

# Backyard bird watching with Harry:

Ok, we've talked about designing your birdhouse and building your birdhouse. Now it's time for putting up your birdhouse. Here are some tips for you to think about.

- Try to face your birdhouse north or east to avoid overheating in the spring and summer.
- Face your bird house away from the prevailing winds of winter.
- Have water and food available.
- Do not place birdhouses to

close to bird feeders.

- If your birdhouse is light enough, mount bird house on metal poles rather than nailing them to trees or hanging them from limbs. Houses on metal poles are less vulnerable to predators. Be careful about the weight. You don't want to bend your pole.
- Birds can be a bit choosy in their future home. Some will inspect several houses before deciding on a particular one. You may wish to give the birds a few different decorative birdhouses to choose from, knowing

that only one will be occupied.

- It may take a year or two for birds to move in. (Be patient grasshopper) If they don't after two years, change its location.
  - Don't forget to place your birdhouse where you can easily watch it from indoors and enjoy all the action.
- You can also attract several species with careful planning:
- If you put up more than one, keep houses well separated and out of

sight of one another.

- Keep about 100 yards between bluebird houses and 75 yards between swallow houses.
- Use no more than four nest boxes/birdhouses per acre for any one species of small birds such as wrens or chickadees.
- Use no more than one nest box/birdhouse per acre for any one species of large birds such as robins.

The above is from Wildbird.com and Harry Johnson

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

One day long ago Jesus healed a man who had always been blind. He was born that way, and his only source of income as an adult was from begging. One complication regarding the healing event was that it occurred on a sabbath day, which made certain religious leaders upset. This healing became a sign of a deeper truth, however; that spiritual seeing and understanding is even more important than physical sight.

The former blind man came to believe in Jesus as his Messiah. He remains a sign and promise that many other people -- who may see very well with their physical eyes, yet are deficient in spiritual sight and understanding; they too may come to faith in God through Christ Jesus.

Midweek Bible Study - Wednesday @ 7pm  
Choir Rehearsal - Thursday @ 4pm

All-Comer's Sunday School - Sunday @ 9:15am

Worship & Communion - Sunday @ 10:00am

# My Place Café adds dinner hours

By Darcy Wallace  
IVN Staff Writer

At the end of February, My Place Café opened in downtown Cave Junction in the building where Michelle's café used to serve breakfast and lunch to Valley residents.

After getting off to a roaring start, the café is now serving dinner on weekends and is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Judy Thomas, a former Michelle's employee, opened My Place Café in

hopes of providing another choice for Valley residents.

"Since I couldn't get a job anywhere else, I bought myself a job," Thomas said. "We need more restaurants in the [Valley]."

Thomas said she thought the restaurant would start slow and gradually gain more customers, "easing" into business. Instead, Thomas said the community response was far beyond what she anticipated.

"The people of this community made it happen," Thomas said. "It's the

good folks working here [at the restaurant] and the people in the community who are supporting us."

Thomas hopes that opening a restaurant will help provide jobs that have been missing for so many residents. She said she'd been looking for work for three months and thought this was an opportunity to employ more people in the area. Thomas said making food fresh from local ingredients was also a priority.

"If it's not on the menu I'll make it for them [anyway]," Thomas said.

"I want to keep [the café] simple and small. I want people to eat and have a good time."

Thomas said she added dinner hours when several customers said they were running out of dinner options. After about two weeks, it seems to be getting an equally strong response.

"I want to provide a homey, comfortable atmosphere and feed people good food," Thomas said. "If it wasn't for the people of this community I wouldn't have a job."



(Photo by Darcy Wallace, Illinois Valley News)

Judy Thomas, owner of My Place Cafe, stands with fellow employees Tuesday, April 5 after recently opening the restaurant for dinner on Fridays and Saturdays. Thomas said she hoped the cafe would create a few more jobs for residents in the Valley.

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Saturday, April 9th  
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Friday, April 8th  
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Pastor Marvin Clark  
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541-592-3330

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Pastor Monty Pope  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.

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Pastor Dave Gordon  
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ  
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Email: cbcca@cavenet.com  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
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Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
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987 Caves Hwy., CJ  
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Sunday - 2:30 p.m.

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10300 Takilma Road, Takilma  
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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, CJ  
P.O. Box 1248  
Pastor Marvin Porter  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
[evfree@frontiernet.net](mailto:evfree@frontiernet.net)  
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Pastor Mark McLean  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
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Wednesday - 6 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study

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