



The Bridge

Making community connections

Greco State Champion: David Finch

After an impressive 2nd place finish in the OSAA State Wrestling Tournament and in the Reno Worlds (see Page 3), freshman David Finch continued his success with a state championship in the Oregon Wrestling Association's Greco tournament and a 2nd place finish in Freestyle.

With his victories, David earned the right to represent Oregon in both styles at the USA Wrestling National Championships in Fargo, North Dakota this summer.

Congratulations, David, on your continued success!



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To our esteemed Lowell, Fall Creek Community,

The district is heading towards the final months of the 2022-2023 school year, and with that comes a frenzy of activity. Currently, we are in the next phase of our Superintendent search. In the coming weeks, our board will be reviewing our candidates and working toward the interview process. Using the input from our community survey, they will evaluate which candidate will best meet the needs of our district.

Looking towards the immediate and long-term future needs of the district, the Lowell School Board approved a project aimed at increasing classroom space as well as a permanent structure for our weightroom. In the coming weeks, we will be breaking ground and look forward to completion near the beginning of 2024.

Please note a calendar change for this year. Previously students had a full day on the final day of the year. That has been changed and is now a half day and Friday, May 12 will be a full day for all students of Lowell School District.

We are gearing up for Graduation on June 9th. With schoolwork, scholarships, college applications, job applications, senior activities and family commitments, graduation season is a hectic time for our young adults.

Our elementary school is working on fundraising for supplies, future activities, and field trips. If you are able or interested in supporting the Lundy Fundraising efforts, please contact the office at 541.937.2105.

Follow Lowell School District on Facebook and our website for more information on these and other activities.



Family Spring Fling Night
 Invites Everyone to Come for...
 FREE for Lowell School District Families
 MOVIE Disney's Wreck It Ralph

Friday, May 19th
 Rolling Rock Park
 From 07:00pm-10:00pm

Bring the family and friends, blanket, lawn chair for the fun evening movie watching event. We will provide popcorn, raffles, Kona ice, face painting, Community Library and other family fun activities!

Kick off summer with KITS and Headstart info available too!

For more information contact Linda or Cassie at the Family Resource Center +541-937-2124

Lowell Music Continues Its Dominance, Heading to State and Traveling Abroad

On April 5th, the Lowell High School Choir traveled all the way to Marshfield High School for the OMEA District 7 Choir Festival, hoping to qualify for this year's OSAA State Finals. Not only did they meet the qualifying standard, they also managed to take high score for the entire festival, even besting last year's 5A State Runner-Up! The District Champions will be heading to State Finals, scheduled for May 4th at LaSells Stewart Center on the campus of Oregon State University. The LHS Band also followed-up their dominant March with their highest scores of the season at the OMEA District 10 Festival on April 12th.

OSAA State Band Finals will be held at the same location on May 12th. Neither schedule was available at the time of this writing, but should be posted on OSAA.org by press time. Spectators are encouraged; tickets (\$12 adults, \$6 students) must be purchased in advance via the OSAA website or app.

Our 50 high school musicians will also be stepping out at the end of May, as they head to a competition and tour of Seattle and Victoria, British Columbia. This 5-day trip, long delayed by COVID, has been highly anticipated for over three years! Along with competing in the Music in the Parks competition, the kids will enjoy sightseeing, museums, the Wild Waves Theme & Water Park, a Seattle Mariners baseball game and more! Please wish our young musicians great luck in their competitive endeavors and travel this spring!





RED DEVIL REPORT

Lowell Athletics Update



ALL-AMERICAN WRESTLERS

Lowell wrestlers **David Finch** (freshman, 15U, 285) and **Kaili Kirkhart** (junior, 18U, 118) earned the elusive title of All-American at the 2023 Reno Worlds. The largest wrestling tournament on Earth, it ran from Friday, March 31 through Sunday, April 2 and included over 3,000 wrestlers.

David earned silver after taking 3 straight wins into the finals and adding another in the 2nd place wrestle back.

Kaili also earned 2nd place after producing an incredible 6 pins, each under 2 minutes.

Congratulations on this distinguished honor!



JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD

Our **junior high track & field** team is led by Brian Chittim and assisted by Ray Yarbrough. Athletes (pictured below) include 8th graders Savannah Baszler, Colton Crutcher, Aubrey Gastelo, Tyler Harris, Devon Jones, Jax Norcutt, Daelyn Ramirez, Koda Roberts, Gage Roper, and Aniah Watson; 7th graders Henley Garner, Sawyer Landreth, Taylor McAdams, Kyla McCart, Tyler Ortiz, Elisa Montes Castro, Eric Sotomayor, Walker Straight, and Nate Waters; 6th graders Brenten Davies, Corven Floyd, Tayler Griffin, Wesley Harrel, Zuzana Murray, Taylor Sheridan, and Summer Smith; and 5th graders Madison Anders, Ashlyn Baszler, Kinsley Bazzani, Micah Cooper, Peyton Courtney, Holden Garner, Banyan Jalof, Marshall Thronburg, and Caymbrin Wendt.



Join us for Districts at Junction City High School on Wednesday, May 17.

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS

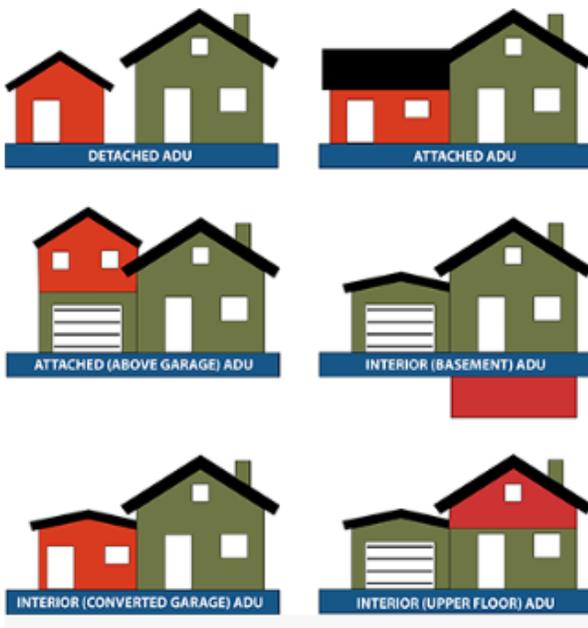
Please join us in supporting our high school athletes at these big events in May:

- May 10** Baseball/softball senior nights at Lowell vs Oakridge 4:30
- May 15** Baseball/softball playoffs begin (times, dates, and opponents TBD)
- May 19-20** Track & Field Districts at Toledo High School

City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

Lowell beautification day starts at the City Hall parking lot, 70 N. Pioneer Street, on Saturday, May 6, from 9:00am-12:00pm. Lowell Beautification Day has returned. This year’s event will include the parks cleanup, containers for residents to dispose of household items and yard waste. See acceptable and unacceptable materials below. Volunteers are asked to wear work clothes and gloves. Juice, coffee, and snacks will be provided in the morning and lunch will be served at the end of the event.

Acceptable materials	Unacceptable materials
Plastics	Household garbage
Recyclable bottles and cans	Construction or commercial waste
Cardboard	Fluorescent lights
Scrap metal	Alkaline batteries
Furniture	Household chemicals
Bagged clothing	Computer monitors
Ink cartridges (no cracks or leaks)	Dirt of sod waste
Clean appliances	Animal waste
Tires (limit of 4, no larger than 17 inches)	Herbicides, fertilizers, or insecticides
Small electronics	Treated logs or lumber
Yard debris and garden waste, including leaves	Stumps or grindings
Tree limbs (must be less than 6 inches in diameter and 10 inches in lengths)	TVs



Accessory dwelling units are now allowed in the city. The city’s new development code allows up to two accessory dwelling units (ADU) per single-family dwelling. An ADU is a smaller, independent dwelling on the same lot as a single-family home. ADUs create a range of housing options.

You can build an ADU on your property to generate rental income, provide a residence for an aging relative to stay near family, and so on. ADUs can be an addition to your home, a converted portion of your home, or a standalone structure. ADUs qualify for expedited approval through the city’s planning process. If you’re interested in building an ADU, contact City Hall for more details.

Examples of ADUs from the America Planning Association.

The City of Lowell is hiring a part-time seasonal worker. The pay is \$16.00 per hour. Responsibilities include general landscaping, operating power equipment, and maintaining city properties. For more detail, and instructions on how to apply, visit:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/community/community-job-posting/city-lowell-0>.

Notice of public hearing on proposed updates to water and parks system development charges. The City Council will hold a public hearing on July 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm on proposed increases to the water and parks system development charges (SDC). The water SDC is proposed to increase from \$4,575 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) to \$7,068 per EDU. The parks SDC is proposed to increase from \$985 per EDU to \$1,004 per EDU. For more information, and to view the methodology supporting the proposed increase, visit the city website at: < <https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/citycouncil/page/notice-public-hearing-proposed-updates-water-and-parks-system-development-charges>>. This information is also available in person at City Hall during normal business hours. The city maintains a list of persons who have made a written request for notification prior to adoption or amendment of a methodology for any system development charge. As of the date of this notice, no person has signed up for the notification list. To be notified of any future changes to SDC methodologies, please contact Lowell City Hall.

Notice of Budget Committee vacancies. The City is still looking for volunteers to serve on the Budget Committee. The time commitment is 1 to 2 hours per meeting. The Budget Committee usually meets only once per year to review and approve the recommended budget. We need 3 new members to participate in May's upcoming budget meetings. For more information, contact us at admin@ci.lowell.or.us.

Actions by City Council and other committees/commissions

April 4, 2023 City Council meeting:

- Work session with City Engineer on proposed updates to water and parks system development charges.
- Follow up discussion on solid waste franchise with Sanipac.
- Approved a resolution establishing 70 N. Pioneer Street as the new location for City Hall and the Maggie Osgood Library.

April 6, 2023 Parks Committee meeting:

- Discussed the temporary parking lot at Rolling Rock Park, city clean-up day, the Paul Fisher Park shade tree program, and planned parks projects.

April 11, 2023 Blackberry Jam Festival Committee meeting:

- Discussed temporary parking lot at Rolling Rock Park and continued planning for the festival in July.

April 18, 2023 City Council meeting:

- Held a public hearing on Sanipac franchise, ordinance 311, and held a first reading on the ordinance. A second reading is scheduled for May 2.
- Authorized the sale of the vacant lot at 70 N. Pioneer St.
- Authorized the City Administrator to pay off the loan used to acquire 205 E. Main St.
- Reviewed a draft of the city's annex into Lane County's emergency management plan.
- Reviewed a liquor license renewal letter for a local business.

Upcoming meetings – Meeting details available here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2023-05>



2023 SPRING PLANT SALE
Saturday & Sunday
May 13th & 14th
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lowell High School Greenhouse

The Greenhouse is located on the High School grounds behind the woodshop, on Lakeview Avenue. Take Moss Street past the football field and Lundy Elementary, then turn left on Lakeview. There is street parking, bring a box if you have one.

WE HAVE YOUR GARDEN STARTS!

- tomatoes • peppers • broccoli • cauliflower • zucchini
- squash • lettuce • kale • onions • cucumbers
- blueberry plants, and so much more!

We have flower baskets too!

We are environmentally sensitive to our bee populations and use only organic soil and fertilizers.

The Nexus Program is student owned and all proceeds from the sale are returned to school programs that continue to enhance lifelong learning to better understand the world around us.

Nexus wishes to thank Spring Creek Nursery, Aurora Innovations and Roots Organics of Eugene for their continued support of quality soil amendments and the dirt that makes things grow!! Fall Creek Farm and Nursery for their donation of the world’s best blueberries and their support of the Lowell School District and its Students!

Library News

The Maggie Osgood Library continues to be busy with new customers, new titles, and new programming We’d love to have you join us.

Story Hour	Every Saturday	11:00 - noon	All ages. Guest readers are welcome. An activity will follow the story.
Craft and chat	Every Tuesday	1-2 pm	Drop in with your current project. Ask or offer help.
Using our words	First Wednesday	6-7 pm	Teens through adults. Exercise your writing skills. Share your work.
Lowell History	Second Wednesday	2-4 pm	Join us to explore Lowell history using photographs and other materials collected by Maggie Osgood
ASL – American Sign Language	Third Wednesday	4:00 pm	Basic skills. Taught by and experienced ASL teacher.
Book Club	Last Wednesday	6-7 pm	Adults. More details to come.
Hands-On sponsored by 4H	First Saturday	9:30-10:30am	Activities to stimulate your head, heart, health, and hands. Sponsored by OSU

Peggy is also exploring other ideas for programs, such as Bunco or other gaming groups. If you have an interest or expertise and want to coordinate a group or present a program, contact her at 541-937-2157 option 1. Every idea is welcome. Inter-Library Loan Services will begin soon. If we do not own a book, we may be able to borrow a copy of it from another library. More details will be available soon.

Hours: Monday & Tuesday, 11:00am—4:00pm; Wednesday, 1:00-7:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am-1:00pm

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: May 2023

- 1—Varsity Softball DH & Baseball @ Camas Valley, 2:00/4:30 p.m.
- 2—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 3—JV Track @ Lincoln (Cottage Grove), 3:45 p.m.
JV Baseball v. Umpqua Christian, 2:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Umpqua Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- 4—Lowell Parks Committee, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer Street
- 5—Varsity Softball v. Glendale, 4:30 pm
Varsity Track @ Oakland Twilight Meet, 4:30 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 6—Lowell Beautification Day, 9:00 am until noon, meet at City Hall
Varsity Softball v. Yoncalla, 10:00 a.m.
- 7—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street
- 8—Varsity Baseball v. Illinois Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Softball @ Elkton, 4:30 p.m.
- 9—JH Track @ Pleasant Hill Regionals, 1:30 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Committee, 6 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer
- 10—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m., Senior Night!
Lowell Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Main Station
- 11,12,13—Lowell Drama Performance, LHS Cafetorium, 7:00 pm
- 13—Spring Plant Sale, LHS Greenhouse, 9:00am—3:00 pm
Varsity Track @ Gilchrist Small School Invitational, 11:00 a.m.
Ballet Recital, 5:00 p.m., Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street
- 14—Spring Plant Sale, LHS Greenhouse, 9:00am—3:00pm
- 15—Varsity Softball/Baseball League Playoffs, TBD
- 16—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 17—Varsity Softball/Baseball League Playoffs, TBD
JH Track @ Junction City HS Districts, 3:45 p.m.
Lowell Budget Committee Mtg, 6:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.
- 19—Varsity Track @ Toledo Districts, TBD
FRC Movie Night, 7:00-10:00 p.m., Rolling Rock Park
- 20—Varsity Track @ Toledo Districts, TBD
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 21—Shake, Rattle and Roll Sock Hop, Lowell Grange, 5:00-8:00 pm
- 22—Varsity Softball/Baseball, State 1st Round, TBD
School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., PDC, 45 S. Moss Street
- 23—RAIN Entrepreneur Support, 2:00-3:30, 113 E. Main Street
- 24—Varsity Softball/Baseball, State 2nd Round, TBD
Lowell Budget Committee Mtg, 6:00 p.m., (if needed)
- 25—Varsity Track State Quarterfinals at University of Oregon, TBD
- 26—Senior Potluck, Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
Varsity Softball/Baseball, State Quarterfinals, TBD
Varsity Track State Championships at Univ. of Oregon, TBD
- 29—**Memorial Day — No School, City Hall closed**
- 30—Varsity Softball/Baseball State Semifinals, TBD