

David Heller Foundation Donates Portable Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to Butte Falls Charter School.



What better place to celebrate a life-saving gift of a portable AED than at the annual Middle School Basketball game between two Upper Rogue Girls teams! The Butte Falls Lady Loggers and the Prospect Bobcats and their coaches huddled together before tipoff to celebrate this gift in front of fans from both communities.

The [David Heller Foundation](#) was established in 2006 shortly after the death of David Heller. David was 17 and a junior at Central Catholic High School in Portland, Oregon. In November 2005, after playing in a basketball game, David died in during the night. He died in his sleep of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (enlarged heart), the most common cause of sudden death in athletes.

David was cleared to play sports three weeks before he died. He had no known heart condition. A foundation was created in his name to promote the importance of cardiac screening in teen athletes. The foundation also works to identify schools in need of a portable AED that can be on the bus, on the field or wherever they have students, athletes, fans, and school activities. The foundation has distributed over 300 AEDs since 2015.

With this gift, our elementary, secondary, and Natural Resources campuses will now have AEDs readily accessible in case of an emergency. **Thank you, David Heller Foundation for blessing communities across Oregon while honoring David's life!**