

# COUGAR NATION NEWS

May 2025

Dear Cougar Families:

As the spring sunshine brightens our days, there's a fresh energy in the air — and with it, the excitement of our final push toward the end of a successful school year! This season reminds us that growth and hard work bloom into great achievements, and I am so proud of how our school community continues to live out our RED core values of Respect, Excellence, and Determination every day.

First, a huge congratulations to our Mathletes team, who proudly brought home 3rd place for their annual competition. Their dedication to academic excellence is truly inspiring, and we celebrate their hard work and outstanding achievement.

We also had the pleasure of hosting a memorable Prom in our new athletic facility. It was wonderful to see so many students come together to create a night full of joy, style, and positive memories. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a well-attended and enjoyable event!

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, let's stay focused, finish strong, and continue lifting one another up. Thank you for being a part of this extraordinary community.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2....Start of FFA Plant Sale  
May 5...Start of Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 7...Incoming Freshman Night 5:30  
May 8...FFA Banquet  
May 13...Scholarship Night  
May 14...Val/Sal Luncheon  
May 16...Tailgate Party  
May 20....GSA to SOU  
May 22...Music Concert  
May 29...Last Day for Seniors  
June 2...Graduation  
June 5...Last Day of School

## Senior Information

The Safe and Sober Grad Night committee is looking for volunteers to chaperone. Please contact Shelly White for more information @ [shelly.white@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:shelly.white@threerivers.k12.or.us) or 541-592-2116 X 3517

Scholarship night is coming up on May 13. If you are receiving anything you will get an invitation to attend.

The Val/Sal luncheon is May 14 at the District Office.

Seniors last day of school is May 29.

Graduation is Monday, June 2 this year. Seniors need to be in the gym by 5:15pm to get ready and lined up for the ceremony.

If you want to decorate your grad cap remember that it must be school appropriate and must be flat. Example...do NOT glue plastic ducks on it. Nothing can stick up.

## Congratulations to this years Valedictorians & Salutatorian...

Megan Creek, Kami Scott & Isaiah Trotter are this years valedictorians and Indio Heberlein is the class of 2025 salutatorian.  
Good job!

We conducted the Rotary 4 Way Speech Contest on Monday, March 31st, and Tuesday, April 1st. This took place at the Wild River Pizza Deli in Cave Junction. We had 3 IVHS students compete. In first place was Evelyn Guzman, in 2nd place was Megan Creek, and in 3rd place was Kaylynn Thompson. 1st place won \$150, 2nd place won \$100, and 3rd won \$50.

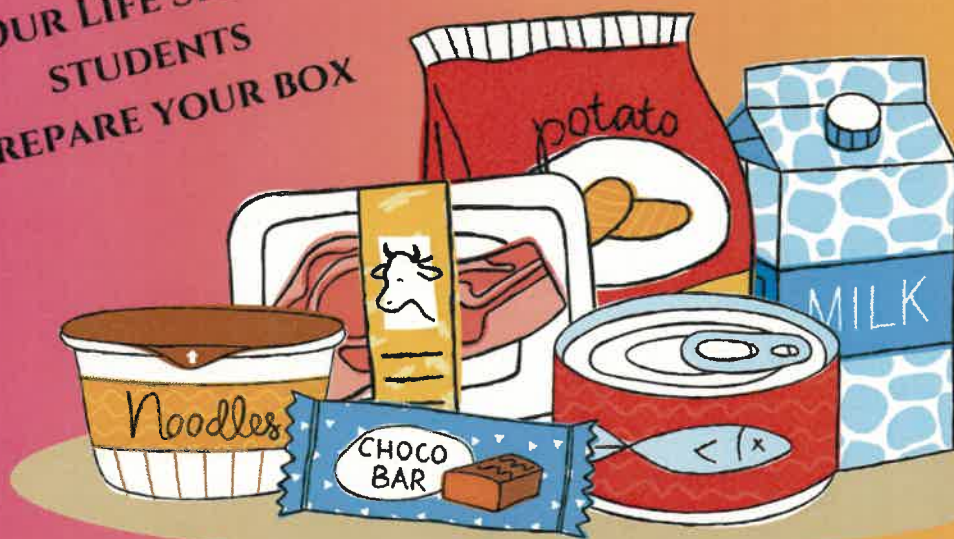
Coach Reece  
Academic Enhancement Program Coordinator  
Serving Students in The Illinois Valley  
SOSA, SOSA GED, and IVHS Regular Education



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# FOOD PANTRY

OUR LIFE SKILLS  
STUDENTS  
PREPARE YOUR BOX



## Free Food Boxes Available for Families

Every Thursday, we have food boxes ready for families to pick up, thanks to the Hidden Valley High School food bank.

If you would like to receive a free box, please contact the school at 541-592-2116 or email Shalana at [shalana.yarbrough@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:shalana.yarbrough@threerivers.k12.or.us).

If you're unable to pick up the box, don't worry! Contact us, and we can make arrangements for delivery.



**ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY**

**PLANT SALE**

**MAY 2-4**

**9AM - 4PM**



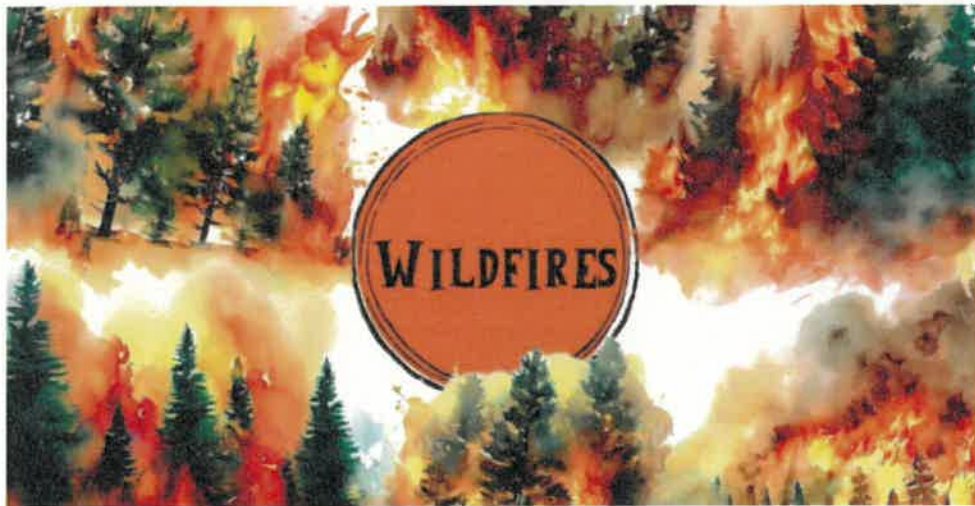
**IVHS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT &  
ILLINOIS VALLEY FFA**

**LOCATION: GREENHOUSE  
625 E. RIVER ST. CAVE JUNCTION, OR**





# MAY IS WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH



WILDFIRE ART - ETSY

## Supplies For To-Go Kit:

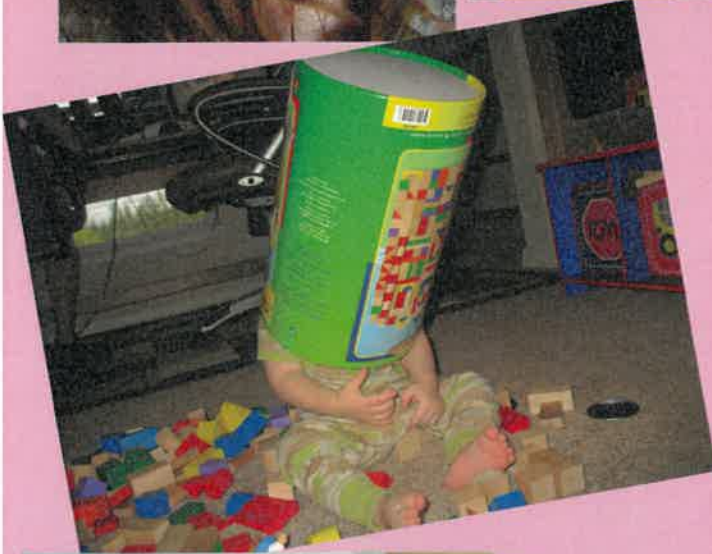
- Water Non-Perishable food
- Medications First Aid Kit
- Blankets Extra Clothing
- Diapers/Wipes (if needed)
- Pet supplies (if needed)
- Duct tape
- Flashlight
- Pocket knife or Multi tool
- Cell phone chargers
- Toilet paper & sanitary products
- Resealable plastic bags or Trash bags
- Weather/Emergency Broadcast radios



## How To Prepare:

- Reduce the number of flammable materials in your home
- Protect your roof - trim anything that could potentially catch fire
- Make household emergency plan with your family
- Keep important documents in a safe place make sure they are easy to access
- Make an emergency to-go kit Sign up for emergency notices and alerts in your area





Senior baby pictures





# GOODWILL TRAILER FUNDRAISER

Drop off items at IVHS on the day of the fundraiser – Goodwill gives us \$.25 per pound of donated goods. All money goes to the music program!

## WE ACCEPT:

clothing - bedding - shoes - linens - books - DVDs  
- CDs - tools - collectables - antiques -  
housewares - small electrical items - working  
flat screen TVs

\*for information what is not accepted, please  
reach out to Emily Warren.



May 30, 2025



9AM-3PM



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Contact for questions:  
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# 2025 POPS CONCERT

*Lorna Byrne Middle School Yard*

## DATE & TIME

May 22 - 6PM

## INCLUDING

Kona Ice, Raffle  
Baskets, Disney music,  
and more!



## FEATURING

LBMS Music  
IVHS Music

Bring lawn chairs,  
picnic blankets, and  
dinner!