



Illinois Valley High School girls varsity basketball team whipped the North Valley Knights in Ken Mann Memorial Gym Friday night, Feb. 11, keeping themselves in 1st place in the Skyline Conference with an 8-1 record. The Cougar cheerleading squad was on hand to help boost the spirit for IVHS fans and the team.

(Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg)



Cougar girls stomp NV 57-24; now at 8-1

Shooting 48 percent, Illinois Valley girls varsity basketball team took its Skyline Conference record to 8-1 Friday, Feb. 11 in Ken Mann Memorial Gym.

With their eight-place state ranking, the Cougars lanced the North Valley Knights 57-24, in the

eighth consecutive victory for IVHS.

Leading the way for I.V. was point guard Emily Dudley with 22 points. She also contributed eight rebounds, three assists and six steals.

I.V.'s Erika Riley added 10 points, with

teammates Serena Barry adding 9, and Sarah Houston 8. Riley also turned in six rebounds; and Houston seven.

Phoenix has an 8-2 mark, right behind I.V.

The Cougar girls were to play Henley in Klamath Falls on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Correction

In a page 9 photo on Feb. 9, Illinois Valley High School basketball player Erica Riley was misidentified as Emily Dudley.

'Caregiver 101 Workshop' slated by Lovejoy, Lincare

A "Caregiver 101 Workshop" Saturday, March 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. is offered by Lovejoy Hospice and Lincare Inc.

The workshop will be at the Lovejoy Hospice office, 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass.

The workshop is for all friends and family members who are or will be caring for loved ones at home. Hands-on patient care skills will be taught, and participants will be given the opportunity to practice each skill.

A workbook will be provided for registered participants. Preregistrations will be accepted until Friday, Feb 25, and will include a continental breakfast and beverages during the workshop.

Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch or plan to go to a restaurant. The cost of the workshop is \$10, and scholarships are available at preregistration.

Lincare is a privately owned home medical equipment provider.

Co-presenter, Kathleen Wingerson, of Lincare, is a registered respiratory therapist, and health-care specialist. She has 15 years experience in health care.

For more information and preregistration, phone 474-1193 or (888) 758-8569.

Pregnancy Center lists '04 services

During 2004, 394 contacts were recorded by Illinois Valley Pregnancy Center, comprised of 306 in-person visits and 34 telephone contacts.

The majority of traffic was for the Bridges to Motherhood program (68 percent). These services provide practical assistance to women who carry and parent their babies.

Twenty-nine percent of services were provided with Bridges clients individually. Thirty-nine percent of services involved formal Bridges to Motherhood meetings, including a Bible study and parenting topic.

Pregnancy tests accounted for 15 percent of client visits. During those sessions, clients were offered accurate information

on parenting, adoption and abortion; abstinence (if unmarried) and making healthy choices.

Other types of counseling, and emotional and spiri-

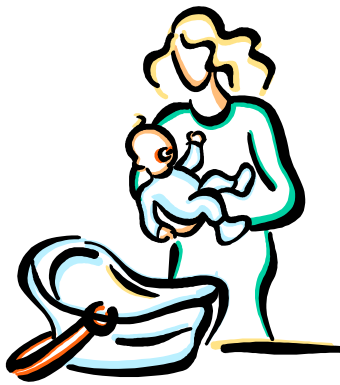
to the center through valley churches, social service agencies, and others.

"While these numbers are the highest that the Pregnancy Center has ever experienced, we are not ready to call them 'good,'" said the center.

"There are many needs in the valley that are not being met, and many of our services are under utilized.

"If roughly 40 percent of women have an abortion by age 45, then there are a lot of post-abortive men and women out there who may be experiencing post-abortion syndrome. We are ready to help," the center reported.

Pregnancy tests, peer-counseling, and parenting support are available to everyone, free of charge.



tual support, were extended during 12 percent of client visits.

Five percent of visits involved requests for "emergency needs" referred

Common School Fund to remain same

A record \$45.6 million distribution of earnings from the Common School Fund to K-12 public schools next fiscal year is announced by the State Land Board (SLB).

It also voted during a meeting in Salem to modify the future distribution policy for the fund.

The board announced that it will send \$22.8 million to schools in December 2005, with the same amount to be sent June 2006. The recent turnaround in the stock market caused a significant increase in the value of the Common School Fund last year, ending at \$911 million Dec. 31, 2004.

The current SLB policy for distributing earnings from the fund is based on the change in the fund's

value at the end of each calendar year. Depending on the change in value from the preceding year, the fund distributes from 2 to 5 percent of the value of the fund.

The increase during 2004 triggers the maximum distribution of 5 percent of the year-end value.

In December 2004, SLB sent \$20.1 million to schools, and the same amount will be distributed in June 2005. During the prior fiscal year, December and June payments were \$6.7 million each.

To prevent such large variations in distributions from year-to-year in the future, the board voted to switch to a three-year rolling average for calculating the fund's value change after

Jan. 1, 2006.

Treasurer Randall Edwards recommended the three-year, moving average formula.

In addition, the new policy specifies that annual distributions depend on sufficient earnings during the calendar year to make the distribution without disturbing the fund body.

The state treasurer and Oregon Investment Council manage investments of the fund. By law, the funds are dedicated for "support and maintenance of common schools in each school district."

County population ages 4-20 determines each county's share of earnings. County treasurers forward the funds to school districts.

ODOT notes contracting

Some 129 new construction projects worth \$366,435,107 were awarded to private contractors during 2003 by Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT).

Contractors completed 138 projects worth \$236,903,710; and ODOT paid contractors \$342,049,250 on 325 projects, the agency said.

When you come to a fork in the road, take it.

You can observe a lot just by watching.

- Yogi Berra -

I.V. boys 0-9

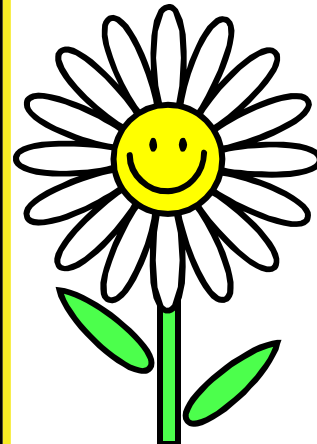
Illinois Valley boys varsity basketball team stayed in the basement with a 61-37 loss to North Valley on Friday, Feb. 11 in Merlin.

The I.V. boys have a record of 0-9 in the Skyline Conference.

Phoenix and North Valley have 7-3 records.

Hidden Valley, with a 9-0 Skyline mark, has pretty much cinched a top ranking with its 79-65 win vs. Rogue River in RR.

We successfully completed our move thanks to all who helped us. including:



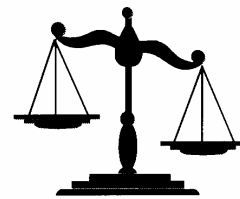
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The family of Shirley Wells would like to express sincere gratitude for the lovely flowers, cards, loving thoughts and prayers.

Your concern for our mother and grandmother is greatly appreciated.

From
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and Families