



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

Apparently I'm without a very important piece of newspapering equipment, a time machine. Heck, I don't even have a DeLorean or a flux capacitor.

Last week, we had a "gentleman" come into the paper screaming, swearing, and generally throwing a temper tantrum the likes I haven't seen since my oldest daughter was four and wanted another cup cake. What, you might ask, would cause a grown man to reduce himself to

actions of a spoiled child?

Well, we didn't have a photo of Grandma Agnes on the front page of last week's paper. We tried to explain to our visitor that the rally he was referring to started at noon and that our press deadline was also at noon on the same day. He didn't care. So, I am pleading with you, our readers, to be on the lookout for an extra time machine since I am in the market for one.

On a different note, yes, we noticed that we botched the headline for our storm story as soon as we sent it to the printers. Each week, we catch many mistakes before press and, sometimes, even more after pages have been sent. Thank you for pointing them out. We can't get better without your input.

Now on to the real root of my column: trees and private citizens.

As an outdoorsman, I understand the need to protect the environment that the

animals and fish that I want to eat, live in. I support many environmentally minded groups in the area, as well as nationally. But, when it comes to the herbicide spraying issue that we have been covering in recent weeks, I am somewhat on the fence. In my experience, though, when in doubt, most issues can be settled by following the relevant law or bylaws.

By law, when a forestry company needs to spray, they must inform their neighbors. Perpetua Forest Co. did that. Oddly enough, the county, city and many other entities do not have to. What did the county spray on the Alyssum out near the airport recently? I don't know. Did they alert their neighbors? Don't think so. What kind of chemicals does the county use in the areas around Lake Selmac? Not sure, because they don't have to tell us.

It's obvious that many people are upset about the upcoming spraying near Lake Selmac. But, the chemical Atrazine is legal here in the United States. Less than four percent of Atrazine is used by

timber companies in the state of Oregon. The EPA has deemed that the buffer zone Perpetua is willing to use goes way beyond the necessary precautions. Should Atrazine be banned? Maybe, but it is a legal Herbicide as of today.

It's great to see so many people who are so concerned, but my question is this: Why spend so much time trying to stop someone from doing something that is completely legal? Wouldn't your efforts be better spent trying to change the law, itself?

It seems to me that Perpetua president Jennifer Phillippi is bending over backwards to meet with concerned residents and is doing her best to do the right thing. If nothing else, we can all benefit from that outreach, education and dialogue.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper, Enjoy!

— djm

Medical marijuana awareness benefit draws crowd

By Darcy Wallace
IVN Staff Writer

It was a busy night at the Takilma Community Building Saturday, March 26 as people gathered for presentations, arts and crafts, food and music to raise money for a local family involved in a case regarding the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP).

Area resident Lindy Heise said she is a medical marijuana cardholder who was applying for a third card for a quadriplegic friend, when police confiscated her plants.

Heise said one main goal of the benefit was to educate residents about hemp products and on OMMP laws to keep similar cases from happening to others.

"As far as awareness, I'm trying to get more community involvement," Heise said. "Even if people just read some of the information and it started planting seeds in their minds, that's enough for me."

The benefit started at 5 p.m. and ran well into the night, including a presentation from

attorney Joshua Gibbs, who is also a member of marijuana law reform group NORML.

Heise said event attendees discussed ways to spread awareness of the possibilities of hemp production, from fuel, to building materials and insulation, to clothing and plastic.

"It's mind-blowing the products we could be using," Heise said. "We wouldn't have to go to war for oil. We wouldn't have to cut down trees...we could make products more durable than steel out of a plant that's mature in three months."

Heise acknowledged the perception of those who use marijuana recreationally, but believes it could be regulated and taxed to create jobs, reduce the cost of the war on drugs and alleviate those with true medical need.

"A lot of people smoke recreationally, but there are people that it keeps alive," Heise said. "It's not a joke. More people die from caffeine or prescription drugs. Nobody dies from weed."

Instead of marijuana be-

ing thought of as a so-called gateway drug, Heise believes hemp production in the future could transform the Valley.

"It could be tax [revenue] to give back to the community," Heise said. "It would be a totally different town with so many programs, we wouldn't have to worry about kids being on drugs because there would be so many things for them to do to help prepare them for adulthood. They wouldn't have to go down that road."

During the awareness benefit, musical guests Oneiro-nauts and Mista Chief, Vinnie and The Rips, Only Natural and Wilderness performed and Taylor's Sausage and Rosie's Inferno Wood Fired Pizza donated dinner.

Youth also had things to do in the form of face painting and crafts from 5 to 7 p.m.

"I was blown away with the amount of people who came [to the event]," Heise said. "The community support is worth more than the monetary value."



(Photo by Darcy Wallace, Illinois Valley News)

The signature tree of the Illinois Valley Golf course was another victim of the Sunday, March 13 storm.

Senior Lunch Menu
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THURSDAY, MAR. 31
Baked beef rigatoni, winter mixed vegetables, sunshine salad mold, garlic french roll, apple crunch bar

FRIDAY APRIL 1
Turkey pot pie over buttermilk biscuit, cut green beans, carrot mandarin salad, frosted spice cake

MONDAY APRIL 2
Homestyle pork patty, sour cream & chive potatoes, lima beans w/ peppers, wheat oat bread, red poke-n-pour cake.

TUESDAY APRIL 3
Egg salad sandwich, with wheat bread, coleslaw, Cardinal pear mold, Grace's chocolate cookie

WEDNESDAY APRIL 4
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1. Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
2. Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
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Saturday April 2 - Home Game against Glide HS
TIME: 12:00pm & 2:00pm

Boys Varsity Baseball
Saturday April 2 - Home Game against Glide HS
TIME: 12:00pm & 2:00pm

Tuesday April 6 - Home Game against S. Umpqua HS
TIME: 4:30pm

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Crossword Solution on Page A-4

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1. Brandy	47. Swerve off course
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10. Translucent mineral	1. Prison compartment
11. Little	2. Motor lubricant
13. Decompose	3. Neither
14. Before	4. Culmination
16. Cart	5. Inflammation
18. Play boisterously	7. Grommet
19. Mistake	8. Doorkeeper
20. Higher in place or position	9. Bay wreath
22. Hymenopterous insect	12. Female horse
23. Spool	14. Recede
24. Qui vive	15. Fish eggs
28. Pasta sauce made of basil leaves	17. Health club
31. Feelings physical pain	21. Food dish
34. Alternative for can	25. Envious
37. Avoid	26. Uproar
38. Scarf of feathers	27. Firm
39. Render capable	29. Slender
40. Alpine lift	30. Mineral
41. One or some	32. Brownish coated horse
42. Not new	33. Late
44. Audio	35. Roadhouse
45. Rope fibre	36. A negative
46. An object with a	40. Pulled apart
	43. Habitation of wild animals
	44. Roman sun god