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Happy Camp News:

by Judy Bushy

Fall is such a beautiful time of the year. The rain last weekend brought down a lot of leaves, but other trees are still adorned in brilliant foliage! Someone from Happy Camp recently mentioned they were getting tired of raking the pretty colors! The large Walnut tree in our front yard has dropped most of the leaves which lets the sunshine through.

We were given a jar of quince jelly, pear-butter, (green tomato) picapilly relish and a loaf of gingerbread. The cooler weather sure has brought out the baker in many of our neighbors.

Seems like the pumpkins were the last thing to work on from the garden. Well, there were piles of pumpkins last Thursday at the final Farmers' Market for the fall. The bounce house

was set up and the kids were doing artwork. That is, when they weren't seeing what the inside of an ambulance looked like or fire truck or WOW even the mercy flights helicopter. Even as they all got outside the fence as it prepared to take off, the children loved to see it!

Now that we aren't working in the garden so much, it's time for crafting and indoor projects. That means that it is time for the Fall Harvest Craft Faire next Saturday in Seiad Valley. You'll be amazed at how many really talented artists and crafters live along the Klamath River. I'm hoping to get a handmade picture frame from Annie Buma who makes great ones. There will be all sorts of craft items. It's wonderful opportunity to get special homemade gifts and stocking stuffers for the coming gift giving season. The Seiad Valley Fire Hall, 44601 Highway 96 east of Happy Camp 18 miles will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

While you are there enjoying the craft ideas to buy or get ideas for your own projects, you'll no doubt get hungry. And you are in luck. There will be homemade soups, chili,

and beverages for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The best part of the event is that Seiad Valley is very grateful for all the support for the Seiad Valley Volunteer Fire Department. The last five years, the Seiad Valley people have had four warnings or actual evacuations for wildfire. This year they were dealing with the California fire, eastern part of the Eclipse Fire started by lightning. All of a sudden the public information officer got a call as fire could be seen coming their way from Oregon in the vicinity of Cook an' Grants Pass. Events like these make the community really appreciative of the volunteer firefighters, as well as others who come when a larger event occurs.

Next Monday is the Happy Camp Neighborhood Watch Meeting. David Culbert is the recently elected leader of the Neighborhood Watch. The meeting will be Monday, Nov. 6 at the Karuk Housing Authority Conference Room. Karuk Housing is at 635 Jacobs Way in Happy Camp. They are always eager to hear of the problems and your suggestions and solutions to offer.

The Neighborhood Watch meets the first Monday of each month, unless there needs to be a change which will be shown on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/467085080075509/> Lisa Bousfield has also included helpful information on burn days and other matters there. Burn permits are needed to burn and you have to call the burn hotline to confirm it is a permissive burn day by calling 530-842-8123 or toll-free within Siskiyou County 866-652-2876. They also advertised the Take Back Drug Day last Saturday in addition to Maggie Shepard and Madeline being at the last Farmers' Market to tell what they would take back unused, expired or unwanted medications. Several people said that they missed it, so I'll let you know alternatives as soon as I hear back from Maggie.

The Happy Camp Chamber will be meeting soon as well. There is good news about a large donation designated to include the youth of the community next year. I will let you know that date and further exciting information.

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On The Road Again:

by Debbie Messerli

Well, it's only been eight hours in the old RV and I'm trying to figure out if I can sue Sirius XM for the money for my divorce. Like the guy in the movie Network, "I'm mad as hell and I can't take it anymore!" There's a lot to be said for having your favorite music at your fingertips, but I'm driving with a news junkie. Fox, ABC, CBS, NBC, BBC, CNN, if they are yakking about the sad state of the world or politics, he's listening to it. It's funny, but lots of men will tell you that they wouldn't give two cents for a woman's cockeyed opinion, but put her in a size 2 dress, give her a microphone and sit her behind a news desk, and they will listen all day long! My problem is I suffer from depression. These news reporters never have anything good to say. Sure, every now and then there's a 12 second story about a child being surprised by a parent returning from deployment, or a beloved pet being found but that's it for anything uplifting. Because of this I have given up all news. I don't watch it, read it or listen to it. Sorry Dan, but if anything good happens in town some positive minded person will tell me. So between a news boycott and my meds I run on a pretty even keel. My depression is a chemical imbalance in my brain. If I was diabetic I would take my insulin, I'm short on serotonin so I take my med. Bad news does nothing to improve my outlook on life, and I do not have a naturally sunny outlook as it is. I can hear my friends laughing at this. Cut it out! If I can't fix the problem I don't want to hear the gory details. President Trump won't take my advice, ISIS won't lay down their guns and stay home, and I can't even begin to know how to divide up Jerusalem so anyone would be happy. Most of the women in the world want to raise their children in peace, with full tummies and warm beds. I

wish I could fix that for them but I can't. I try to concentrate on my own little world. The food bank feeds people for free, they could use volunteers. The Pregnancy Center is there to offer the option that abortion isn't the only choice for life's biggest surprise. We have churches that offer hot meals and the Senior Center that does so many good things I can't even list them. Local artists are sharing their gifts in our schools. Cave Junction has a place for every minute you can spare. The wealth of good here is huge. There is music in the park, free harvest festivals, Rotary and Lions clubs. The Pledge of Allegiance is still said in our schools. Your kids can learn about God, with parental consent, through our Bible release program and high school students can still pray around the flag on campus if they choose. We have churches of every denomination. We have AA and NA meetings all week here in town. Need a safe place for your kids to be until you are off work? Boys and Girls club is right here in town. There are countless coaches for every sport your kid could be interested in, and after school homework help for kids struggling academically. I'm sure I missed somebody, but God Bless you for your service to our community. It's easy to see all the bad stuff here, you hear so much about it. If you open your eyes and shut your ears you will see how truly blessed we are. There's great people, clear rivers, sweet smelling air (except in October, it's a little skunky), and the most beautiful scenery anywhere in the USA. So if all this bad news we're being bombarded with is making you feel sad or anxious go do something nice for someone, volunteer anywhere. You'll feel better right away.
 Oh yeah, dismantle the radio if you are traveling with a news junkie.

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