



(Clockwise from top left) Cathy White (left) and Jacky Sweetland dressed as greenie witches and rode bicycles from Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. to Coffee Heaven and then to the Cave Junction 76 station to win a \$100 bet with a friend and to prove that we all have a child inside of us; carving pumpkins was part of Family Night at Lorna Byrne Middle School last week; some employees at Shop Smart Food Warehouse 'dressed' for Halloween Day; 'the girls' at SOFCU wore Halloween sweat-shirts; and at Sterling Savings Bank employees established 'Big Bucks Bank' and donned stereotypical banker suits.

Lovejoy offers grief project for teens

Lovejoy Hospice is starting a new bereavement resource in Cave Junction and Grants Pass for adolescents when someone close to them dies.

A new project -- "Teens!" -- offers group counseling and a bereavement dramatization to be presented primarily to teen-agers. Brady Keister, a licensed professional counselor, is the newly appointed project leader.

Lovejoy Hospice has been offering group counseling for children of all ages and their parents or primary care-givers in the "Good Grief!!" program

The "Good Grief!!" curriculum and support are now available without charge in the community to children and their parents or primary care-givers twice a year for 10 weeks.

"The Teens!" project is an expansion of services. It is funded in part by the Gordon Elwood Foundation, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation, Grants Pass Rotary Club, fund-raising efforts by two community service project seniors at Grants Pass High School Class of 2004, and individuals.

A bereavement dramatization, appropriate for health/hygiene classes in schools, and other audi-

ences of teen-agers, such as church youth groups and clubs, will be performed by a theater troupe. It is Southern Oregon Impact Theatre, directed by Bobbi Kidder, a registered drama therapist.

Keister is an Oregon native and has been a mental health counselor since 1990. He has been in private practice and has worked at the Grants Pass Veterans Center, Southern Oregon Adolescent Study & Treatment Center, and Josephine County Mental Health Dept.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force in '91.

"I got interested in this program because it provides services to teens that may have been overlooked in our community," he said. "Teens often hide their feelings, and don't have a way to express them due to a number of reasons.

"Yet, they feel the grief. There can be times, too, when teens experience grief due to a death unrelated to their family, and their family may not have the same grief experience."

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