



The Bridge

Making community connections

THANK TODD FOR FOOTBALL

Lowell High School football had a historic season this year with the school's first ever appearance in the 2A state playoffs. They left the regular season with an undefeated 9-0 record and made it to the quarterfinals in the state tournament. Lowell overcame a season full of wildfire smoke and having one of the shortest rosters in the state with their "Fast, Physical, Fearless" mentality, the Offensive and Defensive players of the Year, and the leadership of the league-voted Coach of the Year Pat Todd (*more team awards on Page 3*).

Lowell has entered the state tournament fifteen times in the 91 years since the school was founded. Eleven of those times were during Todd's 15 years on Lowell's coaching staff; eight as the head coach and three as an assistant. Additionally, Pat led Lowell to its only ever appearance in the football state finals. While Pat finished his final season of coaching at Lowell, the legacy he and his wife Vallie have created will carry on, as will our gratitude. Thank you, Todd family, for elevating our athletes and making Lowell football a powerhouse.



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May the Holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter.



Happy Holiday Season! This time of year brings turkey feasts, family gatherings, gift giving, and celebrations. For many, this is a time of celebration and joy. For others, this is a difficult time of year that brings loneliness and financial hardship. From gifting, to just having to turn up the heat, costs can skyrocket. For those without family to celebrate with, it can be isolating.

We are so fortunate to have the community of Lowell/Fall Creek surrounding our students. From Stomping Grounds coffee who hosts a Christmas giving tree, to the community members who reach out every year asking for families in need that they can support. With Christmas concerts, parades, and community activities, we hope everyone can find a moment of happiness to celebrate.

Look around and reach out to someone in need: a smile, a cup of coffee, or a shoulder to lean on. Often it doesn't take much or cost a dime to bring joy to another person.

If you know of a service or group that helps to support students and families this time of year, please feel free to reach out to Lowell School District and we will do our best to connect those in need with those who can provide. And from Lowell School District, we wish you the happiest of holidays, the Merriest of Christmases and the most joyful of New Years!

LHS Drama presents...The TENTH ANNUAL

"An Hour of Improv Comedy!" We're LIVE Again!!!

Three FREE ***Live*** Shows:

FRIDAY, December 9th, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, December 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 11th @ 2:00 p.m.
(Matinee)

LHS CAFETORIUM

HOUSE OPENS at 6:45 p.m. for evening performances, and 1:45 p.m. for the Sunday Matinee.

Donations will be accepted, to support the development of the LHS Drama Program

Please contact Mr. Klatt (mklatt@lowell.k12.or.us) if you would like to support LHS Drama.

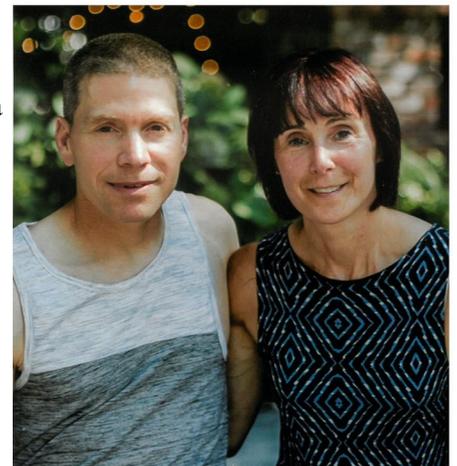
Alumni Spotlight: Kerry and Christina (Burton) Poggemeyer

Kerry Poggemeyer graduated from Lowell High School in 1985 and Christy (Burton) Poggemeyer in 1986. They both grew up in the Fall Creek/Lowell area and attended kindergarten through twelfth grade in Lowell School District. Christy was the salutatorian and received the Lowell honor blanket. She played volleyball, basketball and competed in track. She also traveled to China on a cultural exchange track program. Kerry was a three-time state placer in wrestling, played baseball and football. When Christy was a homecoming princess her junior year, Kerry was her escort. They began dating soon after and were married in 1986.

After graduating high school, Kerry had a number of different jobs. He was a millworker, a wildland firefighter, did reforestation, and worked in electronic manufacturing. He worked at True Value Distribution Center for 22 years and is now currently employed at Lowell School District as a bus driver and custodian.

When her kids were young, Christina was a stay at home mom and homeschooled her kids. She was also a soccer, karate and baseball mom. Since then, she has done house cleaning, clerical work, and is now the lead custodian with the Lowell School District.

Kerry and Christina have three children and eight grandchildren. They love to travel out of state and spend time with their family. Kerry enjoys reading the Bible, hunting, fishing, hiking and early morning runs. Christina enjoys reading and gardening. Kerry has been a volunteer assistant wrestling coach for Pleasant Hill, Springfield and Lowell and baseball coach for Pleasant Hill. Christina has served at the local food pantry and been a volunteer track coach at LHS. Thank you, Kerry and Christina, for your dedication to helping our schools and community shine!





RED DEVIL REPORT

Lowell Athletics Update



FALL SPORT WRAP-UP

High school football (*continued from Cover*) athletes received many well-earned honors from their conference;

Jesse Neet (sr) — 1st Team Punter, 2nd Team Kicker, HM Quarterback, HM Defensive Lineman
 Lehi Zylstra (sr) — Defensive Player of the Year, 1st Team Linebacker, 2nd Team Running Back
 Brody Thurman (jr) — Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman
 Justus Thurman (jr) — 1st Team Wide Receiver, 2nd Team Linebacker
 Rowan Files (jr) — 1st Team Tight End, 1st Team Linebacker
 JaMar Thurman (so) — Offensive Player of the Year, 1st Team Running Back, 1st Team Defensive Back
 Paul Clark (so) — 1st Team Offensive Lineman, 1st Team Defensive Lineman
 Carter Harris (fr) — 2nd Team Defensive Back
 David Finch (fr) — 2nd Team Defensive Lineman, Honorable Mention Offensive Center

Junior high football followed in the high school's footsteps with an undefeated 5-0 league championship led by team captains Zak Hermansen and Tyler Harris. The future is bright for Lowell football.

High school volleyball finished 3rd in the Valley Coast Conference (11-5 league, 15-12 overall) and made it to the first round of State Playoffs. Along the way, several of our athletes earned all-conference and all-state recognition;

Lydia Plahn (sr) — 1st Team All-League, Honorable Mention All-State
 Amerika Baszler (jr) — 1st Team All-League
 Annabelle Pickett (jr) — 2nd Team All-League, 2nd Team All-State
 Brooke Davis (jr) — Honorable Mention
 Alyson Curry (so) — Honorable Mention

Junior high volleyball showed tremendous growth throughout their season. Coach Jessica was proud of her athletes saying they "learned what it was like to play on a team, lift each other up, and fight hard each and every game."

Cross country had a fun season including a meet at Waldport where our runners took the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place spots. Another highlight came as several school records were set;

Levi Stewart (so) — 12:09.0 HS Men's 3,000m
 Devon Jones (8) — 11:11.0 MS Men's 3,000m
 Lizzy Green-Jolley (so) — 16:13.0 HS Women's 3,000m
 Devon Jones (8) — 13:08.0 MS Men's 3,200m

JUNIOR HIGH WINTER SPORTS



Our **junior high wrestling** team is led by Alvin Riggs and assisted by James Erlei, Jerry Dilley, and Jason Prenevost. Athletes (pictured left) include 8th graders Adam Davis, Brendan Hourigan, Christopher Meador, Gabe Thurman, Henry Coiner, Wyatt McNamee, and Wyatt Pelroy; 7th graders Ben Thurman, Eli Pickett, Tanner Coiner, and Wyatt Johnson; 6th graders Corven Floyd and Gage Moncrief; and 5th graders Banyon Jalof and Ben Johnson.

Our **junior high girls' basketball** team is led by Chelsea Chittim and assisted by Sierra Roberts. Athletes (pictured right) include 8th graders Aniah Watson, Aubrey Gastelo, Evelyn Rogers, Jade Clark, and Savannah Bell; 7th graders Acadia Bloxham, Chayden Daniels, Elisa Montes Castro, Gabrielle Gross, Kylie Greer, Natalie Trullinger, and River Young; and 6th graders Alexis Owsley, Summer Smith, Tatum Clark, Tayler Griffin, Zophia Fassbender, and Zuzana Murray.



**Join us in honoring our 8th Grade Girls Basketball Players on Wednesday, December 7
 between the 4:30 A/B games versus Lincoln Middle School in Lundy gym.**

City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

City Hall has a new location. City Hall has moved into the new building located at 70 N. Pioneer Street. We anticipate moving library operations sometime in December.

Remaining steps for us to be fully moved in include:

- ◆ Setting up the new library shelves when they arrive.
- ◆ Putting existing and new books on the shelves.
- ◆ Setting up the library computer workstations.
- ◆ Purchasing library furniture and a conference table for the conference room.
- ◆ Building a donor wall or similar feature for donor recognition.
- ◆ Training volunteers to be ready for opening day.

Follow up on the boil water advisory. The City wishes to thank the Lowell community for your patience during our recent boil water advisory. The issue arose when a contractor for a utility company was doing underground boring work and hit a water main. Anytime there's a drop in water pressure, as when someone breaks a water main, there's a risk that bacteria can enter the system. In response, the City issued the boil water advisory as a precaution. We sent that advisory to the 3 news stations that cover this area and the Highway 58 Herald. We also posted the advisory in numerous public places in the city, along with the city website and Facebook page.

We will learn what we can from this event so we can improve our communication if similar events ever occur in the future. We received suggestions from the community on having a mass communications program that sends alerts to everyone's telephones or email. We currently do not have such a program, but it's something we will investigate.

The City also wants to thank our 4-member Public Works crew. During the water outage, our crew worked tirelessly to restore water service and to test the water to ensure its safety. We have one of the best Public Works team in the state, and we're fortunate to have them.

Actions by City Council and other committees/commissions

At the November 1 meeting, City Council took the following actions:

- Reviewed proposals for a storm drain project
- Approved a proposal for sewer easement recording
- Approved an amendment to a development agreement for Sunset Hills Subdivision

At the November 2 meeting, Planning Commission took the following actions:

- Approved Land Use file #2022-02, "Mixed use development on North Shore Dr (Phase 1)"

At the November 15 meeting, City Council took the following actions:

- Approved an engineering agreement with Civil West Engineering
- Approved a resolution adopting policies for the Maggie Osgood Library

At the November 16 meeting, Planning Commission took the following actions:

- Agreed to grant a 90-day extension to the applicant of land use applications 2022-01, 2022-04, and 2022-06—various applications related to a Dollar General retail store and townhome development.

At the November 21 meeting, City Council took the following actions:

- Authorized the purchase of filing cabinets and office desks.

Upcoming meetings – Meeting details available here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2022-12>

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

12/6 @ 7:00 pm – City Council
 12/7 @ 7:00 pm – Planning Commission
 12/8 @ 7:00 pm – Parks Committee
 12/13 @ 7:00 pm – Blackberry Jam Committee
 12/20 @ 7:00 pm – City Council

Land use applications that are pending before the Planning Commission are now available here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/planning/page/pending-land-use-applications>

Tree Lighting Ceremony — Saturday, December 3rd

We will hold a “Covered Bridge Tree Lighting” to kick off the Christmas season on Saturday, December 3. The event starts at 5:00 pm.

A shuttle to the bridge will be available at the Lowell High School parking lot located at 65 S. Pioneer Street starting at 4:30 pm. No parking will be available at the Covered Bridge, so please use the shuttle.

The event will include music, caroling, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus (pictures may be taken by families).

Cookies and cider will be provided by the Lowell Grange. Everyone is welcome!



Winter Concerts are Finally Here!

Lundy Elementary will have its first winter concert in several years this upcoming December 8th, at 7:00pm in the High School Cafetorium. Students K-5 should arrive by 6:45, and 6th-grade Beginning Band by 6:30.

LHS will have its own winter concert on December 12th, also at 7:00pm in the HS Cafetorium. This show will feature the Junior High Band and Choir, the High School Band and the High School Choir, fresh off outstanding performances this past month with Eugene's Cascade Chorus and at the Willamette Valley Collaborative Choir Festival.

We look forward to seeing you at the shows!



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

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. 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 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.

In and Around the Community

Pine Needlers Quilt Show Report

The Pine Needlers Quilting group are delighted to report that their last show earned \$4,200! Donations were made to the following: \$250 to the City of Lowell to help with resident's water bills; \$500 to Lowell School District; \$250 to LHS Gym as a Thank You for the use of the facility; \$350 to the City of Lowell to be added with the BUNCO Babes donation for a tree to honor their beloved member, Gerry Burr; and, \$2,850 to the Lowell Fire District as a Thank You for the use of their facility.

We would also like to congratulate our local residents who won prizes. Deborah Dean won the "Quilting/Sewing" gift basket; Kathy Julin won the "Italian" gift basket; Diane Stephens won the "Dessert" gift basket; and, Grand Prize winner Lowell resident Bryn Pliska Girard won the beautiful raffle quilt (pictured at right).

Thank you all who have supported our Quilt Show and the community of Lowell.



Unfortunately the 2022 Christmas Parade has been cancelled. See you next year!

January Grange Breakfast Date Change!

Please note that the January breakfast at the Lowell Grange has been moved to January 8th (instead of New Year's Day). Please join us from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Get Your Gifts Wrapped at Stomping Grounds

There will be a gift wrapping event at Stomping Grounds Coffee on Tuesday, December 20th from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted for gifts you bring to have wrapped. All money raised will support a local group who will be traveling to Kenya in March to work at a school there.

There will also be treats and other fun things for sale the night of the event!

Let us wrap your presents, check something off your to-do list, and support a good cause.



Santa and Mrs. Claus are on their way!



Santa's workshop will be transported to Stomping Grounds Coffee

**December 10th
1:00 to 4:30 pm**

**December 11th
12:00 to 3:00 pm**

Bring your own camera and take as many photos as you want with Santa!

Cost: \$10 for individual; \$15 for two; \$20 for three or more. Pets welcome too!

The price includes a **candy cane** and a **small gift** from Santa!

All proceeds go to LHS Football

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: December 2022

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| 1—JH Girls Basketball @ Oaklea, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ Triangle Lake, 5:30/7:00 p.m. | 11—LHS Drama Improv Comedy, 2:00 p.m., LHS Cafetorium |
| 2—JH Wrestling v. Lincoln/Philomath/Harrisburg, 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling @ Harrisburg Tournament, 10:00 a.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m. | 12—JH Girls Basketball @ Oaklea, 4:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elem. |
| 3—JV Girls/Boys Basketball v. Scio, 3:00/4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Scio, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
Bridge Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:00 p.m., Shuttles at LHS | 13—Varsity Wrestling v. Creswell/Oakridge, 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Yoncalla, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Festival Committee, 7:00 p.m., 70 N. Pioneer
Lowell Fire District Board meeting; 7:00 p.m., Main Station |
| 4—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street | 14—JH Wrestling v. Oaklea, 6:00 p.m. |
| 5—JH Girls Basketball B Team v. Monroe, 5:00 p.m. | 15—JV Girls/Boys Basketball @ Gaston, 3:00/4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Gaston, 6:00/7:30 p.m. |
| 6—JV Girls/Boys Basketball @ Umpqua Valley Chr., 3:00/4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Umpqua Valley, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
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 Wrestling Lowell Tournament, 10:00 a.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m. |
| 7—JH Girls Basketball v. Lincoln, 8th Grade Night, 4:30 p.m.
Lowell Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer | 20—JV Boys/Girls Basketball v. Bandon, 1:00/2:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. Bandon, 4:00/5:30 p.m.
City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview |
| 8—JV Girls/Boys Basketball @ Rogue Valley Adv., 3:00/4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Rogue Valley, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
Lowell Parks Committee, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer Street | 22—JV Boys Basketball @ Gold Beach, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball @ Gold Beach, 6:00/7:30 p.m. |
| 9—JH Wrestling @ Creswell (Jefferson/PHill), 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling @ Culver Tournament, TBD
LHS Drama Improv Comedy, 7:00 p.m., LHS Cafetorium | 29—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Camas Valley, 6:00/7:30 p.m. |
| 10—Varsity Wrestling @ Culver Tournament, TBD
Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball v. Sheridan, 11 a.m./12:30 p.m.
JV Boys/Girls Basketball v. Sheridan, 2:00/3:30 p.m.
LHS Drama Improv Comedy, 7:00 p.m., LHS Cafetorium | 30—Senior Potluck, Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church |
| | Coming in January:
1—Boys/Girls Varsity Basketball @ Triangle Lake, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
5—JH Girls Basketball v. Monroe, B only, 4:30 p.m. |

Winter Break: December 19 — January 2
School resumes January 3rd!