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IV Golf Club ready for spring

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Spring is in the air, which means the air will soon be shared with little white flying balls and friendly conversation; not to mention the inevitable raindrops, but that doesn't stop the hardcore golfers of the Illinois Valley.

This spring season marks the fifth year the Illinois Valley Golf Club will be open on a strictly volunteer basis and Club Manager and Board President Gary Noleroth and his crew are looking to recruit some new faces from all across the valley.

The golf course offers nine holes, with two sets of tees, electric carts and a clubhouse serving Taylor dogs, beer, soda and other snacks.

"We operate with a staff that consists of about a dozen volunteers,"

said Noleroth. "It takes about 130 hours a week to maintain the golf course and without the volunteer help, there would be no golf course."

Five years ago, the golf course hit the wall financially so the establishment was officially closed, but people still showed up to play for free. The following year, the board took over and decided to charge \$10 per golfer and operate on a full-time basis.

"The course is still owned by 2,000 shareholders who were issued (shares) to get money to the course in 1975," said Noleroth. "Those shares have changed hands, but the people who own the shares are still technically the owners. They elect a board of directors every year to make the decisions, but it's still a community golf course, which is very cool."

Aside from offering their services to the public, the golf course caters to various leagues and groups.

The Illinois Valley High School golf team uses the course to practice every day

at 4 p.m. and starting in June, the Youth Golf club will run for six weeks, providing lessons and golf etiquette to kids ages 5-15.

"A lot of them never played before and a lot of them come back," said Noleroth. "On the last day of class we have a banquet and hand out trophies."

The starting date for the Youth Golf club has yet to be posted, but they meet at the golf course on Thursdays and it costs \$10, which covers the six weeks of lessons, the banquet and the trophies.

There's also the Twilight League that starts in two weeks which runs all summer long.

The IV Golf Club is staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the current rates are \$12 for 9 holes or \$18 for 18 holes. There's also an honor box set up for those who wish to play late.

Persons wishing to volunteer at the Illinois Valley Golf Club should contact Noleroth at the golf course during business hours at 541-592-3151.

SMART Announces 2013 Book Award Winner

Cave Junction, Ore. - Parents looking for a great new story to read with their kids need look no further – the results of the 2013 SMART Book Award are in! With 1,424 votes from SMART students all across Oregon, Grumpy Cat by Britta Teckentrup is the statewide winner of SMART's 2013 Book Award! The Pigeon Wants a Puppy! by Mo Willems is the local winner in Cave Junction.

Other nominees this year included Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae, Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems and If You Give a Dog a Donut by Laura Numeroff. This year, for SMART's 14th annual Book Award, a total of 5,643 students ages Pre-K through third-grade voted statewide.

Grumpy Cat by Britta Teckentrup includes expressive, bold art and tells the story of a cat who is considered grumpy by all other cats. However, Grumpy Cat is really just lonely because he doesn't know how to make friends. Then, one stormy night, a snuggly kitten begins to follow him and Grumpy Cat soon changes his mind about friendship.

SMART's annual Book Award commenced in 2000 in order to inspire and instill even more excitement for the love of reading among students across Oregon. With five nominees selected by SMART staff and volunteers each year, SMART students vote for their favorite book.

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Jamie Scott Memorial Gymnasium ceremony to be held at LBMS

Jamie Scott Memorial Gymnasium
-Ceremony for renaming the Lorna Byrne Middle School gym after Jamie Scott.

Date: Monday, April 8th

Time: 2:20 p.m.

Place: Lorna Byrne Middle School gym

Students will be present, and the community is invited.

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