

Illinois Valley High School honored as one of best in U.S.

Out of 18,790 U.S. public schools, Illinois Valley High School has received a national award recognizing it as among the top for its educational services to diverse groups of students and the school’s record of measurable academic outcomes.

IVHS -- the only school in Josephine County to be recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* in its Best High Schools in the United States rating -- received a bronze award. It is one of only 39 in Oregon to be recognized with silver or bronze awards.

Nationally, gold awards went to 100 schools; 405 got silver awards; and 1,086 were honored with bronze awards.

“This is wonderful and great,” said IVHS Principal JoAnn Bethany. “It’s quite exciting,” she stated, noting

that the school did well in the rating criteria because of dedicated staff and hard-working students.

According to the award, “IVHS rated high on the key principles that a great high school must serve all its students well, not just those who are bound for college, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes that show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.”

The criteria were developed by School Evaluation Services, a data research business run by Standard & Poor’s, the world’s foremost provider of independent credit ratings, indices, risk evaluation, investment research, data, and valuations.

The examining group

used data from the 2005-06 school year to study three steps. The first two ensured that the schools serve all students well, using state proficiency standards as the measuring benchmarks. For schools that made it past the first two benchmarks, a third step assessed the degree to which schools prepared students for college-level work.

Reading and math tests were viewed, and then the percentage of economically disadvantaged students, who tend to score lower, was factored in.

Based on the provided data, 60.8 percent of IVHS students passed Oregon reading assessments, and 50.9 percent passed the math tests.

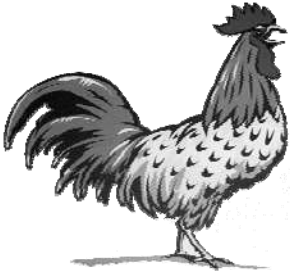
Bethany noted that the school has a high number of disadvantaged pupils. The

study used a figure of 73.7 percent of the 2005-06 student body of 468.

She added that IVHS staff place much of their focus on college-bound students, or post-secondary education. She further noted that the school has one of the highest rates of pupils who earn their Certificates of Initial Mastery.

“We have an awesome school,” stated the principal, “with one of our major goals being to show the kids that they can be in control of their futures. We work to show them the benefits of higher education.”

In Curry County, Gold Beach High School and Port Orford’s Pacific High School each received a bronze award. In Jackson County, Ashland High School received a silver.



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Obituaries

Ida Blue

Lifelong Illinois Valley resident Ida Marie (Atchley) Blue, 84, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2007. Friends can pay their respects from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors chapel at 26569 Redwood Hwy. in Cave Junction.

A funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel on Junction Avenue in Cave Junction.

Bishop John A. “Jack” Brown will preside. Interment will be at Eagle Point National Cemetery at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Blue died in Redding, Calif. while visiting her daughter. Mrs. Blue was born on March 5, 1923 in Gillham, Ark. to Graden “Doc” Atchley & Mabel Lena Mary Lowry.

“Ida” was a lifelong Illinois Valley resident known as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her brother, Robert Atchley; her four sons, George Blue Jr., of Clearfield, Utah, Graden Blue, of Roseburg, Jerry Blue, of Yelm, Wash., and Pete Blue, of Medford; five daughters, Diane Tresham, of Wasilla, Alaska, Mary Maloney, of Shasta Lake, Calif., Elizabeth Martin, of Pima, Ariz., Rita Phair, of Central Point, and Thelma Campbell, of Pangburn, Ark.; 39 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

“Ida” was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George Pete Blue Sr.; her par-

ents; a sister, Myrtle Gray; a brother, Leon Atchley; a granddaughter; and a granddaughter-in-law.

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

“Bob” Harris

Robert Lee “Bob” Harris, 79, of Cave Junction, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007 at his home.

Visitation will be from 2 until 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel in Cave Junction.

A funeral service will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at the LDS Church in Cave Junction. Another funeral service will begin at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14 at the LDS Church in Lebanon, Ore. with interment to follow at the IOOF Cemetery in Lebanon. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Remembrances may be made to Lovejoy Hospice, 939 S.E. Eighth St., Grants Pass OR 97526. Condolences may be made to the family at www.since1928hull.com.

“Bob” was born on Feb. 18, 1924 in Lebanon to Newton E. & Frances C. (Harvey) Harris. He grew up in Willamette Valley. During World War II he served in the Merchant Marines. He worked as a gypo logger for 57 years.

On Nov. 29, 1996 at the LDS Temple in Boise, Idaho he married Linda C. Lloyd. In 1996 he moved from Chiloquin to Cave Junction. He was a member of the LDS Church for 49 years, and a member of the Cave Junction Ward since 1996.

He especially enjoyed gardening, fishing, and his dog, Buddy.

Besides his wife, Linda C. Harris, of Cave Junction; survivors are a daughter, Anita Winona, of Deming, N.M.; a son, Dwight Harris, of Bliss, Idaho; two sisters, Ruth Moss, and Frances Callahan, both of Lebanon; 37 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 52 years, Frances J. (Carrick) Harris; and a granddaughter.

Louise Miille

Thirty-one year Cave Junction resident Louise Whittle Smith Miille, 88, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

No services will be held. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Miille was born to Augusta & Ida Smith on Sept. 23, 1919 in Birmingham, Alabama. She was one of 11 chil-

dren. Living through the Depression, she knew what “hard times” were.

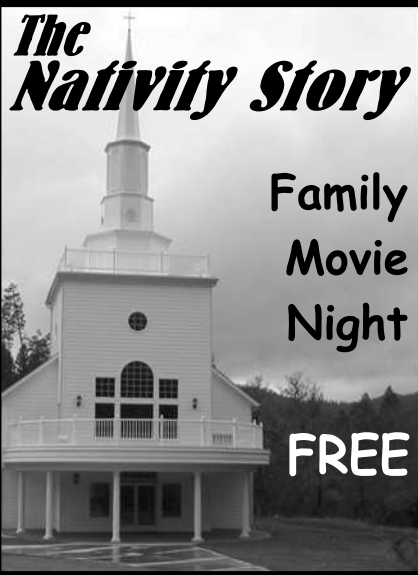
On Nov. 3, 1943 she married William A Miille and lived in many states before retiring and buying a home in Cave Junction with her husband in 1976. From 1968 to 1975, she worked for the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, took care of five children, and looked after her husband before his passing in 1999.

She loved to write short stories about her life growing up, and published a book in 2002. She was known for seeing humor in little things.

Surviving are a son, Monte Miille, of Cave Junction; and two daughters, Carolyn Wormwood, of Idaho. and LaDonna Bastos, of Portland.

Margaret Yeckley

Cave Junction resident Margaret Yeckley, 85, of Cave died at home Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007. Arrangements are pending with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.



Saturday,
December 15
7 pm

Cookies & Coffee

Nursery Available
(4 years & younger)

Valley Evangelical
Free Church

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Cave Junction

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Parslied potatoes, broccoli
Normandy, onion bread, pink
confetti cake
MONDAY, DEC. 17
CHICKEN CHOP SUEY
WITH RICE
Green peas, sunshine salad
mold, potato wheat roll, lemon
square
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19
KING RANCH CHICKEN
BAKE
Cut green beans, carrot slaw,
oat bran roll, butterscotch
pudding

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Places of Worship

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA
18285 Redwood Hwy.
P.O. Box 279, Selma, OR 97538
597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Sunday evening: 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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5181 Holland Loop
592-3923
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Pastor Frank Salerni
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* Children’s Church-10:30 a.m.
* Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
* Youth Group
Wednesday 7 p.m.
* Men’s Payer breakfast
1st & 3rd Saturday 8 a.m.

ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
25904 N. Redwood Hwy.
Sunday Services:
1st three Sundays 11 a.m.
Fourth Sunday 5 p.m.
592-2006

BAHA’I FAITH
Phone 592-5234

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave.
592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

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407 W. River St., CJ
592-3658
Father Gregory Moys, Pastor
Mass - Saturday 5:30 p.m.
No Sunday Mass
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday - 4:30 to 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
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Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
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Wednesday - 6:15 to 8 p.m.
Pastor Dave Gordon
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Preschool to 12th grade

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
265 S. Old Stage Rd.
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m. Sat.
Church Service
11 a.m. Sat.
Prayer & Praise
7 p.m. Tues.
Pastor Verne Hyland
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592-3330
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy Whitchurch
592-6604

ILLINOIS VALLEY PRAISE CENTER
28569 Redwood Hwy.
Cave Junction
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.
Thursday evening - 7 p.m.
Home Bible Study/Youth Group
Non-Denominational
Bible Teaching Church
Pastor Doug Wilson
592-4872

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street
& Lewis Court
Pastor Don Torala
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: 592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.org

FIRST LOVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
139 Caves Ave.
592-4775
Worship Schedule
Sunday Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Praise & Worship 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Children’s Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Wed. Service 7 p.m. Fall-Winter
Thurs. “First Love Kitchen” 11:30 a.m.
Sat. “Free Bread” 2 p.m.
Phone for info on “Bible College Classes”
Pastors:
Bob & Virginia Kurko

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2110 Caves Hwy.
Sunday School- 9:30 to 10:15
Sunday Worship - 10:30 to 11:30
Bible Study - Tuesday 12:30 p.m.
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2:30 p.m. Sunday
592-4716
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Sunday School - 10:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 11:10 a.m.
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1st Counselor Bob Knott
2nd Counselor Dan Fiske

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Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
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10300 Takilma Road
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study/Prayer Time 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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498 Laurel Road
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Les Knapp
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
592-6160