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Lowell RFD Thanks Community

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District wishes to thank you for your support this year. The Department is primarily a volunteer department with firefighters, EMS personnel, tender operators, public educators, and others. It is staffed with three protection officers that work a rotating 48-hr-on/96-hr-off schedule and our volunteers contribute a 24-hour shift every six days. We have shifted this direction due to not as many people within the community have time nor a want to provide this service.

Our Department was able to acquire two rescue boats this last year, allowing us to provide water safety and rescue within our community. We currently serve around 2600 per census in our district and over 300,000 visitors throughout the year as they enjoy the area for many of the trails and waterways that we have.

We encourage you to come down and visit us at the station at 389 N Pioneer Street Lowell and learn more about us.

Winter is Here – Be Prepared

Winter storms can bring freezing rain, ice, snow, high winds, or a combination of these conditions. They can cause power outages that last for days, make roads and walkways very dangerous, and can affect community services. Planning and preparing can help you manage the impact of a winter storm and keep you and your family safe. (Cont'd on p.6)

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RED DEVIL REPORT

Lowell Athletics Update



JUNIOR HIGH WINTER SPORTS

Junior High Girls Basketball finished a successful season with a league championship! Led by 8th graders Tatum Clark, Tayler Griffin, Summer Kenworthy, Zayah Isley, Kailei Marcus, and Zuzana Murray, this group of athletes had an incredible hunger for the sport that Coach Jared was happy to feed. The team's insatiable drive and passion led them to request more and more non-league games in their schedule. Coach Jared felt proud of all of the girls, their growth, and their success this season and can't wait to see what their future holds.

Junior High (7-8) Boys Basketball will have their first practice on Tuesday, January 7 at 4:30 in the high school Cafetorium with a parent meeting to follow. Make sure your athlete has a current physical and is registered on ParentVue. A link can be found at lowell.k12.or.us/athletics.

Junior High Wrestling will celebrate 8th Grade Night on Wednesday, January 15 at their home dual vs Oakridge beginning at 6:00. Then, they will finish their season by hosting the District Tournament on Saturday, January 25 at Lowell High School. Please join us in celebrating the team at these big events.

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS



Our **high school boys' basketball** team is led by Kory Roberts and assisted by Mike Neet and Kole Powell. Athletes (pictured left) include juniors Callum Plahn, Wyatt Smith, and Alex Sotomayor; sophomores Colton Crutcher, Carson Ewan, Gage Greco, Tyler Harris, Zak Hermansen, Wyatt McNamee, Christopher Meador, and Jax Norcutt; and freshmen Quentin Fuller, Henley Garner, Easton Lauzon, Ryder Ortiz, Eric Sotomayor, Walker Straight, and Lukas Williams.

Our **high school girls' basketball** team is led by Pat Todd and assisted by Ray Yarbrough, Lindsay Maher, Daniel Ray, and Patrick Aldinger. Athletes (pictured right) include seniors Gracie Aldinger, Jada Cantrell, Hazel Garner, and Cheyanne McNamee; juniors Nevaeh Neet and Marley Plahn; sophomore Jade Clark, Aubrey Gastelo, and Aniah Watson; and freshman Kylie Greer.



Our **high school wrestling** team is led by Alvin Riggs and assisted by Britt Coiner, Symon Thurman, and Jocelyn Trozelle. Athletes (pictured left) include seniors Paul Clark, Harley Hardison, Ryan Pelroy, Shelby Plagmann, and Levi Stewart; junior David Finch; sophomores Ashlynn Anderson, Henry Coiner, Adam Davis, Wyatt Pelroy, Jaymisen Webb, and Emma Zylstra; and freshmen Landon Johnson, Wyatt Johnson, Eli Pickett, and Ben Thurman.



Students of the Month

MVA Student of the Month

Camden Neet

Favorite Food: Pepperoni Pizza
Favorite Song: "Sand In My Boots" by Morgan Wallen
Favorite Subject: Science
Reason For Nomination: Nominated by the Middle School staff for being a natural leader – both in the classroom and outside of it. She works hard, asks questions when she doesn't understand, and is always willing to help others. Thank you for being a role model for all students at MVA.



Lundy Student of the Month

Lane Baxter

Favorite Food: Mac 'n' Cheese
Favorite Song: "Jingle Bells" by James Pierpont
Favorite Subject: Science
Future Profession: Fireman
Reason For Nomination: Lane is a wonderful student, a kind friend, and a helper in our classroom. He is a hard worker with his school work and always tries his best. Lane is also a leader in the classroom and I can always count on him to make good choices.



Lowell JR High Student of the Month

Yarailleth Islas

Favorite Food: Tamales
Favorite Song: "Carol of the Bells" by Mykola Leontovych
Favorite Subject: Science
Future Profession: Graphic Designer
Reason For Nomination: Yarailleth is a real leader in the classroom, seems to be at the top of her class with academics, and isn't afraid to stand up for what is right.



BCA Student of the Month

Bethany Silebi

Favorite Food: Café Yumm Bowls
Favorite Song: "Dance The Night" by Dua Lipa
Favorite Subject: Social Studies
Future Profession: Teacher or Dance Instructor
Reason For Nomination: Bethany was nominated for demonstrating outstanding teamwork this month. Great job, Bethany.



Dates To Remember

- Jan. 7 Welcome Back and Happy New Year
- Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Day-No School
- Jan. 22 Jersey Mike's fundraiser—watch for the flyer.
- Jan. 23 Self Manager Assembly 10:45
- Jan. 24 No School, Grading Day
- Jan. 30 & 31 No school--Conferences, watch for more info from your child's classroom teacher to sign up for a time

With the cold weather settling in, be sure to check out the Good Samaritan Clothing Bank. It's free to everyone and open the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

They are located at 4 E Lakeview Dr., upstairs in the food pantry building.



M	Tu	W	Th
		1 New Years Day	2 11:45am JV, V, Boys ball at New Hope C 7pm Parks Commi
6	7 2pm Food Pantry/Clothing Bank at 4 Lakeview St. 4:30pm JV, V, Boys, & Girls Basket- ball at Lowell 4:30pm JV, V, Boys, & Girls Basket- ball at Lowell 7pm City Council at Fire Hall	8 6pm Wrestling at Lowell 7pm Blackberry Jam Committee at Fire Hall	9 4pm JV, V, Boys, & at Creswell
13 Full Moon The <i>Wolf Moon</i> will pass over Mars in a phenomenon called occultation. Most people in the U.S. can watch the red planet disappear behind the moon and then reappear.	14 4:30pm JV, V, Boys, & Girls Basket- ball at Lowell	15 6pm Wrestling at Lowell	16
20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 3:30pm JV, V, Boys, & Girls Basket- ball at Trinity Lutheran 5pm Wrestling at Lowell 7pm City Council at Fire Hall	22	23
27	28 4:30pm JV&V Boys & V Girls Bas- ketball at Lowell Wrestling at Oakland	29	30 6pm Wrestling at M Eugene

January ‘25



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Boys, & Girls Basketball Christian Committee at Fire Hall	6pm Texas Hold'em Poker at Grange	10am Wrestling at Pleasant Hill 3pm JV, V, Boys, & Girls Basketball at Lowell	8am Breakfast at Grange
	10	11	12
Girls Basketball	Wrestling at Kennedy		
	17	18	19
	3:30pm JV, V, Boys, & Girls Basketball at Lowell 3:30pm Wrestling at Deschutes Co. Fairground	Wrestling at Deschutes Co. Fairground 6pm Texas Hold'em Poker at Grange	
	24	25	26
	4pm JV&V Boys & V Girls Basketball at Creswell	9:30 Wrestling at Waldport Wrestling at Lowell	
	31		
Mac Court,	3:30pm JV, V, Boys, & Girls Basketball at Bonanza		



Complete and up-to-date sports schedules, Varsity and Junior Varsity, can be found online:

lowell.k12.or.us/athletics/



December
Treelighting
Photography Courtesy of Cathy Hernandez

A sustained power outage can have a significant impact on people who require electricity to power medical equipment, so make sure that you have a plan to take care of yourself and your family during an outage.

Know Your Storm Risk

WHAT: A winter storm occurs when there is significant precipitation and the temperature is low enough that precipitation forms as sleet or snow, or when rain turns to ice. A winter storm can range from freezing rain and ice, to moderate snowfall over a few hours, to a blizzard that lasts for several days, or be a combination of several winter weather conditions. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures.

WHEN: Winter storms can occur from now until late spring.

WHERE: Winter storms and colder than normal temperatures can happen in every region of the country.

IMPACT: Extreme winter weather can immobilize an entire region. Ice and heavy snowfall can knock out heat, power, and communications services, sometimes for several days. Driving and walking can become extremely hazardous due to icy conditions, snowfall accumulation, low visibility, or extreme cold. People may need to stay at home or work without utilities or other services, until driving is safe. Pipes and water mains can freeze and break.

Prepare now in case a winter storm hits and you are home for several days without power and heat.

- Prepare by gathering emergency supplies, making a family plan, and discussing emergency notifications and expectations with your workplace and/or schools.
- Install battery-powered or battery back-

up carbon monoxide detectors.

- If you have access to an OUTSIDE generator, have an electric cord long enough to keep the generator at least 20 feet from any door, window, or vent.
- Make specific plans for how you will avoid driving.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions using local alerts, radio, and other news sources for information and instructions.
- During a winter storm stay indoors and avoid driving as much as possible.
- If the power goes out, close off unused rooms to consolidate and retain heat.
- Wear layered clothing and use blankets or sleeping bags to stay warm.
- Bring pets inside.
- Never use generators, outdoor heating or cooking equipment, such as a grill, camp stove, or a gasoline or propane heater, indoors.
- Never heat a home with a stove.
- If driving is absolutely necessary, keep disaster supplies in your vehicle, make sure your vehicle is properly equipped, and use extra precaution on the roads.
- Limit your time outdoors. If you are outside, protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing several layers of warm, loose-fitting, light-weight clothing.

After the storm is over, driving conditions may still be dangerous; only drive if necessary.

- If the power is out for more than a few days, warming shelters might be established.
- If you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm in your home and you can get there safely, you may want to go to a shelter.
- If you go outside, dress in warm clothing, stay dry, and avoid prolonged exposure to cold and wind to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia.

For more information on winter storm preparedness go to

www.fema.gov

or

www.lowellfiredistrict.gov

Fun Fact

Hydroplaning can occur in speeds as low as 35 miles per hour, depending on tire tread depth and the amount of water on the road.



Maggie Osgood Library

Hours

Mon Closed

Tue 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Lap sit Story hour
10:30, adult crafting time 1:00.

Wed 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Thu 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Fri Closed

Sat 10:00 am -1:00 pm Crafts and stories
10:30

The library will be closed on Wed. Jan 1,
2025, and Tuesday January 21, 2025

Library Wish List

Don't forget the Library Wish List:

<https://www.things-to-me.com/1074861a09b6f>

We actively accept donations of books and/or cash.

Tutoring for Reading and Writing

As we enter 2025, we are pleased to introduce a new learning opportunity to our community — free tutoring for reading and writing for all those six years of age and older. Sessions will be available on Wednesdays from 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM and on Saturdays from 11:00 AM –

12:30 PM. Please sign up for a 20-minute time slot at the library desk. You can also email us:

pokane@ci.lowell.or.us

The program will begin will evolve as we learn more about the participants' needs. Our tutor, Ann Wopat, moved to our area two years ago and currently tutors via ZOOM for the Learning Center, a program offered by Hamlin Robinson School to all eligible students in the Seattle area. Ann is trained in Wired for Reading, IMSE (Orton Gillingham), and the Slingerland method for handwriting.

Bricks and Honor

Many members of this community donated to building the Maggie Osgood Library. Those who donated \$100.00 or more were eligible to have a brick made. We have begun installing the bricks in front of the library. If you see Tony Moreci thank him for his hard work on this project.

Due to popular demand, we will reopen the brick campaign for the month of February 2025. Watch for more details.



The Bridge — Making Community Connections

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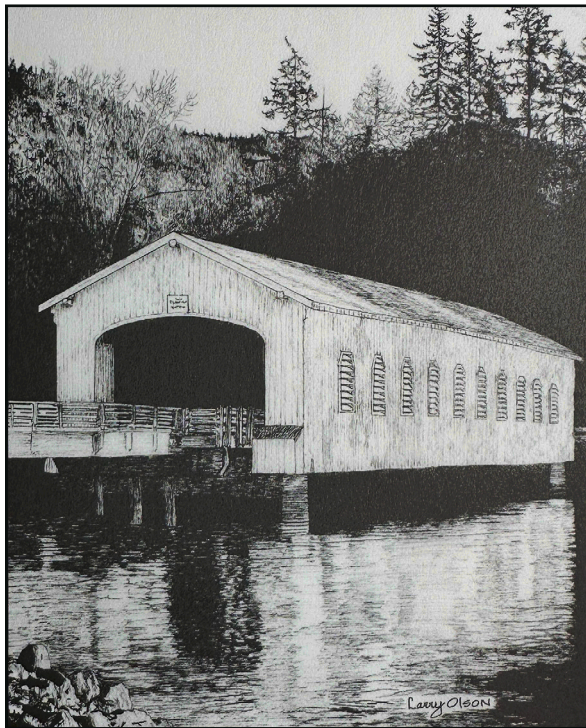
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Lowell Bridge

Built 1945

Larry Olson (1936-2020)

Engineer and artist Larry Olson created drawings of the covered bridges of Lane County during his time as a surveyor. Print courtesy of Eric Olson and Jonny Watson.

OSU Extension Service | Small Farms Program

LIVING ON THE LAND WEBINAR SERIES



Jan. 14 - Feb. 11, 2025
Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 pm

Fee: \$20 for the series
Scholarships available

An online series for landowners new to managing small-acreage farms or properties

January 14

From the Ground Up

Learn how to start making a plan for property management and easy tools to get started. Get an overview of soil basics and strategies for how to protect, manage, and improve soil resources.

January 21

Rural Water Maintenance

Discover ways to protect your drinking water resources by maintaining home wells and septic systems and get the scoop on irrigation water rights from a watermaster.

January 28

Pasture Management

Make the most of your livestock's pastures by learning about nutrient and winter-time management and rotational grazing practices.

February 4

Weed & Pest Management

Discover ways to identify and strategies to manage common weeds in our area. Learn about tools to support decision making and the basics of Integrated Pest management (IPM).

February 11

Woodlands & Wildlife

Get an overview of how healthy trees grow and how to manage them through the years, as well as how to support wildlife on your property.

Register online:
beav.es/LOLWebinar

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