



**CLOWNING AROUND -** At Evergreen Elementary School this week, performing artist Jill Fjeldheim from Talent is working with students at all grade levels on physical comedy, pantomime, circus arts and slapstick. In top photo Fjeldheim works with (pairs from left) Robert Ewart and Jesse McGivern, Samantha Crutcher and Mardell Deardorff, Sierra Burch and Whitney Word, and Jessica Lomax and Brianna Loucks. (At left) Alex Miller. The Rural Artist Residency Program is presented by Illinois Valley Arts Council in conjunction with So. Oregon Arts Council. (Photos by Michelle Binker)

## Challenge, growth in city of CJ '04 status

By MICHELLE BINKER

"The city of Cave Junction is facing many challenges today, and we are being confronted with a period of rapid growth."

So said CJ Mayor Ed Faircloth in a "State of the City" address during a regular council meeting in city hall on Monday night, Jan. 12.

The mayor's address focused on efforts under way to improve livability in the city, including near-completion of the first phase of the Downtown Revitalization Action Plan, sidewalk extension, and bridge construction.

"The construction of the replacement bridges over the East and West Forks of the Illinois River are in the initial phases; and with the construction of the bridge over the East Fork, the city will see the installation of a sidewalk from the bridge to connect with the existing sidewalk at the south end of the city," Faircloth said.

Additional good news from the previous year was the award of an \$84,000 grant from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Dept. (OECD) to implement accessibility improvements at city hall and Jubilee Park.

The city is also anticipating an infrastructure grant award from OECD to extend water and sewer lines, and possibly the curb, gutter, and sidewalk on Redwood Hwy., from River Street to the future site of the Siskiyou Community Health Center, 26547 Redwood Hwy.

The mayor's address encouraged citizens to become active in city government. There are openings on the planning commission, and soon-to-be openings on the budget committee, which need to be filled.

"Working together," the mayor said in conclusion, "the residents of the city of Cave Junction have the opportunity to make a difference."



### Wilson - DeRov exchange vows

Lisa A. Wilson became the bride of Ted E. DeRov on Dec. 31, 2003 in First Love Christian Fellowship Church in Cave Junction. The double-ring ceremony was performed by pastors Dr. Bob Kurko and Dr. Virginia Kurko. Communion was presented the bride and bridegroom by Timothy Duffy, associate pastor. The couple's attendants were Rebecca Ingram, Ben Ingram, and Cheri Jamieson. Following the ceremony, family and friends attended a reception. The newlyweds are now living in Selma. (Photo provided)

## Oregon smoking out tobacco users

Student tobacco activists, representatives from Oregon Dept. of Human (ODS) Services and community leaders recently celebrated the return of Oregon's Tobacco Prevention and Education Program, which is credited with saving lives and money.

The reinstatement includes the return of the toll-free Oregon Tobacco Quit Line.

State budget woes caused the Legislature last April to shift voter-approved cigarette tax revenues to the state's general fund. Partial funding of \$5.815 million was recently reinstated.

"It's good news for

everyone that tobacco prevention and education efforts are back," said Dr. Mel Kohn, state epidemiologist. "Tobacco use costs Oregon more than \$1.8 billion per year due to premature death, illness and medical costs."

"Eighteen Oregonians die every day from tobacco related illnesses. This program reduces these high personal and financial costs."

The tobacco prevention and education program has generated considerable success since its inception in 1996: 75,000 fewer adult smokers, 25,000 fewer youth smokers, 1.5 billion fewer cigarettes sold annually, and

60,000 fewer adults using smokeless tobacco.

Part of the reason for this success is the program's toll-free quit line. Callers first began dialing up tobacco cessation specialists in 1998. Since then, more than 60,000 Oregonians have called seeking help in trying to stop smoking or chewing tobacco.

"Six-month follow-up surveys show that more than 20 percent of callers reported being tobacco free," said Kohn. "This success rate is more than double that of people who try to quit on their own."

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