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ROWAN FILES BREAKS RECORDS

On Thursday, April 11 in Pleasant Hill, Rowan left spectators in awe as he not only raced past competitors but also left a trail of shattered school records in his wake. With an astonishing time of 11.2 seconds in the 100m sprint, Rowan took the gold and earned a spot on Lowell High School's record board. But Rowan didn't stop there. In the 200m event, he blazed across the finish line in an astounding 22.9 seconds, surpassing even his own state championship-winning time from 2022.

What makes Rowan's achievement even more remarkable is that this isn't his first time rewriting the record books. Last year, he made history by breaking the school javelin record, showcasing his versatility and dominance across multiple disciplines. With each stride Rowan takes and each record he shatters, he continues to leave an indelible mark on Lowell, inspiring generations of track and field athletes to come.

As we celebrate Rowan's incredible accomplishments, we eagerly anticipate what the future holds for this extraordinary athlete and his teammates in the postseason. The District Championships will be held at Bandon High School on May 11, and the State Championships will be at Hayward Field on May 16-17.



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RED DEVIL REPORT

Lowell Athletics Update



OACA COACH OF THE YEAR

Coach Ray Yarbrough has been named the OACA 2A Football Coach of the Year! This honor is awarded by the vote of coaches across the state and comes on the heels of Lowell's first ever football state championship. Mr. Yarbrough is a coach who lives and breathes the sport, always going the extra mile to create opportunities for his team to grow and succeed. From hosting weight lifting to running summer camps to attending coaching clinics (and speaking at them!), Coach Yarbrough knows no off-season. His players are inspired by his hard work and appreciate that he gets the most out of them while also keeping football fun.

Congratulations, Coach Yarbrough!



JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD

Our **junior high track & field** team is led by Lynette Alexander. Athletes (pictured below) include 8th graders Chayden Daniels, Gabrielle Gross, Ryder Ortiz, Eric Sotomayor, Maia Wagner, and Nate Waters; 7th graders Mya Arciga, Paxton Fassbender, Tayler Griffin, Zayah Isley, Kailei Marcus, Zuzana Murray, and Taylor Sheridan; 6th graders Ashlyn Baszler, Kinsley Bazzani, Peyton Courtney, Yaraileth Islas, Banyon Jalof, Bristol Miller, Olivia Pelroy, Elise Skordahl, Joseph Webb, Caymbrin Wendt, and Alauna Young; and 5th graders Jacksen Davies and Theo Waters.



Join us for Districts at Junction City High School on Wednesday, May 15.

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS

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

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| May 9 | Softball Senior Night at Lowell vs Yoncalla 4:30 p.m. |
| May 11 | Track Districts at Bandon 10:00 a.m. |
| May 14, 16 | Softball League Playoffs (times, dates, and opponents TBD) |
| May 15 | Baseball Senior Night at Lowell vs Camas Valley 4:30 p.m. |
| May 16-17 | Track & Field State Championships at the University of Oregon |
| May 20, 22, 24, 28 | Baseball/softball State Playoffs (times, dates, and opponents TBD) |

City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

Notice of City of Lowell Budget Committee Meeting and Public Hearing on the Use of State Revenue Sharing Funds. A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Lowell, located in Lane County, Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 will be held at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Fire Station 1, 389 N. Pioneer Street, Lowell, OR 97452. The meeting will take place on May 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Additionally, a public hearing concerning the allocation of "State Revenue Sharing Funds" will be conducted during this meeting in accordance with ORS 221.770. Citizens are invited to propose uses for these funds, distributed by the State of Oregon to the City of Lowell for the fiscal year in question.

Subsequent Budget Committee meetings are planned for May 15, 2024, and May 22, 2024, both commencing at 6:00 pm. However, these meetings will only be held if necessary.

All meetings will be accessible for viewing and participation via video conference through the City's designated Zoom meeting. Instructions for joining the Zoom sessions can be found on the respective meeting page of the city's website: www.ci.lowell.or.us. Recordings of the meetings will also be made available on the City website no later than 5 business days after each meeting.

Public comments can be submitted in written format, via participation in the Zoom meeting, or in-person at the meeting location. Written comments received by 4:00 pm on May 9, 2024, will be read during the public comment section of the meeting held on the same day. Comments through Zoom or in-person participation will also be taken during the public comment section of the May 9, 2024, meeting.

For those interested in reviewing the budget document, it can be accessed online at www.ci.lowell.or.us or obtained by email request to jcaudle@ci.lowell.or.us. Additionally, physical copies of the budget document are available during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm) at Lowell City Hall, located at 70 N. Pioneer St., Lowell, OR 97452. The recommended budget document for the 2024-2025 fiscal year will be available for inspection no later than May 1, 2024.

Further information can be obtained by calling 541-937-2157, visiting Lowell City Hall, or contacting the email address provided above.

Update on e-permitting program. In May, the city will start working with the Oregon Building Codes Division on joining their e-permitting program. The purpose of this program is to shift the city's building permit process from a paper to electronic system. We also intend to include our land use application processes in the e-permitting program. This program will make the permitting process user friendly and efficient for the city, property owners, and builders. Best of all, the program is at no cost to the city, except our staff time to work with state officials to build the system. We will have the e-permitting system online before January 1, 2025. Stay tuned for more details.

Upcoming meetings – Meeting details available here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2024-05>

City Council – May 7 and May 21 @ 7:00 pm

Parks and Recreation Committee – May 2 @ 7:00 pm

Blackberry Jam Festival Committee – May 14 @ 6:00 pm

Budget Committee—May 9, and if needed, May 15 and May 22 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District station, 389 N. Pioneer Street

Annual Lowell City Wide
Beautification Day

May 4, 2024

Parks clean up - Paul Fisher & Rolling Rock & Library

Meet at Maggie Osgood Library/City Hall 70 N Pioneer St @ 9 am

Sanipac Dumpsters for Garbage, Recycle, Green waste

Acceptable Materials

- *Plastics (i.e., lawn chairs, toys)
- *Recyclable bottles and cans
- *Cardboard
- *Scrap Metal
- *Furniture
- *Bagged Clothing
- *Ink cartridges (no cracks or leaks)
- *Clean appliances
- *Tires (limit of 4, no larger than 17 in.)
- *Small electronics
- *Yard debris, including tree limbs (less than 6"

Diameter and 10" in length, leaves, and similar Garden waste

Unacceptable Materials

- *Household garbage
- *Construction or commercial waste
- *Fluorescent Lights
- *Alkaline batteries
- *Household chemicals
- *Computers, monitors, and TVs
- *Dirt or sod waste
- *Animal waste
- *Herbicides, fertilizers, or insecticides
- *Treated Logs or lumber
- *Stumps or stump grindings

Come to help make our Community and our Homes beautiful
 and clean ready for Spring!



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt



LOWELL RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 1, 2024

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Lowell Rural Fire Protection District is Seeking Candidates for Two Board Vacancies

Lowell Rural Fire Protection District is accepting applications to fill two open positions on its board of directors.

The appointees will serve in Position 2 and Position 5 until June 30, 2025. The positions will then be put to district vote for the remainder of the term, per ORS 198.320.

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors is comprised of 5 (five) board members. Each member is elected by the registered voters of the district to serve a 4 (four) year term. For more information see ORS 478.050 and ORS 478.210-250—Rural Fire Protection District Directors. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5 pm.

Interested candidates can request an information packet, which includes information about the district, position, and application/selection process, from the district office by contacting Chief Dragt at 541-937-3393 or by email at dragt2300@gmail.com. You may also visit our office located at 389 N Pioneer Street during regular business hours 8 am to 5 pm.

The deadline to submit applications for these vacancies is May 31, 2024 @ 4:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Chief Dragt at 541-937-3393.

About Lowell Rural Fire Protection District

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District serves a 23 square mile area that includes the City of Lowell and the rural communities of Fall Creek and Unity. The district boundaries surround Fall Creek Reservoir and include the northern shoreline of Dexter Reservoir. The district provides structural and wildland fire suppression, EMS first response at the ALS level, vehicle extrication, water rescue, low to high angle rescue and HazMat first response. District personnel provide fire and EMS safety public education programs for all ages and provide fire and life safety commercial inspection and plans review. The district was officially formed in 1973. Our website can be viewed at: lowellfiredistrict.org.

PROUDLY SERVING THE CITIZENS OF THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

Planning for the Future: Investing in Willamette National Forest Recreation Sites

Come join a public meeting to discuss and share ideas on the future management of recreation sites on the Willamette National Forest, including how to rebuild sites affected by recent wildfires.

Date: Tuesday, May 21st

Time: 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Location: Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street, Lowell



For more information, contact the Willamette National Forest website: (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/willamette>) or call 541-735-1223.

Breakfast at the Grange—Each First Sunday

A hearty breakfast awaits you at the Lowell Grange! Come and enjoy home cooked eggs, hashbrowns, waffles, pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit and beverages.

Breakfast at the Grange is served regularly on the first Sunday of each month from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Donations are gratefully accepted. Proceeds go to the Building Restoration Fund used to make building improvements to the Grange Hall at 51 E. 2nd Street.

Lowell Food Pantry is Open to Serve

The Pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m., located in the George Hake Center on Lakeview Street (behind the football field).

Please call Shawn Brady at 541-912-1538 if you have questions or would like to make a donation. Thank you.

Lowell Band & Choir Back to State Finals

Another spring, another season of success for Lowell Music! The LHS Band kicked things off at the Willamette Valley Concert Band Festival on March 21st, taking high score for all divisions (for the sixth time in as many tries). This was followed by even higher scores at the Emerald City Festival on April 4th, locking up a League Championship and another berth in the OSAA State Finals. Our Red Devils will perform at 11:05am on May 10th at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center, hoping to bring home more hardware for the trophy case.

Not to be outdone, the LHS Choir also sailed through districts, earning even higher State-Qualifying scores than their instrumental counterparts! Our singers first dominated the 2A/1A competition at the South Coast Choir Invitational on April 3rd, then posted even better numbers at the OMEA District 12 Festival on April 12th. The Red Devil Choir will take their turn at the OSAA State Finals on May 2nd, performing at 9:40am at LaSells Stewart Center.

For both events, please consult OSAA.org for digital ticketing. We'd love to see you at State, supporting our amazing musicians!



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Upcoming Meetings and Events: May 2024

- 1—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
Jr. High Track @ Oakridge, 3:45 p.m.
- 2—Lowell Choir State Finals, OSU, 9:40 a.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Camas Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Committee, 7:00 p.m. 389 N. Pioneer Street
- 3—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 4—Lowell Beautification Day, 9:00 a.m., meet up at the Library
Varsity Track Small School Invitational @ Gilchrist, 11:00 a.m.
- 5—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street
- 6—Varsity Baseball v. Umpqua Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Softball @ Umpqua Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- 7—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 8—Jr. High Track @ Creswell Regional, 1:30 p.m.
Varsity Baseball @ North Douglas, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Softball @ Elkton, 4:30 p.m.
Lowell Fire District Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Main Station
- 9—Varsity Softball v. Yoncalla, 4:30 p.m. (Senior Night)
City of Lowell Budget Committee, 6:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer
- 10—Lowell Band State Finals, OSU, 11:05 a.m.
- 11—Varsity Track @ District Championships in Bandon, 10:00 a.m.
Varsity Baseball v. Oakland, 2:00 p.m.
- 11/12—Spring Plant Sale, HS Greenhouse, 9:00am—3:00pm

- 13—Varsity Baseball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
- 14—Varsity Softball League Playoffs, TBD
Blackberry Jam Committee, 6:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer
- 15—Varsity Baseball v. Camas Valley, 4:30 p.m. (Senior Night)
Jr. High Track @ Districts, Junction City, TBD
City of Lowell Budget Committee, 6:00 p.m. (if needed)
- 16—Varsity Softball League Playoffs, TBD
Varsity Track State Championships, U of O
- 17—Varsity Track State Championships, U of O
- 18—Texas Hold ‘em Poker, Lowell Grange
- 20—Varsity Softball/Baseball 1st Round State, TBD
School Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., PDC 45 S. Moss Street
- 21—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
Recreation Sites Meeting, Lowell Grange, 6:-00-7:30 p.m.
- 22—Varsity Softball/Baseball 1st Round State, TBD
City of Lowell Budget Committee, 6:00 p.m. (if needed)
- 23—Jr. High Track Meet of Champions, Corvallis, TBD
- 23/24/25—Drama Performance, HS Cafetorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 27—**Memorial Day—No School, City Hall Closed**
- 31—Senior Potluck, Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
Coming in June:
7—High School Graduation, HS Gym, 7:00 p.m.