

Bull by Bull

By Judy Bull
Columnist

• I can always tell how cold it is in the morning by my horses' tails. If their tails are tucked against their rumps it means it's below 5 degrees. When I went out to feed the day after Thanksgiving it was 6 below zero. Riddle and Riley's tails were slammed accordingly. That evening, after they sunbathed all day long, I saw them walking to the barn, tails held well away from their fat, fuzzy rumps.

• Lately I've had a number of opportunities to be part of other people's day-to-day family lives. I was reminded over and over again that all parents want only the best for their children, first and foremost. Many also want a slower pace, more face-time with said children, more time, period. And, it appears that being a grandma is definitely THE reward for being a mom.

• I took up bowling late in life ... late last year. The only other time I ever bowled was at Oregon State on a blind date in the early '60s. When I overheard Willie order size 8 shoes for himself, I did what any respectable girl of that era would do: I ordered a size 7, though I wore size 9. Talking bowling, I came in first place of Division Three of the Oregon Women's

Bowling Championships a while back. My average was 101 ... which says it all. It was fun to be Queen for a Day, though.

• Everyone deserves sharp pencils. Anyone who uses a pencil to do the crossword puzzle / Sudoku knows what I'm talking about. I have an old-fashion sharpener which clings to the desk by a black suction cup. It is at least 60 years old. What I like best about sharpening my #2s is the smell of the shavings when I empty the catcher into the wastebasket. That same innocent smell every one of us well remembers.

• Some years ago I began creating a library of my favorite movies, PBS programs, Broadway plays, etc., to watch when I'm really old. My newest addition is America's Funniest Home Videos, which will always give me a good laugh. Of course, the trick is going to be keeping my VCR working that many years from now.

• I feel like I can remember the first time I ever rode my bike without training wheels, but then I don't really remember training wheels at all. As a kid growing up in Portland, I rode my bike to and from Red's Riding Stables for years and years. To this day, I never feel younger than when I'm riding my bike.

Outlaws return four to varsity squad

By Rongi Yost
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The boys basketball squad has been hard at work in practice, and is concentrating their efforts on their core values and figuring out their individual roles. Many new faces join the team, and the varsity roster is not yet set.

The Outlaws return seniors Steen Johnson, Hayes Moore, and Isaac MacKenzie. Senior Connor Lake is new to the program this year, along with Scott Waddell, a transfer from Pleasant Hill.

Juniors Keegan Greaney, Tyler Head, Ben Saba and Jake Larson will also be on the varsity roster. Sophomore transfer Taylor Scholl and freshman Jack Berg will also be battling for varsity time.

The Outlaws lost five seniors, and are currently working on different rotations. The point guard position will be shared by Greaney, Johnson, and Moore until someone takes on the full-time role.

Sisters lost a lot in their inside play from last year, and Coach Rand Runco said that they are untested at this time in that area. MacKenzie,

Head, Waddell, Lake and several junior varsity players could move into those rolls.

"With this many new people, I see the line-up changing throughout the season," said Runco. "We have a combination of experience with many new faces. Our chemistry and work ethic will be deciders on how far we go. Last year, we

led the state in defense. We have several players that can score, but need to put it all together. It's going to be an exciting season."

Coaching staff this year, alongside Runco, includes long-time coach David Godfrey, Bryce Alderman, Rob Meeter, Glen Herron and Don Pollard.

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Sisters kicked off the holidays in classic style.



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