

# Sports

## Lady Cougars win: Hold 1st place in league

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After spending a week stuck in the Valley like the Donner Party, the Lady Cougars shoveled out and played challenging back-to-back games in Medford Friday and then Lakeview Saturday. Coach Serena Barry had a lot to say about the efforts of her team:

"Friday Jan. 17 at St. Mary's, senior point guard Aundrea Miller spent almost the whole first quarter on the bench after picking up two quick fouls in the first minute of the game. We were down two going into the second quarter, and on a controversial blocking foul against Miller toward the beginning of the second quarter, we again were forced to play without

our floor leader for the rest of the half. The aggressive pressure from St. Mary's forced us to turn the ball over a lot, however our defense was able to keep the score close enough and we went into halftime down by four, 20-16. Miller came out focused in the second half and quickly began attacking the hoop and drawing fouls and facilitating with numerous assists to Johnson and Brooks. I.V. outscored St. Mary's 19-17 in the third, and with only a two point deficit going into the fourth, we knew that we were going to have to take care of the ball and our defense was going to have to be solid to pick up the win. Miller was composed handling the ball even with multiple defenders on her and was able to get the basket and finish and draw fouls, scoring nine of

I.V.'s 15 fourth quarter points. Tori Johnson led the cougars in scoring with 19 points in the game, shooting nine for 12 from the free throw line, all of those in the second half. Miller finished with 13 points and Brooks with 10 points. Senior Roza Jonas was given a tough defensive assignment on their best shooter and was crucial in holding them to only nine fourth quarter points. I.V. took the lead with about four minutes left in the game and was able to hold on to it the rest of the time. Johnson was strong on the defensive boards all game, but picked up a crucial offensive rebound off a missed free throw in the end and they were forced to foul her. She made her two free throws to give us a comfortable four point lead with 10 seconds remaining and we were able

to pick up a major victory in our first league game. Score 50-46. It was a great team effort."

Barry continued with a description of their next day's league game: "After getting home late from St. Mary's, we got up early the next morning Saturday to travel to Lakeview and play another tough league opponent. The Cougars went into halftime with a three point lead, led by Johnson, Miller and Brooks. With a back and forth battle in the second half, it was very evenly matched. Brooks scored eight of her 13 points in the second half and shot eight for 12 from the free throw line, grabbing 10 rebounds. Miller had 14 points and seven assists. Johnson led the team in scoring with 15 points, with four 3-pointers. The last 3-point

shot came after Lakeview took a one point lead with under a minute left in the game. With a kick out from Miller, Johnson drained the 3 to put I.V. up by two with 13 seconds left. Lakeview got a shot attempt and missed it. Brooks got the defensive rebound and was fouled. She made one of her two double bonus free throws to give I.V. a three point lead with two seconds left to secure the win 47-44. The Lady Cougars are now 2-0 in league with that huge victory."

Cascade Christian will visit I.V. Tuesday, Jan. 17 and Gold Beach will be in town Saturday, Jan. 21. It looks as though the girls are going to make it an exciting season, so when they are in town, come out and show your support.

## BLM announces mineral withdrawal

Portland, Ore. —The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced today that the assistant secretary for Land and Minerals Management has signed a public land order for a 20-year term withdrawing lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the BLM in the southwest corner of Oregon, subject to valid existing rights.

This withdrawal includes 95,805 acres of National Forest System lands on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, and 5,216 acres of Bureau of Land Management public lands in the Medford and Coos Bay districts of the BLM. The lands are in Josephine and Curry counties. The assistant secretary's order withdraws these lands from settlement,

sale, location, and entry under the public land laws, location and entry under the U.S. mining laws, and operation of the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, for a period of 20 years while Congress considers legislation to permanently withdraw those areas. This action will also protect the natural resources in the southwestern Oregon watersheds from possible adverse effects of mineral development.

This withdrawal does not prohibit or restrict any other authorized uses on these lands. The withdrawal protects these watersheds from possible adverse effects of mineral development. Also, while this action prohibits the location of new mining claims, it does not prohibit ongoing or future mining

exploration or extraction operations on valid pre-existing mining claims.

The area covered by this action is generally known as the Klamath Mountains and includes the Rough and Ready-Baldface Creek and the Hunter Creek-North Fork Pistol River subwatersheds of southwestern Oregon. The defining characteristic of the proposal is the North Fork of the Smith River, which originates in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness and drains most of the area under consideration for withdrawal. Creeks that feed into the North Fork and other rivers that flow to the Oregon Coast offer unique ecological features stemming from the confluence of the Coast Range, Cascades, and Siskiyou Mountains.

A high concentration of rare plants, forested trails, and scenic views are all emblematic of these drainages. Rough and Ready Creek and Baldface Creek are listed as eligible for National Wild and Scenic River designation by the U.S. Forest Service. The areas protected include the watershed of the National Wild and Scenic North Fork Smith River in Oregon and the watershed of Rough and Ready Creek. These rivers are known for their wild salmon and steelhead populations, and provide vital economic, recreation and natural resources to the area.

Additional information about the BLM's mineral program is available online at: [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov).

## LIBRARY . . .

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This is why the Josephine Community Libraries Board of Directors and the Keep Our Libraries Open political action committee decided to bring the issue back to the voters, specifically those who have already voted in support of a tax-funded library. The non-contiguous boundaries of the proposed district will encompass only those precincts that voted in favor of the 2014 district. A list of those precincts is available on the JCLI website.

Just like the previous proposal, this district would have its own taxing authority

and voter-elected governing body, separate from county government. Funds raised by the tax could only be used for the library district, and could not be diverted to other county departments.

The proposed Library District will potentially be on the ballot in May 2017. The Josephine County Board of Commissioners will be holding a public hearing on the proposal for formation of the library district Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 9 a.m. at Anne Basker Auditorium in Grants Pass. More information on the proposed library district is available at [www.josephinelibrary.org](http://www.josephinelibrary.org) and [www.keepourlibrariesopen.com](http://www.keepourlibrariesopen.com).

## CITY . . .


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The new mayor then stated that his No. 1 priority is to improve law enforcement and criminal justice services. He suggested that the council look into raising revenue for law enforcement through creative taxing. "Taxes are a useful tool for discouraging harmful activities and encouraging productive activities. When thinking of potential taxes to refer to the voters of the city, let us consider harms such as carbon emissions, other environmental pollution, poisons in the food supply, alcohol, tobacco and even cannabis," he said.

The council also granted their first cannabis business license to PAPA's dispensary and approved a zoning change for a proposed retirement community to be located in Downtown Cave Junction.

Mayor Dalegowski's former council seat remains open and the council is seeking applications for potential replacements. Applications are available at city hall. Applicants must be city residents who are registered to vote. The council will review the applications and vote for a replacement at the Feb. 13 council meeting.

The Cave Junction City Council meets the second Monday of each month, with additional meetings added as necessary. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at 222 W. Lister Street. The public is welcome.



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