

Sports Calendar

Note: Game times and dates are subject to change

March 18

- Elkton Volleyball at Ump. Valley Chr. 6 p.m.
- CGHS Boys Soccer hosts Elmira 6:30 p.m.
- CGHS Volleyball hosts Marshfield 6:45 p.m.

March 19

- Elkton Football hosts Gilchrest 3 p.m.
- Elkton Volleyball at Riddle 4 p.m.
- N.D./Yonc Football at Days Creek 4:30 p.m.

March 20

- N.D. V-ball hosts Oakland 2:15 p.m.
- hosts Riddle 4 p.m.

March 22

- CGHS football at Marshfield JV 6 p.m.

March 23

- CGHS Boys Soccer at Junction City 6:30 p.m.
- CGHS Girls Soccer hosts Junction City 6:30 p.m.
- CGHS V-ball hosts Elmira 6:45 p.m.

March 25

- Elkton V-ball at Ump. Valley 6 p.m.
- CGHS Boys Soccer at Marist 6:30 p.m.
- CGHS Girls Soccer at Marist 6:30 p.m.
- CGHS V-ball at Junction City 6:45 p.m.



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Boogieing with Boogie



Kat and her loving special-needs kitty, Boogie.

"Years ago, I adopted a pair of Persians, Hunki and Dori," said Kat. Yes, they were beautiful to look at but there was so much more to them than purr beauty, added Kat.

"Shortly after, I was heartbroken when Dori passed. I looked for a very special cat to fill the huge hole in my heart and ended up with a special-needs kitty, Boogie," she said. "Boogie eased not only my heartache, but Hunki's too as they became snuggle buddies."

Boogie was born with a spine malformation that left her unable to walk. The neurology veterinarian said surgery is not a viable option; it would cause more problems than if her birth defect is left unrepaired.

"So, we opted for a mobility cart for challenged animals," Kat said. "Boogie quickly made it clear, she did not like the cart, so we let Boogie be Boogie."

This special kitty requires extra care. Kat has Boogie on a schedule to stimulate her bladder to empty at least three times a day. This is done to reduce urinary infections. The schedule also keeps her bowel movements regular.

Also, the cat's long fur requires frequent haircuts to prevent matting. Boogie wears diapers and her mother thinks her kitty looks best in pink. Boogie relaxes during her bathing, blow drying and haircut sessions.

"The rewards of caring for this precious soul far outweigh her challenges," said Kat.

Boogie's name is derived from her strong will to survive and her fighting spirit. She boogies through life, no matter what she is dealt. At birth, her mother knew something was wrong with her baby, so she refused to nurse the kitten. Humans took over and as Boogie gained strength she would shuffle over to her mom and nurse.

Kat keeps her kitty mentally stimulated with a household of toys, scratching posts and comfy beds. Boogie also has new brothers and sister kitties and every night they have playtime. Like all cats, she loves laser lights and hunting the gecko's terrarium's escaped crickets.

She can look out the screen door at the wild birds at the feeder and squirrels. She loves packing bubbles and cat videos

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Lions freshman Matthew Binder returns the second-half kick-off for a touchdown against North Bend in the Dawg's House on Monday.

Lions collar Bulldogs in opener

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
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On Monday (March 15), Cottage Grove's football team played its first game of the season in a match-up at North Bend High School that had Lions fans — both online and among those permitted as spectators — on the edge of their seats for four quarters.

In the end, nailbiting fans were rewarded with a 35-32 win over the Bulldogs.

Coach Joe Polamalu explained that it was a valuable learning experience for him, his coaching staff and his players.

"I think it was one of those games [where] there were a lot of good teaching moments," said Polamalu. "Not only during the game, but especially



Junior JJ Thornton (left) runs with blocking from fellow junior Brennen Bouche during Monday's 35-32 road win.

ly looking back at it. That first game, we're wanting to [find out] who's who, what kind of character we have and who we are [as a team]. And I think in

the heat of the moment, your true color shows."

Polamalu went on to discuss what he was looking for from
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Wolverines claw way to win over Elks

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
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On Friday (March 12), the Elks took to the football field to battle the Wolverines in their den at Alsea. Although they played a hard-fought game, Elkton's few turnovers proved costly, allowing Alsea to edge out Elkton, 47-34.

Coach Jeremy Lockhart took the loss in stride and said he was proud of his team's performance overall. "It was a fun game," he said. "We just we made some critical mistakes and that's what cost us."

Elkton took the lead early in the game, but the Wolverines' Aaron Sapp had a 64-yard kick return for a touchdown in the

first quarter that set the Elks behind.

By halftime, Alsea was still ahead, and they managed to score the first touchdown of the second half. The Elks answered, and as Lockhart explained, "every time that they would score, we would answer

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Lady Lions cage Spartans in three sets

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
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Cottage Grove d Marist 28-26, 25-18, 25-18

On Thursday (March 11), Coach Abby Ladd's Lionesses took on Marist Catholic at home, sweeping the Spartans in three games.

The first set was a hard-earned win, with Cottage

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Cottage Grove senior Bella Costa (center) claps heading into the third set.



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Athlete of the Week



This week's athlete of the week is Brennen Bouche of the Cottage Grove High School Lions football team, which defeated North Bend on the season-opener at the Dawg House Monday.



Cottage Grove Lions junior runningback Brennen Bouche sparked the Lions with outstanding effort on offense and defense, and a key tackle that knocked the ball loose to secure the win.

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