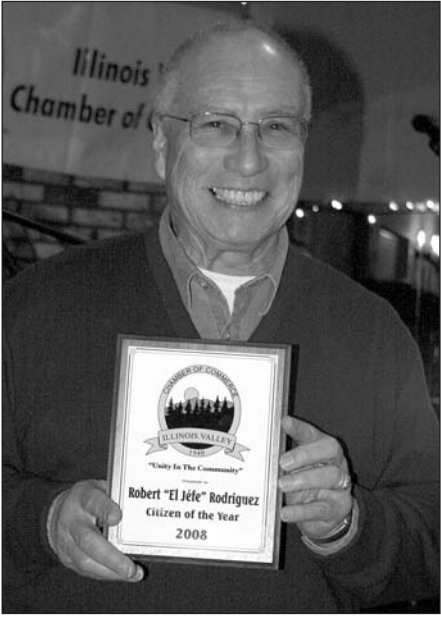


Chamber of Commerce honors 2008 outstanding

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than I. It is humbling to be recognized, and I accept it with heartfelt thanks.”

Don Moore’s announce-



ment at the end of the annual chamber gathering, that ODOT is to begin surveying soon for signals at 199 and River St., drew cheers. The mayor said that he has been negotiating with ODOT for some time, as the agency has wanted to put lights at the site, but wanted to remove one of the three other signal systems in Downtown CJ to accomplish that. Moore said that he pointed out continually that the safety of school children and other pedestrians is of paramount importance. He cited a recent Josephine County Sheriff’s Office “sting” operation at the busy intersection, during which volunteers wearing safety vests used the crosswalk. Many motorists did not stop, and citations were issued. Several times, the

volunteers had to scoot out of the way to avoid being struck, the mayor said.

Now, with signals on the way and without losing any of the current ones, “We are on our way to much better traffic safety at the intersection,” stated Moore. He added that installation of sig-



nals likely would occur during 2010.



(Clockwise from top, left) *Illinois Valley News* publisher Bob Rodriguez was named Citizen of the Year; Lelo Kerivan and sign artist Jay Maust; Jeff Stiles and Chuck & Marilyn Taylor; Tina Palmer (left) and Mary Lefner of I.V. Pregnancy Center. (I.V. News photos except top, left by Tracy Taylor)

Obituaries

‘Bob’ Van Leer

Longtime Oregon newspaper editor/publisher and civic leader Robert R. “Bob” Van Leer, 81, died Friday, March 6, 2009, at Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach of complications from chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 14, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Gold Beach. The Rev. Tim Brueckner officiated.

Mr. Van Leer was a 52-year resident of Gold Beach, having moved there in 1956 when he and his wife, the late Betty Van Leer, purchased the *Curry County Reporter*. The couple published the *Reporter* for 41 years before passing it on to daughter and son-in-law Molly & Jim Walker, now of Salem.

Mr. Van Leer was born in

St. Louis, Mo. on Aug. 28, 1927. Enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1945 at the age of 17, he was shipped to the Philippines and assigned to a landing ship, LSM 11. He was then reassigned to a troop transport, USS *Gilliam*, APA 57, which ultimately was to be a target ship in atom bomb tests at Bikini Atoll in the central Pacific Ocean in 1946.

After earning a bachelor of arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis, “Bob” entered the University of Missouri Journalism School at Columbia. There he met Betty Lee Templeman, of Cecilia, Ky. They were married Feb. 16, 1952, in Elizabethtown, Ky. He was a specialist in newspaper ad sales and worked for dailies in Evansville, Ind., Sterling, Ill., and Eureka, Calif. before buying

the *Reporter*. At the latter he was one of the first weekly newspaper publishers to begin using electronic equipment including PCs.

He was long active in professional and civic activities. He was president of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association in 1969-70 and received its highest honor for a working journalist, the Amos E. Voorhies Award, in 1992. In July 2008, Mr. Van Leer was inducted into the Oregon Newspapers Hall of Fame, joining the others who are honored at Allen Hall at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

“Bob” served on elective and appointive civic boards for many years, including Curry Health District, Gold Beach Port Commission, Curry County Fair Board, Port of Gold Beach Budget Committee, Gold Beach Rotary Club, and Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce, of which he served as president.

The Van Leers celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in February 2007. She died on Jan. 23, 2008. He is survived by four daughters, Sherry Wills, Amy Bornemeier, and Sally Shuey (all of Portland), and Molly Walker, of Salem; and six grandchildren.

Virginia Berkman

Former Illinois Valley resident, Dr. Virginia B. Berkman, 95, died Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at Rock of Ages Men-

nonite Home in McMinnville, Ore.

Dr. Berkman is the daughter of Frank & Ada Wilson Boynton. Soon after she was born the family moved to Butte, Mont. and later to Seattle, where she spent her childhood, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1931. She met her husband, Elton, while in high school, and they wed on Feb. 4, 1938 in Seattle.

She worked as a secretary after their marriage, and when her husband returned from World War II they entered Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa. They graduated in February 1949. She served as the class secretary, and he as class president.

They moved to Colorado City, Texas and practiced there until 1977, when they retired. On retirement they moved to their ranch outside Cave Junction, where they resided until 1993 when they moved to the Rogue River/Grants Pass area until 2006, when they moved to Rock of Ages.

Dr. Berkman was a gifted painter, played piano and enjoyed square dancing in the Cave Junction and Grants Pass areas for many years. She was known to many for her insight into human nature.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews. She was preceded in death by her husband in 2006; and a sister, Helen Knowles.

Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

In John we read the story of Jesus clearing the money-changers and other vendors from the temple in Jerusalem. This was to signify the need for change in the way people believed and practiced their religion. Jesus was there to tell them of the need for repentance and forgiveness to change the way they were living their lives.

How do we live our lives today? Do we rely on our own abilities to get us through the day? What about the truly tough times when that isn’t enough? We need to base our lives on God’s word, and His strength will get us through those tough times.

Church calendar: Thursdays, 4 p.m., Good Shepherd Singers rehearse; Sundays, 9:15 a.m., All-Comers Sunday School followed by worship.



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- Friday, March 27 ~ **Volunteer Training**
- Wednesday, April 8 ~ **“It’s About How You Live”**
- Wednesday, April 29 ~ **Grief Teleconference - Diversity & End-of-Life Care**

Places of Worship

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children
Web Page:
<http://UMCIImmanuel.org>

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River St., CJ
592-3658
Msgr. Gregory Moys, Pastor
Mass - Saturday 5:30 p.m.
No Sunday Mass
Holy Days TBA
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday - 4:30 to 5 p.m.

ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
2110 Caves Hwy., CJ
Pastor Frank J. Matz, Jr.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Women’s Bible Study
Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.
www.illinoisvalleybaptistchurch.org
Phone: 541-592-6149

BAHA’I FAITH
Phone 592-5234

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street
& Lewis Court, CJ
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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Church Service
11 a.m. Saturday
Prayer & Praise
7 p.m. Tuesday
Pastor Verne Hyland
Church 592-3218
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Madrone Adventist School
592-3330
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy Whitchurch
592-6604

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Evangelical
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.
Pastor Dave Gordon
Christian Academy -
PK to 12th

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

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
temporary location at
28195 Redwood Hwy., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. -
11:10 a.m.
Bishop John A. “Jack” Brown
1st Counselor Bob Knott
2nd Counselor Dan Fiske

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
5181 Holland Loop, CJ
592-3923
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Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP OF CAVE JUNCTION
meeting at
Evergreen Elementary School
520 W. River St., CJ
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
6:30 p.m.
Pastor Pat Henderson
592-3092



Stohlman-Carlile wed

Brian & Lillian Stohlman were married on Valentine’s Day, Saturday, Feb. 14 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cave Junction.

The groom’s parents are Doug & Linda Stohlman. Parents of the bride are James & Cindy Carlile.

The ceremony was attended by family and friends, with a reception following at the church. The couple then headed toward the coast for a hideaway honeymoon.

They plan to make their home in the Illinois Valley.

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