



Kim Hamilton poses for snapshots (Photo by Michelle Binker, *Illinois Valley News*)

Mistakes hurt I.V. in recent games

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Tuesday, April 14 was a special day in Cougar sports history, due to the retirement of standout Kim Hamilton's jersey #22.

Hamilton, a 2004 Illinois Valley High School graduate, flew in from her home in Ohio to be a part of a special ceremony. She was honored as an IVHS alumna because she earned 15 varsity letters as a student, went on to a stupendous track and softball career at Kent State University, and has played professional

Ken Hix.

Cindy Moore and Morgan Brown both went 1-2. Moore had a 1-run double, and Brown had two RBIs. Tammy Huntamer scored twice. Ten errors helped the Hornets to a 26-3 victory.

"Brittanie Brummett (2-5) pitched well enough to win, but didn't get the support of her defense," said coach Ken Reinhart.

"We just need to relax and play within ourselves on defense, and we will win ballgames," added Hix.

The Cougars came up short in a 13-4 loss to the third-ranked 3-A Gold Beach Panthers in Gold Beach on Thursday, April 16.

Huntamer (0-3) and Brummett pitched brilliantly, but seven errors were the main reason for the loss. Huntamer had four strikeouts in four innings; Brummett had one in two.

The fourth inning is where the Cougars scored their runs and was highlighted by Moore's 2-run double. Shanece Allan, Amy Weaver, Huntamer, Morgan Brown, and Brittney Loyd all had singles for I.V.

The coaching staff had its opinions on why the game went south for the Cougars.

"I shouldn't have called a rise to the #4 hitter in the first inning; she hit it out. It was my fault," said Reinhart.

Hix added, "We should have won this one, our mistakes hurt us. However, we are improving every game."



softball with the Akron Racers.

Her famed and framed jersey will hang at IVHS to commemorate her achievements as a Cougar.

Following the ceremony, I.V. played the state-ranked Henley Hornets. Henley's 7-run first inning spelled doom (d-o-o-m) for IVHS, and was capped by Hornet Autumn Wedem's grand slam.

Wedem, a first-team all-state pitcher in 4-A, only had one strikeout against the Cougar bats, but she was the winning pitcher.

"We really put the bat on the ball today. I'm proud of these girls," said head coach



Cougars meet with success on track

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The three-way Skyline track meet held in Phoenix on April 15 included many Cougar successes.

Girls:

100 meter: Kayla Johnson, 3rd, 13.50 (personal best); Bekah Kaberline, 4th, 13.62 (personal best).

400 meter: Kya McAlister, 5th, 1:14.56 (personal best).

100-meter hurdles: Kayla Johnson, 1st, 18:86 (personal best); Kaberline, 2nd, 19:10.

300-meter hurdles: Kaberline, 1st, 56.36.

1,500 meter: Casey Robertson, 1st, 5:35.15, McKenzie Yeoman, 2nd, 6:43.74; Mali Whicheloe, 3rd, 6:44.26.

Long jump: Rachael Miller, 1st, 13-5 (personal best).

Boys:

200 meter: Moises Mendoza, 2nd, 24:42 (personal best); Dylan Skidmore, 4th, 26:13 (personal best).

4x400 relay: James Buck, Mendoza, Eric Baldrige, Dylan Skidmore, 1st, 4:09.96 (personal best).

1,500 meter: Cellio Nordal, 4th, 5:06.17; Jordan Crouse, 5th, 5:28.40.

Shot: Lance Tausaga, 1st, 45-02.50.

Discus: Tausaga, 1st, 116-10.

Javelin: Glenn Moore, 3rd, 97-08.

Long jump: Bradley Dean, 4th, 14-10.

At the Crater Rotary Classic Invite in Central Point on Saturday, April 18 the Cougars had only a single top 10 finish and that was Kaberline in the triple jump. However, there were many top performances.

Girls:

100 meters, Johnson, 13.72.

100-meter hurdles, Kaberline, 17.68 (personal best).

300-meter hurdles, Kaberline, 52.35 (personal best).

4x400 meters, Johnson, Kaberline, Laurisa Tausaga, Jasmine Prickett, 57.64 (personal best).

Triple jump, Kaberline, 10th, 31-04.5.

Boys:

200 meters, Mendoza, 24.74.

4x100 relay, Mark Delgado, John Delgado, Mendoza, John Kolberg, 51.14 (personal best).

4x400 relay, Mendoza, James Buck, Baldrige, Skidmore, 4:10.

Discus, Lance Tausaga, 119-2 (personal best).

Shot, Tausaga, 81.

The only top 10 statewide performer in 4-A from Illinois Valley is Kayla Johnson with a 101-2 throw in the discus.

Rock Band challenge issued

Attention, aspiring Rock Band pros and fans:

Illinois Valley Grad Night Committee will host a fund-raiser for Illinois Valley High School seniors in Cave Junction on Friday, April 24, beginning at 6 p.m. at IVHS. Doors will open at 4:30 to allow the bands practice time on stage.

This event is open to the public "and a local school challenge." IVHS Rock Band entrants are issuing a challenge to all other Josephine County schools to earn the first trophy and bragging rights.

Band admission is \$10 per team. General admission for spectators is \$3 per adult and children 12 and older; \$1.50 for children 11 years and younger. Phone Bobbie Loyd at 659-2028 for more information.



Illinois Valley Youth Soccer spring season is under way. Teams play on the athletic field at

Evergreen Elementary School on Saturdays. (Photo by Michelle Binker, *Illinois Valley News*)

FTC warns of 'phishing' text scam

Several Oregon credit unions recently were targeted in a scam called SMiShing, which is a phishing attack sent by text messages to mobile phones and handheld devices.

The scam sent text messages to consumers purport-

edly from a credit union. The message notes the name of the credit union, indicates that it is "Urgent" and directs the consumer to phone a toll-free number, which prompts callers to enter credit card data. The phone number used in this scam has been inactivated.

Credit unions do not solicit information from their members in this manner. The following tips are offered to help consumers avoid these kinds of scams.

*Credit unions will not solicit account information via text message. If you are a credit union member, they have secured that information based on the relationship you have previously established with them.

*If you receive a suspicious text message from a financial institution, check its

Website for any fraud alerts, or contact the financial institution or merchant via the regular channels you use to communicate with them, being sure to use a fresh browser screen or new phone call using the contact information listed on your account statements.

*Never respond to unsolicited e-mails or text messages; especially those that ask for secure information, and are coming from people or companies that you do not have a relationship with or regarding services you have not contracted for.

*For privacy and security, financial institutions do not arbitrarily solicit nonpublic information.

*Consumers also can report fraudulent activity to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov.

RCC: Term in Italy offered

Community members can study next fall in Florence, Italy, under the auspices of Rogue Community College and the Oregon International Education Consortium.

Fall term in Florence is scheduled Sept. 26 to Dec. 12, 2009. It offers an in-depth chance to study Italian language and culture while earning 12 or more college credits. Set in the golden hills of Tuscany, Florence is renowned for its historic art and architecture.

The international studies program might include theater visits, concerts, museum passes, library access, wine-tasting, cooking classes, and sporting events, along with day trips to Siena and San Gimignano. Classes include a

four-credit Italian language course, designed for beginners, and a two-credit Italian Life and Culture course that encompasses lectures and field trips to historic and artistic sites.

Other classes include art history, introduction to visual arts, drama-as-literature, intercultural communication, and women's studies.

Student housing will be located in self-catering apartments in Florence's historic center. Cost is \$7,455 plus airfare; financial aid may be available. The application deadline is July 2. For more information contact Dorcas Herr, RCC Humanities instructor, at 245-7543 or via email at dherr@rogucecc.edu.



The Cougar boys baseball team contributed to the completion of a new batting cage by digging a trench for utility lines on Friday, April 17. The boys were supposed to play Gold Beach on Thursday, April 16, but no umpires were scheduled, and the game was called off at the last minute. The Cougars will play at North Valley High School on Saturday, April 25. (Photo by Michelle Binker, *Illinois Valley News*)

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