



The 2016 IVHS track team standing still during team photo day. The Cougs will host their first home track meet in over 35 years. (Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

IVHS track, 3 meets in 8 days

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Well, let's get to the answer to last week's question of suspense. Halona Jackson of IVHS outran 49 girls to win the 100 meter dash at the prestigious Lithia Track Invitational where teams from three states gathered for high level competition. Maybe the most impressive part of that race was that she was pulling away from two strong runners for the final 30 meters. She also set a personal record (PR) in the 200 meter distance in a time of 27.62 seconds.

Jackson was back on the track April 30 for another high level competition at the Grants Pass Rotary Invitational and set a PR in the 100 meter in a blazing time of 12.87 seconds to place third. As if that wasn't enough, after a short break, she set a PR in the long jump in the preliminary competition, then again in the finals to take fifth place at 16 feet 4 1/2 inches. Jackson is expected to set the track on fire Friday at her first home meet on the new IVHS track.

Also competing well at Lithia was Savannah Baez in the high jump with a strong showing at 4 feet

8 inches and a very near miss at 4 feet 10 inches. Other PRs included Taylor Hammers in the long jump at 14 feet 5 inches; Jacob Belfia in the 100; Roza Jonas, 300 hurdles; and Lilly Webb in discus. Cynthia Burns had a much improved form and speed in a fast let of the 4 x 100 meter relay.

Friday found the IVHS track team at South Umpqua in Myrtle Creek for all but the Grants Pass competitors where many PRs were set including Cynthia Burns, 200; Margerita Hernandez, 100; Cullen Beery, 200; Michael Danley, 110 hurdles; Tyler Blind, 3,000; Kiowa

Fitzwater, 100 and discus; Jeremy Johann, 110 hurdles; Seth Kitchens, 200 and pole vault; Josh Medina, long jump; and Hunter Wilde, 400 and 1,500.

The trio of young sprinters Amy Burns, Lilly Pyle and Cynthia Burns were caught in a drenching downpour at the start of the 200 but it didn't slow them down and they were wet and smiling as they headed for dry clothes and blankets.

The other two athletes at the Grants Pass Rotary Invitational were Pepe Mendoza tossing the javelin 126 feet and Boez gracefully high jumping 4 feet 6 inches, a little short

for her but she's due for a good outing at the home meet this Friday.

Everything is finally in place for the first meet on the new track at IVHS with many teams coming May 6 at 4 p.m. There will be exciting competition and every event will set a track record that won't be broken until next year.

Also competing Friday will be exchange student Melinda Fechner, all the way from Switzerland who at home is an accomplished ballerina and ice hockey athlete who plans to attend college in Alaska. Wow! See you at the track Friday.

Illinois Valley Wrestling Club wraps up a successful season

The Illinois Valley Wrestling Club would like to say thank you to the community for all the support we have received. We couldn't be a club without the community supporting us. The wrestling season is coming to an end and we had a great year. All of our wrestlers have worked hard and did their best at every tournament this season. We are very proud of our wrestlers and many of our wrestlers brought home first place medals. Thank you to everyone who helped out the wrestling club this last season. Please keep in mind of our spaghetti dinner and auction fundraiser that will happen later on this year.

January was our state tournament. We had 13 wrestlers go to Salem to wrestle for

first through sixth place medals. Out of 13 wrestlers, we had six wrestlers place.

Michah Martinho – forth place
Dillion Shirley – fifth place
Josh Polk – fourth place
Ryon Martinho – fifth place
Reed Rhoades - sixth place
Ryan Griffin – sixth place

Usually the wrestling season is over after the state tournament, but some of our wrestlers continue on. We have about a handful of kids who decide to stay and continue to wrestle and travel to many other tournaments through-out the year. Our wrestlers are hard workers and we are proud of them. Go Cougars!



Top row: President Wolfgang Mundt, Josh Polk, Eli Mattocks, Daniel Polk, Ryan Griffin, Rowdy Stone, Haze Brill, coach Gene Griffin; Middle row: Peyton Mattocks, Ethan Green, Michah Martinho, Brenden Ingram, Talen Schaffer, Ryon Martinho, Kaiden Green; Bottom row: Adanai Romero, Kaiden Holbrook, Rayden Mundt, Jaron Pope, Jesse Conn, Garrett White, Reed Rhoades, James Conn

-2016-
Golf Tournament
Grad Night

-Date-
Saturday
May 14th

-Fee-
\$40 Per person
includes
Post round Meal

Fundraiser for the class of 2016 at the Illinois Valley Golf course starting at 9am. Two person teams, 9 holes, and a long drive contest!

Please help in providing a safe celebrating environment for the students after Graduation

Information
Sign up sheets will be posted at the golf course
Or
call at 541-592-3525

Guests
Come meet IV's finest from the Girls Golf team
Seniors Skyla Patton and
Kynan Nordal

Mother's Day Champagne Brunch
Presented by:
Kevin Gillette Catering
Sunday May 8th, 2016
9:00 AM-1:00 PM
115 S. Redwood Hwy, Cave Junction

Featuring
Orange and Grapefruit Mimosas
Spring Vegetable or Ham & Pepper Frittata
Homemade Biscuits & Gravy
Belgian Waffle with Berries and Fresh Whip Cream
Roasted Rosemary Potatoes, Sautéed Vegetables
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Email k.gillette.catering@gmail.com
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To honor God in all that I do and say.
To treat people with dignity and respect.
To continue to address with confidence the many difficult issues facing our County.
To remember that I am not a shill for any individual, political party or community organization.
To work hard to increase the involvement citizens to vote and become involved in our county's affairs.
To support that which makes any society a success: a strong and innovative business community tempered with compassion that sees individuals not as specimens of societal experiments but as fellow humans of worth and value.

Kate's REDWOOD
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Now Open Sundays
Noon - 6 p.m.
&
9-ball
Thursdays @ 7:30

eclipse

Friday, May 6
@ 5:30 p.m.

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Circle of Stone
Saturday, May 7 @ 6

Every Wednesday
Open MIC Night
6 - 8 p.m.

Jay Barley
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Karaoke w/ Steve
Friday, May 6 at 9 p.m.

Free Pool Games on
Sundays

@
Sportsman Tavern

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Hump Day Karaoke with Jammer Dave
8 p.m. - midnight

OPEN MIC
THURSDAYS 7 - 10 PM

Road Rage Duo
Saturday, May 7
8 - 11 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo
Taco Party
Thursday, May 5
w/ DJ GalxSee
7 p.m.

Fancy Hats Garden Party
Sat., May 7, 2 p.m.
Music by Jen Ambrose &
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