

# Sports



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

TJ Hughey took first place at the Southern Cascade League Tourney in the 171 lb. division, at home Thursday, Jan. 30.

## IVHS takes SCL tourney win

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This last week the IVHS wrestling team took first place in the SCL Tournament. In addition to IVHS, the tournament featured Rogue River, Lakeview and Chiloquin high schools. Zack Clark took first place in his division at 113; Brandon

Perez first in his division at 120; Eric Miller placed second at 126; Mack Crandall placed first in weight division at 138; Logan Miller took first in the weight division at 145; senior T.J. Hughey placed first in his division at 171; senior John Britt placed first in his division at 184; and senior Julian Northrup placed first in his division at 195.

Jay Miller was awarded Coach of the Year during the tournament while Logan Miller received Outstanding Wrestler in the lower weights.

On Thursday, Feb. 6, IVHS challenges Glide, the 3-A champs in a duel at IVHS starting at 6 p.m. The Cougars then travel to Cottage Grove on Saturday, Jan. 8, for the Cottage Grove Invitational.

"Thursday's tournament was what we kind of expected," said Coach Ted Hall. "Cottage Grove will be tough."

Right now, the IVHS wrestling team is gearing up for districts in three weeks which will be held in Lakeview.

## The "Fab Six" pulls off one, drops one

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This past week the IVHS Cougars went up against two of their toughest opponents, Cascade Christian Challengers and the Lakeview Honkers.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, the Challengers traveled to IVHS. The Lady Cougars went up against Cascade Christian first, giving the Challengers a tough time.

"The girls were in the game the whole time, we just needed to make a couple more free-throw shots," said head coach Loren King.

Cascade Christian's girls were all over Kimberly Crow, making sure she did not get to many shots in, but Naviya Dixon was able to put 18 points on the board for the Cougars. Despite the tough pressure on Crow throughout the game, she was able to score eight points.

By the second quarter the Challengers were up 11 points with IVHS trailing slightly behind with six. Cascade Christian was able to get nine of 21 free-throws, while IVHS struggled to get two of their six free-throw shots. For King, the difference in free-throw shots is what made this game.

With the game close all the way through, the purple and yellow Challengers took the game with a score of 40-38.

The Cougar boys seemed to struggle with just six players against the Challengers. The Challengers won the game, 60-40. Even with a lack of players the guys managed to get points on the board. Zach Welch was the leading scorer with 27 points. Lander Nordal put eight points on the scoreboard and had seven rebounds. Michael Weiver scored two points and had two steals and seven assists.

With the lack of substitutes for IVHS they were behind most of the game. At halftime IVHS was down 36-26 and by the beginning of

the fourth quarter the Cougars had fallen behind 47-33.

"The guys were tired near the end of the game but they were able to hold their own throughout the game," said head coach Jeff Winters.

On Friday, Jan. 31 the IVHS basketball teams made the long trek to go up against Lakeview. Again, the girls gave it their all during the game but came up short with a loss of 46-38.

During the game, the Honkers covered Crow and Dixon, making it harder for the Cougars to score. IVHS did have better luck with free-throw shots, making 15 out of 25. However, because of the coverage on Dixon and Crow, the Cougars struggled with making field goals which, according to King, is what determined this game.

The IVHS boys' basketball team seemed to flaunt their court skills against Lakeview during their Friday game, with the "fab six" still

holding the basketball team together.

Nordal was at the top of his game, with an all-around career high. He scored nine points, had 14 rebounds, three steals and seven assists. Kade Doyle scored 18 points for the Cougars, while Welch put nine on the board. Tannan Thompson was a great asset for the team also scoring four points.

With the Honkers proving to be a tough opponent for the Cougars, IVHS held strong, leading most of the game. In the first quarter IVHS had the lead with a score of 12-11. By halftime the Honkers were leading 29-19.

The Cougars decided to not hand the game over easily, took the game back over and were leading going into the fourth quarter 37-34. Unfortunately, by the end of the game IVHS had lost their steam and Lakeview took the win, 59-49.

The Cougar basketball teams were set to play after spring time on Tuesday, Feb. 4, against the Chiloquin Panthers during a home game.

## Boys and Girls Club basketball season off to a great start

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The Boys and Girls Club basketball program is in its third week of the 2014 season. This season is a little different from past seasons because there are no girls' teams. Scott Thornhill, director of the Illinois Valley club, is not sure as to why there was not enough interest to form any girls teams. Although right now Lorna Byrne's basketball season for the girls is currently going on.

This season there are three boys teams for the Boys and Girls Club in the Valley. The second/third grade team is coached by Ryan Brunner, with seven players on the ros-

ter. The fourth/fifth grade team is coached by Ray Johnson and has 12 players. The middle-school team is coached by Tony Hess and also with 12 players.

So far the second/third grade team has played two games with a 1-1 record. The fourth/fifth grade and middle school teams had their third game each this past Saturday at IVHS. The fourth/fifth grade team went up against Highland/Manzantia and lost. They currently have a 1-2 record.

"We have a young team this year, with two fifth-graders and ten fourth-graders. The team hit a hiccup this last game, but I am positive that we will win the next game," said coach Ray Johnson.

Johnson is confident in the players, saying they have a good chemistry as a team.

The middle-school team, competed against North Middle School on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the IVHS gym. The middle-school won the game and is sitting on a 3-0 record. Coach Tony Hess, who also coached the LBMS basketball team, is using this Boys and Girls Club season as a sort of make-up for the lost games that the LBMS basketball season endured.

"We are using this time to develop skills further for the next level, making sure that when the kids get to the high-school level, they will have the knowledge," said Hess.

Hess' goal for this season is to

have the team go undefeated and go to the championships. He also hopes to continue to develop the skills of participants of the younger sports programs in order to have good high-school teams to represent the Valley for years to come.

Bryce Brunner and Caleb Hess, two players on the middle school team, are also participating in the Amateur Athlete Union (AAU) program. The AAU is one of the nation's largest multi-sport organizations that further develops amateur sports and physical fitness. Brunner and Hess currently are on the Hidden Valley team in Grants Pass and travel to Medford for games. Hess is using Brunner and Caleb's extra basketball experience to help the other players

out on the middle-school team. Hess would also like to see a few AAU teams out in the Valley within a few years.

The second/third grade team is scheduled to play against Madrona/New Hope on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at IVHS. The fourth/fifth grade basketball team is scheduled to go up against Lincoln in Grants Pass on Saturday, Feb. 8, while the middle-school team is scheduled to compete on Saturday, Feb. 8, also in Grants Pass against South Middle School.

For further information on the Boys and Girls Club basketball season and scheduling go to [www.be-great4kids.com](http://www.be-great4kids.com) or contact the Illinois Valley Boys and Girls Club at 541-592-6151.

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