

IV Fastpitch falls to Cascade Christian



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Abby Miller has her eye on the ball as she prepares to hit a stand up double in Friday, May 6 loss against Cascade Christian in Medford.

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The Illinois Valley High School girls’ fastpitch team fought hard but couldn’t overcome the Cascade Christian offense in a double-header Friday, May 6 in

Medford. In the first game, Lady Cougars lost 6-16 in five innings, but didn’t score in the second game resulting in a 0-15 defeat. Cascade Christian softball is 10-8 overall and in second place in the 3-A Southern Cascade league to Rogue River, which is

undefeated in the league as of May 10. The Illinois Valley softball team was set to play St. Mary’s on Tuesday, May 10 at home at 4:30 p.m. And starting 12 p.m. this Saturday, May 14, they’re scheduled to play another double-header against Rogue River at home.

Local youth sports in action



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Pee Wee soccer is underway. Games are played on the field behind Evergreen Elementary.



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#16 of the Bruins about to get a base hit against Out and About Saturday, May 7. Little League teams play at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction.

Lorna Byrne seeks coaching staff

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Staff changes at Lorna Byrne Middle School mean some open positions will need to be filled prior to the 2011-2012 school year.

Though the full list of position changes is not yet finalized, current basketball coach Aaron Mathews is scheduled to transfer to another school, meaning the search is on for a qualified person to fill that position.

The Vikings will also need an assistant football coach for the coming year who will inevitably work to build on the success of the undefeated 2010 football team.

According to dean of students and athletics Darrell Erb, coaches don’t receive payment; instead, they’re all volunteers, but play an important role working with student athletes, building confidence and skill.

Erb said coaches who apply need a high

school diploma and experience playing that position in high school. He said the school would consider those without coaching experience, but wanted applicants with plenty of familiarity with the ins and outs of the sport. Coaches will also need to pass an online certification course.

“[Applicants] don’t need to have been All-Stars, but it is key for them to have enough knowledge of the sport to step in and start training,” Erb said.

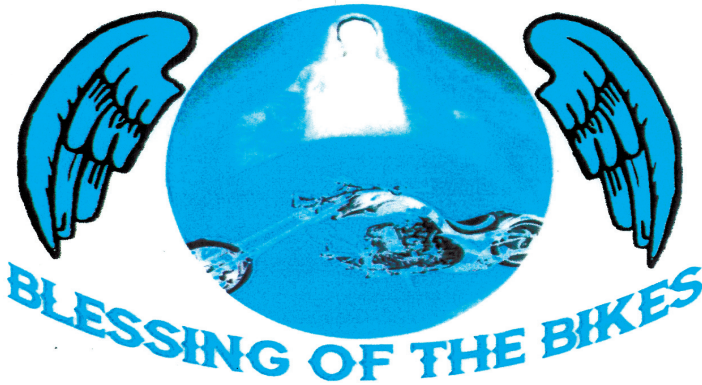
After the 2011 basketball season ended, Erb said Mathews and high school girls’ basketball coach Loren King have been working together with girls’ basketball students from both schools to learn from each other and help prepare Vikings for future play at Illinois Valley High School.

“If hired quickly, [the applicant] could work directly with Coach King, who has 45 years of experience to impart,” Erb said. “It’s an amazing opportunity.”



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