

Club News

Family Community & Education

"Looking for a chance to get involved with an organization that helps our community, and is very pro-active?"

"If you would like to make a difference in our community and meet and work with a wonderful group of women, check the Deer Creek Unit of Family Community & Education (FCE)," said FCE.

The group meets on second Fridays at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins St. in Cave Junction

The next meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. April 9. Sharon Johnson will give a lesson, "Medicine and You."

Phone Chairman Dolly LaFlamme at 597-2333 for more information, or attend the next meeting.



FINE WINE - Bob and Lelo Kerivan, co-owners of Bridgeview Vineyard & Winery in rural Cave Junction toast the taste of success after receiving the 2003 Oregon Winery of the Year award from 'Wine Press Northwest' magazine. 'It's a dream come true,' said the Kerivans. The 75-acre vineyard was also awarded three gold medals in February, during the Newport Wine Festival. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

Travis Robbins B&G Coach of Year

Cave Junction resident Travis Robbins, coach for the Boys & Girls Club (Illinois Valley Unit), has been chosen by his peers as Coach of the Year.

Robbins, a coach for five years was nominated for his dedication and influence on those he helps. He was one of 15 winners selected from among hundreds of entries.

He is involved with Illinois Valley Little League and plans to become involved in the valley's Boys & Girls Club football program next fall.

"Travis has made us very proud. He is in this



Travis Robbins

for the kids and the kids only," said his wife, Kristen, head secretary at Evergreen Elementary School.

"He loves being able to coach and teach our valley's youth," she said.

As Coach of the Year, Robbins received \$500 for his valley organization, and he has been entered to win an additional \$2,000 for the club. He was presented the \$500 check during the Trailblazer home game half-time on Saturday, April 3.

Robbins was congratulated on behalf of the Blazers, Northwest Food Stores and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rogue Valley.



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I.V. softball team 2-0 on road; looking real good

A Skyline Conference opening doubleheader sweep of the Mazama Vikings, in Klamath Falls on Saturday, April 3 set things up nicely for Illinois Valley High School's Cougar softball team heading into its conference home opener with North Valley on Tuesday, April 6.

The Cougars' wins at Mazama were studies in contrast. The opener, a 4-2 decision, featured pitching and defense. In the nightcap, I.V. pounded the Vikings 14-11.

Kim Hamilton limited

Mazama to 2 runs, both unearned, on two hits in the first game. She struck out eight while walking none. She retired the side in order in four of her seven innings pitched.

The Vikings struck first, scoring their pair of runs on a single, a stolen base and a costly error in the bottom of the third.

The Cougars got right back in at the top of the fourth. Erika Riley led off with a single; Meghan Jackson sacrificed her over; and Riley moved to third on Tiffanee Grif-

fin's single. After Griffin stole second, both scored when Angelique Miller induced a left-field error.

I.V. took the lead in the fifth on back-to-back doubles by Hamilton and Jessica Ragsdale. I.V. added an insurance run in the top of the seventh on Riley's third hit of the game, a stolen base and Catherine Sullivan's single to right.

In game two, Illinois Valley jumped out front early. Ricci Coultas led off, reaching base on an error. Kelsi Snook, moved into the number two position in the batting order to take advantage of her bunting ability, sacrificed Coultas to second, and she scored on a Ragsdale single. Four pitches later, Riley knocked in Ragsdale.

The Vikings knotted it up in the third on a pair of singles and a two-base error. After a scoreless third inning the Cougars struck for 2 more in the fourth when Ragsdale, Riley and Jackson fashioned three straight singles.

I.V. added 5 runs in the fifth, 3 in the sixth and 2 in the seventh. Mazama scored twice in the fifth and sixth, leaving them down 14-6 heading into the final half-inning.

On the day, Riley was 7-for-7, including a pair of doubles, 4 runs scored and four runs batted in. She walked once and had an RBI sacrifice fly.

Hamilton, besides her

pitching duties, was 4-for-7 at the plate, with three doubles, 4 runs scored and a pair of runs batted in.

In the second game Ragsdale went 3-for-4 with an RBI and 4 runs scored, and freshman Miller was 2-for-4 with a double and a pair of RBIs.

First-year head coach Justine Johnson called the sweep "a real good start for us. We still have a way to go, but the girls are working hard every day; getting better every day and intend to contend."

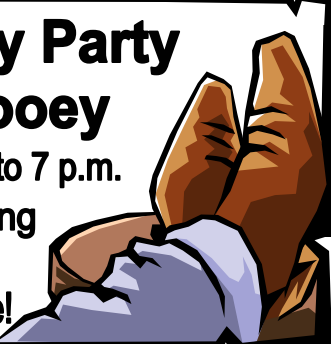
The Cougs will host Phoenix on Saturday, April 10 for a doubleheader at 1:30 p.m. at the IVHS field. Admission is free.

90th Birthday Party for Ted Hooey

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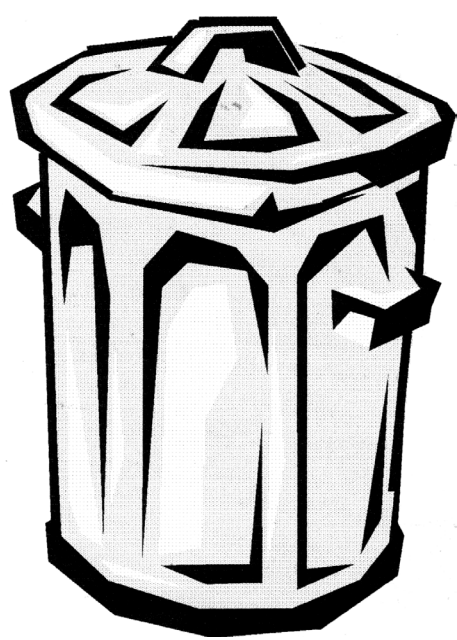
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