn this sort of debris with reasonable safety.

Taking the time to plan an open burning project, preparing the burn site, and equipping yourself with basic fire suppression tools before lighting the match will dramatically reduce the chance of a burn pile fire getting out of control and becoming an emergency.

Outdoor burning of yard debris and the smoke such burning generates is regulated by the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, (LRAPA). LRAPA provides open burning information and establishes "burn days" based on atmospheric conditions. As the weather gets dryer and warmer, LRAPA and Lane County Fire Agencies will jointly assess the fire danger and establish guidelines for burning.

LRAPA provides a "daily burning advisory" which provides for specific burn days and hours that burning may be performed. These advisories are established daily and must be accessed prior to burning during open burn season. The open burn season is generally October to June and may vary based on fire risk and weather condition. The Daily Burning Advisory can be accessed by calling LRAPA at 541-726-3976, or by going to www.lrapa.org.

Once you have determined that burning is allowed, follow these simple steps to help ensure you have a safe and effective yard debris burn.

- Make sure burning is allowed - Call LRAPA or the Oregon Department of Forestry office to learn whether or not a permit is required. On the day you plan to burn, call LRAPA to ensure burning is allowed that particular day. Fire agencies may suspend burning on short notice due to a change in weather conditions.

- Check the weather - Even on an allowed burning day, local weather fluctuations could make it too dangerous to burn. Gusty winds, for example, could carry sparks from your burn pile to flammable brush or grass a considerable distance away.
- Comply with the burning regulations.
- Always stay with your fire until it is dead out. Do not leave your fire unattended.
- Plastics, treated lumber, and other manufactured products give off toxic fumes and are not allowed under LRAPA Regulation. Only burn the backyard debris that is safe and legal to burn. It is illegal to burn plastic, tires, and just about anything else that isn't from a tree or shrub.
- Before burning backyard debris in a pile, prepare the site to reduce the risk of the fire escaping. Otherwise, flame or sparks may ignite nearby vegetation and cause a wildfire.
- Choose an appropriate burn site - Select an area where flames, radiant heat, and airborne embers won't set nearby vegetation afire. Vertical clearance needs to be at least three times the height of the pile. A burning pile of tree branches will send visible flames several feet into the air above the pile, but the invisible heat influence will go even higher. There should be no overhanging limbs or power lines, and the site needs to be well away from buildings.
- Clear the ground - Horizontal clearance should be twice the height of the pile. The ground around the burn sites should be cleared down to mineral soil or gravel out to at least 10 feet in all directions.
- Assemble necessary equipment - Have a charged garden hose or a fire extinguisher and shovel available at the site, and keep the surrounding area well watered down during the burn.
- When burning backyard debris, think small.
- Limit the quantity of materials – Limit the quantity of limbs, twigs, and other yard waste that you put on the fire at one time.
- Add small additional amounts - As material is consumed, adding small additional amounts of material will keep the flame lengths short and reduce the chance of sparks carrying off-site and will assist in complete combustion, limiting the amount of smoke produced.
- Never use an accelerant on a burn pile, either before or after you light the pile on fire.



Like a campfire in the woods thought to have been put out, a burn to dispose of backyard debris can rise from the ashes unexpectedly. Every year in Oregon, wildfires are kindled from debris burns that homeowners thought they had extinguished. It seems odd to be talking about wildfire in March, but if the warmer, dryer weather stays with us, wildfire can become a significant hazard anytime. For more information about backyard burning, contact LRAPA at 541-736-1056 or call the Fire District Office at 541-937-3393.

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 30, 2017. 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 9, 2017.

Code Enforcement Reminder and Abatement Procedures

The primary goal of code enforcement is to maintain the highest quality of life possible for residents by ensuring healthy and safe neighborhoods. That happens through enforcement of the Lowell Municipal Code, and specifically addressing issues that have been identified as a public health hazard, safety hazard or nuisance. The most common violations in Lowell include the following:

- Accumulations of garbage, junk and debris clearly visible from a street or alley
- Vegetation that needs to be cut back so that it doesn't impact the use of sidewalks or streets
- Grass and weeds greater than 12 inches in height
- Dismantled vehicle parts stored on private property clearly visible from the street
- Unregistered or inoperable vehicles parked within the public right-of-way

These code violations are identified in one of two ways: 1) through quarterly neighborhood sweeps conducted by staff, or 2) by the submission of a formal complaint (forms are available online at www.ci.lowell.or.us or at City Hall). In either case, the following steps are completed to ensure compliance:

- A door hanger is placed as a courtesy reminder for the specific code violation. The reminder provides 10 days to correct the violation.
- A follow-up inspection is conducted. The owner and tenant (if applicable) of the property is issued a warning letter if the violation has not been corrected, and provided an additional 10 days to abate the violation.
- A second follow-up inspection is conducted. If the violation remains, the owner and tenant of the property may be issued a citation. A notice of abatement action may also be issued at this time. The notice

provides 10 days to correct or protest the violation.

- A third follow-up inspection is conducted. If the violation remains, the property may be abated by the City, with the cost of administration and abatement assessed to the owner and/or the tenant.

Please note that cases involving vegetation which may cause a health, fire, or traffic hazard follow a separate process due to the public safety risks involved. The owner and tenant of these properties will be sent a notice of violation and 10 days to abate the nuisance. If the property remains in violation, the City may issue a citation and/or abate the nuisance.

The vast majority of code enforcement violations are resolved through public education and awareness. Fines and abatement are only intended to be used as a last resort to ensure compliance. Property owners or tenants that may be unable to correct the violations due to physical disability should contact City Hall to discuss special arrangements. If you have any questions regarding code enforcement, please feel free to contact City Hall during regular business hours at 541-937-2157.

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 21st regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 668 – Management Response to the City Auditor.
- Approved the advertisement of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for Municipal Finance Software.
- Approved a contract with Municode to update and maintain the municipal code.

All motions were approved 5-0.

Monthly Police Log (January 28 – February 23)

02/06 08:08 a.m.	Civil Service at 400 Block Carol Street
02/06 08:40 a.m.	Civil Service at 500 Block East First Street
02/10 07:50 a.m.	Restraining Order Service at 100 Block West Fourth Street
02/10 07:28 p.m.	Traffic Hazard at North Moss Street and East Sixth Street
02/10 09:13 p.m.	Restraining Order Service at 100 Block West Fourth Street
02/11 10:30 a.m.	Vehicle Stop at East Fourth Street and North Moss Street
02/11 11:21 a.m.	Vehicle Stop at 400 Block North Moss Street
02/12 04:50 p.m.	Criminal Trespass at 300 Block North Damon Street
02/13 09:23 p.m.	Reckless Endangering at 100 Block West Lakeview Avenue
02/13 11:23 p.m.	Vehicle Stop at South Pioneer Street and East Lakeview Avenue
02/14 12:29 a.m.	Vehicle Stop at 100 Block North Everly Street
02/14 06:03 a.m.	Unlawful Use of Vehicle at 100 Block North Everly Street
02/14 07:25 a.m.	Theft from Vehicle at 100 Block South Pioneer Street
02/18 10:01 a.m.	Criminal Trespass at 100 Block North Moss Street
02/21 08:39 a.m.	Traffic Hazard at West Boundary Road and East Main Street

In and Around Our Community

Small Town Superheroes:

Little helping heroes make a BIG difference!

We are a group of parents, focused on providing opportunities for our little ones to become involved in philanthropy and spreading kindness in our local community (Lowell/Pleasant Hill/Jasper/Dexter). We do this through fun and educational group community service projects.

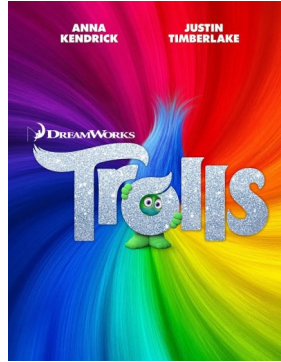
We've done several projects locally, the most recent being decorating place mats and handing out Valentine cards to community members at the Lowell Grange breakfast.

We talk to our children about the importance of being kind, showing appreciation and helping out. We believe volunteering teaches compassion, empathy, tolerance, gratitude and community responsibility. We are excited for future projects, such as a park clean up. We would love to have more families join us! If you are interested, check out our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1139143882867889/> or call Savannah at 541-



March 11th Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Boy Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Saturday, March 11th** with the showing of **Trolls**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m., at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd.



Children of all ages are welcome but those under age 7 should have an adult present to supervise. It's important for all moviegoers to practice good theater etiquette so all can enjoy the movie. Admission is free; sales of refreshments support sending scouts to summer camp. For more information call 541-937-2643.

Lowell Library Book Sale

Thursday, March 16th & Friday March 17th
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 2:00-5:00 p.m.

The library is located in City Hall at 51 East 3rd Street

Books, DVDs and magazines will be for sale.



The Mountain View Academy Parent Committee Presents:

Family Fun Night

March 9th at 5:00pm — Laurelwood Academy Barn

Mountain View Academy is hosting a community night of fun for the entire family. Come join us for Dinner, BINGO, Dessert, and a silent auction fundraiser, sponsored by the MVA 7th & 8th grade students heading to Washington D.C. in June. Play BINGO for just 25 cents per game and you may win one of the fabulous prizes donated by the MVA Parent Committee.

A silent auction will continue throughout the evening. Items include: gift cards to Jerry's, Sweet Life, Lane Forest Products, London Hair, BI-MART, Cornucopia, Texas Roadhouse, Mo's, Westraunt Concepts, Belknap Hot Springs, and more. Also there will be admission passes for Wildlife Safari, Mariner Square, OMSI, Eugene Emeralds, Science Factory, Oregon Bach Festival, Willamalane, National Academy of Gymnastics, Bounce, and Skate World! There will be many other delightful offerings as well, including massages, hair products, and incredible deserts! Come join the fun! Bring your family and friends to support our youth.

****All MVA families can receive FREE dinner tickets by simply stopping by the MVA office to RSVP and pick up your free dinner tickets.****

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: March 2017

- 1—Economic Development Committee, 1:00 p.m., City Hall
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 2—Read Across America Day at Lundy Elementary — all day!
Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 3—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 4—PTO Bottle/Can Drive, Lowell HS parking lot, 10am-Noon
- 5—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 6—JH Boys Basketball @ Crow, 4:00 p.m.
Library Committee, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- 7—**City Council Work Session, 6:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 8—Liisa’s Puppet Show, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
JH Boys Basketball @ Mapleton, 4:00 p.m.
- 9—MVA Family Fun Night, Laurelwood Barn, 5:00 p.m.
Kids Club, Fall Creek Events Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 11—Free Family Movie Night at the Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
- 12—Daylight Savings Time Begins — Spring forward one hour!
- 13—JH Boys Basketball v. Oak Hill, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball v. Reedsport, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Baseball @ East Linn Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- 14—Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 15—Half-day Curriculum Day, Students released at noon
Open Enrollment for Kindergarten, 5:30-6:30 pm, Lundy Elem.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 16—Lowell Community Library Book Sale, inside City Hall, 9:00-1:00 and 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.
The Living Wax Museum, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Lundy Elementary
Science Pub: Plight of the Pacific Lamprey, Gatehouse Pizza in Pleasant Hill, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 18—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 20—Varsity Softball @ Reedsport, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.
- 21—Family Information Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Lundy Gym
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 22—Ben’s Fables, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
- 23—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.
- 24—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 25—Varsity Softball @ Creswell, Double-header, Noon & 2:00 p.m
- 29—Varsity Baseball v. East Linn Christian, 4:30 p.m.

March
27th-31st
Enjoy!

