

**THE BOOSTER CLUB IS BACK, AND WE ARE
BACK FOR THE ATHLETES!**

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As a new school year begins we are all faced with changes, cut backs and controversies between our community. But, if you go out and look on the field or in the gym you will see the one thing that has always been Strong and True- OUR ATHLETES. I would like to challenge each and every one of us to go watch them; I mean really see who they are and what they have accomplished. Every week they walk out on the field knowing that they soon will be hit so hard that it might knock their helmets off their heads or get thrown to the ground with so much force it makes them see stars, and if that wasn't bad enough they often find themselves at the bottom of an 8-man pile up. And then there are those who intentionally throw themselves on a hard floor just to keep the ball in play, knowing that the part of their body that will be hitting the floor is not protected by pads, and then, without hesitation, they do it again. But the AMAZING thing is that they continue putting themselves in harms way for what? **FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME ... THAT MY FRIEND IS THE TRUE SPIRIT OF AN ATHLETE.** Over the past years we have watched our athletes play sick, play with ankles so sprained they could hardly walk, and through the pain they would play even harder. That is when we were the proudest of them, they allowed us to witness their drive and determination, and then, knowing that they wouldn't give up, that they wouldn't let their teammates down, that is where they showed us their hearts.

They can't fight against cut-backs, politics and all the other obstacles, but that is why we as parents, friends, families and teachers should step in and make sure that the best is done for them, because that is all they have ever given us, their best. It is our turn now to show them what kind of determination and heart we have.

SO with this reason we have resurrected THE BOOSTER CLUB. When the final decision was made to re-establish the Booster Club we were told that we would be responsible for keeping our sports programs running, and with that we were given the concession stand to help us with our task. At that time Mary Slaten agreed to be in charge of THE BOOSTER CLUB. She was told that we would be responsible for, and that we would have to raise our own money to get everything started. So that is what The Slaten Clan did. Rob and the boys worked over a month

repairing a float for the 4th of July Parade in Lady Cove. They won First Place and a cash prize of \$1,000.00. The Slaten gals did other fundraisers, and when they were done they had raised over \$1200.00. WAY TO GO SLATON CLAN!

Everyone knows that there is a lot of work in running a concession stand, but it can also be a lot of fun. We have a lot of things planned for our improved concessions. First off, after all the home games we will be offering the players a free meal, we will also offer the fans a great dinner special at an affordable price. Our goal is to keep our fans coming back for more. We want you to come and see all of our OUTSTANDING ATHLETES.

Please remember that without the support of the community, you may not have the athlete programs next year. And what would we be without them?

If you have any comments, suggestions, questions or donations you can contact either Mary Slaten at 951-4875 or Vennea at 865-7715. So if you would like to donate your time, concession items or anything towards our cause we would greatly appreciate anything you can give. Thanks again, and remember all of this is for OUR ATHLETES

-Ladies Lioness News-

In September the Butte Falls Lioness held the first meeting of the year and we gained two new members.

Welcome MaryAnn and Mavis.

On October 6th the Lions Multiple Screening Unit will be at the grade school to check the hearing and eyesight of the students. With this annual screening many problems can be detected early. Most of our Lioness Members will be assisting with this important project which our club contracts for each school year.

A reminder- to save your newspapers and recycle them in one of the bins at Eagle Point or White City or any of the bins around the valley. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, the Lions Sight and Hearing Center sold eleven hundred tons of paper for over \$32000. All of this money went for patient care. In the same time period 459 people received glasses or hearing aids for a total cost in excess of \$55000.

Please note- The Newspapers taken to our local recycle center behind the sewer plant do not go to the Lions Programs. So, we urge you if possible to take them to the bins in the valley. Thank You!

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Butte Falls Community Garden News

THE ZUCCHINI ARE COMING, THE ZUCCHINI ARE COMING!!!

Yes, it's true. The community garden is producing an abundant crop of zucchini as well as cucumbers, sunflowers and trumpet flowers. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers: Yvonne Witte, Melti Knighton, Dan & Patti Shafer, Cathy Carlisle, Scott Beemer, Ida Loring, and Miriam Liberatore, who have unselfishly given their time and talents. The first two harvests of cucumbers and zucchini has gone to the cafeteria to incorporate into the lunch menu. (Haven't you noticed how much healthier some of the students are?)

We have begun a fall garden and it too looks to be a good producer thanks to great late summer weather. In due time, we expect to have lettuce, peas, beets, onions and carrots which, in a small way, will help provide some fresh produce to the school kids. In order to extend the growing season, we plan on putting up a greenhouse, (donated by Lori Biondo, thanks you very much), but are in need of some lumber, greenhouse film, a door, windows and hardware in order to get it up and operating. If you have some of these materials laying around, please consider donating them to the community garden.

Lastly, we are going to be repotting a bunch of landscape plants, donated (thanks Ruby Edwards) and will offer them for sale at the upcoming Octoberfest on October 11th. In addition, we will conduct a raffle, the winner to receive an afternoon of sailing on Lost Creek Reservoir, complete with skipper and first mate, Bud & Miriam Liberatore and lunch for a family of four. Bud promises that you won't lose your lunch! Please look for our plants and get your chance for a relaxing cruise.