

Cougar hoopsters off to a slow start

Boys

The Cougars traveled to Crescent City Tuesday, Dec. 6, to take on the Del Norte Warriors in nonleague action. After Del Norte scored the first five points, the Cougars got to the hoop often in the first half to keep it close, with a first quarter score of 13-11 and 30-21 at the half. The Warriors turned up the intensity in the second half, particularly on defense,

finishing the game with a score of 58-31.

Coach Matt Knight said of his team, "Our last game versus Del Norte out of Crescent City was a hard fought battle for the first half. During the second half, my guys ran out of gas a little bit and they kind of ran away with the game. I am proud of the way my team played during the first half of the game and am looking forward to us playing more games like that. Skylar McLanahan had one of the best

defensive games anyone on our team has had in a couple of years."

The Cougars will play next at home against New Hope Christian Tuesday, Dec. 13, and will be home again the following Tuesday, Dec. 20, going against Pleasant Hill.

Girls

The girls traveled to Crescent City where

the Del Norte Warriors slowly pulled away throughout the game, scoring a few more points than the Cougars each quarter. The second quarter started at 10-3, with Illinois Valley reeling off five quick points. The Warriors then put on a rebounding show and kept pulling away. The final score was 45-26.

The Lady Cougars' next home games will be against New Hope Christian Dec. 13 and Pleasant Hill Dec. 20.

IVCDO wants to help you make child care your business

Are you passionate about providing a quality learning environment for children? Would you like to stay home with your own children while earning a living? Are you currently baby-sitting for a DHS recipient but not getting reimbursed? Learn about child care business options, free, without driving out of the Valley, Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. -noon at the I.V. branch library.

The Illinois Valley Community

Development Organization (IVCanDO) is forming a Child Care Business Cohort. The introductory session Feb. 11 will explain the different levels of certification required to provide paid child care. Participants who decide to pursue this opportunity will then be welcome to join the Child Care Business Cohort, where they can take the four required classes to become fully certified, without leaving the Illinois Valley. Cohort members can

also receive free business counseling and can apply to IVCanDO's microloan program for low interest loans to start their business.

"There is currently ZERO licensed or certified child care available in the Illinois Valley," said Kate Dwyer, IVCanDO's community development coordinator. "Establishing child care solutions is an action item in the IV 20/20 Community Vision and Strategic Plan, and traveling to Grants

Pass or Medford can be a barrier for local entrepreneurs. It's unique that we are bringing the classes here, and tying them to business counseling and financial assistance. We want local people to succeed while serving local needs."

People who are currently doing child care without certification can feel safe attending this class to learn how to become legal. "No one here is looking to turn in casual operators,"

said Dwyer. "Barring evidence of abuse or dire lack of safety, it's none of our business what folks are doing now. We are here to help people become legitimate businesses." The introductory class is also open to people who work in family agencies or job placement to come learn more about this sector so they can advise their clients.

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