

The Archive Zone: by Hillary Mohr from the *Illinois Valley News* archives

This week we take a groovy trip back to April 10, 1969. There was a new culture settling into the Valley and the "old" culture didn't quite know how to adjust to this change. Spring was in the air and so was war (Vietnam) and peace (Hippies). Kick back and get ready for this psychedelic journey into the Archive Zone.

'Straight' kids fired at near hippie commune. Six valley youths picked the wrong weekend to drive through Takilma to "see what the hippies were doing" as what the hippies apparently were doing Saturday night was shooting at most any car on the road. No one was injured in a barrage of shots but Lt. Jack Overstreet, Josephine County Sheriff's Department, was hospitalized after his vehicle missed the turn just before reaching Takilma Store on his way to investigate

the reports of shooting. The Saturday night shooting followed a wild Friday night when it was reported cars of "straights" were harassing the hippies and promising to return again. Saturday afternoon some did return. Conflicting reports surrounded Saturday night's affair. Joe Rossignol called the sheriff's department about 9:30 saying someone was driving up and down the road shooting at "anybody and everything" yet another Takilma resident told the Valley News he had heard no shooting whatsoever until the Sinkey "ambush." The Department says it has the matter still under investigation.

Nudist without a colony jailed; released (dressed) on \$500 bail. It was reported that traffic on Dick George Road has been exceptionally heavy since Sunday when Pamela Marian Brodie, also known as Pamela

Woods, 18, was picked up for allegedly walking along the highway stark naked. Miss Brodie appeared – clothed – in district court Monday, was given 24 hours to arrange counsel. Automobile passengers driving by may have been whistling at Miss Brodie, but Mrs. Clarence (Red) Lewis blew the whistle on her by calling the sheriff's department to report "A nude hippie walking by."

Fourteen teachers leaving Valley schools at end of the year. There will be plenty of new faces at the three Valley schools next term as 14 teachers will not be back. In Selma Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grable; Needle U (Evergreen) has six leaving, Signey Morning, Bob and Judy Keller, Judy Langley, Roberta Pritchett, Jerri Hanna; I.V.H.S. has six teachers not returning as well, Ellsworth G. "Andy" Anderson, Nancy Cook, Walter

Johnson, Norval Helme, Jane Riggan and James Strebeg.

Rodeo slated this weekend. When the chute gates fly open at the Pacific Indoor Rodeo Friday, scores of fans are expected to witness the explosive action of professional rodeo contests. Few, however, will realize they are seeing the culmination of years of effort by Andy Jauregui and Cotton Rosser, respective presidents of the Jay Spear and Flying U Rodeo Companies, of finding and keeping outstanding broncs and bulls.

Now playing at the Ivy Theatre: "Sailor Beware" starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis; "A Minute to Pray A Second to Die" starring Alex Cord; "The Wrecking Crew" starring Dean Martin; "Project X" starring Christopher George.

Choose life - it's a brief experience: by Glenn Mollette

Life is an opportunity to spend a brief period of time in this world. During this minimal space of time we are fortunate to enjoy what most others cannot do. Most of the people who have ever lived are dead. Therefore we are in a very rare state of existence. We are in the land of the living. We breathe, eat, work, worry, cry, laugh and either enjoy or hate life.

I read about young adults who die almost every day. Young people overdosing on drugs, alcohol or committing suicide. Millions more live in a depressive state. Life has its ups and downs and there is really no such thing as a perfect life.

All of us are faced with sickness, caregiving, worries, stress, messes, disappointments, sadness, victories and more. It's life.

We often look at other lives and envy them. We develop the impression that others are free of problems and sadness when often those who seem to be the happiest struggle the most. While being a caregiver for 12 years an acquaintance commented to me, "You seem to have the world by the tail. No one would ever dream you have a problem in the world." Smiling, trying to keep a good attitude and being kind to others throws a lot of people off. Sadly, we

aren't used to seeing this in most people.

We can't live our lives based on others. No one thing will make you happy or fill you with a vibrant life. No one person makes you alive. No one certain job will make you alive. Life is not ultimately found in money, a relationship, a child, a career, a house or anything. All of these of course add to our living. However, ultimate living is more powerful than any one certain thing, event or person. I understand losing a child or spouse in death cuts our hearts out. I've buried a child and a wife. It's horrific. I've had disappointments in business,

frustrating jobs and fallen flat on my face.

I know what it's like to draw unemployment. I know what it feels like to go to the county social services office and apply for Medicaid because I couldn't afford to pay for my wife's nursing home expenses. I know what it's like to lose "friends" because I didn't do exactly as they thought I should do. Oh well.

Lots of stuff can rob us of life. Don't let this political season sour your life. Carefully consider who you think will be best for protecting our country by bringing our jobs back, updating our infrastructure,

strengthening our Social Security and strengthening our military. Fighting and arguing about it all day is a waste of energy. Make your choice and vote.

My preacher was talking a lot about life at church this past Sunday. He quoted a verse of scripture from *Proverbs 12:28*, "In the way of righteousness there is life." He talked about choosing to live. There are choices that lead to death but there are choices that lead to life. I hope today that you choose to live and love life. It's a brief experience.

This column does not necessarily reflect the opinions of this newspaper.

Water Words: by Kevin O'Brien

Don't let your stream go naked!

Naked streams get into a lot of trouble. Streams without a "wardrobe" of vegetation to protect them eventually cause headaches for everyone in our watershed. Here's how:

Naked streams run wild. Without stream side vegetation roots to keep soil in place, erosion is a big concern! Flowing water can eat away unprotected stream banks and cause problems for landowners.

Naked streams are

overexposed.

Not only do naked streams lack cover for native wildlife, they are also much more likely to overheat. Water temperatures of unshaded streams during the summer reach and exceed levels that make life difficult or even impossible for many fish and other aquatic species. High water temperatures increase water treatment costs for all of us.

What can I do?
Protect the area from erosion.
Please check with us for

some great ideas on how to help keep your stream from becoming naked and for possible financial assistance. For example, limiting livestock access to streams by fencing and providing off-channel watering improves water quality for everyone. Planting native vegetation is a great way to keep our streams from being naked.

Be aware that Josephine County recognizes the importance and highly sensitive character of lands next to water – riparian zones – by regulating all

activities in these areas for everyone's benefit. Be sure to contact us for assistance before planning any activities that will potentially leave a footprint in these areas. Many times there are ways to do things that don't hurt these important areas or disturb the essential functions they perform for us.

Restore native vegetation.

Native plants thrive in our environment. Unlike Himalayan blackberries – a poor choice for streamside riparian areas – native plants

have a sturdy root systems that will keep soil in place. Plan for a variety of plant types. A mixture of mature trees, shrubs, and grasses are the best bet for a healthy riparian buffer that will keep your stream clothed! We offer free site assessment and can help you plan out a planting strategy for success. Again, financial assistance may be available to help "clothe" your naked stream.

Take the time to learn more.

The Illinois Valley "stream team" – a partnership

of the I.V. Soil and water conservation district and the I.V. Watershed council is here to help you help your stream. Our professional staff provides free, non-regulatory services to residents of Southern Oregon's Illinois Valley. We will work with you to develop a plan for improvements and help you understand how important it is to not have naked streams.

Contact us to learn more at 541-592-3731 or visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/ivstreamteam

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1. DON'T ADVERTISE... Just pretend everyone knows what you have to offer.
2. DON'T ADVERTISE... Tell yourself you just don't have time to spend thinking about promoting your business.
3. DON'T ADVERTISE... Just assume everyone knows what you sell.
4. DON'T ADVERTISE... Forget that there are new potential customers who would do business with you if they were invited to do so.
5. DON'T ADVERTISE... Convince yourself that you've been in business so long customers will automatically come to you.
6. DON'T ADVERTISE... Forget that you have competition trying to attract your customers away from you.
7. DON'T ADVERTISE... Tell yourself it costs too much to advertise, and that you don't get enough out of it.
8. DON'T ADVERTISE... Overlook the fact that advertising is an investment in selling - not an expense.
9. DON'T ADVERTISE... Be sure not to provide an adequate advertising budget for your business.
10. DON'T ADVERTISE... Forget that you have to keep reminding your established customers that you appreciate their business.

**Bottom Line: Avoid killing your business
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