

# The buck stopped here: by Robert Hirming

There were shops in Cave Junction that you wouldn't go in because it was sure to be an embarrassing hassle, and then there were those you shouldn't go in because you could get hurt. Of the former category were establishments where no one would meet your gaze, let alone speak to you. Typically the only communication from behind the counter was "No" even before you asked a question, thus ending the encounter summarily. Most of the stores, eateries, and, of course, the movie theater hung signs in their windows discouraging "hippy" patronage. These were the "We do not solicit..." placards which were sold by the Illinois Valley Betterment Committee for 50 cents. This all would have been laughable if the spirit was not so ominous. (Three notable exceptions: Hammers Market, Taylor's

Sausage and The Pizza Deli, now Wild River, made it clear that all were welcome and would not go along with the Betterment Committee's foolishness. The latter two continue today as very successful businesses.) Then there were establishments that no hippy dared enter for fear of serious bodily injury. Certain taverns such as Carl's Ritz (now the "The G Spot") in Kerby, sometimes the old saw shop on Caves Highway, and always the Siskiyou Market were on the "danger, do not enter" list. (The latter was a former management, certainly not the present day owners.) In the spring of 1973 the local Forest Service Ranger, John Hoffman, realized that the "Counter Culture" community out in Takilma contained a huge untapped reserve of young, strong workers. Although

some work- ethic issues were bound to come up, Ranger Hoffman sent out the word that he was planning the formation of a 40 person fire suppression crew and would like to meet, at a location of our choosing in Takilma, with anyone interested in signing up. Wow! Now this was a big deal. For the first time, a major organization in the Illinois Valley had connected with us on a level of some equality and even insinuated that we might have a permanent, productive future living here. The response was overwhelming. Way over 40 young men squeezed into a small cabin and listened as the Ranger hatched his plan. A small group was chosen to set up the crew roster and this was headed by a guy who had rehired rights from a summer job back east (that would be this writer). As April turned to

May the names and numbers of the players began to take shape. What the Forest Service needed first was a BD crew; "BD" standing for Brush Disposal and actually meaning Slash Burning. Since the Fire Control honchos got points and promotions based on tons of slash disposed, a large crew, hired to pile slash by hand or help burn 50 acre clear cuts, was what they needed as soon as possible. Once fire season was in full swing the crew could then be called on a moment's notice for initial attack or mop-up work in what was looking to be a bad fire year. The first days of sign-up were like the Army trying to recruit a band of wild Gypsies. Takilma's rag-tag gang of long hairs straggled into the Ranger Station to be issued hard hats and yellow fire shirts in trade for names and Social

Security numbers; some of which may have actually been factual. The first day of work was announced and all hands were expected to show up at 8 a.m. sharp or be left behind. Considering the paucity of working vehicles and alarm clocks it's amazing that a large crew actually showed up on time. As anyone who has worked for the Forest Service knows, it is absolutely imperative to climb into a rig and be out of the yard by 8:05; anyone still hanging around at 8:06 is considered a slacker and subject to demerit. This always led to a mad scramble, akin to a Mexican bus station, to get out on the highway as soon as possible, but once at safe distance from the Ranger Station a leisurely "store stop" was usually in order. This brings the story back to the Siskiyou Market for here is where the USFS

regular crews had stopped for snacks since time immemorial. Not even realizing the anti-hippy undercurrent about the place, the honchos, driving the half dozen rigs filled with the "Takilma Fire Department," pulled right into the parking area as they did every day. Long hair cascading out from under shiny hard hats, unfurling across yellow shirts, the entire crew got out and headed for the door. From somewhere within, a hand appeared at the window and snatched the "We Do Not Solicit 'Hippy' Patronage" sign and whisked it away. Somehow the prospect of selling 30 to 40 extra bags of Doritos and Snickers bars trumped the bigotry and probable loss of future Forest Service "store stops." Dollars, it seems, always prevails over doctrine.

## PATROL . . .

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\*The driver of a silver-colored Honda was warned for expired registration and failure to carry proof of insurance at 12:30 p.m. at 138 S. Hussey Avenue. He explained that he had just purchased the Honda, and would be taking care of those things.

\*Law enforcement patrolled the area near MP 5 on Westside Road at 1 p.m.

\*A deputy checked Airport

Drive and Seats Dam at 1:34 p.m.

\*At 2:03 p.m. a motorist in a black pickup truck was stopped near the intersection of W. River Street and N. Kerby Avenue. He was cited through Cave Junction Municipal Court for operating without privileges, failure to carry proof of insurance, and warned for improper display.

\*Everything was fine in the 3200 block of Waldo Road at 2:15 p.m.

\*JCSO will conduct further investigation following a traffic stop behind a storage unit at 283 Hanby Lane at 2:43 p.m.

\*A poky driver on E. River Street and Shadowbrook Drive was warned for impeding the flow of traffic at 4:09 p.m.

### Outside the Valley

\*Twenty-nine entries.

### Thursday, Feb. 16

\*A burglary occurred during the last three months in the 5400 block of Westside Road, and \$5,000 worth of tools were taken. A log splitter was one of the items reported missing at 9:11 a.m.

\*A fellow in a green overcoat, yellow gloves and a cowboy hat was drinking a beer as he strutted through a store in the 300 block of Caves Hwy. at 9:33 a.m. He threatened to rip out someone's heart, and he was trying to pick fights with customers. Then he threw a bottle at one of the coolers. Michael Terry Grunwald, 61, was

detailed at Josephine County Jail for second-degree criminal trespass, third-degree criminal mischief, and third-degree theft.

\*At 11:16 a.m., a deputy checked the Lake Selmac area.

### Outside the Valley

\*Twenty-two incidents.

### Friday, Feb. 17

\*At 1:45 a.m. a jerk was banging on windows and ramming a door of a home in the 1800 block of Laurel Road. In the past, he dated the daughter of the home owner, and somehow Prince Harming believed that threatening her mother would be the magic potion for them to reunite.

\*There was a ruckus in the cul-de-sac in the 100 block of Jonathan Court, and a red Dodge Ram long-bed pickup truck was left behind, per a report received at 9:53 a.m. The truck had a white hood but no license plates.

\*A panic alarm was activated in the 5600 block of Deer Creek Road at 10:23 a.m., but the home owner provided the correct code.

\*A fugitive from Oklahoma was apprehended in the 100 block of Hogue Drive at 10:36 a.m. Chase Douglas Cavaness, 33, was arrested on a felony warrant for failure to comply with drug court, and was detained at Josephine County Jail pending extradition.

\*At 12:49 p.m. a young guy wearing purple sweat pants and white shorts was caught in the act

of burglarizing a building in the 300 block of Caves Hwy. The thief, who was adorned in a white hoodie with a hat on top, headed towards Jubilee Park with a backpack full of stolen property. His idea of a disguise was to throw his hat in a dumpster. (Because the purple pants blend.) He was carrying a knife and metal bar, and appeared to be high on meth. He was gone upon arrival of law enforcement.

\*JCSO attempted to deliver a restraining order to an individual in the 8600 block of Takilma Road at 12:50 p.m.

\*A gal in the 900 block of Westside Road received a phone call from a con artist who said he kidnapped her daughter at 1:31 p.m. He used extreme profanity, then hung up on his intended victim. The woman was referred to the Department of Justice.

\*Between 4-10 p.m. on Feb. 16, a poor sport broke a Bally video lottery machine at 33105 Redwood Hwy. The bartender was advised by JCSO to notify the Oregon State Lottery, who told her to file a report with the Josephine County Police Department.

\*At 2:14 p.m. a resident in the 4400 block of Dick George Road asked for a deputy's signature, which he needed to send to his safe company to reset his combination. A supervisor at JCSO stated that they were unable to assist due to liability reasons.

### Outside the Valley

\*Sixteen listings.

### Saturday, Feb. 18

\*Notification was received at 9:55 p.m. on Feb. 17 regarding a deceased person in the 4500 block of Dick George Road.

\*A Nissan Altima painted red and rattle-can gray was recovered from the 4400 block of Rockydale Road at 12:05 p.m. The tow company worked with an excavator to retrieve the Nissan from its resting place.

\*A gal complained that a man in a pickup truck told her she was trespassing, then he shoved and assaulted her. It turned out that she was on private property in the 1900 block of Lakeshore Drive, and since there really were trespass notices posted, she will not be returning to that location.

\*Campers at Little Falls Trailhead Campground had outstayed their welcome at 2:51 p.m. They were warned for 14-day stay limit, and advised to be gone from the area by Feb. 25.

\*Clear photos were taken of two trespassers in the 20000 block of Lakeshore Drive at 1 p.m. on Feb. 18. The recently purchased private property is clearly posted in multiple areas.

\*The resident in the 9300 block of Takilma Road registered the usual noise complaint regarding a large bass drum, this time between 2-10 p.m. on Feb. 17.

### Outside the Valley

\*Ten items.

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## Illinois Valley Little League 2017 registrations



Saturday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Little League Office / I.V. Golf Course Clubhouse.

Please remember to bring their birth certificate and 3 proofs of residency most common are photo I.D. vehicle registration and utility bill dated between February 2016 - 2017

**BINGO FOR ALL AGES WEDNESDAYS**  
EARLY BIRD 6 - 6:30PM  
17 GAMES 6:30 - 9:30PM  
HAMBURGERS FOR SALE  
520 E. RIVER STREET, CJ  
IV SENIOR CENTER  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## STUMP GRINDING

Any Size  
Contact Terry 541-660-9880  
LICENSED and INSURED

## ALL CUSTOM JEWELRY DESIGNS & REPAIRS DONE IN HOUSE!

TUES - FRI 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
SAT 10 AM - 2 PM  
SUN & MON CLOSED  
23772 Redwood Highway  
KERBY, OR  
541-592-4838

## Senior Breakfast

1st Saturday of every month  
8 am to 11 am  
ALL YOU CAN EAT!  
Open to the public  
IV Senior Center  
520 E River St Cave Junction

**Kate's REDWOOD BAR & GRILL**  
Serving the Best Cheeseburger with an Attitude!  
Celebrating 10 years as the Valley's Bar & Grill

OREGON LOTTERY  
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TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY  
NOON TO CLOSE  
12235 Redwood Hwy • Wonder, OR  
541-476-8990

**ZUMBA with Lisa Sherier**  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
\$5 DROP-IN  
6:15-7:15 PM  
at Healthy U  
535 E River St.  
541-761-4342

16th ANNUAL MARDI GRAS MASKED BALL  
FOOD! LOCAL WINE & BEER! GAMES! DANCING! MUSIC!  
Saturday FEBRUARY 25  
at the Takilma Community Building  
9367 Takilma Rd  
Doors @ 8pm  
Band @ 8:30pm  
DJ GALXSEE @ 11pm  
FLAT 5 FLIM FLAM  
\$10-20 SLIDING SCALE  
18+ ADULTS ONLY 18+