

## Commentary... Bull by Bull

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Columnist

- Fords have always been known for their excellent heaters, and my old Bronco and Ranger are no exception. However, good as their heaters are, they don't even begin to compete with my friends' cars which all have seat-warmers. There is just nothing to compare to being warmed from the bottom up.
- I've read that as one ages, it is important to engage one's mind by doing puzzles, painting, learning new things, even learning a new language. I have chosen to teach myself how to write with my right hand. Though it is still barely legible, if nothing else, trying it makes me laugh.
- Communities are where you find them. It feels good to know that most all of my friends are watching "Jeopardy!" with me on any given evening. Over the past few months I've practically stalked Alex Trebek with emailed words of encouragement, as he fights off pancreatic cancer, and the recent Tournament of Champions was the perfect Rx for what ails Jeopardy! and Company.
- Talking Jeopardy!, the subject of the final question the other night was: Cabinet Positions. Says I, aloud, "Glasses on the right. Cups on the left."
- Beginning last fall, I've been having quite a time with badgers. ODFW suggested I put ammonia or mothballs down their holes but not at the same time. Seems the combo would cause quite an explosion.
- Although I'm not

terribly keen on being 76, I love that it allows for the freeing up of some of my stuff. I'm at a point in my life where I'd much rather see someone enjoy something of mine that they love than keeping it under my roof. It's lots more fun for everyone.

- The last time I stayed up all night was the night of the day I moved into my brand-new house. My dog Levi Elizabeth and I spent the whole night putting everything in place — same place everything still is — and then treated ourselves to a big breakfast at the Tom Tom Diner at 4:30 a.m.

After breakfast I spent \$125 at Food-4-Less to stock our empty cupboards.

- Driving to Winnemucca long years ago, Vernon told me about pogonips. Beware the pogonip: Native Americans coined this term to describe the freezing fog and fine ice needles sometimes created in winter. Pogonips caused much sickness and many deaths among Native Americans and most times the medicine man was held responsible.

- It's hard for me not to "yoo-hoo." I've yoo-hoed most all of my life, having been raised in a yoo-hoing family. Often times when I walk through my own door upon returning from town, I yoo-hoo. I'm not fooling myself — it just feels welcoming.

## Wrestlers battle in Madras and valley

Two Outlaws wrestlers came out on top in action at the Madras Invitational last weekend. At the same time, Tyler "Daisy" Patterson competed at the Girl's Southern Regional Championships at Thurston High School.

"This year's tournament was full of some great competition," Coach John Downs reported. "Daisy's bracket alone had 21 girls and was one of the largest brackets at the tournament. Combined with the North Regional Championship at another high school location they totaled over 550 girls are now competing in wrestling in the state of Oregon! It is a great and exciting time for the girls. Daisy hopes that with this exciting time in wrestling that Sisters High will be able to have it's own team someday in the future, and so do I."

Last Saturday the Outlaws wrestling team traveled to Madras High School to participate in the White Buffalo Invitational.

The Outlaws had an outstanding tournament even though it does not show in the team scores, where the squad finished fifth. Out of the 10 Outlaw wrestlers that competed, seven earned placing finishes. This include five in the first-place finals match.

"It is amazing to see the whole team starting to peak with only two weeks before district," said Downs.

Sophomore Wyatt Maffey competed at 132 pounds and

earned a first-place finish.

"He has been working harder and harder at practice and he is now starting to see the results," Downs said. Maffey's first match was against Venegas of Wilsonville. Wyatt dominated the match, winning by pin in 1:03. His next match he faced third-seed White from Madras. The match went all three rounds with Maffey winning by a 12-5 decision. This win placed him into the first-place match verses the number-one seeded Muenzer from Hood River Valley.

"I was amazed by Wyatt's speed keeping up with Muenzer's experience and speed," Downs said. "Wyatt's conditioning paid off in the end. With just 51 seconds left in the final round Wyatt was able to turn and pin the Hood River wrestler and earn the pin. This will be the boost Wyatt will need to push harder in practice to get ready for the upcoming district tournament."

The Outlaws had two wrestlers competing at 138. Junior Chaz Patterson, who had a tough weekend, was able to earn a match in the fifth-place finals but lost to

Roberts of Molalla to take home sixth-place honors.

Senior Anthony Randolph battled for a first-place finish and came up just short.

"The first match for Anthony was a three-round warm-up for him and he earned the win by a score of 12-2," Downs reported "His next match was against Switzler of Madras and Anthony won by fall with only 36 seconds left in the final round. He then had to face the first-seeded Quesada from Wilsonville. The match went almost all three rounds and Anthony wrestled hard but could just not keep up with the Willsonville wrestler. Quesada did have trouble with Anthony, and Anthony did not quit and did not allow a pin."

Quesada had to resort to earning points on Randolph instead and was able earn the win with a score of 16-1.

"It was a tough loss for Anthony but I told him that it was just another learning experience that he can use to motivate himself in practice to continue to improve, and it is never a bad thing to take

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