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Butte Falls Bulletin

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**The Landing Board and the Preschool want to give a huge thank you
to Ruby Edwards for her continued support of our programs!**
Dawna Jacoby, Angela Ellis Wells, Ruby Edwards, Dianne Gorman, Allison Ellis



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December 2023 - Butte Falls Community Events

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| <p>All Fire Department Meetings are at the Fire Hall All Town Meetings are at the Community Hall All Food Banks and Pantry events are at the Landing All Poker Nights are at the Landing Emergency Food Boxes and Senior Commodity Boxes are available upon request. Call 541-865-3500 for arrangements.</p> | | |  | <p>Every Thursday 1-2 Booking It - Walking Group @ Library</p> | <p>6pm AA @ Comm Bible Church</p> | <p>12-4 Caboose Museum 1-2 Art Adventure Club @ Library 6:00 Tree Lighting 6:30 Poker Night</p> |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| <p>2:00 Music Jam @ The Landing</p> | <p>4:00 MS Boys BB @ Sacred Heart</p> | <p>6:30 Fire Dept 7:00 Town Planning</p> | <p>4:30 MS Boys BB @ BF</p> | <p>10:00 Joy in the AM 4:00 Make & Take Box @ Library 4:00 Build w/Legos @ Library</p> | <p>1-4 Food Bank 6pm AA @ Comm Bible Church</p> | <p>12-4 Holiday Gift Wrap @ Library 5-7 St. Nick @ Smith House 6:30 Poker Night</p> |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| <p>2:00 Music Jam @ The Landing</p> | <p>4:30 MS Boys BB @ BF 6:00 School Board</p> | <p>6:30 Fire Dept 7:00 Town Municipal Court</p> | <p>4:30 MS Boys BB @ Rogue River</p> | <p>10:00 Joy in the AM 4-6 Teen Hangout @ Library 5-7 Mission2Mars @ Library</p> | <p>6pm AA @ Comm Bible Church</p> | <p>1-2 Art Adventure Club @ Library 6:30 Poker Night</p> |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| <p>2:00 Music Jam @ The Landing</p> | <p>5:15 BFCSP Board</p> | <p>1:00 Rogue Reads @ Library 6:30 Fire Dept 7:00 Town Council</p> | | <p>10:00 Joy in the AM</p> | <p>1-4 Food Bank 6pm AA @ Comm Bible Church</p> | <p>6:30 Poker Night</p> |
| 24/31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| <p>2:00 Music Jam @ The Landing</p> | <p>Christmas</p> | | | <p>10:00 Joy in the AM</p> | <p>6pm AA @ Comm Bible Church</p> | <p>1-2 Art Adventure Club @ Library 6:30 Poker Night</p> |
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Gingerbread

Submitted by Sunny Bryant

Servings: Makes 1 9-inch square cake (about 16 servings)

Cook Time: 35 Minutes

Total Time: 50 Minutes

Ingredients

- 1¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- ⅔ cup packed dark brown sugar
- ⅔ cup mild-flavored molasses, such as Grandma's Original (not Robust or Blackstrap)
- ⅔ cup boiling water
- 1 large egg



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 9-in square pan with nonstick cooking spray, cooking oil or butter & lightly coat with flour.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, and cloves. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together the melted butter, brown sugar, molasses, and boiling water. When the mixture is luke warm, whisk in the egg.
4. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and whisk until just combined and there are no more lumps. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for about 35 minutes, or until the edges look dark and the middle feels firm to the touch. Set the pan on a rack to cool slightly, then cut into squares and serve. This cake is best served warm out of the oven or reheated.
5. Freezer-Friendly Instructions: The gingerbread can be frozen for up to 3 months. After it is completely cooled, double wrap it with aluminum foil, plastic freezer wrap or place it in heavy-duty freezer bag. Thaw overnight on the countertop before serving.

Let cool slightly, then slice and serve warm with a sprinkling of powdered sugar, sweetened whipped cream, or vanilla ice cream.

Butte Falls Community Forest Commission Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023 6:00 pm School Admin Room

Attendees: Janice Schultz (Chair), Sonya Godess (Liaison) on Zoom, Commissioners: Mike Smeltz, Linda Spencer, Ben Decarlow, Don Hamann (6:30)

Meeting Minutes: Meeting was documented on Zoom and transcribed by Janice

Janice opened the meeting. 6:07

Ben moved that we approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Linda seconded. All ayes.

Public Comments: No public audience

Trish mentioned that Butte Falls won the Prettiest Bat contest put on by the BLM. We won with a picture of a Townsend big-eared bat that was named ShakespEAR.

Trish presented a letter we received from the Oregon Hunters' Association voicing their concern for deer migration and wintering grounds in the area of some proposed trails. The main concern was for motorized vehicle trails, which we do not plan to build. However, we will follow the BLM's lead and impose seasonal restrictions where needed.

We had forty-eight people sign in for the public meeting held at the community hall. It was a great crowd and we received a lot of positive feedback. Results are not available yet.

The grant for signs is up in the air. Hopefully we will know more in the middle of November. Linda needs to know. Her group will meet with County Commissioners in Eagle Point.

Janice, and Sonya met with Linda to listen as she talked about the conception of purchasing 430 acres around the Town of Butte Falls to form the Butte Falls Community Forest. Sonya recorded the conversation and will prepare an outline that will soon be a story depicting that time, and how all of us came together to share her vision and help to develop it.

Donnie asked the question; how will the community forest directly benefit the town? A few ideas were suggested and this is something we need to work on further.

Action Items from October reviewed

- **Trish, Linda and Mike** will talk to Dave about the piece that includes Bud Nutting. He is going to sell that piece and we should find out more about that.
- **Sonya** will design a logo and letterhead not too big that will fit in the header space and can be used in notes, agendas, and correspondence easily. We want something that honors the past while looking to the future.
- **Nate and Ben** will work on building a community forest website.
- **Nate and Mike** will get in touch with Manulife.
- **Zoom or Janice** will record the meetings. No more scribe. Also means that Katie's temporary position as Secretary on the Commission is over.

- **ODF** knows to protect some brush species and hardwoods during fuels reduction practices. They are marked.
- **Ordinance** 342.1 is approved by city council.
- **Ben** explained the possibilities of a new email address for members of the community forest commission and Sonya. We have to decide whether to use our names or titles. **Ben needs to know soon so he can have some answers for us by the next meeting.**
- **Nate** will coordinate an Archery range presentation after hunting season.

Janice adjourned the Meeting 7:15

Notes respectfully submitted
Janice Schultz



Butte Falls

Town Council Meeting Schedule

All City Council meetings are now being held in person
at the Community Hall.

1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm: Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm: Municipal Court
3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm: Regular Council

- All meeting agendas...regular, budget, public hearings, special executive and work sessions are posted at city hall, the bulletin board by the general store and in the Post Office, 24 hours in advance.
- Call the city recorder at 541-865-3262 if you have business with the council and need to be placed on the agenda at their regular meeting.

Forest Chats are held the second Saturday of each month at 2:00pm.
Topic and place vary.

Mayor's Corner December, 2023



Greetings Citizens of Butte Falls

Just a reminder of the Christmas Tree lighting event will be held on December 2, 2023 at the Butte Falls park. Councilor Peggy Gillam is working hard on the event and It will be an exciting evening, opening the event with the tree lighting ceremony followed by Christmas carols by the youth choir from the Butte Falls Community Bible Church. Nick Rogers will have his horse drawn wagon rides around town. Warm up with a cup of hot chocolate, or spiced cider, cookies & cupcakes donated by community members and The Landing food pantry. Councilor Davis-Gillam will be handing out candy canes to the kids and the (kids at heart) to finish out the evening . I hope to see everyone out for this special event. If you don't drive and need transportation please contact city hall at 541-865-3262, so we can make sure you can be part of the event. A big reminder that St. Nick will be arriving next weekend at the museum on Saturday December 9, at 5 pm. Be there early to see him arrive on the firetruck.

I am working on restarting the Hazard Mitigation Project .Councilor Delena Oden was chairman of this project several years ago and I want to continue some of the work she has started. I have a couple community members as volunteers and Ruthann Bray has volunteered to be chairman. She is a past Army Corporal with extensive mitigation experience. Angie Wells, director of the Landing, and Fire Chief Jeff Gorman will be consultants on the project along with myself. This will help the town to implement a plan for any future forest fire, rock slides, etc. This will show evacuation routes, where to meet or who to contact if you need medical aid. If anyone is interested in becoming involved with our community this is a great way to help.

The Butte Falls Community Forest held the "Open House" on October 26, 2023 at the community hall upstairs. They revealed the results for the construction of the recreation day use area at the Old Mill Site at the falls, the trail systems that will tie into BLM trails and campground, and the archery range and bike park. Light refreshments were donated by Cory Hamann, and Butte Falls water was donated by the Cascade Mountain Spring Water Plant. The BLM and the Community Forest representatives had booths for the community to review and comment on. We had a great turn out of 53 guests and the presentation was received with positive comments.

November 18 and 19th, was the BF Christmas Bazaar, hosted by the BF Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you to all the vendors who made this possible and the individuals who attended

November 23rd a Thanksgiving Dinner for the community was held, courtesy of the BF Community Bible Church and their volunteers. Nothing but great comments from the families that attended. Thank you Evan & Emily Goettel, Sugar Pine, and Assembly of God church for all your donations of time and food.

***** Events Happening in Butte Falls *****

The Town of Butte Falls will be busy during the holiday season this year. Please mark your calendars for all the exciting events coming up.

BF Community Christmas Tree Lighting, Saturday December 2nd starting at 6 PM. Christmas Carols , Food, Hay ride and candy cains for the kids. Hosted by Councilor Peggy Davis and the BF City Council. The community is invited to come to the park on Friday to help decorate the tree for Saturdays lighting event.

Saturday December 9th , 5 -7 pm ST. Nick is coming to town, arriving by fire truck at the Smith House Museum, Fun for the kids with a visit to Santa and a gift for all girls & boys. Hosted by Big Butte Historical Society, The Hamann & Hailicka Families.

I hope you all enjoy the events that Butte Falls is offering and will come out and meet with friends, share songs,laughter,food and the spirit of this Holiday Season

The emergency phone number for security dispatch is 541-404-4948 or contact city hall at 541-865-3262 during office hours.

“HELP SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

“Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season from Butte Falls City Hall”

Respectfully,

Trish Callahan, Mayor
Town of Butte Falls

December 2023

Support Butte Falls Heritage

- o Join the Big Butte Historical Society for \$10 a year to POB 198, Butte Falls or drop it off at the Sugar Pine Company Café. Stop by the Sugar Pine to join or renew and receive a free Christmas tree ornament. How's that!
- o Halloween was a scream with more than 200 children and parents at the Black Light Scary Dance Party. WOW!!
- o Many thanks to Mike Smeltz for moving the yard, to David Andrews for clearing the roof and to Kevin O'Connor and an anonymous donor for the handrail at the back door.
- o Save the Date! Butte Falls Heritage Day Saturday May 4, 2024

Big Butte Historical Society 432 E. Pine Street, Butte Falls, Oregon
 Usually open on 3d Saturdays from 12p–4p except for bad weather.
 You can also stop at the Sugar Pine Company Café for access.



Saint Nick to visit the Smith House Saturday Dec 9 from 5-7p. A long tradition

St. Nick has delighted children and parents at the Smith House on many occasions so the sleigh knows the way for sure. This year St. Nick will visit on Saturday Dec 9, with presents and music and refreshments. As a special gift to some very special folks, we'll display photos from St. Nick's 2001 visit. So if you were about 3 or 8 years old in 2001 and at that party, we've got your shots! Come enjoy this remarkable contemporary history of Butte Falls. And don't forget to support Carter and PKAN at the Sugar Pine and attend the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration in The Park on Saturday Dec 2 at 6p.



BUTTE FALLS DISCOVERY LOOP SIGNAGE PROJECT FUNDED

Thanks to the many citizens who helped organize information about the Butte Falls Discovery Loop in September, 2023. The Big Butte Historical Society has just learned that the Oregon Heritage Commission will fund new interpretive panels on the 11 points of the historic 66 mile driving tour. Work will begin shortly. Way to go, Butte Falls!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY December 17, 1959



TURKEY!

BUTTE FALLS Hall Opening Slated

By MARY JO HARRIS
 Butte Falls—The new Butte Falls Community hall will be dedicated during an evening of entertainment there this Saturday.
 The dinner and program will be followed by dancing. Admission will be one potluck dish for the potluck supper and service for your own family.

The program is sponsored by the Community Hall club board members and acting as master of ceremonies will be Earl Remson. Elga Abbott, general chairman, has extended an invitation to everyone to attend.

to all good little boys and girls.

November visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William (Doc) Bowen were Mr. and Mrs. William Rozell of Sentinel, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rozell of Medford. The E. A. Rozells and William Rozell are the parents and brother, respectively of Mrs. Bowl.

Members of the Butte Falls Home Extension unit held their December meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Bill Edmondson. Lesson for the day was "Christmas Decora-



thank you Jackson County Cultural Coalition

DECEMBER EVENTS

AT BUTTE FALLS LIBRARY

ART ADVENTURE CLUB

Saturday, 12/02/2023, 12/16/2023,
12/30/2023, 1PM – 2PM

TAKE & MAKE

Your Own All About Me Box
Thursday, 12/07/2023, 4PM

BUILD WITH LEGOS

Thursday, 12/07/2023, 4PM - 5PM

TEEN HANGOUT

Thursday, 12/14/2023 & 12/28/2023
4PM - 6PM

BOOKING IT – WALKING GROUP

EVERY Thursday, 1PM - 2PM

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING PARTY

Saturday, 12/09/2023, 12PM- 4PM

FALL INTO ADVENTURE

**Mission2Mars – Sponsored by
Scienceworks and the Franklin Institute**
Thursday, 12/14/2023, 5PM – 7PM

ROGUE READS: MINDFUL MOVEMENT

Tuesday, 12/19/2023, 1PM

BRANCH HOURS:

Tuesday 10AM – 4PM
Thursday 12PM – 7PM
Saturday 12PM – 4PM

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Women of Butte Falls and Beyond!

Time to get out of your house and your routine. Leave your televisions and your kids (if you have any) behind and join us for an hour and a half of friendship, conversation, relaxation and

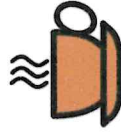
Joy in the Morning

every Thursday from 10 to 11:30, beginning October 12, 2023.

Every woman invited!
Every woman invited
to bring a friend.

Fellowship Hall

Butte Falls Community Bible Church
319 Broad Street



HYMNS HOUR

I have a Hammond Organ in my home and play hymns whenever I can! I'm opening up my home for anyone who wants to join me.

If you love the old time Gospel Hymns, come on by every Friday at 11 am until 12 noon. I chose Friday because the Food Pantry at the Landing is also on Fridays so you can come here first then go over there and you won't have to make extra trips. They changed their hours to 1 pm to 4 pm.

I grew up in church and started playing the organ at age 14. Back then, it was only hymns! If you remember going to church with your grandma or you are now the grandma and love the old hymns, I'd love to meet you and sing along with you. Or, hum along if you'd rather! Oh, and grammas! Actually, anyone that wants to hear or sing hymns!

Meet me at 443 Fee Street Butte Falls

Jerry Lynne Scriven

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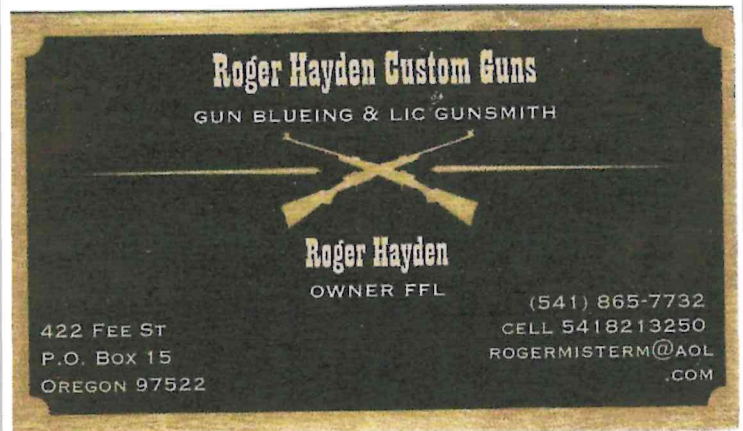
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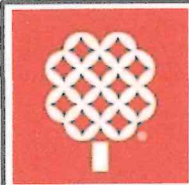
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District Office Happenings

Job Opportunities:

- Activity & Sports Bus Drivers & Substitute Bus Drivers (We will pay for training!)
- Classified substitutes (cafeteria, custodial, office manager, classroom aide)

Volunteer Opportunities:

- If you are interested in volunteering at school, please fill out the volunteer info and background check form available on our website, or contact your school office manager.

Meetings and Other Events

- **December School Board Meeting** – Monday December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the District office 720 Laurel Ave, Butte Falls, Oregon. The district will also provide virtual access via Zoom & YouTube. To access this feed please email your requests or comments to Feedback@buttefalls.k12.or.us by no later than noon on Monday December 11, 2023.
- **Parent Involvement Meeting** –If you are interested in helping planning and volunteering for future events please contact Katie Misfeldt at katie.misfeldt@buttefalls.k12.or.us

Please contact Julie Freeman at the district office for information and applications or visit our website at:

www.buttefalls.k12.or.us

541.865.3563 ext. 223

jfreeman@buttefalls.k12.or.us

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Checking In After Nine Weeks of School

Dear Butte Falls Charter School Parents and Community Members,

Fall has lived up to its name. The frosty nights have resulted in an avalanche of leaves and the need for extra layers of clothing. In three weeks, winter will officially begin. In the meantime we are working hard to get two more weeks of learning in before we break for the winter holiday season.

November Conferences a Success!

We are sending out a huge “Thank You” to all the parents and students who met with teachers during our Fall Parent/Student/Teacher conferences right before Thanksgiving week. That was an excellent time to check in on student progress and share the successes and challenges that students encounter when they return to school each fall. If you were unable to attend your student’s conference, we encourage you to reach out to the classroom teacher via email or call the main office to let us know how we can help. We are one-fourth of the way through the school year and there are still many opportunities for learning and growth. Partnering together makes a big difference for students.

We look forward to our spring conferences in April when we can discuss the successes that will come between now and then. We appreciate the feedback on our elementary and secondary campus Parent Satisfaction Surveys. We continue to look for ways to improve our support for student learning and growth as well as ways we can improve our working relationship with parents. We also appreciate hearing what is working well for your student.

Our online Parent Satisfaction Surveys will remain open through December 11. If you would like us to resend you a link to the Surveys, please contact the school office (541-865-3563) and let us know.



6th Grade Teacher Melodie Ealy meets with the whole family and their student to discuss what’s working. Conferences extended into the evening to accommodate work schedules. 11/20/23



Health and PE teacher Eli Bowers serves as our 8th grade advisor. Having 8th graders at our secondary campus provides them access to more elective options and firsthand knowledge of the importance of showing up every day ready to learn. 11/20/23

Cutting Edge Classes

Sparks are flying as we restart our manufacturing electives. This quarter we are offering a daily 2-hour **Introduction to Welding** class as one of our two applied manufacturing technology courses. Our instructor is Mr. Sean Childers, who has previous experience in the manufacturing process of highly calibrated aeronautic parts and equipment. He has cleaned up our manufacturing shop and reactivated our four welding booths. He has five committed students who have passed the equipment safety tests and who are learning how to use a variety of welding techniques.



Self-discipline and awareness of the surrounding work environment are key skills that allow for a safe and productive work environment. 11/16/23



Students scrutinize equipment used in a welding booth. 11/14/23

Before the end of the quarter, the students will know the basic welding and fabrication procedures used in the manufacturing process. They will develop skills in bench work, welding applications, and shop safety. Students are exposed to oxy-fuel welding, shielded metal arc welding, gas metal arc welding, and oxy-fuel cutting. They will also be introduced to our computer-directed plasma cutter and complete several projects demonstrating skills essential for planning and precision manufacturing.

Our second applied manufacturing technology class is **Introduction to Woodworking**. Our current social studies teacher, Mr. Carrigan, has years of experience as a woodworking/construction technology instructor and has reactivated our wood shop. This introductory course teaches basic skills in (1) Power Tool operation and application, (2) Power tool safety, (3) Shop safety, (4) Measuring, (5) Blueprint reading, drafting, plan design, (6) Wood identification, nominal and dimensional lumber, defects, (7) Hardware applications, (8) Finishing-paints, stains, lacquers, (9) Clamping, gluing, fastening, and (10) Joinery. Specific projects are required as the vehicle for building these basic woodworking skills.



Mr. Carrigan demonstrates the safe procedure for using our [SawStop](#) table saw. All students must pass the safety test before using this equipment. (FYI, our insurance underwriter, [PACE](#), help fund the purchase of this saw.)

In each of our manufacturing classes, students must complete safety training, wear safety glasses (when the task requires so), and adhere to safety rules at all times.

A Special Thank You!



Ms. Ruby Edwards is personally invested in the lives of our students! In addition to her annual contribution to fund swimming lessons and water safety instruction for our younger students, Ruby was overjoyed to present the District (represented by Mrs. Julie Freeman) with a check to fund student learning activities. Thank you, dear Ruby!

What year will it be when you are in your mid-90s? If you are blessed to live that long, what will you be thinking about? If you are Ruby Edwards, you are thinking about what has been your life's pleasure—helping students learn to be safe around water, to respect the environment, and to work hard with others to become respectful, responsible community members.

Ruby (and her life partner, Cecil Bailey) lived in our district for many years and hosted field trips to their property for many years. They also sponsored cross-country skiing adventures and other outdoor adventures. Ruby has placed in trust funding to ensure our young students can have annual swimming and water safety instruction for many years to come. Her additional special gift this visit was a check for over \$25,000 to be used for learning projects and activities for our Butte Falls Charter School students. Thank you very much, Ruby!

Winter Safety starts with planning, preparation and communication.

Winter weather presents some challenges, as the elevation of our school campus is about 2540 feet above sea level. This means that it can be snowy or icy at school but just rainy in Shady Cove, Eagle Point or White City. For this reason, we monitor road conditions early on winter mornings. The county is good to plow and gravel Butte Falls Hwy, but it is sometimes helpful to delay the start of school 2 hours to allow for daylight and better driving conditions into Butte Falls.

We use our electronic messenger program to let families know when we need to adjust the schedule for school due to stormy weather. We recognize it may be difficult for some students who live at elevations higher than Butte Falls to get to school. Be sure to let us know if this happens. Our school buses are equipped with automatic snow chains. We usually run our regular routes even in snowy weather, except for the routes up Obenchain or east of town. Even if we are open, we respect decisions by parents to keep students home if road conditions are poor near home. Safety remains our first priority. If we have an emergency school closure, we plan to make up the day later in the year.

Middle School Basketball is holding Court.

We are underway with our Middle School Boys Basketball season. Head Coach Bonnie Freeman and Assistant Coach Chelsie Stephens have a dedicated group of boys working hard on skill building and teamwork. Dates and times of games are updated regularly on our website (www.buttefalls.k12.or.us). Come have some popcorn and enjoy basketball in our high school gym! Go Loggers!

Are you willing to help?

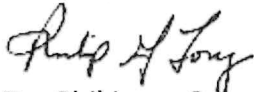
We are always looking for people who like working with kids and are willing to serve as substitutes for some key support staff positions (custodian, educational assistant, bus driver, cafeteria help). If you are interested in this or in being a volunteer, contact us at Feedback@buttefalls.k12.or.us or call Julie Freeman at 541-865-3563, Option 5.

Here are some important upcoming District dates. Please check the District News and Events at our website (www.buttefalls.k12.or.us) for any updates.

- **School Board Meeting** – 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 11, at District Office
- **Elementary Winter Holiday Event** – 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 13
- **Winter Break – No School** – December 18 through January 1 (Classes resume January 2, 2024)
- **Friday School** – January 5 (Please plan to send your student to school)
- **Martin Luther King, Jr., Day** – Monday, January 15
- **Possible Snow Makeup Day** – Friday, January 19 (If we have a snow day before then)
- **End of Second 9 Week Term** – Thursday, January 25.
- **First Day of 3rd Quarter** – Monday, January 29.

Thank you for your support and encouragement for our students and staff! We hope to see you at our community and sports events!

Sincerely,



Dr. Phil Long, Superintendent
What you focus on gets done!



Class of 2036 visits high school on Halloween day! Mrs. Chavez (AKA Thing 2) and her Kindergarten class wore their costumes and were treated with a sweet welcome by high school students and Benjamin Franklin (AKA Mr. Carrigan). 10/31/23



MS Boys Basketball Schedule

Coaches:

Bonnie Freeman
Chelsie Stephens

| Date | Opponent | Start Time | Dismiss | Depart |
|-------|-------------------|------------|---------|--------|
| 11/13 | @ St. Mary's Blue | 4:00pm | 1:55pm | 2:15pm |
| 11/15 | @ Ruch | 4:00pm | 1:40pm | 2:00pm |
| 11/21 | Lorna Byrne | 4:30pm | 3:45pm | |
| 11/28 | Prospect | 4:30pm | 3:45pm | |
| 11/29 | New Hope | 4:30pm | 3:45pm | |
| 12/4 | @ Sacred Heart | 4:00pm | 2:10pm | 2:30pm |
| 12/6 | Valley | 4:30 pm | 3:45pm | |
| 12/11 | Applegate | 4:30pm | 3:45pm | |
| 12/13 | @ Rogue River | 4:30pm | 2:25pm | 2:45pm |

*Subject to change

Monday- JV plays first
Wednesday- Varsity plays first

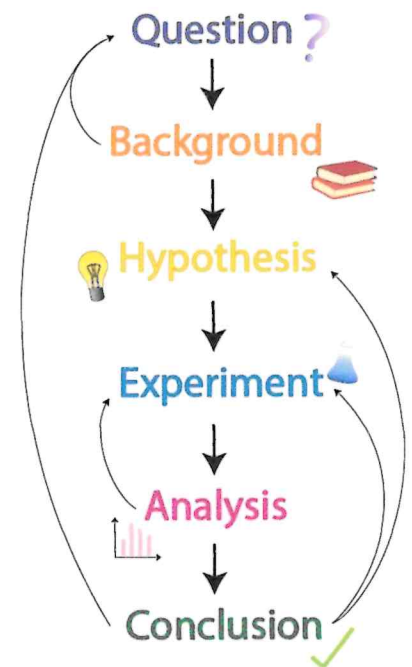
Natural Resource Center Report; November, 2023

Funding Update

In order to continue to hold activities and events at the Natural Resource Center, additional funding has been needed and secured. In addition to the \$20,000 secured from the Gray Family Foundation last spring, an additional \$9,000 has been secured from the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District. This money will be used collectively to host three weeks of Summer Camp at the Natural Resource Center next summer. These events will be open to students both in and out of our district, and in fact the grants stipulate that they are open to all students in Jackson County. The initial plan is to have two weeks of day camps for 6th thru 8th grade students and one four-day week day of camp for 3rd thru 5th grade students. Those dates will be announced soon.

An additional \$2,500 has been secured from the Rural School Collaborative, a group of similar schools all across the country. This money has been given for myself and Ms. Ealy (middle school science teacher) to lead students in the completion of a study of Ginger Creek, which runs through the edge of our property. Specifically, students will be engaging with the scientific method (seen at the side) about why frogs no longer exist in or near Ginger Creek, as they historically did. One of the hooks for this activity is that Ms. Ealy and Mr. DeCarlow only has hypotheses to go by as well, so students will actually be given the opportunity to learn in a non-contrived way. So, far students have just begun determining some of the background information. The findings will be shared with the Board upon completion of the activity in June.

The Scientific Method



MakerSpace Remodel

Over the past few weeks, high school students, led by Mr. DeCarlow, have been working in the MakerSpace to organize and move the materials out. This move is only temporary however. The MakerSpace is one of the most used areas by students at the Natural Resource Center, as it is a large space that can provide a lot of flexibility in terms of its usefulness. As a result of its heavy usage, it has been identified as an area that needs to have some work done to make it safe for all students. This has necessitated it being unoccupied for the next couple of months. Some of the work has already had funding allocated towards its completion (thanks Dr. Long) but there is still some that we are in the process of securing the final funding.

Continued High School Classes at the NRC

As of the start of second quarter, students in grades 8 and 9 are participating in science activities at the Natural Resource Center once a week as part of their curriculum programming Mr. DeCarlow has built out; additionally, students in grades 10 and 11 are participating in science activities at the Natural Resource Center twice a week as part of their science curriculum. Additionally, about half of the students have an elective at the Natural Resource Center. This quarter the offerings are: NRC Projects and Elementary Guides (taught by Mr. DeCarlow), Jam Band (taught by Mr. Jerett Dufresne), and Culinary Arts (taught by Ms. Noon-Toledo). Next quarter, there will be an exciting elective co-taught by Mr. DeCarlow and a couple of teachers from Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative. The outcome of this class will be a wildfire safety presentation made to the community by students in early Spring, 2024.

December 2023



Butte Falls Charter School Uses the **Community Eligibility Provision** to provide all students, K-12, breakfast and lunch at no charge, on school days.



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| | | | | <p>2023-2024</p> <p>-</p> <p>MEAL PRICES: NO CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS!</p> |
| <p>4</p> <p>B: CinniMini, Yogurt & Granola, Fruit L: Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Fruit & Veggies</p> | <p>5</p> <p>B: French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Fruit L: Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Emoji Fries, Fruit & Veggies</p> | <p>6</p> <p>B: Bagel & Cream Cheese, String Cheese, Fruit L: Spaghetti, Garlic Breadstick, Fruit & Veggies</p> | <p>7</p> <p>B: Sausage/Cheese Muffin, Grahams, Fruit L: Hamburger/Bun, Tater Tots, Fruit & Veggies</p> | <p>Adults: Breakfast: \$ 4.00 Lunch: \$ 5.00</p> <p>Milk \$0.40</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>B: Nutrigrain Bar, Yogurt & Granola, Fruit L: Mini Corndogs, Potato Wedges, Fruit & Veggies</p> | <p>12</p> <p>B: Breakfast Pizza, Grahams, Fruit L: Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Patty, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit & Veggies</p> | <p>13</p> <p>B: PB & J Pocket, Yogurt & Granola, Fruit L: Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Breadstick, Fruit & Veggies</p> | <p>14</p> <p>B: WG Maple Bar, String Cheese, Fruit L: Pizza, Green Salad, Fruits & Veggies</p> | <p>Menu is subject to change without notice.</p> |
| <p>Happy Holidays from your cafeteria staff-Courtney, Diane, & Carmen! See you next year!</p> | | | <p>Milk is available with all meals. If your child has a milk allergy, we will gladly substitute with a doctor's specific statement. ALL FOOD ALLERGIES should be reported to the head cook, along with a doctor's specific statement, so that alternative foods can be provided.</p> | |

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