



CRUSADERS SPEAR COUGARS - Illinois Valley lost 67-46 against St. Mary's from Medford in Ken Mann Memorial Gym at I.V. High School Wednesday night, Dec. 1. The Crusaders took a 17-7 lead in the first quarter and increased it to 37-16 by the half in the nonleague contest. Ben Latva scored 22 points for the Cougars (0-2), but no other teammates scored double figures. (Photos by Dale Sandberg)

Cougar girls play well vs. Gold Beach

Illinois Valley's Sheena Cole was chosen for the All-Tournament Team at the annual Gold Beach event Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4.

The Cougar girls claimed the consolation title after bouncing back Saturday from a Friday loss to Coquille. On Saturday the I.V. girls defeated Santiam

46-26 and Brookings 43-40. The Lady Cougars 3-1) were hot on rebounding, with Sarah Houston and Serena Barry nabbing 11 each. Emily Dudley turned in 19 points for I.V.

The girls were to play Eagle Point Tuesday night, Dec. 7 in Ken Mann Memorial Gym.

The Cougar boys started

strong Friday in the tourney, clobbering Gold Beach 72-45. Ben Latva led I.V. with 16 points.

He was backed by Kalen Snook and Jon Paul, who each dropped in 13.

But Saturday, the Cougar boys lost to Bandon 72-59 and Phoenix 76-39.

Snook led the Cougs with 9 points vs. Phoenix. Against Bandon he netted 20 points.

The I.V. boys (1-4) played Eagle Point in an away-game Tuesday.



The check is 'in the mail'

IRS owes nearly \$710,000 to more than 1,100 Oregonians whose 2003 tax refund checks were mailed to them but returned to post offices, said U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Gordon Smith (R-Ore.).

The refund checks likely were returned due to bad addresses, the senators said, urging Oregonians to contact the IRS to check on any outstanding refunds.

Taxpayers who think that they might be missing a refund check can phone the IRS toll-free assistance line at (800)829-1040 or use wyden.senate.gov or gsmith.senate.gov for a link to the IRS refund website.

If Oregon taxpayers move or change their address and fail to notify IRS or the U.S. Postal Service, a check sent to their last known address is returned to IRS. It is holding checks belonging to 1,155 Oregonians. The smallest refund outstanding is \$1; the largest is for more than \$29,000.

Other large outstanding refund checks include one for \$17,600 and another for \$10,100. The average Oregon refund amount is \$613. The refunds can be reissued as soon as the taxpayers correct or update their addresses with IRS.

Blotter ...

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file from an employee's desk while she was on the phone, she reported.

*Warning lights were down after a single-vehicle MVA on Redwood Hwy. at Laurel Road at 3:15 p.m.

*A Selma man reported having found his machete and other items in a boy's fort.

*A dead dog on the roadway on Lakeshore Drive constituted a traffic hazard.

*On Deer Creek Road a woman said that her neighbor's dogs bark constantly.

Monday, Nov. 29

*Six weeks ago someone removed survey stakes from a property on Schumacher Street, a man said.

*Following a dispute in the 2000 block of Caves Hwy., parties were advised of options.

*Four handguns were reported taken from a residence on Robinson Corner Road.

*Several guns were reported missing from a residence in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*Drunk and disorderly, a man was advised to stay off the roadway in Kerby.

*Although no one was supposed to be there, a man on Rockydale Road said that he saw a light on at the house next door. When he checked, a deputy found no one.

*A woman said she loaned her car to her boyfriend, who loaned it to someone else., but won't tell her who.

*In the 10000 block of Caves Hwy. a young boy was bitten by the neighbor's dog, according to a report.

*On N. Junction Avenue, a woman reported a suspicious

noise outside around 11 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

*An abandoned vehicle was found on private property on Takilma Road.

*Although a deputy found no intruders the night before, a house on Rockydale Road had indeed been ransacked, and the neighbor said he would like deputy contact.

*Left at a property on Takilma Road until another location could be found for them, goats had been sold without permission.

*Someone removed both license plates from his vehicle parked near the Junction Inn, a man said.

*Sometime in the last six months, two firearms came up missing, said a man on Page Creek Road.

*A small child was responsible for a 911 hang-up call from S. Sawyer Avenue.

*A driver was warned for failure to carry proof of insurance, failure to carry and present a driver's license and for defective equipment.

*In violation of a restraining order a man was attempting to gain entry to a residence on Deer Creek Road.

*Donald James Worthey was arrested on charges of restraining order violation, possession of a controlled substances/meth and marijuana.

*Large paintings and a house key were taken from a residence on Schumacher Street, a woman said at 8 p.m.

*Three threatening phone calls were received by a woman on N. Redwood Hwy., giving her reason to fear for her safety after work, she said.

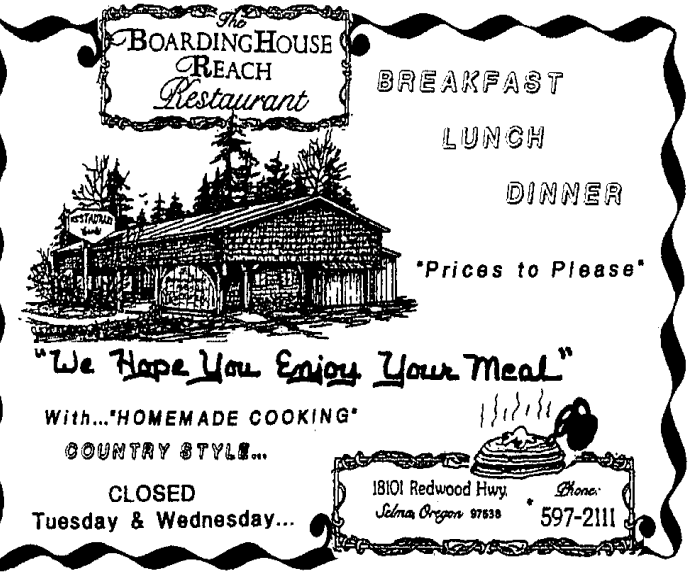
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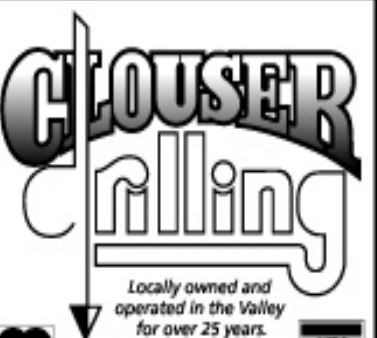


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