



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## Hall of Fame Recap and Alumni Spotlight: Larry Walsh

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A good time was had by all who attended the restarted Hall of Fame Celebration on Saturday, October 8th. This annual fundraiser was scheduled for March 2020 but was cancelled due to the pandemic. Emcee Josh Metzger, LHS Principal, kept the night moving along and Lani Moku provided a delicious dinner. Thanks to those who attended (and some who weren't able to attend), the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation was successful in raising over \$6,000 for projects to benefit students in the Lowell School District.

Longtime community volunteers/supporters (and Lowell graduates) Donna and Dennis McCallum and the late Warren Weathers were honored for their contributions to the school and community.

Also recognized were the team members and coach of the 1975 Lowell Volleyball team, pictured below. Barbara Powell introduced the

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team by sharing interesting stories about this team's pioneering effort to get to State once the passage of Title IX required equal funding for girls' sports.

Present for the event was longtime Fall Creek resident and Class of 1947 graduate, Larry Walsh. Larry was raised up Winberry Creek, attended grade school at Unity Elementary, and graduated from Lowell High School in 1947. While at LHS he played baseball and football and was the school photographer for the year-books.

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## Keeping Our Schools Safe

School and learning go hand in hand. What also goes along with school and learning? Safety and security. As we all know, if you do not feel safe, you cannot learn, grow, and thrive. For this reason, the Oregon Department of Education and Lowell School District require drills, training, and professional development to help us be prepared for the needs of our students. This includes mental health training, suicide prevention, sexual assault identification and reporting, campus threats, and natural disaster.

In October, our entire campus and all our schools participated in a lockdown drill. This is required twice a year. This drill taught us what we are doing well, where we need to add additional equipment, areas of needed communication and so much more. We also participated in the Great Shake Out. This drill teaches students and teachers what to do in case of an earthquake. We immediately followed the drill with a bus evacuation drill to help students and staff practice how to exit safely if needed.

Later this year, our staff will participate in a training for Adi's Act. This requires our district to create a plan around suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. The goal is to create a place for students to report, our staff to intervene, and for follow-up to occur. If anyone is in crisis, they can go to <https://988lifeline.org/> to chat or text/call 988 to be connected to receive compassionate support and care.

Lowell School District is compliant with Erin's Law as well. This requires the development and adoption of child sexual abuse prevention programs for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Our staff are trained annually not only in how to identify students who may be the victims of abuse, but also how to report.

One of the focuses this year throughout the district and schools across the state is Social and Emotional Learning. Our students have faced many challenges over the last few years, and it shows. SEL is the process of developing the self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work, and life success. Lowell Jr/Sr High and Lundy Elementary staff are participating in professional development as well as implementing comprehensive positive behavior improvement plans at each of the schools.

Our district participates in SafeOregon. SafeOregon gives kids, parents, schools, and their communities a way to report safety threats or potential acts of violence confidentially or anonymously. If you would like to report, you can go to <https://www.safeoregon.com> or you can call/text 844.472.3367.



While we continue to learn as much as we can, we are aware that we don't know everything and that is why we train, develop and partner with other agencies to create a safe environment for each of our students. Resources are available if you or someone you know is in need.

## Lowell Musicians Featured at Fall Concerts

Kicking off the year on a high note, select singers from Lowell will be joining the 2023 OMEA District 10 Honor Choir, hosted by Sutherlin High School on November 9th. This special all-star event culminates in a public concert at 7pm (free admission). Participating students include high schoolers Elizabeth Able, Emma Barnes, Kameron Baszler, Liam Burch, Jada Cantrell, Paul Clark, Amelia Cushman, Harley Hardison, Cassidy Matthews, and Colten Wendt; and, middle schoolers Kylie Greer, Izabelle Hardiman-Richey, Ceilidh McNichols, Eric Sotomayor, Nate Waters, and River Young.

The LHS Band has also been honored with an invitation to be the featured guest performers at the Lane Community College Fall Term Concert. This concert, which also includes the Outstanding LCC Symphonic Band, is set for November 29th at 7:30 pm in Ed Ragozzino Hall. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5-10. We hope to see you there!

LHS Drama presents...

The ELEVENTH ANNUAL

**“An Hour of Improv Comedy!”**

Three FREE 7 PM Shows:

THURSDAY, November 16th

FRIDAY, November 17th

SATURDAY, November 18th

**LHS Cafetorium**

\*House opens at 6:45 p.m.\*

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.



## RED DEVIL REPORT

### Lowell Athletics Update



#### ON TO STATE!

**High school volleyball** will compete in the 2-day Volleyball State Championship Tournament at Ridgeview High School in Redmond. Their first game will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 3 against Oakridge. Brackets can be found at <https://www.osaa.org/activities/vbl?div=2A>.

**High school football** will host Clatskanie in the first round of Football State Championship Tournament, which begins the first weekend of November. The bracket, including dates and times, can be found at <https://www.osaa.org/activities/fbl/brackets?div=2A>

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL SPORT WRAP-UP

**Middle school football** (5-0 league, 5-1 overall) took 1st place in their league with their second straight undefeated conference schedule led by Coach Wade Davis and Assistant Nicky Sotomayor. Coach Davis is very proud of how the 8th graders, including team captains Ben Thurman, Eli Pickett, and Walker Straight, stepped up this year after graduating 14 players the prior season and worked to play as a team.

**Middle school volleyball** (5-4) grew in skill level and as young women led by Coaches Jessica McCart and Jamie Kenworthy. After last year's 1-win season, finishing in the upper half of the league reflects the hard work and dedication of the team and captains Lexi Owsley, Kyla Dobson, Ashlyn Baszler, and Elise Skordahl. Coach McCart said of her team, "They challenged each other and supported each other. We end the season with our heads held high and looking forward to next season."

**Middle school cross country** had a fun and successful season. Each athlete on the team set personal records, and two new Lowell Junior High School records were set by 7th grader Zuzana Murray; 13:21.3 in the 3000m and 15:35.0 in the 3200m. Coach Jill Chapman is very proud of her team and enjoyed working with them.

#### 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 13 at 7:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School gym

##### High School Wrestling

*Head Coach: Lincoln Casarez*

First Practice: Monday, November 13 at 3:15 p.m.  
Lowell High School wrestling room

Social Media:  Lowell Red Devils Wrestling, Lowell, Oregon  
 @lowell\_wrestling

##### High School Girls Basketball

*Head Coach: Janet McNamee*

Parent Meeting: Monday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School gym

First Practice: Monday, November 13 at 4:00 p.m.  
Lowell High School gym

Social Media:  Lowell Red Devil Girls Basketball  
 @red.devils.basketball

## City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

### **Join the City of Lowell's Committees and Make a Difference!**

Are you ready to shape the future of our wonderful city? Lowell is seeking dedicated individuals like you to serve on our essential committees, where your expertise and passion can contribute to meaningful change. We currently have vacancies on four vital committees:

#### **Budget Committee (3 vacancies)**

- ◆ Be a financial steward for Lowell.
- ◆ Review and approve the annual budget and property tax rates.
- ◆ Serve a term of three years.

#### **Planning Commission (3 vacancies)**

- ◆ Guide the city's planning, zoning, and development.
- ◆ Ensure our city grows sustainably and beautifully.
- ◆ Serve a term of two years. One member may live outside the city limits but within the fire district boundary.

#### **Library Committee (5 vacancies)**

- ◆ Promote literacy, education, and access to knowledge.
- ◆ Help shape library policies and budget.
- ◆ Serve a term of two years. Two members may live outside the city limits.

#### **Parks and Recreation Committee (4 vacancies)**

- ◆ Enhance our parks, recreation, and community well-being.
- ◆ Contribute to park planning, development, and maintenance.
- ◆ Serve a term of two years, with staggered terms for continuity. One member may live outside the city limits, and one member may be less than 18 years of age.

The impact you can make is immense, and the experience is rewarding. Be part of these advisory and decision-making bodies and share your insights for the betterment of Lowell.

**Application Deadline: November 22, 2023**

**First Review by City Council: December 5, 2023**

Ready to take the first step? Apply today by completing a volunteer application. You can submit your application in person at City Hall (70 N. Pioneer St.) or via email to [admin@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:admin@ci.lowell.or.us). Join us in making Lowell an even better place to live, work, and play. Your commitment can shape the future of our vibrant community!

Download the application form from our website:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/administration/page/volunteer-boards-commission-application>

#### **Information on Lookout Point Reservoir drawdown.**

The city has received comments and questions from water customers about the Lookout Point drawdown and its impact on Dexter Reservoir, where the city gets its drinking water. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has started a deep drawdown of Lookout Point to comply with a court order to improve fish passage at the dam. You may have noticed increased turbidity, or sediment, in Dexter Reservoir.

Public Works staff are taking preventative measures to ensure that the water plant can continue functioning as turbidity increases in Dexter Reservoir. Those measures include evaluating new chemical processes that can remove sediment more efficiently compared to our current processes. Staff are also increasing the level of carbon filtration to improve taste and appearance.

For more information, including instructions on where to find laboratory testing results for the city's water system, go to the city webpage here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/publicworks/page/information-lookout-point-reservoir-drawdown>



**Update on City Council business.**

- Changes in state law now require city camping regulations to be “reasonable as to time, place and manner with regards to persons experiencing homelessness.” The City Council has begun working on changes to city ordinances to comply with the new law.
- The City Council approved an annex into Lane County’s “Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.” This will now make the city eligible to apply for “Hazard Mitigation Assistance” funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- The City Council has approved an agreement with the Oregon Building Codes Division to start an e-permitting system for building permits and land use applications. The e-permit system will digitize the building permit and land use application process, making it easier for the city and property owners to keep track of building permits. The new e-permit system is expected to be online sometime in 2024.

**Upcoming meeting details:** <https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2023-11>

City Council Meetings – November 7 and 21 @ 7:00 pm  
 Parks and Recreation Committee – November 9 @ 7:00 pm  
 Blackberry Jam Committee – To be determined

**Meetings will take place at the Lowell Fire Station, 389 N. Pioneer Street**

**Library News**

**Holiday Book Sale**

The library will hold a book sale from November 27 to December 4, during regular library hours Monday 11-4, Tuesday 10-4, Wednesday 1-7, Saturday 9-1. Most of the books available will not have library labels making them potential gifts. Prices will be \$1.50 for hardbacks, \$1.00 for paperbacks and \$0.50 for children’s books.

We will also have the brand-new 2024 calendar styled to look like Maggie Osgood’s calendars and featuring Blackberry Jam.

**New Program Series Coming in 2024**

Get Out and Get Informed: a chance for adults to interact with experts on a variety of topics. Held every Wednesday from January 3 through March 27 at the Maggie Osgood Library from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

Format: Each week an expert will present for approximately 40 minutes. There will be time for Q&A and discussion. Light snacks will be provided. If you are an expert, or know an expert, or have a topic you would like to learn about, let me know. [pokane@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:pokane@ci.lowell.or.us).

**Library Hours and Programming Schedule:**

Mondays	11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.	Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Saturdays	9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Every week: Tuesdays—Storytime 10:30, Craft and Chat 1:00, Board games 3:00.  
Saturdays—Story and craft time 9:30, Board games all day.

Monthly: 2nd Wednesday—Local History 4:00.  
Last Wednesday—Chasing Chapters Book Club 6:00.

**The Maggie Osgood Library is located at 70 N. Pioneer Street**

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## FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

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### New Burn Regulation

This year we are enacting a new outdoor burn regulation within the Lowell Fire District. This new regulation is to make backyard burning safer for the community. You can find this new regulation at [lowellfiredistrict.org](http://lowellfiredistrict.org), under the Services tab. You can also stop by the Main Station at 389 N. Pioneer Street in Lowell to get a copy. Burn safe.

### Some 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 your 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.

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District would like to remind you that candle-caused fires are preventable. According to the State Fire Marshal's Office, in the last decade from 1995 to 2004 candle-related fires in Oregon have increased 20%. Oregon's Life Safety Team and the Office of State Fire Marshal have launched a candle safety campaign titled *Before you go out, Blow it out!*

Keep an eye on your burning candles! While candles are popular for home decorating, they are dangerous, too. It's amazing how fast fire spreads, and how much damage is caused, when a flame from a candle ignites nearby material.

Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) data from 2000 through 2004 cites candles as causing 769 fires resulting in 7 deaths and 81 injuries. During 2004 alone, reported candle-caused fires were responsible for \$43.3 million in property loss. Forty percent of candle fires begin in the bedroom.

### 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.
- Adopt these tips as candle safety rules in your home.
- Maintain working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and in every bedroom.

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### Message from the Corps of Engineers:

Use extreme caution when recreating at Lookout Point Reservoir. Unknown hazards may be exposed due to low reservoir levels. Avoid the muddy lakebed to prevent getting stuck and needing rescue. Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the lakebed. It is a criminal offense to excavate, remove, damage, disturb, or collect any items on public lands such as rocks, minerals, vegetation, and historical or archaeological artifacts.



For more information about the deep drawdown at Lookout Point Reservoir and operational changes at other reservoirs, please visit <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/Willamette-Valley/Injunction/>.

### Christmas Bazaar, November 11th

A Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 9am until 5pm at the Lowell Christian Church, 4 E. Lakeview Drive (at the south end of the HS football field).

The bazaar will include authentic Kenyan jewelry, woodcrafts, crochet snowflake ornaments, other crochet items, handmade jewelry, rustic farmhouse woodcrafts, tie dye clothing, baked goods, collectible sports cards and coins. Something for everyone!



We are excited to serve the children of the Lowell/Fall Creek Communities again this year with the Tree Of Joy. The tree, which will provide gifts to children 12 years and under, will be located at Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop, 113 E. Main Street in Lowell. Beginning Saturday, November 18th, tags will be available to select from the tree.

If you would like your child (children) to be included in the "Tree of Joy" program and you did not receive a form, you can pick one up at Stomping Grounds Coffee. Forms must be received on or before Tuesday, November 14th. Please return forms to P O Box 535, Lowell OR 97452. An envelope is included with the forms at Stomping Grounds Coffee. If you have any questions, please text Michelle at 541-214-5061.

Please return **WRAPPED** gifts back to Stomping Grounds Coffee by Wednesday, December 13th, with the original tree tags attached. Gift pick up will be Sunday, December 17th between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM at THE GEORGE HAKE CENTER located at 4 East Lakeview Drive, Lowell.

### The Christmas Parade is Back!!

The Lowell Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 2nd, starting at 4:00 p.m. Join Santa and Mrs. Claus as they make their way through the streets of Lowell. The parade will travel from Tumac parking lot down North Moss all the way until E. 3rd Street, then take a left and end at Stomping Grounds/LHS north parking lot.

If you would like to have a float in the parade, please contact Shannon Fassbender at sfass321@gmail.com or pick up a registration form at Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop. Hope to see you all there!

### Annual Tree Lighting Event moved to City Hall

The parade will be followed by the annual tree lighting event at 5:00 p.m. at 70 N. Pioneer Street. The Lowell Bridge will still be lit for the holidays, however, the tree lighting ceremony will occur at City Hall to improve access and safety.



### Hall of Fame/Alumni Spotlight—continued from Cover

Larry and his wife, Phyllis, married in 1948 and raised four children in Fall Creek, all graduates of LHS. Although Larry worked long hours in the logging industry, he was a member of the Lowell School Board for 16 years to help make sure his children and others received a good education. He has lived in the Fall Creek area all of his 94 years. It was great to see him in attendance at the Hall of Fame Celebration — and looking very dapper in his Lowell High School letterman's sweater to boot!

Another family with multiple LHS graduates included Ray Hodson (Class of 1967), Kristen (Hodson) Prenevost (1992), Mollie (Prenevost) and Nicco Garcia-Cash (2012), and, future graduates Cortez Garcia-Cash (Class of 2035) and Cruz Garcia-Cash (2037)!



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events: November 2023

- 3—**No School! — Teacher Grading Day**  
Varsity Volleyball v. Oakridge @ State/Ridgeview HS, 10am  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 3 or 4—Varsity Football v. Clatskanie @ Lowell—1st Round, TBD
- 4—Cross Country Championships @ LCC, TBD
- \*\*Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5th\*\***
- 5—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street
- 6—JH Girls Basketball @ O'Hara v. Eugene 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—JH Girls Basketball v. Monroe, 4:30 p.m.  
**Lowell Fire Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Main Station**
- 9—Lowell Parks Committee, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer Street  
Honor Choir Concert at Sutherlin High School, 7:00 p.m.
- 10—**No School! - Veterans Day Observed**  
HS Varsity Football Quarterfinals—TBD
- 11—**Veterans Day—Honoring All Who Served**  
Christmas Bazaar, Lowell Christian Church, 9am-5pm  
HS Varsity Football Quarterfinals—TBD
- 13—JH Girls Basketball @ St. Paul Catholic, 4:30 p.m.
- 15—JH Girls Basketball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
- 16, 17, 18—LHS Drama Improv Production, 7:00 p.m. each night
- 17—JH Girls Basketball @ Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.  
HS Varsity Football Semifinals—TBD
- 18—Holiday Bazaar, Lowell Grange, 9am-5pm  
HS Varsity Football Semifinals—TBD  
Youth Wrestling, Lowell Tournament, TBD
- 19—Holiday Bazaar, Lowell Grange, 10am-3pm
- 21—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**  
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 24—HS Varsity Football Championships, TBD
- 25—HS Varsity Football Championships, TBD  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 27—JH Girls Basketball v. Creswell, 4:30 p.m.  
**Lowell School Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., PDC/Lundy Elem.**
- 27-29—Book Sale at the Maggie Osgood Library
- 29—JH Girls Basketball v. Lincoln, 4:30 p.m.  
JV Boys/Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Alsea, 3:30/5/6:30 pm  
JH Wrestling @ Oaklea, 6:00 p.m.  
LHS Band Concert at Lane Comm. College, 7:30 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Closures:  
November 22, 23, 24—City Hall Closed  
November 23, 24—Schools Closed
- Coming in December:  
1—HS Wrestling @ Harrisburg Tournament, 10:00 a.m.  
2—Christmas Parade, 4:00 p.m.; Tree Lighting, 5:00 p.m.