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(Photo courtesy of Kelli Augustadt for The Illinois Valley News)

Keyanna Augustadt makes a play at the plate during the Tuesday, April 1 game against Chiloquin. The Cougs went on to split the double header.

Boys take two wins, while the Lady Cougars win one

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In the first week of April, IVHS baseball and softball teams were able to put their talents to work and win a few games.

During a doubleheader on Tuesday, April 1, the girls softball team went up against Chiloquin on the road. The Lady Cougars put up a good fight but lost 20-10 in the first game. In the second game against the Chiloquin Panthers, they came back and took the game, winning 24-13.

On Saturday, April 5, the JV girls hosted a doubleheader against two different teams. The first game was against Brookings-Harbor. With lots of effort and good teamwork, the Cougars took a win of 14-9. The second game proved to be slightly more difficult. The Lady Cougars went up against Grants Pass High, losing 7-9.

The girls were scheduled to play on Tuesday, April 8, against the North Valley Nights.

On the other side of the field, the boys went up against the Glendale Pirates on home turf. With great teamwork comes great wins, and IVHS took the game, 17-4.

Zach Welch was the winning pitcher, while Lander Nordal went 3-4 and four RBI's.

Jason Bardeimeier went 3-3 with two RBI's. The team as a whole had 16 hits.

On Thursday, April 3, the boys took on Del Norte during an away game. The boys put up a good fight and stayed close to Del Norte all through the game. Head coach Jesse Dugas feels that the final score did not reflect how the boys performed during the game.

Andrew Sherier and Zach Welch both had two strong hits during the game, while William Housel went 3-4. The Cougars lost 5-12.

Saturday, April 5, brought a silver lining for the Cougars. They went up against 4-A Marshfield High. Welch was the starting pitcher and brought a lot of heat to opposing batters.

Both teams made each other work for every run scored with strong defense from both clubs. There were no errors and no walks in the game.

"It's nice to see the playing at the same level that they are hitting at," said head coach Jesse Dugas.

Marshfield lost to IVHS by a final score of 6-4.

With every practice, the teams get stronger and grow closer together, becoming a team they all can be proud of at the end of the season.

The boys are slated to go up against Lost River on Thursday, April 10, at home.

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In response to a question, Vincent said he currently has a torte against the county.

County Commissioner candidates that attended the forum included Sandi Cassanelli, Nina Horsley, Mark Seligman, Jerry Sisson, and Mark Wichers. James Rossi, Paul Walter and the incumbent, Simon Hare, did not attend.

Cassanelli, a former county commissioner, cited her experience and pointed to the improvements she worked to accomplish including helping to improve the I.V. Airport. Her comments included: "I said 'no' to canola and 'no' to the Paradise Ranch fiasco, but I was out voted."

Cassanellis said decisions are made behind citizens' backs and "I'll fight for economic development for everyone – not just the handful of businessmen who are part of the SOREDI clique."

Horsley extolled the virtues of hemp, which has 50,000 different uses. She decried the control large corporations exert over the country including biotech giant Monsanto and the timber companies, both of which employ herbicides to maximize profits at the expense of the environment. Neighbors subject to chemical

trespass and the taxpayers who must pay for the cleanup are both affected. She also stated that the county planning department's charges are far higher than that of comparable jurisdictions.

Seligman's platform is also in support of marijuana legalization.

"We wouldn't need levies if we legalized medical marijuana," he stated. Known for his "No New Taxes" slogan, Seligman has degrees in sociology and psychology and has run twice for county commissioner. Due to the flexible nature of his landscaping business, he's trained for the position by becoming engaged with county issues.

"I go to numerous county meetings. I've fought for civil liberties and low taxes," he said.

Jerry Sisson is retired from owning and managing a drapery and carpet cleaning business with facilities in both Santa Barbara and Las Vegas.

"If I can run two businesses 700 miles apart, I can run this county," he said. "My first concern is public safety and seeing opportunities become available to grow jobs, finance and commerce." He also said, "I think a community is judged by the way

they treat their animals and those who are less fortunate. I'm all for helping people."

Wichers stated that if elected, he would work to reduce commissioners' salaries to \$30,000 in keeping with the county charter. He pointed out that "70 percent of the county is public land. We should turn that back out to homesteading and give it people who would never have the chance to own land." Those people could then become property taxpayers, he said. Wichers also suggested turning the jail facilities over to the state to run.

The Illinois Valley News and the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will team up to present a public forum at the County Building on Tuesday, April 15, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. All candidates for county commissioner, county legal council and sheriff have been invited to speak.

Ambron will be organizing another candidate forum as well. Contact him at 541-592-4124 for further information.

On April 23, Sheriff Gilbertson will give a presentation from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Wild River Pizza on the topic of the amount of force which can be legally used to protect property.

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