



January 2024

# Butte Falls Bulletin

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**We lost a legend in November. Darwin Moore will be missed.**

**May 3, 1932 - November 26, 2023**

**The family is planning a memorial around March 2024.**



The Landing is operated by Butte Falls' local, non-profit organization, The Butte Falls Community School Partnership. Our mission: Promoting Community affiliation and civic responsibility for people of all ages.



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- THE PANTRY
  - 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAYS MONTHLY
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Steps you can take to make a difference

- Go to [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)
- Click on the purple "link your card" button
- List and select the Butte Falls Community School Partnership



- Ongoing bottle and can drive-through Bottle Drop program. Bottles and cans can be dropped off Monday through Thursday 8:30AM – 1PM.



- Every Saturday at 6:30
- This is one of the biggest ongoing fundraisers for the Landing. Meal is provided.



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# January 2024 - Butte Falls Community Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1-2 Mobile Pantry 1-2 Bookin It - Walking Group 4:00 Build w/Legos @ Library 5-7 Mission2Mars @ Library	<b>5</b> 6pm AA @ Comm Bible Church	<b>6</b> 12-4 Caboose Museum 6:30 Poker Night
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 Town Planning	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>31</b>						

NATIONAL  
CHOCOLATE  
CAKE DAY  
— JANUARY 27 —



**Let's Celebrate with  
Aunt Shirley's Dump Cake!**

2 cups sugar  
2 sticks butter or margarine  
1 cup water  
2 cups flour  
3 Tbsp powdered cocoa

Mix sugar and flour in a large bowl.  
In a saucepan put butter or margarine, water and cocoa and bring to a boil.  
Pour over the sugar and flour mixture.

Add:  
2 eggs  
1 tsp soda  
½ cup buttermilk (or soured milk\*)  
1 tsp vanilla  
\*Make sour milk by adding ½ Tbsp white vinegar to ½ cup milk. Stir and let sit 5 mins.

Bake @ 350 degrees in a 9x13 greased and floured cake pan until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Frosting:  
1 cube butter or margarine  
½ (scant\*) cup milk  
Bring this to boil.  
Remove from heat and add:  
1 box powdered sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
¾ cup chopped nuts  
3 Tbsp cocoa

Let sit until frosting is set.  
Refrigerates and freezes well.



## *Mayor's End Of Year Report 12/2023*

Greetings Citizens of Butte Falls

The end of the year is almost here and this has been a wing-ding of a year. We have achieved some great accomplishments for this year .

We welcomed 3 new Council members and the Mayor seat is filled. We have had some great work sessions for code enforcement and police, but unfortunately lost our code officer within a month of hire due to unexpected death.

We hired AO Security and Management team, and they have made a great showing in our community and they have done a lot to help make our community better.

We had volunteer park hosts councilors Keith & Peggy Gilliam set up their RV down at the falls to assist visitors with information, safety and as a deterrent for further vandalism to our port-a-potty.

We have a new look to the town with the additions of lights placed on the buildings, basketball hoops added in the park for teens and adult enjoyment and some new toys in the kiddie park donated by Cory Hamann. Our amazing public works department keeps our park looking beautiful.

“Up Town” has also seen improvements with the remodel of the gas station (now The Pitt Stop) and the addition of mechanic services at the new Butte Falls Garage. Thank you to the Gormans and the Whites for bringing these buildings back to life.

Our Community Forest Commission and the National Parks Service have developed a plan for the construction of the falls and trail systems and it was presented to the community. The plan was received well and we will move forward looking for funding and donations. Ric Walsh will start construction on the viewing deck in the spring and will donate work, time and some of the materials to build the deck.

The community hall will be getting a remodel on the stairs both in front and back, they are well worn and Medford Fabrication will fund the work and the material for the town. Thank you Bill Thorndike for all the involvement to make our community better.

The Landing has been involved with the community for hosting the baseball games in July and the Back to School burner day, and the Rogue Community Health for their anniversary event. Donations are always appreciated to help fund the facility.

The annual Fireman BBQ in August is always a great event for the town and the donations help to purchase new equipment for the fire hall.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Christmas Bazaar is also hosted by the Fire department and Taylor Myers has done a great job with our community events.

The NRC is doing some exciting things and has created an innovative way of hands-on learning to the students. The students have constructed the gazebo and bridges, are harvesting mushrooms, planting a garden and learning how to cook in the student kitchen. Under the instruction of Ben DeCarlow and Chris Mathas. Well done gentlemen. Please take a tour of the facility. It is totally amazing and don't forget donations are always welcome.

City Hall is getting a face life with remodel of the bathroom, water leaks in the roof and broken water pipes have been repaired, the mildewed carpet replaced with new flooring and a new paint job will finish it off. Money received for COVID and has been put to good use with the well needed repairs to city hall. Money was received by The Landing for a new roof. The BF Community Bible Church received funds to assist in hooking up the new generator that was purchased. Repairs to the Police building will be underway as well.

The Christmas Tree lighting was fun with hot cocoa, cookies & donuts, horse drawn wagon by Nick Rodgers, and Christmas carols led by Emily Goettel. Thank you Councilors Peggy & Keith Gilliam for all your work to arrange the event and Council President Stacy Equitz and Kyle Ziolecki for stepping in when the Gilliams came down with covid a few days before the event, for decorating the tree and all the set up for the tree lighting evening. Thank you Emily Goettel for help with all the setup of the snacks, The Landing and all the people who donated food for the event

Santa arrived by Fire Truck at the Smith House with goodies for the kids and horse drawn cart rides, hosted by Cory Hamann

We live in a wonderful community here and I am proud to be the current Mayor. I have seen this community pull together in the hard times and I have seen the community play together. We will continue to move forward in the New Year, make improvements when possible and to be a strong resilient community.

Blessing to All in the New Year and thank you for making my first year as Mayor a wonderful experience.

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*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

Trish Callahan, Mayor  
Town of Butte Falls



## *Butte Falls*

# Town Council Meeting Schedule

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

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 pm: Planning Commission

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 pm: Municipal Court

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

[jacksoncountyforall.org](http://jacksoncountyforall.org)  
for more information

**Jackson  
County**

— for —

*All of US*

**Jackson County for All  
Coming to Butte Falls!**

**Friday, January 12**

**1 pm - 4 pm**

**at The Landing**

Want to learn more about the ballot measures  
to restructure the Jackson County Commission?

Want to sign the petitions?

Want to volunteer to collect signatures?

**COME SEE US AT THE LANDING!**

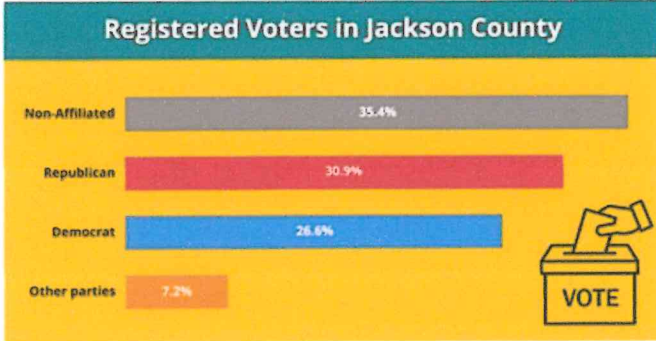
Or sign at home and mail them in!  
[www.jacksoncountyforall.org/signathome](http://www.jacksoncountyforall.org/signathome)

# Restructuring Jackson County Government

## Ballot Measures Initiatives

### Ballot Measure #1

### Jackson County to be Non-Partisan

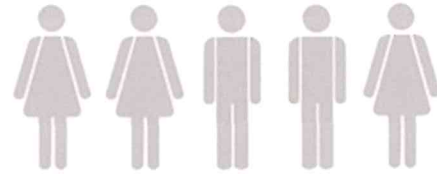
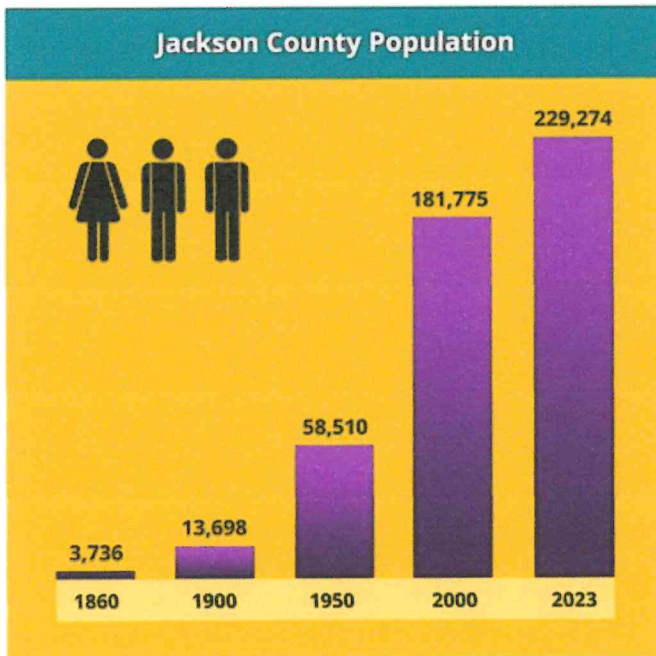


County commissioner is the only Jackson County position that is partisan. Every other elected office is elected on a nonpartisan ballot - Assessor, County Clerk, District Attorney, Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, and Surveyor.

Will allow non-affiliated voters, the largest block of Jackson County voters, to participate in primary elections. All taxpayers pay for primary elections, but many cannot vote in them because they don't belong to major parties that run candidates. With primaries no longer held along party lines, winning candidates will feel more accountable to all voters.

### Ballot Measure #2

### Increase the Number of Commissioners



Jackson County's governing body has been stuck at three members since 1853. In 1860, the official census count was less than 4,000 people. Our current population is 223,259! The robust growth of our county warrants having more commissioners to represent more of our growing, diverse population.

The effectiveness of a three-member governing board is limited because of the Oregon Public Meetings law. Because two members are considered a quorum, commissioners cannot meet with one another to discuss County business and must rely on the County Administrator as an intermediary.

### Ballot Measure #3

### Decrease the Salaries of Commissioners



Jackson County commissioners are the highest paid commissioners in Oregon and make about \$45,000 more than the Governor! The County Administrator position was added in 1978. As a result, many commissioner responsibilities shifted to the County Administrator. Responsibilities decreased. Salaries increased, and have continued to rise.

With this measure (dependent on Measure #2), total current salaries will be divided by five commissioners. More representation without added cost. This reflects a significant reduction of current commissioners' salaries, but is comparable to other Oregon counties with similar demographics. Future increases will be indexed to average wages within Jackson County.

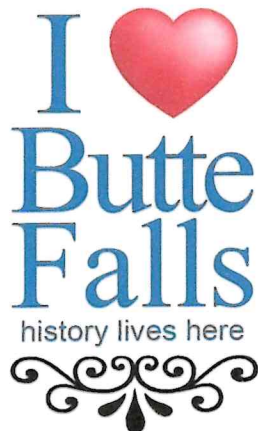


# EW Smith House and Bill Edmondson Memorial Museum

January 2024

- o St. Nick and his elves delivered at the Smith House on Dec 9 to the delight of dozens of Thanks to Nick Rodgers for horse and buggy, to the Butte Falls Fire Department, to the Hailicka and Hamann families and of course, to St. Nick!
- o Save the Date! Butte Falls Heritage Day Saturday May 4, 2024. Plans are underway for an entirely new history adventure!
- 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.

We Support  
Butte Falls  
Heritage



Thank you Jackson County Cultural Coalition

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.



## Butte Falls History Preserved & Shared

### • HISTORIES

- 100 Year History of Butte Falls, Oregon
- Arnold, Steve and Harry: Remember B...
- Arnold, Vernon L. Butte Falls Oregon:
- Brown, Charleen and Warren: Little To
- Davis, Karen: We've Always Worked in
- Hamann, Cory: The Sugar Pine Comp
- Hamann, Don: Sustainable Forest Man
- Mattox, Levi Harper 1870-1954. Excer
- McCabe, Charles. Interview by Cher R
- McClanahan, Lila: Remembering E.W.

Curious about what happened before you were born? What it was like to live in Butte Falls in 1911? Who graduated from Butte Falls High School in 1952? What folks were cooking in 1972? Well, now it's out there on the web, free and open to all who love Butte Falls.

Thanks in part to funding from the Oregon Cultural Trust through the Jackson County Heritage Association, volunteers have digitized early city records and documents, oral histories, school yearbooks and much, much more.  
<https://www.townofbuttefalls.com/more-butte-falls-history>

### HOLIDAY MEMORIES

If you were in Butte Falls in 2001 and between the ages of 3 and 8 years old, we may have a packet of photographs for you. Nelliann Ragsdale developed the Christmas Party film that year and set aside photos packets with the names Jesse, Chelsea, Darby, Levi, Rosslyn, Nikki, Chase, Bobbi, Willi and Aarika. If that's you, stop by the Sugar Pine Company Café to pick up your pictures. Thank you Nelliann for a gift from 22 years ago.

### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY JANUARY 19, 1906

#### TOWN OF BUTTE FALLS.

Some weeks ago The Mall mentioned the fact that the town of Butte Falls had been surveyed and platted. At that time it was all on paper excepting the ground, which lies above the falls of Butte creek in one of the most anubrious locations in Southern Oregon. Since that time, however, things have been moving at Butte falls.

The townsite plats have been properly filed—and more lots than a good many people would imagine have been sold.

The townsite comprises some fifty-

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Further information can be obtained from

B. H. HARRIS, J. E. ENYART and F. W. STREETS,  
Medford, Oregon.



# *Big Butte Historical Society*

## *Membership List for January 2024*

*Jeff and Dianne Gorman*

*Chris Funk*

*Dan and Patti Shafer*

*Kristen Daniele Shafer*

*Amir Farzad*

*Stephen Hurd*

*Al and Jull Mialkovsky*

*Bill and Delora Risser*

*Sunny Bryant*

*Mr. and Mrs. Krambeal*

*Charleen Brown and Family*

*Stan and Jeany Moore*

*Rob and Dawna Jacoby*

*Diane Holm*

*Karen Tweedy*

*Steve and Katie Misfeldt*

*Barry Gwin*

*Judy Taylor*

*Diana Totten*

*Elizabeth Stritenberg*

*Janis Vorbeck*



*Grant and Carolyn Stephens*

*Bob Sixta and Helen Monsees*

*John Cox and Donna Matthews*

*Terry and Janice Schultz*

*Shar Long Coco*

*Larry and Carol Boyd*

*Chelsie Stephens*

*Chase and Allison Ellis*

*Jeff and Kathy Rambo*

*Don and Cory Hamann*

*Ron and Joyce Hallicka*

*Cher Rydberg*

*Loretta Ellis and Family*

*Christine Gleason*

*Ed and Maureen Battistella*

*Darrel and Gretchen Wiltrout*

*Dave and Theresa Erickson*

*William and Susan Schultz*

*Aaron and Sandy Worman*

*Carl Sadler*

*Aloha Adams*

*Another Fresh new  
year is here  
Another year to live!  
To banish worry,  
doubt, and fear,  
to love and laugh and  
give!*

*William Arthur Ward*



*We had an awesome Santa  
Night on Saturday the 9th!  
Thank you again to the Butte  
Falls Fire Dept for  
bringing Santa to us...*

*If you'd like to help us keep this  
going and want to buy a one  
year membership for \$10  
You can leave it at the Sugar  
Pine or mail to PO BOX 198  
Butte Falls, 97522*

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Or bring it to the Landing

## Butte Falls Historic Tavern



541-951-9195



Codey Myers / Moe Gower  
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## Don Hamann INC



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And Lunch



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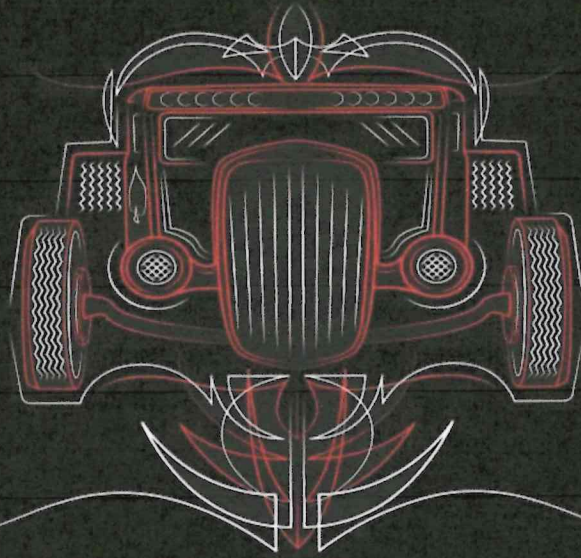
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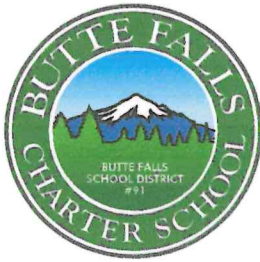


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There is no job that is too big or too small. Give Painting on the Rogue a call. All bids are free in the 97522, 97524, 97539, 97541 zip code; all others may have a trip charge.



# 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

- **January School Board Meeting** – Monday January 8, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.buttefalls.k12.or.us)

541.865.3563 ext. 223

[jfreeman@buttefalls.k12.or.us](mailto:jfreeman@buttefalls.k12.or.us)

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January 1, 2024



## Closing a Chapter (2023) . . . Starting a New One (2024)

Dear Butte Falls Charter School Parents and Community Members,

Our students and staff finished 2023 with a very successful December. Here are a few highlights:



*A theatrical re-enactment of the 12 Days of Christmas! 12/12/23*

**Elementary Winter Program.** We were thankful for a standing room only Winter Program on December 12. Families and friends came in droves to support and enjoy our elementary students as they sang, acted, drummed, piped, leaped, danced, milked, swam, lay, called, and chirped their way through multiple holiday songs. Throughout the program, our middle school students treated us to a multi-act rendition of A Christmas Carol.

The applause was resounding as the program concluded, muffling some clatter on the roof of the gym. That being said, in keeping with our tradition, Santa Claus appeared from the back of the audience and greeted all guests who exited the main entrance to the gym.

Thank you to our cooperative students, persevering teachers, and ever-supportive staff for making sure our students were prepared to share with our community. And thank you to our parents and community members who showed up to enjoy and appreciate our students' efforts!



*A Full House (performers and audience) waits expectantly for the Winter Program! 12/12/23*



*Kindergartners start the program with rousing Christmas song! 12/12/23*



*A Special Guest arrives at the end of the program! (There was no apparent damage to the rooftop.) 12/12/23*

**Meanwhile, back at the High School, a Winter Assembly.** One of the benefits of being a smaller school is our ability to create elective courses that respond to student interests. This fall, several students shared that they would like to have time to put together a band and learn some songs together. Starting in early November, we are offering a nine-week elective called "Band Jam." The class meets every day with Mr. Dufresne as their teacher/director and experiments with various instruments and sounds. One outcome already accomplished is that they were able to put together a short concert which they performed at our Winter Assembly.



*The "Band Jam" ensemble debuted at the High School Winter Assembly. 12/14/23*



*An attentive student audience enjoyed the Band Jam performance. 12/14/23*

At the Assembly, we awarded Gold Cards to six of our students (a Citizenship Award), celebrated our November Students of the Month, and acknowledged all students who had obtained a 3.0 GPA or higher for first Quarter classes. Five of our students attained 4.0 GPAs.

For fun, each class competed for class points in a challenging vocabulary game and then we had hot chocolate. Finally, we cleaned out lockers to make sure no food items would become inadvertent biology experiments over the holiday break.

**Helping Students stay Healthy and in School.**



*Lions Vision Screeners efficiently screened 129 students for potential vision/acuity conditions.*

We are thankful for the [Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation](#) for providing free vision screening for our students. A team of screeners set up their equipment on the stage at the elementary campus and completed screening for 129 of our students. The process took less than 30 seconds per student.

The screening identifies potential vision conditions such as farsightedness, nearsightedness or astigmatism. We will share the results with parents of any student who should be referred for further testing. Vision conditions like these can impact a student's ability to learn, but can usually be corrected with prescription glasses or contacts.

**Thank you, Medford Fabrication.** Christmas came early for our metals manufacturing class when a large truck showed up in early December and delivered new steel welding tables and metal storage baskets.

For over 80 years, [Medford Fabrication](#) has been serving companies across the nation and the world with specialized metals fabrication, assembly, installation, and finishing services. The company is involved in the design and reconstruction of some of the infrastructure needed for a new viewing platform by the actual Butte Falls. When Senior Project Manager Ric Walsh was up here tending to that project, he stopped by and saw we had a need. After consulting with Medford President Bill Thorndike, he worked with an intern from the RCC Welding program to design, fabricate and deliver the goods! Voila! We are grateful for support like this for our students and programs.



*Ric Walsh and RCC welding intern, Quade, deliver two new steel welding tables and two new scrap metal containers.*



*BFCs welding students paint the new tables and baskets. 12/13/23*

**Middle School Basketball: A Season Ends, a New One Begins.** Our Middle School Boys Basketball team successfully completed its season with its last home game on December 11. The five eighth grade players were recognized in front of an enthusiastic home audience. The team fielded enough players to have a JV and Varsity team.



*Jump ball! Middle School basketball games are fast-paced, entertaining, and exciting!*



*Eighth grade players receive new basketballs in recognition of their middle school basketball accomplishments. 12/11/23*

Next up is our Middle School Girls Basketball season which runs in January and February. The schedule is posted on our website. (Click on the [Athletics](#) tab to find the schedule.) Wrestling is also underway.



**Butte Falls Charter School Accreditation Review.**

Our school is accredited by Cognia, the world’s largest educational accreditation community, serving more than 20,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in more than 70 countries.

This process is designed to help schools maintain best practices for ensuring student success and ensure high school credits are credible when students transfer from one high school to another.

Butte Falls Charter School (and our District) will be undergoing a review of our mission, goals, values, philosophy of education, systems, programs, and processes in February. We will be demonstrating the ways we identify student learning needs, gain feedback from students, parents, and staff, follow state and federal requirements, and work to improve the performance of students and staff. This process usually occurs every seven years but was delayed because of the pandemic. The results of this review will be available in late-spring.



*Thank you to Mr. Childers for installing our new drinking fountain/bottle filler by the entrance to the gym concession stand! This drinking fountain delivers fresh water from our local Ginger Springs. 12/26/23*

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

- **Classes Resume** – Tuesday, January 2
- **Friday School** – January 5 (Please plan to send your student to school)
- **School Board Meeting** – 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 8, at District Office
- **Martin Luther King, Jr., Day** – No School – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter** – Monday, January 29.
- **School Board Meeting** – 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 12, at District Office
- **Martin Luther King, Jr., Day** – No School – Monday, February 19

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

Sincerely,

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



## HS Wrestling Schedule

**Coaches:**

Jason Haskell

Date	Opponent	Weigh-In	Start Time	Dismiss	Depart
12/5	@ Sutherlin	1:00		10:15 am	10:30 am
12/16	@ Lowell	7:00 am	9:00 am		4:00 pm
12/29	@ Cascade Christian	8:00 am	10:00 am		6:30 am
1/13	@ Bonanza	8:00 am	10:00 am		6:00 am
1/20	@ Toledo		TBD		
1/27	@ Gilchrist		TBD		
2/9-10	Boy's Districts (TBD)		TBD		
2/16-17	Girl's Districts (TBD)		TBD		
2/22-24	State Championships		TBD		



# JANUARY 2024



<p>1</p> <p><b>2023-2024 MEAL PRICES: NO CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS!!</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>B:</b> Cereal, Yogurt &amp; Granola, Fruit <b>L:</b> Hot Dog/Bun, Emoji Fries, Fruits &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>B:</b> French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Fruit <b>L:</b> Popcorn Chicken, Mac &amp; Cheese, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>B:</b> PB &amp; J Pocket, String Cheese, Fruit <b>L:</b> Hamburger/Bun, Potato Wedges, Fruits &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>B:</b> Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit <b>L:</b> Chicken &amp; Cheese Fajita Wraps, Rice &amp; Beans, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>B:</b> Poptart, Yogurt &amp; Granola, Fruit <b>L:</b> Turkey or Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich, WG Chips, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>B:</b> Breakfast Pizza, Grahams, Fruit <b>L:</b> Sloppy Joe/ Bun, Potato Salad, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>B:</b> Bagel Bar, String Cheese, Fruit <b>L:</b> Spaghetti, Garlic Breadstick, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>B:</b> Sausage/Cheese Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit <b>L:</b> Taco Salad, Rice &amp; Beans, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p><b>Adults:</b> Breakfast: \$4.00 Lunch: \$5.00  Milk \$0.40</p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OBSERVED</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>B:</b> Cereal Bar, Yogurt &amp; Granola, Fruit <b>L:</b> Corndogs, Tater Tots, Fruits &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>B:</b> PB &amp; J Pocket, String Cheese, Fruit <b>L:</b> Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>B:</b> Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit <b>L:</b> Chicken Patty/Bun, Pasta Salad, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>Butte Falls Charter School uses the <i>Community Eligibility Provision</i> to provide all students, K-12, breakfast and lunch at no charge, on school days.</p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>B:</b> Nutrigrain Bar, Yogurt &amp; Granola, Fruit <b>L:</b> Chicken Nuggets, Mac &amp; Cheese, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>B:</b> Breakfast Pizza, Grahams, Fruit <b>L:</b> Chicken Alfredo Pasta, Breadstick, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>B:</b> CinniMini, Yogurt &amp; Granola, Fruit <b>L:</b> Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Breadstick, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>B:</b> French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Fruit <b>L:</b> Hamburger/Bun, Potato Wedges, Fruits &amp; Veggies</p>	<p><b>Menu is subject to change without notice.</b></p>
<p>28</p> <p><b>B:</b> Bagel &amp; Cream Cheese, String Cheese, Fruit <b>L:</b> Nachos w/ Beef, Beans &amp; Rice, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>B:</b> PB&amp;J Pocket , Yogurt, Fruit <b>L:</b> Biscuits &amp; Gravy, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>B:</b> WG Maple Bar, String Cheese, Fruit <b>L:</b> Pizza, Green Salad, Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p><b>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 so that alternative foods can be provided.</b></p>	

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