



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

It seems that most of us have made it through the snow and icy roads from last week in one piece. However, I am not sure I like this fog much more than the icy road conditions. Schools are back in session and hopefully the winter sports seasons can get up to speed.

As a kid I was on a swim team and our practices were weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. so we could get to school on time. From the facility to our school was about a mile and our hair was frozen stiff by the time we walked to school. One year for Christmas my parents bought me a blow dryer and a pair of pack boots. I can't think of anything that I was more excited about — something so practical was very appreciated. See, we didn't have video games, iPads, computers or even cell phones back then. We had note pads, phones with cords, record players and

tape decks. Most of our gifts were centered around music, sports, board games and clothes.

Today, some kids will be receiving a new X-box or Play Stations that cost over a thousand dollars. I bet my parents didn't spend that much on my sister and I combined. Parents seem to feel that they need to give their kids the youth they never had. They often treat their kids like buddies instead of children. I'm sorry, but in the long haul it is healthy for children to learn disappointment at an early age. It teaches them how to cope with the real world. Some people say, "Let them be children while they can," and I wholeheartedly agree. Part of being a child is learning life skills through strong parenting and learning responsibilities. Part of that involves learning that life has consequences.

As a kid, I often used the phrase, "That's not fair!" The response I received was, "Life is not fair, fair is where you show your pig."

Thank you for picking up this week's paper, enjoy! ~ djm

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Birth Announcement



We are happy to welcome Giada Lee Gasparini Born 12-15-2013 in Grants Pass to Tiphonie Melton and Derek Gasparini. Happy Grandparents are John and Janet Gasparini, Dave Wozniak and Donna Melton of Cave Junction.



Oregon Army National Guard Col. Ricardo M. Love (right), Senior Army Advisor for the Oregon Military Department, serves lunch to Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber during the Oregon Military Department Holiday Luncheon at the Anderson Readiness Center in Salem, Ore., Dec. 17. The annual event is held to thank federal, state and civilian employees, and to officially kick-off the approaching holiday season. Photo by Sgt. Philip Steiner, Oregon Military Department Recruiting and Retention Battalion.

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Save The Date

Cancellations

The concerts scheduled for December 17 at LBMS and the December 19- IVHS have been canceled due to lack of school last week.

Dec. 22

Happy Birthday Lelo!

Dec. 24

Rotary Club of the Illinois Valley will have cookies and cocoa from noon to 2 p.m. while Santa Claus hands out toys to girls and boys. The JoCo building at 102 S. Redwood Hwy.

Dec. 25

Happy Birthday Jesus of Nazareth

Dec. 25

A traditional Community Christmas Dinner will be held in the Josephine County Building located at 102 S. Redwood Hwy. on December 25th. This is free to the public event is a combined effort by the DHRC (food bank), the Josephine County Master Food Preservers and the Illinois Valley Baptist Church. Come join the fun! Dinner will be served from Noon until 3 p.m. Volunteers, musicians and donations are still needed. Please call Jennie @ 541-592-0327 to volunteer or donate.

Dec. 31

Burning in the new year with live band "100 Watt Mind" at the Takilma Community Building (Dome School) Pajama party. Doors open at 8 p.m. Live music 9 p.m. to midnight.
6th Annual Gingerbread Burn and fireworks at midnight. Good food and beverages. \$15 per adult.

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