

Colt Basketball — a good place for kids to start

Photos by Joyce Hughes



Dave Gunderson shows Jon Hanna the fundamentals of Colt Basketball. Dave is the head of the Colt Basketball program.



Dave Gunderson

Approximately 15 years ago, Jim Ackley started what is now known as Colt basketball. This was formed with the idea that kids fourth through sixth grades would have the opportunity to do something on Saturday morning besides watch television. It was originally believed to have started in conjunction with the Juvenile Services Commission having monies to contribute to this type of program.

Dave Gunderson is now the head of this program in his seventh year with Colt Basketball, heading the group the last six years. They have six teams and 75 kids in the program, which tells a lot about it. It grows larger every year.

The teams begin each year about the first of December with three practices. They continue on through February with six weeks of games scheduled. There are 12 volunteer coaches, two for each team, not including Dave, that supervise and referee. The coaches are Rick Johnston, Larry Pettyjohn, Charlie Sumner, Doug Sheirbon, Dave Eckman, Dave Hanna, George Koffler, Jerry Healy, Bob Ployhar, Mark Cutsforth, Terry Hughes, and Gary Watkins. There is a \$5 per child fee, for boys and girls to play. However, Dave emphasized, "this fee should not deter anyone who wants to play, we will see that everyone plays."

For the first time this year at the end of the season, all of the participants gathered together for an ice cream feed of which 120 people showed up.

All of the children that participated in the program were given pins and certificates for the year. "Everyone seems to enjoy the games, and that is what it is about," says Gunderson.



Dave Gunderson and Gary Watkins discuss the situation during half time.

Scotch doubles begin on March 19

Bowlers will want to be sure to have their entries in for the St. Patrick's Day week-end Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament.

The tournament will be held at the Heppner Bowl Saturday, March 19, beginning at noon and continue Sunday, March 20 at 9 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded and everyone is invited to come and attend the festivities.

Deadline extended for Bed Race

The deadline on the Bed Race for St. Patrick's Day has been extended to 10 a.m. on March 19. Anyone interested in entering may contact Kaedene Bailey at 676-5510.

Kids to Alaska selling baked potatoes



L to R: Libby Britt, Corey Rill, Nance Wright, Brandon Pedro, Nikki Brisbois, Scott Johnson, and Tricia Coe. Benji Pearson

These students will be going on a 4-H Exchange trip to Juneau, Alaska this summer. They will be holding

a baked potato sale this Saturday, March 19 in front of the Shoe Box, beginning at 10 a.m.

Volunteers needed at Sheep Dog trials

Volunteers are needed to help put sheep out at the Sheep Dog Trials this Saturday and Sunday, March 19

and 20. Anyone interested in helping, please call William Rill, 676-5868.

Merchants meet March 18

There will be a Merchants meeting this Friday, March 18, 12 noon at Kate's Pizza in Heppner. All merchants are invited.

Fencing Specials

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Piano bar featured at Elks March 19



Carolyn Mildenberger

Live and continuous fun is in store this year at the Elks on Saturday, March 19. Carolyn Mildenberger will entertain at the piano for listening and dancing. She'll keep you in an Irish attitude during the afternoon and early evening before the big stomp starts at 8:30 p.m.

A native of Dallas Texas, she is

a Pendletonian now, and has played in many night spots in Portland.

Carolyn started playing the piano at age three, and played by ear at age four. The lady has a great smile and will play all your requests from her repertoire of pop, standards, country, ragtime and jazz.

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