

Sports



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

Senior Abby Miller tags a Lakeview runner out at second base. The lady Coug's lost both games Saturday, May 3.

IV Booster Club to award shopping spree

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The IV Booster Club (IVBC) has been doing fund-raisers for several years on their latest improvement project for IV High School – an all weather track, which is very close to completion. The last phase, the rubberized surface work, will be started May 16 and is slated to be completed in one week.

The club has been steadily working toward this goal for the past five years by raising over \$158,000 from several sources including receiving portions of the annual Rotary Club Duck Derby proceeds for several years, grants from charitable foundations, private donations and in-kind work.

Club president Cheryl Winters states, "We are approximately \$12,000 away from having everything paid for. The Booster Club is very excited to be close to wrapping up this project as it has been a long road."

To accomplish their goal, the group has become one of the non-profits listed at Shop Smart and Ray's Food Place in Selma to

receive All-Access card points donated by the store's patrons.

What IVBC offers that the others do not, is the chance to win a \$300 shopping spree at Shop Smart on May 24. To enter, participants need to sign up for an All Access Card at either store and designate the I.V. Booster Club as their charitable organization of choice.

If a person already has an All Access Card, they can designate IVBC as the charitable organization by either stopping by the store or emailing their name and phone number to ivhsboosters@gmail.com and a volunteer will do the paperwork. Email submissions must be received by Friday, May 23.

Everyone who has an All Access Card with the I.V. Booster Club as their designated charitable organization will be automatically entered to win the \$300 shopping spree at Shop Smart. The drawing will take place at Shop Smart at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 24. Participants need not be present to win.

People may sign up as late as noon on May 24 for the 5 p.m. drawing. As an added fund-raising effort, IVHS students will be bagging groceries at Shop Smart from noon to 5

p.m.

"Whenever you use your All Access Card at Shop Smart or Ray's, 1 percent of your purchase will be donated to the IV Booster Club," Winters affirms. "All proceeds are used to directly support IVHS athletic and club needs and facility improvements."

An informational flyer states "With support from our great community, the I.V. Booster Club has been able to complete many facility improvements and help several teams and clubs with equipment and uniform needs."

Past club accomplishments include a press box and new sound system at the football stadium, a new sound system in the gymnasium, and covered batting cages and playing surface improvements for both softball and baseball.

Five years ago the club spearheaded working with Cycle Oregon to fund-raise for all the sports teams.

They've also provided funding for new football uniforms, new band uniforms, new golf bags for the golf team, funding for the equestrian team and funding the entrance gate to IVHS as well as significant improvements to

the LBMS track.

The next club meeting will be May 21 at 6 p.m. at IVHS. If a potential club member can't attend on that date, they can email their contact information to ivhsboosters@gmail.com, or mail to the address below.

"We really need new members and people to step up and take over the leadership of the club," Winters explains. "After this project is complete, I will be stepping down as president. It's time to pass the torch."

Winters, a 1978 graduate of IVHS, who has been involved with the club for 11 years, summarized her tenure by stating, "We would like to thank the countless people who have helped us reach these goals over the years, but a special thanks goes to the Rotary Club. Without their support, many of these projects would not have been possible."

Those interested can also mail donations for the track project to the Illinois Valley Booster Club c/o IVHS, 625 E. River St. Cave Junction, OR 97523.

Cougars net new Men's Head Basketball Coach

Illinois Valley High School is pleased to announce Matt Knight as the new Head Men's Basketball Coach for the Cougars. Coach Knight has worked with both the men's and women's programs for the past seven years, most recently as the assistant varsity coach for the Cougar men. He is a member

of the IVHS faculty teaching PE and Health as well as a few computer classes. Illinois Valley is excited to have a quality coach and member of our school community take the reins of cougar basketball. When asked about his recent hiring, Coach Knight said, "The Illinois Valley is a tremendously supportive

community, and I am excited and looking forward to building a tradition of excellence within the basketball program. I plan on working hard to produce a style that will be exciting for both the players and one that our community can rally around."



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