

# Commentary... Know to whom you're trusting your children

By Edie Jones  
Columnist

I gasped with horror as I read the *Bulletin* article on Saturday, March 18, about the children left unattended in a daycare in Bend. Seven little ones, from the age of six months to four years old, were found alone by officers who entered Little Giggles Daycare on Wednesday of last week. The story went on to say that the daycare owner had left to get a tan. (See story, page 30.)

That account alone was enough to send shivers up my spine. However, that was mild when I read that she has twice since 2014 been investigated by the Oregon Office of Child Care for presumably breaking the rules on the number of children she could legally watch, has several felony identity-theft convictions and is not allowed to have custody of her own two children.

This was a person parents were leaving their precious children with, expecting them to be safely cared for and nurtured!

Please, parents, take this as a “heads-up” to the importance of knowing with whom you are entrusting your children! Even if you trust the word-of-mouth reference from a friend or relative ask for references, and then check them out. A friend who does childcare in many locations shared that even though she gives references to parents they are seldom called. It takes little time to follow through on this. It is extremely important.

One of the best ways to know that you are hiring

a quality childcare person is to go through our local Child Care Resources, a program of NeighborImpact, 541-548-2380. Child Care Resources supports parents in their search for quality childcare by explaining the types of childcare in Oregon and what quality childcare looks like. They can also provide a list of interview questions to ask when interviewing a childcare provider. The office of childcare is the place to call to find out if a person is licensed and if they have any complaints filed against them. The number is

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# Outlaws golfers play at Crooked River

By Rongi Yost  
Correspondent

The young girls golf squad played at Crooked River on Wednesday, March 15, in their first high school golf game of the season.

Emma Farley, Cylie Lagao, and AriAnne Griffey, all three freshman players, played in cold and rainy weather, which made for a demanding round of golf. Since the Outlaws only had three players, they posted individual scores. Lagao shot a 57-53 (110) to lead the trio. Farley shot a 63 on the front and back nine for a total of 126, and Griffey recorded a 64-62-126.

“This was the girls’ first high school event, but they finished, which isn’t easy,” said Coach Bill Mitchell. “All four girls, including Rose



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Sisters golfers are out on the links.

Williams, who will play on Monday, have been regulars at practice and want to be successful. And, with four players, we will now be able to post a team score, which will be exciting.”

The Lady Outlaws were to play at Eagle Crest on Monday, March 20. The team will take some time off for spring break and be back at it on Monday, April 10, with a tournament at Broken Top.

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