

Vertical Horizons offers tree house escape with comfort

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Nestled behind the scenery on Dick George Road, Vertical Horizons Treehouse Paradise offers opportunities to get away from it all.

Operations Manager Jodie Cowan and owner Phil Moskios have spent the last two years creating this unique attraction, which benefits greatly from its natural surroundings.

"This place is beautified to no end," Cowan said.

Vertical Horizons offers a variety of activities on-site, including swimming, volleyball, horseshoes, hiking and catch-and-release bass fishing. A nine-hole disc golf course is also on the premises, and has proven to be quite popular.

"We've had people come out here and say we have the best course," Cowan said.



This view shows the 'Shitake,' one of two accommodations. Note tree going through the middle. (Photo by Scott Jorgensen/Illinois Valley News')

But the main attraction at Vertical Horizons consists of the two tree houses.

They come complete with electricity, decks, hot water, sinks and toilets, allowing guests a sense of relaxation with all the conveniences of home.

Guests have come from as far as Switzerland and the East Coast to experience the special hospitality at Vertical Horizons, Cowan said.

Aside from recreation, the site also features special gourmet breakfasts cooked by Moskios, complete with a chef's presentation.

"Phil is the host with the most," Cowan said.

Cowan said that special care is taken to ensure that the guests' individual dietary needs are catered to.

"We want to make our guests happy and give them something to do," Cowan said. "We want to take the time to make it personal."

For the future, Cowan said that she would like to add three more tree houses, and hopes to have one of them ready by the summer. She also plans to make paddleboats available so guests can better enjoy the two on-site ponds, and would like to host weddings and other events.

Vertical Horizons is open year-round. Winter rates are \$160 for four people, and summer rates are \$225 for four people.

Virtual tours are available at a Website: treehouseparadise.com. For more information, visit it or phone (541) 592-4751.

To the Root:

Feel wired? Difficulty sleeping?

Check your sugar intake, including alcohol. Maybe you took some sugar for a quick pick-me-up. Now your body can't calm down. This effect rebounds for folks who take a little alcohol to get to sleep. It is best to tear the root.

Chinese herbs will help to move and nourish the blood and acupuncture will get your body back to normal rhythms. Sleep is essential to all body functions, especially the nervous system.



Illinois River Acupuncture
592-5041 Mon., Wed., Fri.
Jo Anne Stone, M.S., L.Ac.



Country Breakfast I.V. Senior Center 520 E. River St. Saturday, March 3 8 to 11 a.m.

- * Biscuits & Gravy * Pancakes
- * Eggs * Bacon * Sausage
- * Coffee, Milk, Juice

Adults - \$5
Children 12
& under - \$2.50



Obituaries

Kenneth A. Johnson

Kenneth A. Johnson, 85, of Cave Junction, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

A celebration of his life will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3 at Sportsman Tavern in Cave Junction.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 29, 1921 in Los Angeles to Arthur F. Johnson and Hattie D. Krause Johnson. In 1939 he graduated from Washington High School in Los Angeles. After graduation, he was employed by Pacific Process Printing until 1942.

From Nov. 19, 1942 to Oct. 27, 1945 he served in the U.S. Army. He was a machine gunner, and later a combat rifle platoon sergeant with the 91st Infantry Division and the 361st Infantry Regiment. He served in North Africa, Sicily and on the Italian mainland, and was involved in the Battle for Salerno and the Battle for Anzio, where his outfit was involved in the capture of "Anzio Annie."

His unit spent 200 continuous days in direct contact with enemy forces. He was awarded the Combat Infantry

Badge, Bronze Star and Silver Star for bravery.

After separation from the Army he worked for Jorgensen Steel Corp. in Los Angeles for 38 years as a truck driver. On Jan. 10, 1959 in Las Vegas, Nev. he married the former Dorothy S. Rosen of Belleville, Ill. In 1984 he retired, and they moved from Southgate, Calif. to Cave Junction.

He was actively involved in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Illinois Valley Senior Center activities. He enjoyed camping, fishing and bowling and led weekly shuffleboard tournaments.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy S. Johnson, of Cave Junction.

Southern Oregon Cremation Services, of Grants Pass, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Ellen Tracy

Mary Ellen Tracy, 58, of Cave Junction, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007 at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Tracy, of Cave Junction; her sister, Lois Mims, of Texas; a daughter, Susan Tracy, of Billings, Mont.; and a son, Scott Tracy,

of Grants Pass.

Her family said that she will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements are pending at Stephens Family Chapel, of Grants Pass.

Oliver Nelson Bennett

Oliver Nelson Bennett, 61, of Kerby, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007 at his residence.

Mr. Bennett was born on Aug. 15, 1945 in Bell, Calif. He was a night watchman for Kauffman Wood Products in Kerby.

He is survived by two brothers, LeRoy Bennett, of Mt. Pleasant, Ark., and Leslie Bennett, of La Mirada, Calif.; three sisters, Nancy Wann, of Batesville, Ark.; Connie Yoakum, of Trabuco Canyon, Calif., and Luana Boyan, of San Diego.

A private service was arranged through Illinois Valley Funeral Home. Interment will be in Mt. Pleasant.

Mitchell Stetz

Mitchell Stetz, 90, of Cave Junction, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007 at his home in Cave Junction.

Arrangements are pending at Stephens Family Chapel.

Church Happenings

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

In Luke 4 we read about the 40-day Spirit-led fast by Jesus, when he was tempted by the devil. Jesus declined all the evil one's suggestions including those to gain food or power or worship him.

He did this to demonstrate the complete victory of God over the forces of evil.

Youth group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Midweek Lenten services are held Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Senior Nutrition Menu

Sponsored by

True Value
592-3562

Meals are served in the CJ County Bldg.

592-2126, 474-5440

**FRIDAY, MAR. 2
SWISS STYLE BEEF
PATTY**

Whip potatoes w/gravy, Scandinavian blend veggies, Onion bread, Apple cobbler

**MONDAY, MAR. 5
CHICKEN W/NOODLES**

Capri blend vegetables, Marinated vegetable salad, Cracked wheat bread, Peanut butter cookies

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 7
ROAST PORK W/GRAVY**

Parslied potatoes, Winter mix vegetables, Cornbread, Blushing pears

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.

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

P.O. Box 645
5181 Holland Loop
Non-Denominational
Pastor Frank Salerni
Children's Church-10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Group
7 p.m.
Youth Group Leaders
Lance & Judy Baker
Women's Prayer Thursday
9:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Meeting
1st & 3rd Saturday - 8 a.m.
Corner Dick George/
Holland Loop

BAHA'I FAITH

Phone 592-5234

ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

451 S. Junction Avenue
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

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH

407 W. River Street, CJ
592-3658
Father Harry Holwell
Parochial Vicar
Masses - Sunday
Daylight Saving - 9 a.m.
Standard Time - 10 a.m.
Daily Mass Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m.
First Saturday - 10 a.m.
Holy Days - 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday - 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

113 S. Caves Avenue, CJ
Evangelical &
Non-Denominational
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Prayer & Praise - 6 p.m.
Jr. Church, Infant & Toddler
Nursery Provided
Youth Awana - K to 6th grade
Wednesday - 6:15 to 8 p.m.
Pastor Dave Gordon
Community Christian Academy
Preschool to 12th grade

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

265 S. Old Stage Road
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Sat. Church Service
11 a.m. Sat.
Prayer & Praise
7 p.m. Tues.
Pastor Vern Hyland
Church 592-3218
Everyone Welcome
Madrone Adventist School
592-3330
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy
Whitchurch
592-6604

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 Watkins Ph. 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>

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

East River Street
& Lewis Court
Pastor Don Torala
Sunday Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: 592-2290

FIRST LOVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

New Horizons in
God's Kingdom
139 Caves Ave. Front door
592-4775
Worship Schedule
Sunday Adult Bible Study 10
a.m.
Sunday Worship
10:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
10:45 a.m.
Wed. Service 7 p.m.
Thurs. "First Love Kitchen"
Free Hot Meal 11:30 a.m.
Sat. "Free Bread" 11 a.m.
Phone for
Bible College Classes
Pastors:
Bob & Virginia Kurko

ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

2110 Caves Hwy.
Stanley W. Smith, Pastor
Sunday Worship - 2:30 p.m.
Bible Study - Thursday 6 p.m.
A Southern Baptist Ministry
Phone: 592-3029

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

498 Laurel Road
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Les Knapp
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study
Mon. 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Studies
Thursday 6 p.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
592-6160

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

207 Junction Avenue, CJ

Priesthood, Relief Soc.

9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Sacrament Meet - 10:50 a.m.
Bishop Charles Rigby
1st Counselor Dennis Swift
2nd Counselor Walt Farmer

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

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH

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.

ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS

Bible Study & Fellowship
987 1/2 Caves Hwy.
2 p.m. Sunday
7:30 p.m. Thursday
592-4716
Individual Bible Studies
available
Pastor Wendell Owens

