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Jill Neal's "Wine Diva" was featured on the cover of *Pink* magazine.

## SMS football ends with winning record

The Outlaws middle school football squad finished their season on a winning note as they outpaced the team from Warm Springs Middle School in a rematch game by a score of 22-6. This win capped a season filled with ups and downs and solidified a winning record for the grid-iron gang.

The season began with three successive wins over teams from La Pine, Warm Springs, and a particularly good team from Burns. Head Coach Tim Ogilvie noted that the road trip to Burns on a cold, rainy night was a pivotal win for the Outlaws because it brought the team closer together and helped raise their confidence level.

The middle school team

then faced defeat for the first time in 2016 as they lost their next two contests. Costly mistakes on special teams and unfortunate breakdowns on defense allowed Madras to pull away from the Outlaws in the second half. The team then lost a close game to Culver in the final minutes of play taking their season record to three wins and two losses.

Ultimately the Outlaws finished the season with a very respectable 4-2 record.

Coach Ogilvie said, "This group of players was more of a complete group than any other I've coached. They worked hard each day in practice, and it showed up on the field on game day. I believe this group had more passion

for the game as a whole than most teams at a 7th-and-8th-grade level."

Ogilvie also noted that the high school will be getting some great football players next year, and feels they will make an impact right away. He singled out Brody Anderson, Hayden Sharp, Hunter Spor, Dillon Macintosh and Garrett Vohs as standout 8th-grade players that will be fun to watch under the lights. He also noted that there were many role-players whose hard work made the team better and allowed the team to achieve a successful season.

Ogilvie also thanked Coach Q and Coach Freeland for the love and dedication they showed the team.

## Sisters artist featured on *Pink* magazine cover

Jill Neal's highly recognizable style was represented large and colorful on the October edition of *Pink* magazine.

The magazine's tag line is "Celebrate Your Womanality," and Neal's art is world-renowned for doing just that.

An extensive "about the cover artist" bio in the magazine notes that "Jill finds her inspiration from watching her circle of friends, whether they are hanging out around the

campfire, sharing a bottle of wine or dancing — she sees their spirit and movement as art."

The cover image, titled "Wine Diva," has been used as a wine label, including Menopause Merlot by Bitner Vineyards.

Jill's Wild (Tasteful) Women gallery is located at 207 N. Fir St. in Sisters.

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## SMS volleyball sweeps competition

The outlook for Sisters volleyball is definitely bright if the 2016 Sisters Middle School/Sisters Park & Recreation District volleyball season is any indication.

The 6th/7th/8th-grade girls recently completed a near-perfect season, crushing league competition. Scores were lopsided in favor of the Outlaws as they routinely won games by double digits. Coaches Rachelle Myhre and Katie Bradbury were forced to challenge their teams by playing them against each other. It seems the only competition for these ladies was other Outlaws.

Numerous players stood out for both volleyball teams,

but it was the team concept that Myhre and Bradbury encouraged that made the difference. Unlike most of the schools, Sisters had 6th-graders playing on the 7th-grade team. Myhre worked these younger athletes into her rotation. She commented that she "... saw huge improvement" in their play as the season progressed.

A highlight of the season for the 8th-grade team came on October 1, when they were invited to play in Sky View Middle School's large-school tournament. The population of Sisters Middle School is roughly a third to

half the size of the schools they competed against. That size difference didn't impede the Outlaws as they placed fourth overall, as they lost to the eventual champion. If they had been on the other side of the bracket they would have undoubtedly played in the tournament championship game. Their play was so solid that they were invited to come to open gyms in Bend to provide the larger schools better competition.

It was a nice compliment for a small-school volleyball team that "played large" all season.

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