

Life-skills kids enjoy a night of hoops

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A night of close games, great sportsmanship, and cheerful enthusiasm from the athletes and the players was exactly what Head Coach Josh Nordell intended when

establishing Project Unify in Sisters.

Project Unify is a coalition of the students in the special education and life-skills classes at Sisters High School and Sisters Middle School.

The Outlaws faced off against Sutherlin High

School. The number of spectators was far beyond what both coaches and athletes expected.

Nordell plans to expand Project Unify events. Plans for soccer, softball, and golf in the upcoming seasons are underway. Looking into the future, Nordell hopes to emulate the growth that the Valley schools have had, where over 50 schools participate annually. He hopes to have an established league open to all institutions in the greater Bend area, also focusing on social events as well as athletics.

“I don’t think this will ever stop, I think we will expand on it and it will become bigger and bigger as time goes on,” he said.



PHOTO BY IZAAK KANZIG

Andrew Aljets drives up the court for the Outlaws.

STAIRCLIMB: Funds raised will help to battle cancer

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of the pack of 1,900 firefighters that participated last year, and not dead last. This year’s goal is to beat last year’s time.”

This year the three local fire departments — Black Butte Ranch, Cloverdale, and Sisters-Camp Sherman — have formed a team called Sisters Country Fire. Firefighters from all three departments will be participating in the event.

As a prelude to the climb, firefighters from the local departments will be participating in a series of fundraisers over the next 40 days. 100 percent of the proceeds from each of these fundraisers go to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Participating firefighters each pay their own expenses to participate, including travel, lodging, and meals.

The departments would like to give a special

thank-you to Ray’s Food Place in Sisters for allowing fundraising efforts in the store.

Cloverdale Fire Chief Thad Olsen said that “the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb exemplifies the teamwork of firefighters everywhere, who always seem to be able to come together in emergencies to help perfect strangers who are faced with seemingly insurmountable problems.”

Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Chief Roger Johnson said, “Firefighters get into this line of work to help people. Curing disease is something that is beyond the ability of firefighters to achieve. Many of us know persons that have been touched by cancers of the blood. By participating in an event of this nature firefighters are able to do what they want to do most — help people.”

Donations can be made at any of the three local fire departments or at www.firefighterstairclimb.org. Click on the “donate” button, then click “team” and enter “Sisters Country Fire” in the search bar.

A magnificent visitor...



PHOTO BY LAURIE EICHORN BRETZ

Laurie Eichhorn Bretz got a nice shot of a golden eagle that visited her home near Sisters last week.

GATHER 'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE...

...at **Sisters Art Works**
204 W. Adams Ave. (Corner of Ash & Adams)
Friday, January 22 • 4 to 7 p.m.
(During the 4th Friday Art Stroll)

The hand-forged firepit was created by **Jeff Wester**. All are invited to join us for **Moonstruck Mexican Hot Chocolate**, a cup of hot chili, meet the artist, listen to music and enjoy the warmth of the fire with friends.

ARTIST RECEPTION FOR KIM KIMERLING'S SHOW
“Exploring Mixed Media Collage”
on display in the Sisters Art Works Gallery through March 20.

