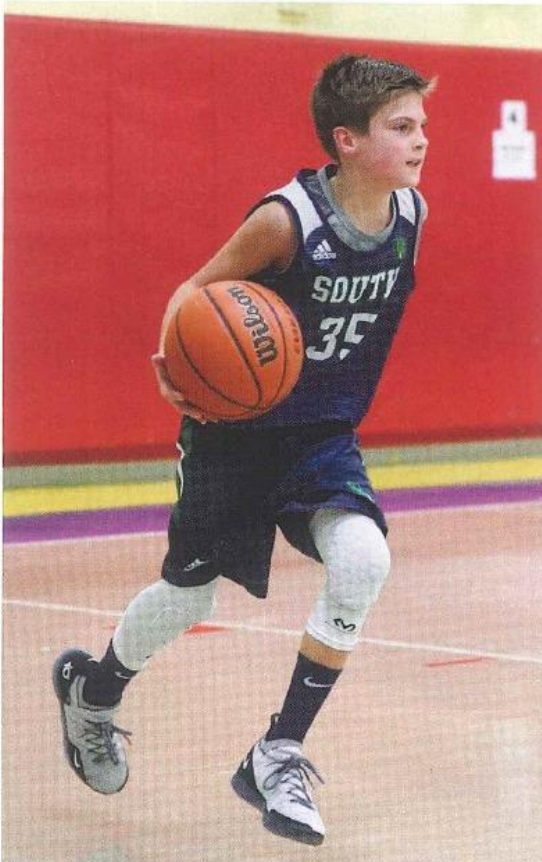


Youth Hoops with the SOBC

By Magaly DelValle



Like many parents in Oldham County, Neil Wilding was surprised to find that the elementary school system did not have sanctioned school basketball teams. So Neil took some action.

"My son was in second grade and found a love for basketball. He had played at the YMCA and church leagues but was looking to compete at a higher level," says Neil.

Neil founded the South Oldham Basketball Club (SOBC) in 2017. The club is a non-profit, parent-led basketball association for kids who attend elementary schools feeding into South Oldham High School. The club provides kids interested in playing basketball an opportunity to play together year-round with their Oldham County peers. The club is 100% run by volunteers looking to create a positive educational basketball experience for the participants in the South Oldham area.

What started as one third grade team in 2017 grew to multiple teams across all elementary school age groups. In 2019, the club expanded to include teams from first to fifth grade. SOBC teams practice together throughout the school year. They play a full schedule of league and tournament games

against other school teams in the state. Schedule and cost will vary based on the age group.

Tryouts for the 2020/21 school year will take place in September. Register today at southoldhambasketballclub.org and the coach for your child's age group will reach out with details as they become available. If you are wanting to lead a girl's team, the club is looking to expand. Please email southoldhambasketballclub@gmail.com to start the conversation today.

