

# Business News

## Enjoy hospitality and quilting at Buena Vista Quilting



Photo submitted by Patti Middleton  
A Millennium Long-Arm Quilter at Buena Vista Quilting. The quilter has 14 foot rails and has an on-demand automatic stitch regulator which makes star points and squares.

BY EMILY HANSON  
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TONASKET - People looking for a comfortable place to quilt alone or with friends can stop looking. Buena Vista Quilting is open half-way between Tonasket and Oroville.

Buena Vista Quilting, owned by Patti Middleton, is located in the

home built by her grandparents in 1923, located on Highway 7, approximately nine miles south of Oroville.

"Buena Vista has a full line of quilting supplies such as batting, backing fabrics, threads and notions for quilting and an expanding line of fine fabrics by well-known designers, marketed by Moda Fabrics," Middleton said. "We carry

jelly rolls, fat quarters, layer cakes and bundles."

She added that quilt classes for both beginners and seasoned quilters are offered at Buena Vista Quilting. These classes range from bags to purses to journals. People interested in classes should call (509) 486-2341. Buena Vista also carries locally designed and constructed fabric gifts and gift certificates.

"One of the very special features of Buena Vista Quilting is the Millennium Long-Arm Quilter," Middleton said. "I offer personal instruction for those wishing to rent the quilter for finishing their quilting project."

Buena Vista Quilting has two teachers, Linda Topping and Lisa Chaplin, who Middleton said are looking forward to beginning their classes after the first of the year.

"They have many combined years of working with textiles, both in garment making and quilting," she said. "Please call to sign up for these classes or to inquire about future classes."

Buena Vista Quilting is open Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Count on your 'home pros' for interior and exterior finishing

BY GARY A. DEVON  
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OROVILLE - Lawrence Construction Services wants to be your "home pro" when it comes to interior and exterior finishing, garages, additions and decks.

Robert Lawrence II has been in the business since 1999. The Lawrence Family has over 30 years in the home improvement industry and continues to provide quality construction services.

Their hours of operation are usually from sun up until sundown, says Lawrence, company president. Estimates on work are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and evenings and weekends by appointment, he said.

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Lawrence's company can install a wide variety of materials and products like those a customer might see in a local home improvement warehouse and can also handle special projects.

"During the winter months



Photo by Emily Hanson  
Robert Lawrence handing insulation up to Jerry Degasperis at Inland Professional Title, LLC. Lawrence and Degasperis both work at Lawrence Construction Service which, on Monday, Dec. 15, was doing some interior renovations at Inland Professional Title, LLC. Lawrence said they were replacing an exterior door and insulating the building.

- December through January - it is important to stay working. Mention our ad and save an additional 10 percent on labor on top of our already competitive rates," said Lawrence.

The company is also working on a next day repair service based on hourly rates for those little fixes around the home. In addition, they are trying to expand their services from North Okanogan County to all of the

county. Lawrence, who grew up in Algonac, Mich., has always ran his own family owned construction business. Recently he married his high school sweetheart and best friend of eight years, he says.

Lawrence Construction Services, license and insured, can be reached by phoning (810) 650-9531 and can be seen on the web at [www.yourhomepros.biz](http://www.yourhomepros.biz).

## International micro art gallery now open in Omak



Photo by Emily Hanson  
The Canvas Cowboys Gallery Gear and Grill will offer an eclectic variety of artworks as well as barbeque in Omak.

BY EMILY HANSON  
STAFF WRITER

OMAK - Canvas Cowboys Gallery Gear & Grill is now open in Omak.

Located at 523 Riverside Drive and owned by Bink Picard, Canvas Cowboys is described by Picard as an international micro art gallery.

"It's pretty small and I prefer it that way," Picard said. "On Fridays and Saturdays, we open up the barbeque grill. It's a single menu. It's country ribs on Fridays and rib-eye steaks on Saturdays.

Picard said the country ribs are custom-ordered and cut by Bobby Abangan and the rib-eyes are cut off the loin when ordered. The gallery

is open every day from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the grill is open on Friday and Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"We guarantee satisfaction," Picard said. "If you can drag Bobby to his truck, we'll refund your money."

He added that right now, he plays music in the grill but that that'll grow in time. In January or February, John Payne, the One-Arm Bandit, will be at Canvas Cowboys and that is when the grand opening will be.

"Later in 2009, we've invited Buck Taylor, a well known Western actor and watercolor artist to come here,"

Picard said.

"The artwork in the gallery is an eclectic variety of deceased and contemporary artists," Picard said. "My wife, Christine, and I have worked with many exceptional and well-known artists."

Picard said that in the future of Canvas Cowboys, they are considering having take-out available for the barbeque and grill. He added that the gallery and grill wouldn't be possible without the staff of Anna Hartgerink, a professional waitress and assistant manager for eight years, and Caleb Arnett, the prep man.

"We want everybody to enjoy an exceptional experience and atmosphere that combines contemporary and past art," Picard said. "If you can identify the oldest art piece in the gallery while you're at the grill having dinner, then your next dinner is on Canvas Cowboys."

Picard said that he is happy to be running a restaurant, which he has had an interest in for years, and to be working with art, which he has been collecting since his late teens. He said he also thankful he has a wife who loves art.

Picard can be contacted at Canvas Cowboys at (509) 826-5554.

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