



'One' Wheel Up On Life

By Sarah Wetzel
For the Plain Talk

Whoever thinks that two is always better than one has obviously never tried unicycling as Ella, 10, has.

Ella stated that she actually likes unicycling better than riding her bike.

"It's more fun and it helps you practice your balance," she said. "Sometimes I ride it to school but then all my friends expect me to ride my unicycle to school every day."

Ella enjoys sharing her talent with her friends who often attempt to ride her unicycle.

"My friends thought it was cool," she said. "They wanted to keep trying and they keep asking me to help them whenever they come over to my house."

Ella is the only unicyclist in her circle of friends and family which, she said, can feel a bit awkward.

Ella did say she knew other unicyclists before her family moved to Vermillion from Rapid City where her unicycling journey began.

"My dad took me to the Y once and he showed me a class once and I just started,"

she said. "They just did it in the basketball court. There were other kids unicycling and the teacher had a whole bunch of unicycles. They had different levels. Level one is just learning how to ride around. Level two was more advanced. I think they taught you how to go back and forth and just stay in one spot."

Ella described the instruction she received in the unicycling classes.

"They said to first start on the wall and go back and forth and keep trying and trying," she said. Trying, she pointed out, includes falling.

"They said to fall backwards," she said. "I naturally did that. If you fall forward then you have to just fall on the ground. The unicycle just slides by itself across the floor."

After learning how to get on the unicycle, Ella said it took a few months for her to be able to ride.

"I just practiced at the classes once a week because I didn't have my own unicycle," she said.

Ella said she felt grateful for the instruction which made the learning process more

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Guest Consignor: Music boxes, figurines, Fire king collectable item's, cherry wood table w 4 chairs, China Cabinet (Craddeck), recliner, vision ware, old toy tractors, weber grill, old look magazine, crooks and tools.

Guest: China hutch, corner cabinet, TV stand, café table w 2 chairs, coffee and end tables, white bedroom set w double bed and desk, record player w cabinet, lamps, dishes, collectables, kitchen and household misc. and interior wall decor. Outdoor portable gazebo, 3.5 HP push mower and electric trimmer.

Guest Consignor: Stove, frig, apartment size refrigerator and gas stove, couch, antique table, 2 coffee tables (one wicker), chairs, child's accordion, antique rocker, assorted coins, fishing tackle, S&P shakers, 22" mower, misc. stamps (old and new). Other collectibles.

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