

## SOFCU gets award for its community endeavors

Grants Pass-based Southern Oregon Federal Credit Union (SOFCU) is the 2003 recipient of the Dora Maxwell Award, in the \$100 to \$200 million asset category.

The Credit Union Association of Oregon (CUAO) also announced that the Dora Maxwell Award is a national award established by the Credit Union National Association to recognize credit unions with an outstanding record of service to their communities.

SOFCU's CEO, Charla Zeltvay, surrounded by staff and supporters, accepted the award during CUAO's 67th annual meeting and convention. The award, given in recognition of a long list of community involvement and sponsorship of events including the Kids Care Fair and Mental Health Walk-a-Thon, "is very special to SOFCU."

SOFCU has offices in Grants Pass, Cave Junction, Rogue River, and Medford.

## Head Start applications available

Applications are being accepted for Head Start preschool classes that will begin Sept. 1.

The preschool class offers opportunities to low-income families with children 3 or 4 years old.

A family of four would need to earn less than \$18,400 per year to qualify, or be a recipient of Social Security, employment related day-care, or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) regardless of total household income. A child with a disability is eligible regardless of income.

Limited busing is available. Applications turned in by the last week in April have a better chance of starting class in September.

To request an application, phone (541) 734-5150, 472-4851, or (800) 866-9674; or e-mail vkelly@sofcu.org.

Remember to vote!



## Oregon has 'B' grade in efforts vs. bad visitors

Oregon received a letter grade of "B" for 2003 in its battle against invasive species that threaten the state as a new list of the 100 most dangerous species from the plant and animal kingdom has been developed.

The grade and list come courtesy of the Oregon Invasive Species Council, which has been coordinating efforts to protect the state from "these nasty invaders" the past couple of years. 2003's report card shows an improvement from last year's grade of "C+."

"A lot of good things happened in our fight against invasive species in 2003," said Mark Sytsma, council chairman and director of Portland State University's Center for Lakes and Reservoirs.

"We are trying to be proactive and not wait until we need to be reactive in dealing with these undesirable species."

Major efforts in thwarting such problems as sudden oak death, kudzu, gypsy moth, and Japanese beetle helped push up the state's ultimate score.

"There is always room for improvement, and we certainly strive to do a better job in the future, but a 'B' is good for Oregon at this time," said council member Dan Hilburn, administrator of the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture's Plant Division.

The grade is based on

the list of the 100 worst threats to Oregon and how well officials did in keeping them out in 2003. A year ago, there were three species on that list in imminent danger of becoming permanently established in the state.

One species -- the New Zealand mud snail -- has been removed from the list because it has already become established.

While that can't be considered a success, another species, Meadow Hawkweed, was kept in check this past year through a treatment program initiated by the U.S. Forest Service.

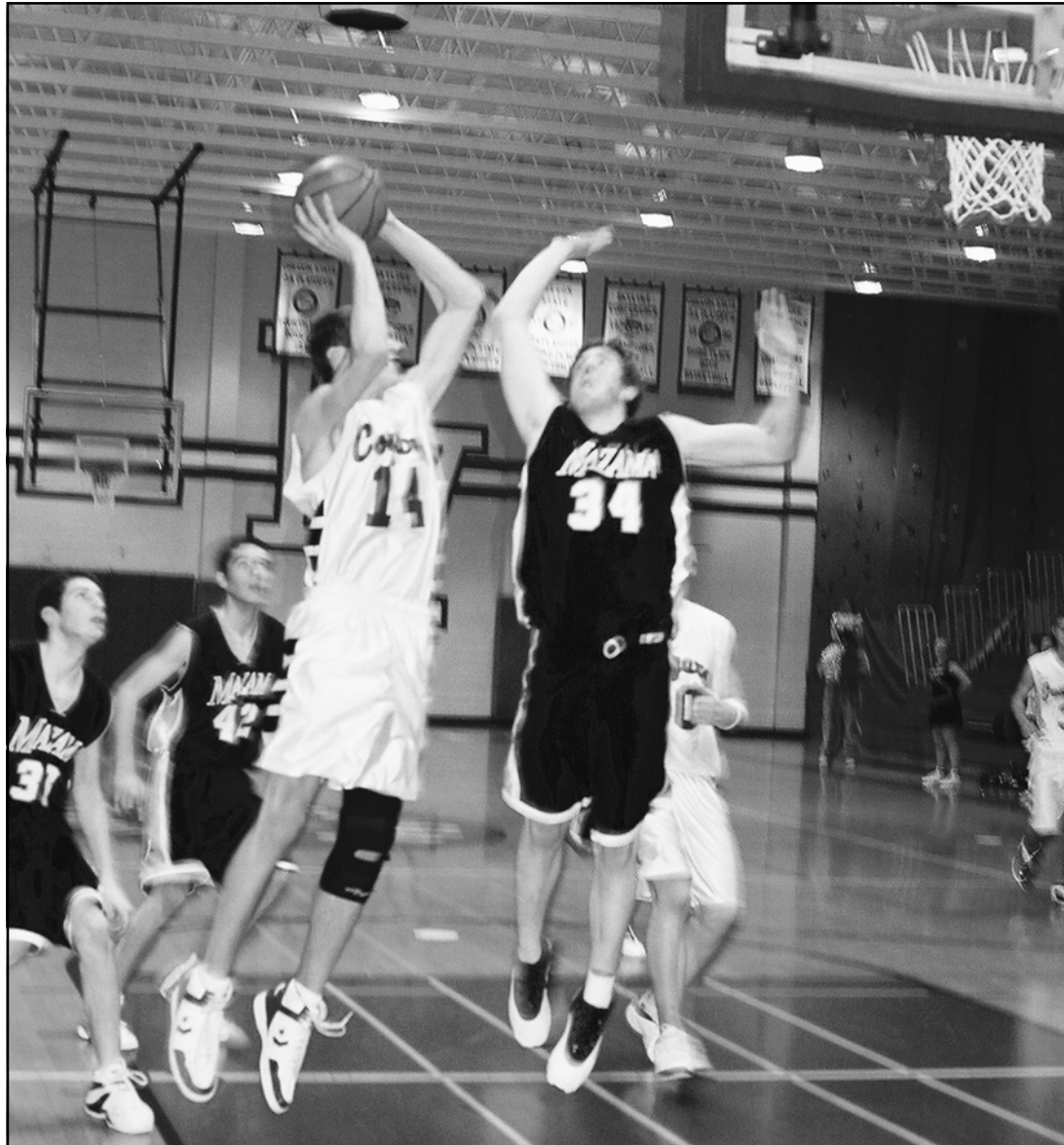
It no longer is considered an imminent threat although it remains on the list of 100.

The third species that threatened to become permanently established still falls in that category. The population of feral swine in Oregon remains about the same.

No new species from the 2003 list are thought to be in danger of becoming permanently established.

Another reason for the improved grade is the work conducted on other species in the bad 100 that weren't necessarily close to becoming a permanent part of the state.

While a lot of the species on the list have yet to show up in Oregon, others have been detected and dealt with swiftly when found.



**COUGARS BATTLE** - It was not a good night for the Illinois Valley High School boys varsity basketball team, as it lost to the visiting Mazama Vikings 68-45 in Ken Mann Memorial Gym. The game was held on Friday night Jan. 23. Top scorers for Illinois Valley were Jon Riley with 17 points, and Jon Paul with 12 points. With the loss the I.V. team has a 1-5 record in Skyline Conference play, and a 2-14 mark overall. The Cougars were to play against Hidden Valley on Tuesday night Jan. 27 in Murphy. (Photos by Alex Eaton)

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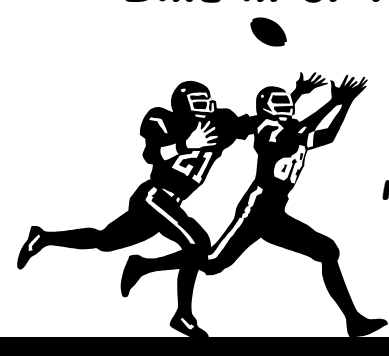
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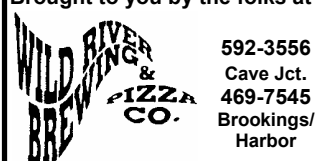
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- THURSDAY, JAN. 29**  
\*Wrestling at North Valley - 5:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JAN. 30**  
\*Boys basketball vs. Phoenix 5:30/5:30/7 p.m.
- \*Girls basketball vs. Phoenix - here 5:30/7 p.m.
- SATURDAY, JAN. 31**  
\*Wrestling at Cottage Grove - 7:30 a.m.
- TUESDAY, FEB. 3**  
\*Boys basketball vs. Rogue River - here 3:45/5:30/7 p.m.
- \*Girls basketball at Rogue River 5:30/7 p.m.
- \*Fishwatch meeting art room - lunch
- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4**  
\*All night grad party meeting - 5:30 p.m.

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