

Sports



IVHS Volleyball team in action at home. The girls take on St. Mary's High in Medford Oct. 16.

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LBMS volleyball teams still undefeated

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The Lady Vikings are making their own history in the Lorna Byrne books. Last year, the seventh-grade volleyball team went undefeated. Now, as eighth-graders, they are still undefeated along with the current seventh-grade team.

"The girls are very excited to be undefeated," said head coach Rebecca Britt.

Britt commented that there is even a little rivalry between the volleyball girls and the football team. After each game, the girls and boys tease each other about winning or not winning a game.

The eighth-grade volleyball team currently is 6-0 while the

seventh-grade team holds a 5-0 record. On Wednesday, Oct 8, the Vikings hosted a home game against South Middle School. They played a three-set match game. The final scores were 9-25, 6-25 and 4-15.

"They played how they should play. The girls were on their game and they communicated well on the court," said Britt.

As a whole, Britt feels that the girls get along well on and off the court. The girls are able to practice, play and show a real camaraderie for each other. This fellowship between the girls might very well be the recipe for both teams being undefeated so far this season.

With four games left, the goal for the rest of the season is to remain undefeated and earn the bragging rights among the schools as being undefeated for two seasons in a row. At the

middle-school level there are no districts or state championships, so for the girls, the bragging rights are a big deal.

Britt knows that the girls will continue to work hard and achieve their goal.

"The only game the girls are worried about is the last game against Rogue River. Rogue River so far this season is the only team to give the girls a real challenge, they keep our girls on their toes," said Britt.

Britt would also like to extend her gratitude towards all the friends, family and community members that continue to come to the games and support the girls. Britt commented that it helps keep the girls' spirits up during the games.

The Vikings are scheduled to go up against Ashland Middle School on Monday, Oct. 13, during a home game. The first game starts at 4:30 p.m. in the LBMS gym.

I.V. Wrestling Club to hold fundraising event

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The Illinois Valley Wrestling Club is gearing up for another wrestling season with a family friendly fund-raising event. The event will be held at the Selma Center on Friday, Oct. 17, and includes a Texas Hold'em Poker tournament along with a Corn Hole tournament. Doors open at 5 p.m. with events beginning at 6 p.m.

To join the fun, participants can buy a spot in the poker tournament for \$50. During the first hour of the tournament there will be unlimited buy in for an additional \$50 per buy in. If Corn Hole seems more exciting there are single and team slots. Single slots are \$25 and teams are \$50. Single participants will be paired up with other single players to create teams. The gym will also be open for kids

to run out some energy and play with other children.

First- through third-place winners of both tournaments will receive a portion of the proceeds and first-place winners, along with prize money, will get a T-shirt and bragging rights.

Off the Hook BBQ will also be on hand providing dinner for the evening. They will be serving pulled pork, potato salad, corn and coleslaw. Adult plates are \$12 and children plates are \$8.00. Live music will be provided by a local DJ.

"We're hoping for a big turnout. The wrestlers work really hard and we would like to support them," said Angela Griffin, one of the volunteers in charge of the festivities for the fund-raiser.

Illinois Valley Wrestling Club is a non-profit organization and is not funded by local schools. That means every dollar must be raised through different fund-raisers through-

out the year in order to support such a large group of kids. The wrestling club supports kids from five years of age all the way up through high school. The wrestling club charges a small fee to participants to help cover costs. Those fees do not begin to cover the true cost of what the club must pay per wrestler. They also have to have insurance in case of injury or other mishaps along with paying dues to the Oregon Wrestling Association (OWA). The club also provides uniforms to all the wrestlers and warm-ups to the older participants. This season the club will host one home tournament and will provide medals to all participants, meaning more fund-raising.

Most weekends the wrestlers must travel and depending on where the tournament is, stay overnight. The club provides travel and food per diems to those wrestlers. Many of the wrestlers that travel are high-school and middle-school students. Though the club travels

within the district, many tournaments are hours away, causing some parents to worry about how to get their wrestler to that tournament. That's where the club comes in with funding to help take that burden from parents.

With so much going out and little coming in, Lacy Miller, president of the club, worries there is not enough funding to get them through the wrestling season.

"If we can't get enough funding, we may not be sending anyone to districts or state," Miller said.

Miller is hopeful that this fund-raiser is a success and will provide funding to get the wrestlers through most of the season.

"It's the importance of keeping kids in sports and out of trouble," Miller said.

For more information on the fund-raiser and other wrestling club events, contact Miller on the club's Facebook page at Illinois Valley Wrestling Club.



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