



# The Bridge

**Making community connections**

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## Become a Master Gardener™ in 2025

Gardening education and advice is needed now more than ever. The OSU Extension Master Gardener program is training new community educators in 2025, who will help provide advice and support for Oregon's growing community of gardeners.

Master Gardener volunteer training is conducted by local county OSU Extension offices, with support and guidance by the statewide office. Master Gardener trainees will be able to access in person and online classes and participate in local, in-person workshops. Fees for the training program have been reduced, and many local Master Gardener associations are making scholarships available to partially cover the costs of training.

In Lane County, we will be offering classes in Botany, Soils, Plant Disease, Entomology, Edible Gardening, Plant Propagation, Plant and Weed Identification, Native Plants and Conservation, and more.

Applications open are October 1 to November 15.

Cost: sliding scale fee \$250-\$350 (\$150 refundable)

Apply online:

[beav.es/qq7](https://beav.es/qq7)

Classes and Garden Labs are January-April, 2025. Learn more about the program, and the impacts we make in communities:

[extension.oregonstate.edu/mg](https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg)

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## VOTE

US Election Day is Tuesday November 5th and your ballot must be submitted before 8pm on that date. Drop your ballot in the mail today. The nearest box to leave your ballot is close-by too:

Lowell City Hall  
(Maggie Osgood Library)  
70 N Pioneer St, Lowell, 97452





# RED DEVIL REPORT

## Lowell Athletics Update



### STATE VOLLEYBALL & FOOTBALL

**High school volleyball's** state tournament begins on Saturday, November 2. Time, location, opponent, and brackets can be found at <https://www.osaa.org/activities/vbl?div=2A>. The Final 8 Tournament will be held at Ridgeview High School on Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9.

**High school football's** State Championship Tournament kicks off on Friday, November 8 and 9. The bracket, including finalized dates, times, and opponents, can be found at <https://www.osaa.org/activities/fbl/brackets?div=2A>.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL SPORT WRAP-UP

**Middle school football** had a challenging season with only three 8th graders, Corven Floyd, Brenten Davies, and Taylor Sheridan. However, all three stepped up as leaders and set the tone for the underclassmen with their hard work and hustle. With their help and the guidance of coaches Pat Todd, Nick Trullinger, Kory Roberts, and Daniel Ray, the team saw huge growth and improved every week of the season.

**Middle school volleyball** (8-1) grew in skill level and as young women led by Coaches Jessica McCart and Jamie Kenworthy. This tremendous season reflects the hard work and dedication of the whole team and their captains Summer Kenworthy and Christina Henshall. Coach McCart said he A-team "played their hearts out. They grew as a team on and off the court." To add to that, the B-team "had an amazing season of growing and gaining skills to beat some of the toughest teams we have faced. They always encourage each other."

**Middle school cross country** had a fun and successful season. Sixth grader Theo Waters set the Lowell Junior High record in the 3000m with a time of 11:09.2. and finished 3rd in one meet with 267 competitors. He and his teammates all showed incredible tenacity and improvement throughout the season.

### HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS

Please make sure your athletes are up-to-date on their biennial physical exams, have completed their concussion baseline tests, and are registered at [https://or-lowell.edupoint.com/PXP2\\_Login.aspx](https://or-lowell.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx) prior to participating.

We are proud to have many multi-sport athletes and understand that the Fall post-season may overlap with the beginning of Winter sports. All athletes still competing in Fall sports will be allowed to continue until their season concludes and to join Winter sports afterward without repercussion.

#### High School Boys Basketball

Head Coach: Kory Roberts

First Practice: Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School gym

#### High School Wrestling

Head Coach: Alvin Riggs

First Practice: Monday, November 18 at 3:30 p.m.  
Lowell High School wrestling room

Parent Meeting: Monday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School wrestling room

#### High School Girls Basketball

Head Coach: Pat Todd

Parent Meeting: Monday, November 18 at 3:30 p.m.  
Lowell High School gym

First Practice: Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School library

**"SOME PEOPLE WANT IT TO  
HAPPEN, SOME WISH IT  
WOULD HAPPEN, OTHERS  
MAKE IT HAPPEN."**

## Community Feedback Requested

The Lowell School District is committed to ensuring the needs of our students, families, staff, and the community are met. To do that, your feedback is essential.

We invite you to take part in our Community Survey to share your thoughts on how we can continue to improve. Your insights will help shape the future of our schools and directly inform our strategic planning process.

The survey begins with a few simple demographic questions, and you will then be guided to a set of questions that fit your role—whether you're a student, parent/guardian, staff member, or community member. The survey ends with two open-ended questions where you can provide any additional feedback or suggestions. It should take around ten to fifteen minutes to complete.

The survey is available online:

[surveymonkey.com/r/W9YJWJV](https://surveymonkey.com/r/W9YJWJV)

We deeply appreciate your time and thoughtful responses. Your input is vital in helping us create the best possible learning environment for all students, and we are grateful for your participation.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Lowell School District at [info@lowell.k12.or.us](mailto:info@lowell.k12.or.us). Thank you again for your support of the Lowell School District.

## School Dates to Note

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

Teacher Grading Day, No School

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fall Back One Hr. Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

Veterans' Day, No School

Nov. 13-14<sup>th</sup>

Scholastic Bookfair, Room #3 from 3-6:30pm

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

Title 1 Book Swap Night 5:30-6:30pm

Nov. 27-29<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Holiday, No School

## Students of the Month

MVA Student of the Month

### Wendy Mason

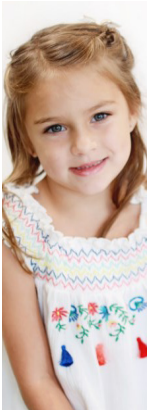
Favorite Food: Macaroni and cheese

Favorite Song: "Timber" by Pitbull

Favorite Subject: Science

Future Profession: Veterinarian

Reason For Nomination: Wendy was nominated by Gretchen Peterson for doing an outstanding job in our 1st grade class. She is helpful, kind, thoughtful, attentive, and she always does her best.



Lundy Student of the Month

### Aurelia Waters

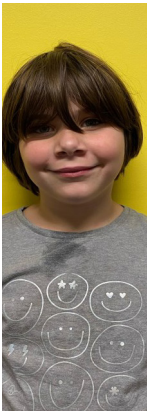
Favorite Food: Pineapple pizza

Favorite Song: Anything by Tame Impala

Favorite Subject: Science

Future Profession: Veterinarian

Reason For Nomination: Aurelia was nominated by Mrs. Wilson for being very thoughtful and passionate about learning. She is kind and helpful to her peers. Aurelia's confidence and compassion helps others rise to the challenge. She makes a great leader in school.



Lowell JR High Student of the Month

### Taylor Griffin

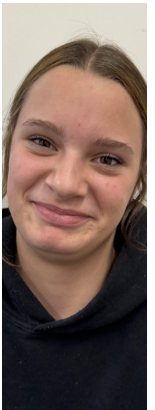
Favorite Food: Macaroni and cheese

Favorite Song: "Hey Driver" by Zach Bryan

Favorite Subject: English

Future Profession: Welder

Reason For Nomination: Taylor was nominated by Mr. Vaughn for completing all of her quality work on time. In addition, she chooses to show up for study hall to get extra help. She always has a positive attitude and is willing to help peers and teachers. She is focused and ignores distractions in class.



BCA Student of the Month

### Garrett Holst

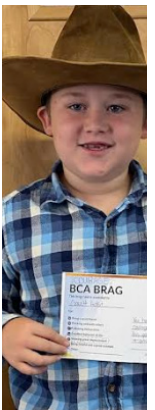
Favorite Food: Cheeseburger, fries, and ice cream

Favorite Song: "Thunder" by Imagine Dragons

Favorite Subject: Math

Future Profession: Locomotive Engineer

Reason For Nomination: Garrett was nominated by Bridge Charter Academy for the character trait of courage. His teacher said "You have shown so much courage coming to cohort this year! I am so proud and amazed by your growth!"



## **E-Permitting Now Online**

This spring, the City partnered with the Oregon Building Codes Division to join their ePermitting system. As of Monday, October 21, we are now processing building, electrical, mechanical, and related permits completely online. This includes processing payments for permits. We are also processing land use applications online through the system. You can access the system here:

[aca-oregon.accela.com/oregon/](https://aca-oregon.accela.com/oregon/)

We will provide over the counter services on a case-by-case basis for customers requiring special assistance. In general, though, all permitting will now be conducted online.

This process will ensure easier record-keeping for the city, as well as a streamlined experience for builders and property owners. The city started this process to comply with a new state law that requires city's to have an e-permitting system online by January 1, 2025.

## **City Council Approves New Wastewater Facilities Plan**

At its October 22 meeting, the City Council approved a new wastewater facilities plan. This plan replaces the previous plan, which is around 20 years old. This has been an over 2-year process, and it involved extensive review by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The master plans for both the water (approved in 2021) and wastewater systems are now up to date.

The next step will be meeting with state and federal funding agencies to explore grants and low-interest loans to fund the recommended capital improvements. To view the new wastewater facilities plan, visit this link:

[ci.lowell.or.us/citycouncil/page/city-council-executive-session-and-regular-meeting-2](https://ci.lowell.or.us/citycouncil/page/city-council-executive-session-and-regular-meeting-2)

## **Floodplain Development Regulations Update**

The city participates in the National Flood Insurance Program since many properties adjacent to Dexter Reservoir are in a federally-designated flood plain. Our participation in the program requires compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) regulations on floodplain development. FEMA has started a process to update those regulations to comply with federal Endangered Species Act requirements that are intended to preserve fish habitat.

At the October 22 meeting, City Council reviewed the options to comply with the new FEMA requirements. One option is to update floodplain development standards to require that new development results in “no net loss” in undeveloped land, previous surface, and tree coverage. Property owners whose buildings are located in a floodplain would still be allowed to perform normal maintenance on their buildings.

The city will start the notice process to implement the floodplain development standards update, and we will send notice to affected property owners. For more information, visit the FEMA website:

[fema.gov/about/organization/region-10/oregon/nfip-esa-integration](https://fema.gov/about/organization/region-10/oregon/nfip-esa-integration)

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Meeting details are available:

- Nov. 5 – City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Nov. 7 – Parks Committee @ 7:00 pm
- Nov. 13 – Blackberry Jam Festival Committee @ 7:00 pm
- Nov. 19 – City Council @ 7:00 pm

[ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2024-11](https://ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2024-11)

Meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District station unless otherwise noted.



## The Tree of Joy Returns

Our Lowell/Fall Creek communities come together again this year to serve children with *The Tree of Joy*. The tree, which will provide gifts to children twelve years and under, will be located at Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop at 113 E Main St.

Beginning Saturday, November 23rd, 2024, tags will be available to select from the tree for your holiday shopping. Please return *wrapped* gifts back to Stomping Grounds Coffee by Wednesday December 18th with the original tree tags attached.

If you would like your child (or children) to be included in the *The Tree of Joy* program and you did not receive a form you can pick one up at Stomping Grounds Coffee. Completed forms must be received on or before Tuesday November 19th. Return completed forms to P O Box 535, Lowell OR 97452. (A pre-stamped envelope is included with the forms; please do not take forms to Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop.)

If you have any questions, please text or call Michelle at 541-214-5061.

Gift pick up will be Sunday December 22, 2024, between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM at The George Hake Center located at 4 East Lakeview Drive, Lowell.

Many thanks to the community for all the love and support shown to our kids. *The Tree of Joy* is a success every year because of your continued generosity.

2nd Annual City of Lowell

## Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

December 7th

Parade at 4pm—Tree Lighting at 5pm

ROLLING ROCK PARK in Lowell

Music, Cookies, Hot Chocolate,  
Santa and Mrs. Claus,  
Community and More

Come share in the festivities and spend the evening with your friends and neighbors.

We can always use volunteers, as well.  
Contact Gail 541-554-1801 for decorating.  
Contact Lonna 541-937-2312 with parade questions.

As always, the refreshments will be provided by the Lowell Grange.

(See next page for parade entry form.)

## Farmland Leasing Workshop Offered

Join us to explore questions you should be asking Are you an Oregon landholder/land steward considering leasing your land to farmers? Aren't sure where to start? Join OSU Extension Small Farms Program and Friends of Family Farmers to learn about evaluating your land, building relationships with farmers, contract writing, and more!

When: Wed. November 20th, 2024 10:00am - 12:00pm

Where: Lowell Grange, 51 E 2nd St, Lowell, OR 97452

RSVP: Free to attend, RSVP required as space is limited:

[beaves.ptg](https://beaves.ptg)

or contact Teagan Moran [Teagan.moran@oregon-state.edu](mailto:Teagan.moran@oregon-state.edu) (541) 713-5011

## Christmas Parade Registration Form

Entry Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry (circle all that apply)

Car/Truck Commercial Vehicle Motorcycle

Bicycle Walker Float Animal

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of entry:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hold Harmless Agreement

I, and/or my organization shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Lowell, and its employees, volunteers and agents from and all loss, costs (including attorney fees & court costs), damages, expenses, injuries, and liability arising from my/our participation in the Lowell Christmas Parade. I will ensure adequate adult supervision of all children on my float or entry. I agree to follow all federal, state and local laws. I have read and understand the above rules terms and conditions and will abide by them.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return parade registration form to City Hall at 70 N Pioneer St. Questions can be directed to 541-937-2157.

Volunteers to help decorate are also needed:

November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am meeting at City Hall

November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am at City Hall

### ***Ties to the Land Workshops Offered***

The Forestry and Natural Resources Extension program at OSU will be holding a succession planning workshop series called Ties to the Land, from November 2024 to January 2025.

Ties to the Land is intended for small landowners considering how to pass on their land or associated business. The workshops help participants think through the social, financial and legal aspects of succession. Worksheets help participants refine



their goals, take stock of assets and sketch out a timeline, while case studies bring the lessons home.

The series includes two in-person classes and four optional Lunch & Learn Webinars. Roseburg in-person workshops will be held Friday, November 1, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and Friday, January 10, from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Eugene in-person workshops will be held on Saturday, November 2, from 1–4:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 11, from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The cost to attend is \$50 per family. Pre-registration is required. To register or learn more, visit

[extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/events/ties-land-eugene](https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/events/ties-land-eugene)

or contact Carrie Mack at 541-237-6808 or [carrie.mack@oregonstate.edu](mailto:carrie.mack@oregonstate.edu).

### **Fire Safety Reminders for November**

- Open burning season – Call LRAPA for Burn Advisory – 541-726-3976 Option #3.
- Clean your fireplace and woodstove flue before the really cold weather hits. A clean flue makes your woodstove happy and keeps your home safe.
- Check you smoke detectors monthly. Assure you have a good battery in your detector.
- Be prepared to weather winter storms. Make a kit and stay informed. Be able to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

### **Holidays Safety Reminders**

Increase your holiday safety when using candles by following these important tips:

- Blow out all candles before leaving the room or before going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from things that burn. Keep candles at least one foot away from combustibles including clothing, curtains, upholstered furniture, greenery, and decorations.
- Always use a sturdy metal, glass or ceramic candleholder. Make sure the candleholder is big enough to catch dripping wax.

- Place candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- Keep candles out of high traffic areas.
- Trim wicks to one-quarter inch before lighting.
- Avoid candles with items embedded in them such as twigs, flowers or leaves. These items can ignite or even explode.
- Maintain working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and in every bedroom.

### Maggie Osgood Library Hours

Tue 9:30 am - 3:00 pm (10:30 am Lap Sit Story Hour, 1:00 pm Adult Crafting Time)

Wed 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Thu 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Sat 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (10:30 am Crafts and Stories)

Closed Mondays, Fridays & Sundays

### Oral History Opportunity

Join our community on Thu. Nov 7 at 1:00pm to learn about the Maggie Osgood Library Oral History project. We will discuss the mechanics of conducting interviews as well as potential topics and interviewees. This is an amazing opportunity to discover the hidden stories of Lowell and the surrounding area.

### The Holidays Are Coming

On Sat Dec. 7 the library will change our hours to 1-4 p.m. to support the annual tree lighting. There will be crafts for all ages. You can leave your cars at our parking lot to walk over to the activities at Rolling Rock Park.

### Don't Forget the Library Wish List

[thingstogetme.com/1074861a09b6f](https://thingstogetme.com/1074861a09b6f)

You can donate a book from the list to honor that hard-to-shop-for reader on your holiday list.



**FREE**  
**VETERANS DAY**  
*Dinner*

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SALINA GRINDSTAFF & PENNY JOHNSON

A homespun honor to our  
Veterans with a complimentary  
dinner and special program

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Homemade spaghetti dinner for Veteran and guest  
Special music and tribute to gold star families  
Free drawing for gift basket and gifts

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**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2024**  
**5:00PM - 7:00PM**  
**THE LOWELL GRANGE**  
**LOWELL, OREGON**

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For reservations call  
541.556.7905

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WE HONOR YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

### Bricks and Honor

Every Saturday in November, volunteers will help create the patio of Memorial and Honor bricks outside the library. Work goes from 10am-1pm. Bring work gloves. This is an especially good opportunity for High School Students who need volunteer credit.

### Fun Fact

Only one United States president to date has been granted a U.S. patent.

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November ‘24

Complete and up-to-date sports schedules, Varsity and JV, can be found online:  
Football [osaa.org/teams/57934?year=2024](https://osaa.org/teams/57934?year=2024)  
Volleyball [osaa.org/teams/57212?year=2024](https://osaa.org/teams/57212?year=2024)

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6pm Texas Holdem Poker at Grange	Volleyball at TBD	8am Breakfast at Grange
7pm Football Away		1pm Cross-Country at WOU

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5pm Football at LHS	2pm Food Pantry/ Clothing Bank at 4 Lakeview St.	4pm Basketball at Central Linn	7pm Parks Commit- tee at Fire Hall	Volleyball at Rid- geview	Volleyball at Rid- geview	
4pm Basketball at LHS	7pm City Council at Fire Hall			Football at TBD	Football at TBD	
					Cross-Country at LCC	

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
4pm Basketball at LHS		7pm Blackberry Jam Committee at Library		Football at TBD	6pm Texas Holdem Poker at Grange	
					Football at TBD	

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4pm Basketball at LHS	2pm Food Pantry/ Clothing Bank at 4 Lakeview St.	4pm Basketball at LHS		Football at TBD	Football at TBD	
	7pm City Council at Fire Hall					

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4pm Basketball at LHS				Football at TBD	Football at TBD	8am Breakfast at Grange

