

COUGAR CHRONICLE

Second Edition

October 2008

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT IVHS!

WE LOVED THE DUCKS!

The Little Yellow Rogue River Swimmers That Is!

Our heartfelt thanks to the Rotarians and businesses in Josephine County. These amazing people have donated an incredible amount of time, energy and resources to the students of Josephine County. The Duck Derby is a huge undertaking and without the generosity of these people, it would not have been the huge success it was.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, Bill Thorp was at the Cave Junction Rotary meeting and presented IVHS with a check for **\$27, 197.00** to be used for improvements to our sports facilities.

Without the generosity of local business people, the IV Booster Club, and parents of IV students, we would have not been able to benefit from these matching funds.

These funds will be used to complete the press box and sound system on the football field, the sound system in the gym, and to begin working on improvements to the baseball, softball, and soccer fields.

Pictures of the new press box and a full list of donors will be in next month's newsletter.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the first parent—teacher conference on October the 16th. We had nearly 140 students who were represented by their parents or guardian. This is about 34% of the student body. This year we are able to do the conferences at the mid point of the trimester when interventions can still be effective.

We hope to see more of you at the next conference—January the 29th. Please put it on your calendar and try to make arrangements to be there. Students whose parents stay involved in their education tend to be more successful, graduate from high school, and go to post-secondary education.

Congratulations to the winner of the \$50 gas card—Charlie Foutch.

HOMECOMING ↓

Though the football team was unable to *MAUL THE MUSTANGS*, the theme of the week carried over into a week full of fun. Ms. Hardy and the leadership class did an excellent job of planning and executing some great events for the students. The senior class won the weeklong overall competition. Every day students dressed up according to the themes of the day and daily lunch time competitions were held. Wednesday evening the Freshman /Senior girls won the Powder Puff football game. The seniors won the field night competitions. On Friday, our annual homecoming parade marched to Evergreen Elementary School and through downtown Cave Junction. The students did a great job on their floats and all four class floats were fun and well done. Powder Buff volleyball in the gym followed the parade. The Homecoming King and Queen were crowned at the football game. Congratulations to Brittney Loyd and Bret Latva. The other members of the court were 9th graders Mia King and Frederick Hults, 10th graders Marissa Litak and James Buck, and 11th graders Amy Hart and Eddie Goynes. The week culminated in the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night with the theme of *Drops of Jupiter*. The commons was transformed into a starry galaxy. Students and chaperones reported that it was a great evening.

Students in the News

Mason's Students of the Month



Senior Kevin Snook

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Kevin Snook was named the Mason's Student of the Month for September.

Kevin Snook is the son of Joann and Gary Snook. He has maintained a 3.86 GPA.

Kevin is a member of National Honor Society and the IVHS basketball and track teams. Kevin has been awarded Skyline Conference Honorable Mention in basketball his Sophomore and Junior years.

After graduation Kevin will attend Lane Community College or Southern Oregon University. He would like to play basketball at the college level for either school.

McKenzie Yeoman

The Mason's Student of the Month for October is McKenzie Yeoman. McKenzie is the daughter of Bill Yeoman. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA.

McKenzie is a member of National Honor Society, Mathletes, Cross Country and Track Teams. She has been awarded Most Valuable in Cross Country and Most Inspirational and Most Valuable in Track. McKenzie earned Skyline Conference First Team and Second Team in Cross Country. She has received the Skyline Conference Scholar Athlete Award. McKenzie is the current ASB President.

During the summer, McKenzie was a singer at the OK Corral Restaurant on the Rogue River.

McKenzie is not sure where she will attend college next fall, but she plans to study pre-med and then attend medical school to become a anesthesiologist.



Senior McKenzie Yeoman

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Inductions into National Honor Society will take place on November 12, 2008. Students can be inducted into the National Honor Society after they have earned a 3.5 GPA for two consecutive trimesters. To remain in Honor Society, they must maintain a 3.0 GPA and achieve their CIM by the end of their junior year. *Even though the state is no longer awarding the CIM, TRSD will continue to honor students who have passed all proficiencies in state testing and work samples.* As members of the Honor Society, students engage in fundraisers to raise money for a trip. The trip is designed to be a reward for the students' academic efforts and accomplishments. To learn more about the IVHS's chapter of the National Honor Society, please call Mrs. Tucker @ 592-2116.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

The following students maintained perfect attendance in September

No absences and No tardies

A GREAT DEMONSTRATION OF PERSEVERANCE AND EXCELLENCE!

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Barker-Cortrecht, Thea	Anderson, Zachary	Acosta, Debbie	Anderson, Aleena
Benson, Heather	Aria, Lindsey	Anderson, Jonathan	Anderson, Jack
Byrne, Erin	Bethke, Jesse	Borth, Francine	Barron, Jessica
Crutcher, Emily	Buck, James	Cook, Cambria	Bertram, William
Danko, Jazmyn	Carnes, Isaac	Davis, Timothy	Beteta, Darcy
Denoon, Devon	Crouse, Jordan	Dominguez, Alexander	Compton, Tiffany
Franklin, Megan	Delgado, Mark Daniel	Gerhardt, Arik	Crouse, Cameron
Free, Joshua	Deters, Karley	Goynes, Eddie	Crutchfield, Adam
Gogulski, Rebecca	Duarte, Augustine	Gutshall-douglas, Woody	Dean, Bradley
Grabarz, Briana	Gallegos, Winona	Harland, Callie	Dobie, Erin
Grove, Katrina	Garrotto, Reed	Horton, Matthew	Ellington, Brian
Heath, Angelina	Harris, Lucas	Myers, Sheri	Ewing, Sean
Heise, Christopher	Highbarger, Robin	Nelson-Webbe, Jesakah	Foster, Jacob
Hults, Fredderick	Hoyle, Dean	Nixon, Maggie	Glasgow, Cory
Imerti, CeCe	Hults, Roger	Nordal, Daniel	Goodman, Ian
Joines, Krista	Johnson, Kayla	Pernicka, Casey	Heiller, Todd
Krska, Kenneth	Kreiser, Ashleigh	Robertson, Clinton	Hindle, Rachel
Lavassaur, Danielle	Litak, Marissa	Rowley, Brannen	Kolberg, Thomas
Meyers, Ashley	Mahan, Alex	Siver, David	Loucks, Brittani
Miller, Greyland	Mitchell, Kelly	Steelman, Glen	Mier, David
Orndoff, Jesse	Nordal, Celilo	Stehelin, Cedar	Miner, Megan
Patterson, Cindal	Paulson, Curtis		O'Donnell, Amanda
Rollins, Jessie	Robertson, Casey		Parnemann, Betine
Salas, Jacob	Skidmore, Dylan		Wilson, Travis
Sawall, Rebekah	Tripp, Kyle		Yeoman, Mckenzie
Skiles, Kaitlyn	Van Tassel, Sabrina		
Sowell, Jamie	Vasquez, Geneva		
Terry, Amanda	Whyte, Seth		
Terry, Brian	Windes, Isabella		
Weir, Chase	Yun, Sun		
Wilson, Dylan			

CONGRATULATIONS

College Dreams and the Guiding Lights mentoring Program would like to thank the following students at Illinois Valley High School for their hard work and determination during the past school year.

Kaitlyn Skiles

Ali Buckmaster

Kevin Smith

Devon Denoon

Last year, Guiding Lights awarded over \$1,800 in incentive money to student who showed academic improvement including increasing their GPA's, decreasing their absences, and improving their behavior. We are very proud of all the students we work with and look forward to sharing their future successes!

IMPORTANT DATES

November 10	No School—Staff Development 1st Practice for Winter Sports
November 11	No School—Veterans Day
November 12	Honor Society Induction
November 13	Blood Drive—IVHS gym Fall sports Awards 6 p.m.—8 p.m.
November 19	Thanksgiving Holiday Meal for Lunch
November 24—25	End of First Trimester Finals
November 26	No School—Clerical Day
November 27—28	No School—Thanksgiving Vacation
December 1	No School—Clerical Day
December 2	First Day of the 2nd Trimester
December 18	WinterFest Concert
December 22– Jan. 2	No School—Winter Break

PBS Pays Off for Students & School Environment

IVHS Positive Behavior Program (PBS) got underway on the first day of school with all students. Under the IV Code of *Cougar PRIDE* (perseverance, respect, integrity, discipline and excellence), students moved from area to area learning the expectations of behavior in all areas of the school. The efforts of the staff and students paid off with students setting an exemplary example of PBS during Secretary of State Bill Bradbury's presentation. We were most proud of our students' attentiveness and manners.




As students display behaviors in the PRIDE categories that go above and beyond what is expected, they are recognized by staff who issue these students *Cougar PRIDE* cards. Each week several cards are draw and these students choose a gift. Besides items purchased with dollars raised by the IV Rise-Up committee, generous donations from local businesses such as Dairy Queen and Subway have been used as incentives. So far the students chosen from the many displaying *Cougar PRIDE* include:

Megan Miner	Justin Miles	Kayla Johnson	CeCe Imerti
Ashley Meyers	Rebekah Sawall	Zach Anderson	Woody Gutshall-Douglas

We have great kids at IVHS and salute them for their outstanding efforts showing *Cougar PRIDE* and to our local businesses who help move PBS forward.

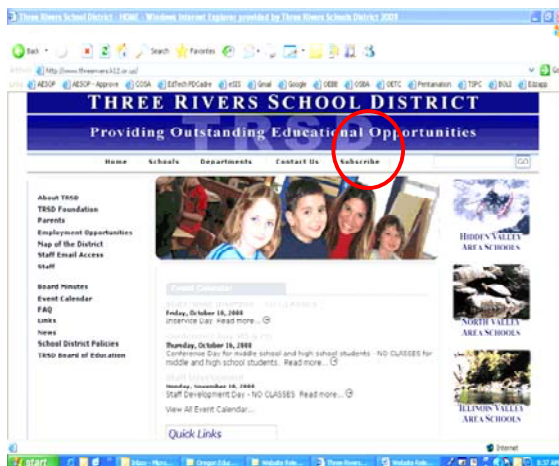
TRSD has a new website design, and your school has a new website address!

Subscribe to your school website and receive an email for:

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-  **Notice of school closures due to poor weather conditions – You’d know in most cases before the media knows!**
-  News events that happen at your school

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District website:
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School	New Website Address
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	
Applegate School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/AP
Evergreen Elementary School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/EV
Fort Vannoy Elementary School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/FV
Fruitdale Elementary School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/FR
Jerome Prairie Elementary School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/JP
Madrona Elementary School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/MD
Manzanita Elementary School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/MZ
Williams Elementary School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/WMS
Wolf Creek Elementary School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/WC
MIDDLE SCHOOLS	
Fleming Middle School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/FMS
Lincoln Savage Middle School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/LSMS
Lorna Byrne Middle School	www.threerivers.k12.or.us/LBMS

Illinois Valley High School Family Advocate Fundraiser



Family Advocate Fundraiser

Buy a ticket for a chance to win a Letterman's Jacket

One letterman's jacket will be raffled off each season at that season's awards banquet. Support the family advocate program at Illinois Valley High School.

Ticket prices are:

1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

The money raised goes to help students in need. You can purchase your ticket at Illinois Valley High School or call Heather Merrill at 541-592-2116 to purchase tickets. *Thank you for your support!*

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North Valley **Christmas Bazaar**



Saturday, December 6, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



North Valley High School
6741 Monument Drive

*Directions: I-5 to Merlin Exit follow sign to intersection of
Merlin-Galice Road & Monument Drive*

*The "Most Talked About" Craft Fair in the area, featuring some
of Southern Oregon's Finest Handcrafts*

FREE ADMISSION

Holiday Raffles throughout the day

Serving: Famous Taco Soup, sandwiches and yummy desserts!

*Proceeds to benefit the Class of 2009 Drug & Alcohol Free
Graduation Celebration*

IV BOOSTER CLUB

NEEDS YOU!

The Booster Club need some committed parents who are willing to work to help our athletic and activities programs.

The work of the Booster Club has secure IVHS atheletic over \$100,000 in the last two years. The Duck Derby matching funds has ended this year, so to continue moving athletics and activities forward, we need good ideas, grant writers, and some people willing to help with fundraising.

Come join us at our next meeting.

October 29 at 6:00 PM.

In the High School

Commons



It's Never Too Early to Brighten a Student's Holiday Season

Since the holiday season is just around the corner, now is the time to remember IVHS students who may be less fortunate.

The annual shoe box drive for Christmas needs your donations. Please, fill a shoes box with unwrapped boy or girl gifts and deliver them to IVHS or call Mrs. Heather Merrill at 541-592-2116 and she will pick them up. Deadline is December 3rd.

A few ideas for girls would be jewelry, makeup, perfume, socks, school supplies, etc; for boys, a wallet, after-shave, socks, watch, hat, school supplies, etc.

Cash donations are also accepted. Mrs. Merrill uses such funds to shop for items to fill even more shoe boxes. Last year's gift drive was an overwhelming success. Over 80 students were surprised with much appreciated gift boxes. Please, help us show over students that people care about them.

COUGAR DEN WEB STORE

We now offer some of our items for sale at the **Cougar Den web store**. You (or your student) can make purchases or pay outstanding bills on your student's account, using a credit or debit card.

To login, first enter the Student ID number. The initial password is set to student's first initial plus last name. For example, the password for Susie Smith would be ssmith. When you login as a student for the first time, we recommend that you change your password.

- For new online purchases, login in at the top of the screen in the spaces provided.

For payments on existing debts or to change your password, click on the link below that reads [login into your Online Account here](#).

We also offer alumni and the general public the ability to make donations and purchases online. To start, click on the "Non-Student" button.

You will be taken to a screen where you can enter your information, which will allow you to purchase items through the online store.

Please note that purchases at the Cougar Den will include a 7.1% convenience fee, to cover the charges for this service. For example, if you are purchasing a \$60.00 Season Family Sports pass, you will be charged \$64.26.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to see more items added to the Cougar Den, call Dianna Hall at 592-2116.

The URL of the Cougar Den is:

<https://thriva.activenetwork.com/Reg4/Form.aspx?IDTD=4007756&RF=1059129>

WINTER SPORTS

Fall sports are coming to an end quickly. Volleyball playoffs will begin this Saturday with Phoenix hosting IV at 7:00 pm. Men's soccer will also be involved in the upcoming playoff season. This game time and location will be announced shortly. Girls soccer has wrapped up their season and are looking to continue improving next year. Football has one league contest yet to play. The Cougars will be hosted by Henley this Friday. The following Friday the Cougars will host Cascade for the final game of the year. A special thanks to the cheerleaders for all their hard work and dedication to helping to keep the spirits of the athletes and the spectators up.

.Winter sports practices begins November 10th. Please make sure you get your paperwork cleared by Mrs. Jackson in the office prior to the first practice date. Best of luck to all the participants.

SCHOOL - PARENT COMPACT

This compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students of Illinois Valley High School will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during school year **2008-2009**.

School Responsibilities : Illinois Valley High School will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards.
 - Quality instruction and programs in reading and mathematics
 - Appropriate and effective remedial programs in basic skills
 - Individualized assessment and instruction as necessary
 - A staff committed to meeting the needs of the whole child
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:
 - October 16, 2008 & April 30, 2009
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
 - Mid-Term Progress Reports. & Monthly School Newsletters
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
 - Parents may call to schedule appointments or leave messages for staff by calling 592-2116. Teachers will return your calls in a timely manner. Parents can also reach teachers by email through the District website threeivers.k12.or.us
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:
 - Parents are encouraged to volunteer and be active members of the IVHS community. Please call the main office to find out about how you may best offer your time and services.

Parent Responsibilities: We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Monitoring attendance.
- Making sure that homework is completed.
- Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.

Student Responsibilities: I, as a student, will share the responsibility to improve my academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, I will:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need to.
- Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB VISITS EUROPE IN THE SUMMER OF 2009

The International Club is planning a trip to France and Spain for Summer 2009! If you would like more information about how to send your child on a trip they will never forget, contact Kirsten Valenzuela at kirsten.valenzuela@threerivers.k12.or.us. We would love to have as many students as possible experience the wonders of Europe.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

To accommodate both the LBMS and IVHS sports schedules, the Health Center will have reduced rate sports physicals available according to the following schedule this school year:

October 20 – November 14, 2008

December 15 – December 19, 2008

February 9 – February 27, 2009

Plus one week at the end of the school year to encourage kids to plan ahead for next fall, from June 1 – June 9, 2009.

The reduced price is \$15.00 (regular price for sports physicals done at any other time of the year is \$35.00).

Any questions, please call – Carolyn Litak at 592-2116.