



place in the 100-pound Novice class. Jesse Swift (not pictured) also took 5th place in his class. (Photos provided by Ward Winter)

**YOUTH WRESTLING** - Illinois Valley was strongly represented at the Oregon State Kids/Cadets Championship Collegiate Wrestling Tournament held Jan. 29 and 30 at Clackamas High School. Among 17 I.V. wrestlers, (photos clockwise from top left) Logan Miller took first place in the 70-pound Bantam class; Gabe Miller took 5th place in the 70-pound Midget class; (from left) Quayde Fisher, 5th place, 105-pound Schoolboy, Sam Winter, 1st place, 130-pound Schoolboy, and Jacob Miller, 5th place, 125-pound Cadet; Logan Miller wrestling in the second round on the way to his 1st place finish; and Lucas Harris, who took 6th

## Cougar wrestling team makes good in three meets

After placing third at the Willamette Invitational Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 22, the Illinois Valley High School wrestling team went to Phoenix on Thursday, Jan. 27 for a double duel with North Valley.

The Cougars beat North Valley 43-34 before they soundly beat Phoenix 51-16.

On Saturday, Jan. 29 the I.V. team went to the Cottage Grove Invitational,

where it placed second out of nearly 30 teams, losing out only to 4-A, powerhouse Newburg.

Besides being the second-place team, the Cougars crowned three individual champions:

\*Jessie Swift, 130 lbs.

\*Adam Miller, 140 lbs.

\*Paulo Rocha, 145 lbs.

Of the 11 Cougar varsity wrestlers, 10 earned fifth place or better medals.

Larry Ragsdale (103) Jacob Miller (119), Jerrad Miller (125) and Sam Green (135) all took fifth places. Anthony Miller (160) and Lefi Tausaga (171) both took third place.

The victories represent the highest team finish at Cottage Grove for the Cougars on record.

Next up for I.V. wrestlers is a match at Rogue River on Thursday, Feb. 3.

After that they'll be off to district at Henry High School, where the Cougars are a force that will have to be reckoned with.



**MUSTANGS KICK COUGARS** - Illinois Valley High School boys varsity basketball team lost 87-47 to Hidden Valley in Ken Mann Memorial Gym on Friday, Jan. 28. The loss dropped the Cougars to 0-6, in the basement of the Skyline Conference. The Mustangs now have a 6-0 Skyline record. Top man for the Cougars Friday was Kalen Snook, who turned in 11 points and had seven rebounds plus blocking four shots. The Mustangs were led by Nick Hayter, who was good for 20 points. I.V. was to play Phoenix in Ken Mann Memorial Gym on Tuesday Feb. 1. (Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg.)

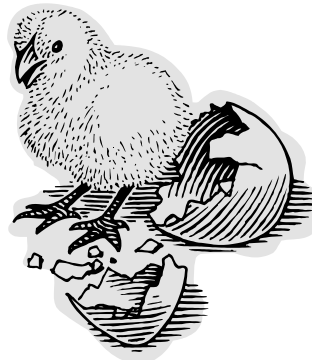
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