

Obama: Health plan won't affect V.A. services

President Obama, meeting privately with the leader of the nation's largest veterans service organization last week, pledged to keep the medical-care system administered by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs essentially as is – quelling fears that V.A. health care would be absorbed into a national system.

“(I got his very strong assurance the V.A. as our veterans know it will continue to exist,” said National Cmdr. David K. Rehbein. “It will not be diluted or folded into some sort of national system and that the folks who go to the V.A. ... that will be considered their insurance, so any insurance requirements (will be met) simply by being en-

rolled in the V.A.”

Another topic discussed during the personal meeting in the Oval Office was Medicare reimbursement to the V.A.; a proposal long championed by The American Legion. This proposed practice would require Medicare to pay for care provided at Dept. V.A. medical facilities to Medicare beneficiaries – that is, eligible veterans older than 65 with non-service-related injuries, illnesses and conditions. Currently, Medicare is precluded by statute from doing this.

“Medicare reimbursement to V.A. would be a boon to veterans in that it would encourage them to take advantage of what we consider the best care anywhere,” said Reh-

bein. “It would also generate much-needed revenue for the V.A.”

Prompted by Legion leadership, such a proposal is being advanced in Congress by U.S. Rep. Bob Filner (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

The president and Rehbein also discussed the positive effects that the enhanced educational benefits contained within the newly enacted and American Legion-pioneered Post 9/11 GI Bill will have on the veterans community and the nation as a whole.

The vexing problem of a dramatically growing backlog of V.A. benefits claims also was considered by the two.

Rehbein said he feels that the president “fully appreciates” its gravity and will do what he can to aid in its solution.

Rehbein, obviously pleased with the meeting outcome, characterized the 25-minute White House chat as “very friendly...conversational in style” in which “issues were discussed rather than positions being presented.”

The American Legion has a current membership of 2.5 million wartime veterans. It was founded in 1919 “on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and mentoring youth. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 U.S. posts.”

Campus Achiever

Gabriella 'Gabi' Eichmann

Gabriella “Gabi” Suzanne Eichmann, born and raised in Illinois Valley, has graduated with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Portland State University.

She attended all schools in the valley and graduated in 2002 from Illinois Valley High School. She has been and will continue working at Hayden Engineering in Tigard. She has lived in the Portland area since 2003.

Her proud parents are Rene & Lorie Eichmann; and her proud grandparents are Bob & Lelo Kerivan, all of Bridgeview Vineyards Winery in Cave Junction.



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Obituaries

Donald E. Woodruff

Donald E. Woodruff, 69, of Cave Junction, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009 at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cave Junction beginning at 11 a.m. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Remembrances can be made to the American Cancer Society, 31 W. Sixth St., Medford OR 97501.

Mr. Woodruff was born July 8, 1940 in Sayre, Penn. and grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania. After high school he left the farm, and in 1958 began working for Manzo Contracting Inc. in Oldbridge, N.J. as a diesel mechanic and heavy equipment operator. In 2005 he moved from New Jersey to

Cave Junction.

He enjoyed walking with his wife and dogs; traveling; spending time with his grandchildren; and watching television, especially court shows.

Surviving are his wife, Flora M. Woodruff, of Cave Junction; a daughter, Tammy Woodruff, of Jackson, N.J.; three sons: Douglas Woodruff, of Sayreville, N.J., Donald M. Woodruff, of Toms River, N.J., and Danny Woodruff, of Montana; three sisters: Betty Lutz, of Nineveh, N.Y., Patricia Thompson of Chincoteague, Va., and Rosie Thompson, of Rhoadesville, Va.; a brother, Nelson “Jake” Woodruff, of Metuchen, N.J.; and 21 grandchildren.

Grant J. Campbell

Grant J. Campbell, 88, died Tuesday, Aug. 18 at Nona's Place, an adult care

home in Cave Junction.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Aug. 22 in the chapel at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Savage Street in Grants Pass. Viewing was conducted at the Relief Society Room.

Burial with military honors was conducted at Eagle Point National Cemetery on Monday, Aug. 24.

Mr. Campbell was born on April 1, 1921 in North Ogden, Utah to Rachel Lovenia Judkins and Isaiah Franklin Campbell. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He married Helen Rawson in Compton, Calif. on July 25, 1942. This year the couple celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary.

He worked as a production manager of a commercial water filter business until he retired. He then became a locksmith

and opened his own business. He was always handy, and enjoyed building, traveling, gardening and being with his wife and family.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, David Jay Campbell, of Post Falls, Idaho; two daughters: Elaine Rigby, of Cave Junction, and Debra Moon, of Chico, Calif.; three sisters: Lorena Barker, of Salt Lake City; Gean Ekstrom, of Harrisville, Utah; and Arabelle Jones, of Ogden, Utah; 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

L.B. Hall Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Church News

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cave Junction

Lincoln & Druci Morikone, missionaries from Nepal, conducted the service on Saturday, Aug. 22.

They gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Sheer Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Nepal, where Lincoln is the executive director, and Druci is the hospital chaplain. They are enjoying their home in Kerby for a few weeks of vacation and doing some camping in their motorhome.

Their brother-in-law, Pastor James Zachrison, gave a message from God's word on

Aug. 22 at the church.

For Aug. 29 the church social committee has made arrangements for all to meet at Grayback Campground for songs of praise and the spoken word. The children will go on a Bible treasure hunt.

A fellowship picnic lunch will be served at the campground outdoor shelter. Phone the church at 592-3218 for more information.

The first week of classes at Madrone Adventist School, a fully accredited elementary school, has just been completed. There are a few desks awaiting new students, and

Amy Whitchurch, head teacher, can be reached at 592-3330 for details on acceptance and enrollment.

The sanctuary choir is beginning its new church year with practices on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in choral music and who enjoys singing can phone 592-3218 for more information.

Pastor Verne Hyland was happy to welcome new members recently moved from California. A special fellowship luncheon was held in their honor.

A birthday was celebrated with Helen Davis, who reached 88 years, on Saturday, Aug. 15. She is known as a lovely lady and a blessing to all. The church family wished her many more happy birthdays and God's richest blessings.

Lorna Byrne Middle School 2009-2010 Student Supply List

Large-zippered binders will not be allowed in class as each class requires either a 1-1/2" notebook/binder or portfolio. Thank you.

Note for all parents of 7th & 8th grade students - a personal scientific calculator is required. The teaching team recommends the T1-30 XIIS calculator, available in the front office for \$12.

GRADE 6 SUPPLY LIST (3) 3-Ring Binder 1-1/2" with pocket (3) Binder Pencil pouch (zip kind) Post-It notes Highlighters (2) Ruler with centimeter Calculator (not T1-30 XIIS)	3 packs - 5-tab dividers 2 pencil sharpeners Pink Pearl Erasers (and/or) Pencil-end erasers Colored Pencils Pens (BLUE or BLACK) Pencils (lg home supply)
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REMINDER: All students will be participating in Physical Education all 3 trimesters of the school year. Students will be required to comply with the Dress Code as part of their PE grade. Uniforms will be available for purchase: Shirts (Oxford gray) \$7, Shorts (black without pockets) \$8, PE Kit (shorts & shirt) \$15.	
For questions, please contact our office: 101 S. Junction Ave., Cave Junction 592-2163	

Places of Worship

ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS
987 Caves Hwy., CJ
541-592-4716 or 218-2792
Sunday - 2:30 p.m.

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://UMCImmanuel.org>

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River St., CJ
592-3658
Fr. William Holtzinger, 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

CAVES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Jeremy Nehf
PO Box 293
Cave Junction, OR 97523
541-287-7862
Email: nehfilim@gmail.com
Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.
Lorna Byrne Middle School Gym, 101 S. Junction Ave., CJ

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

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Evangelical
Pastor Dave Gordon
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Office: 592-3896
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Christian Academy Pre-K to 12th grade
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

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

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

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.

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
5181 Holland Loop, CJ
592-3923
Pastor Frank Salerno
“We celebrate God's Presence in our lives!”
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
209 S. Junction Ave., 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

Good News About Cost of Hospice Care



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Advanced Directives - September 15