

Calvert Honored as Volunteer

Chris Calvert of Keytesville has been recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as an Outstanding Volunteer in the community.

Calvert graduated from Keytesville with the class of 1991. He is married to Gail (Forsee) and they have three children: Garrett will be a freshman, Chloe a seventh grader and Ashlyn a third grader.

During high school, Chris was very active in sports. It started with 5/6 Grade basketball and ended with the quarterfinals in Columbia in 1991.

He states that there are several reasons he likes sports and encourages all kids to participate in sports. There are so many “benefits” to playing in an organized sport. According to Calvert, “It is fun, it is team building and there are so many opportunities for the players to grow. They grow both athletically and socially. My kids alone have made so many friends from all over. If a kid sits home all the time watching television or playing video games, he or she misses out on so much.”

Currently Calvert has been coaching a travelling 12 U softball team, and a co-op middle league softball team. We play probably 4 or 5 tournament a season. I will admit a travelling team can be costly and some parents don't feel like they can afford it, and of course that is OK. But I encourages parents and grandparents to come and see their player take the field if possible. Calvert states, “Going and coming and playing different teams is an excellent opportunity for the kids and me to outreach and network with kids and adults in different communities. He has been coaching a boy's basketball team since his son was in first grade.

“When I started all this, I had the idea that maybe that would help school athletics and their programs. I could help teach fundamentals and improve skills. He has coached/had contact hours with these young athletes up to 8th grade. He helped follow-up on an idea of an “Itty-Bitty basketball” program for Pre School to 4th Grade. This is the 4th year for this adventure. It takes place over 5 Saturday beginning in January. ‘it doesn't matter how well you play in all sports, it is just fun.” I wish all the parents of the players were able to stay and watch their players. They are so happy to just be on the court playing. Sometimes they win but through athletics they learn that is all right to lose.

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce congratulates Mr. Calvert for this selection and thanks him for his dedication to the youth in this community.