

Gamers raise funds at Halloween event



(From left) Brooke Kosten, owner of Dunesday Gaming, gives a check to Jennifer Ledbetter, administrative assistant of Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students.

On Halloween, Dunesday Gaming hosted a fundraiser for Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students. Dunesday reached out about this fundraiser after learning about Safe Shelter from the clothing giveaway event earlier in the year.

Brooke Kosten, owner of Dunesday Gaming, was excited about the project.

“It was really great to have the place full, and we know a big part of that was support

for your organization and mission,” she said. “Although the fundraising aspect was modest, hopefully we created some awareness around your work as well. For our part, we definitely had some new and smiling faces in the arcade, which is always great.”

The fundraiser raised \$425, a great success for both Safe Shelter and Dunesday Gaming. A few prizes were given out, including Promising New Gamer for “Gig-

gling Elmo” who was seen pulling the step stool up to just about every retro arcade game.

“We also did our part to keep the dentists in town in business!” Kosten said about the candy consumed during the event.

Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students is thankful for the community support. As a developing nonprofit, it is looking for volunteers and people to get involved.

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serving than Jason,” Tomaro said. “Jason is an incredibly hard worker. He never gives up on the ball, he fights for possession and works the ball up the field once he has it. He has fantastic footwork and a great sliding tackle where he comes up with the ball and keeps attacking. Jason also demonstrates commendable sportsmanship. It does not take long for our opponents to figure out that Jason is a major part of our offense and mark him heavily, but he never gets frustrated; he just keeps working at winning the ball and making plays. This year he scored four of our 12 goals, assisted on three more, and had a non-keeper save.”

The other Siuslaw soccer players on the all-league team were juniors Noel Hernandez, defender, and Alex Goss, midfielder, and sophomore Derrick VanDuch, goalkeeper. All three were awarded honorable mention.

Jayden Cameron of Cottage Grove was named Sky-Em League Soccer Player of the Year and his coach Vern Stewart was named Coach of the Year.

For volleyball, Siuslaw had two players on the Sky-Em League first team: senior libero Hayden Muller and junior middle blocker Desi Tupua.

Muller was an integral part of the Vikings’ success this season and was known for being an emotional leader for her team with her nonstop hustle on the court.

“Hayden is all over the place, diving, rolling and digging up balls from some really great hitters from around the Sky-Em League,” said Siuslaw Volleyball Coach Kari Blake.

“She picks up a ton of balls that probably should be dropped. Hayden has a lot of fun on the court and keeps the team smiling. She is such a hustler; and she’s the base to us getting our big kills. Finally, if it

wasn’t for Hayden’s exceptional passing, it would make our setters job much, much harder. She just did such an amazing job this season.”

When talking about Tupua, Blake praises her well-developed instincts on the court.

“Desi has such a knack for knowing when to tip, when to go in for the kill and when to play it safe, always scoring a lot of points for us,” said Blake. “I appreciate her control in the game. She’s a smart player who knows when to go for a big kill versus when to tip it into a hole. She’s calm on the court for her teammates and her contribution is always substantial.”

Freshman outside hitter Mylee Blake was named to the second team and senior setter Zoe Alberty received honorable mention.

The honors continued for Cottage Grove, as Lion Gracie Arnold was named Sky-Em League Volleyball Player of the Year and her coach, Abby Lad, was Coach of the Year.

For cross country, all-state teams were also announced along with all-league. Because the Vikings were both league and state champions, these awards were numerous.

Four SHS runners

earned both first team all-state and first team all-league. They were senior Rylee Colton for the girls and, for the boys, senior Chad Hughes and juniors Sam Ulrich and Kyle Hughes.

Siuslaw Coach Chris Johnson has lots of good things to say about Colton.

“Riley has come so far,” the coach said. “She has really blossomed athletically and became like a different person. She’s more outspoken and has taken on a leadership role with this extremely young team. She takes it upon herself to lead by example every day.”

Johnson also raves about Chad Hughes.

“When COVID hit, I think people went two ways,” said Johnson. “They either stayed inside and got frustrated and depressed or they said ‘Hey, I’m going to take advantage of this situation.’ Chad took advantage. He said, ‘I’m going to take this opportunity to get better’ and he just went to work, that whole time. He just got super, super strong aerobically and just became kind of a killer.”

For the boys team, sophomore Braydon Linton was named to the Sky-Em second team and also was honorable mention all-state. His class-

mate Talen Ross was also second team all-league, along with junior Jacob Blankenship. Sophomore Dylan Jensen was third team all-league and honorable mention all-state.

Along with Colton, the rest of the girls team

received all-league and all-state honors. Sophomore Corduroy Holbrook was named first team all-league and third team all-state. Sophomore Jane Lacouture and freshman Mya Wells were both second team all-league.

Freshman Addison McNeill was third team all-league and second team all-state.

All-league for football will be announced after the playoffs are completed, most likely in early December.

ALL-TIME STATE TITLES — OREGON HEAD COACH

Name, schools coached at, total titles

1. Tom Rothenberger — Jesuit 26*
- 2(t). Don Jacklin — Reedsport/David Douglas 17
- 2(t). Dave Turnbull — Summit 17*
4. **Chris Johnson — Siuslaw 16***
- 5(t). Bob Latham — Bend 14
- 5(t). Ron Smith — Henley/Lost River 14
- 5(t). Steve Sheehy — Union/Cove/North Powder 14*
- 8(t). Harry Johnson — South Eugene 13
- 8(t). Jerry Dilley — Lowell 13
10. Brian Grant — Catlin Gabel 12

SKY-EM VOLLEYBALL ALL-LEAGUE

Player of the Year: Gracie Arnold, (12), Cottage Grove

Coach of the Year: Abby Ladd, Cottage Grove

1st Team

Hayden Muller (12), Siuslaw

Desiree Tupua (11), Siuslaw

2nd Team

Mylee Blake (9), Siuslaw

Honorable Mention

Zoe Alberty (12), Siuslaw

SKY-EM BOYS SOCCER ALL-LEAGUE

Player of the Year: Jayden Cameron (12), Cottage Grove

Coach of the Year: Vern Stewart, Cottage Grove

1st Team

Jason Garcia (12), Siuslaw

Honorable Mention

Noel Hernandez (11), Siuslaw

Alex Goss (11), Siuslaw

Derrick VanDuch (10), Siuslaw

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