



**Pet Tips
'n' Tales**

By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

Willie Wonka



**Maria and her co-worker,
Willie Wonka**

Willie Wonka, a 2-and-a-half year-old Chocolate Labrador, lives in Florence, Ore. The city is a dog's paradise with ocean beaches, dog park, hiking trails and an impromptu Halloween pup-parade.

"Once a week, Willie's brother, Eli, joins us in a training with a few friends and their dogs," said Maria. "One of their socializing exercises took place last Halloween. Florence handed out pumpkins and candy to 200 families lined up in vehicles. To entertain the long line, we dressed our dogs in lobster, bumble bee and octopus costumes and paraded them up and down the sidewalk.

"The children and parents enjoyed the furry parade. Everyone had smiles. It was a great experience for our disguised dogs."

Maria is an avid reader. Twenty years ago, we met at a book signing when she paw-chased my books, "Expect Miracles" and "A Christmas Filled with Miracles."

We became instant friends.

With her love of books, she named her puppy Willie Wonka, after author Ronald Dahl's character. She and her husband manufacture components for luxury automobiles and were recently featured on the international TV show, "Wheeler Dealers."

Their show was viewed worldwide by 200 million people! The response keeps them busy, so they hired Willie Wonka as office staff.

"Willie's favorite job is paper shredding, but he is not allowed to do it anymore," said Maria. "We learned the hard way that he can't discern what is and isn't shredd-able. Even though he can't read, yet, he is smart and can count to three, and spells a few words such as W. A. L. K."

Maria said Willie loves lunch breaks when staff laugh at his antics of zooming outside. Willie also has fun running up and down the ocean beaches. His favorite hike is on the wooded trails near their home.

"He finds the biggest stick, picks it up and then beats it on the ground in what we call 'Battle Lab.' He also likes 'booping' us in the backsides with his toys," Maria said. "Because he can count, when we ask him to bring us three toys, he brings three in his mouth — at the same time!"

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Lions continue roaring through season

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Flying high after a remarkable game against Siuslaw last Tuesday (March 16), on Thursday (March 18), Cottage Grove's soccer team hosted Elmira at home. As with the Vikings, the Lions issued another smashing defeat, this time to the Falcons of Elmira, winning 8-0.

The first to put the Lions on the score board for the evening was Aldo Rea, who scored with a beautiful cross from Jaden Cameron in the first minute of the game.

Cottage Grove never let up after that, scoring seven goals by halftime. Two more went to Rea, with three also going to Cameron, and the final goal of the half going to Juan Gon-



GARY MANLY/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Senior middle Evan Snauer (left) passes to fellow senior middle Drew Chapman. The Lions shut out Elmira last Thursday, 8-0.

zalez.

In the second half of the game, Cameron scored a final goal to end the match early on

the mercy rule.

Coach Vern Stewart was

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NED HICKSON/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Cottage Grove junior lineman Hemi Scott closes in on Marshfield quarterback Canyon Niblet. The Pirates managed a narrow 16-13 win late in the fourth quarter on Monday.

Pirates steal narrow win over Lions

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Cottage Grove's football team took on Marshfield last Monday, playing away for their second game of the season.

In the first quarter, both teams struggled to gain enough yards for first downs, with each being forced to punt twice. Toward the end of the quarter, with the Pirates within striking distance of the end zone, the Lions got a fumble recovery on their own 11-yard line. From

there, Cottage Grove went on a seven-play drive to end the quarter in possession of the ball at first-and-goal in Pirates territory as the quarter ended in a 0-0 tie.

However, just seven seconds into the second quarter, Brayden Crump scored on a quarterback keeper. The point after touchdown was blocked, but the Lions were the first on the scoreboard, 6-0.

Then, at 6:54, the Lions got a 43-yard carry by JJ Thornton. Unfortunately, Thornton was injured on the play and sidelined for the remainder of the

game — but not for nothing: the carry put the Lions on Pirates' 30-yard line. Jason Travis next brought the ball to the 11-yard line for the Lions' third consecutive first-down of the possession, putting Cottage Grove within touchdown territory once again.

On the next carry, Crump scored from 11 yards out and kicked the PAT, putting the Lions ahead 13-0.

With 35 seconds left in first half, the Pirates strung together their own seven-play drive,

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Elks fight hard but meet 'Grizzly' end

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

On Friday (March 19), Elkton's football team hosted Gilchrist for the Elks' third game of the season. In the most physical game of their season so far, the Elks did their best to keep up with the Grizzlies but could not get the scores need-

ed in the end to take the victory — with Gilchrist winning, 41-26.

Coach Jeremy Lockhart explained that the game took a toll on players on both sides.

"It was a really, really hard-fought game," said Lockhart. "There were a lot of injuries and there was a significant injury, unfortunately, to one

of their players, Micah Ellis. We had to call the paramedics and have him [carried] off the field. He was a tough kid. It was a really physical game."

The game was incredibly close throughout, with the teams being evenly matched in each quarter.

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Sports Calendar

Note: Game times and dates are subject to change

March 25

- CGHS Boys Soccer at Marist 6:30 pm
- CGHS Girls Soccer at Marist 6:30 pm
- CGHS Volleyball at Junction City 6:45 pm

March 26

- Elkton Football at Lake/Paisley 7 pm
- ND/Yonc. football hosts Camas Valley 7 pm

March 29

- C. Grove Football hosts Philomath 5:30 pm

March 30

- Elkton Volleyball at N. Douglas 6 pm
- CGHS Boys Soccer at Marshfield 6:30 pm
- CGHS Girls Soccer hosts Marshfield 6:30 pm
- CGHS V-ball at Marist 6:45 pm

April 1

- Elkton Volleyball at C. Valley 6 pm
- CGHS Girls Soccer at N. Bend 6:30 pm

Results:

March 19

- Elkton Volleyball d Riddle 25-20, 25-19, 25-18

March 20

- Elkton Volleyball d C. Valley 25-21, 23-25, 25-23, 25-23
- N. Douglas Volleyball d Oakland 25-14, 25-13, 25-23; Riddle: 25-9, 25-7, 25-14

March 23

- CGHS Girls Soccer Marshfield: No score posted
- N. Douglas Volleyball d Oakland 25-14, 25-13, 25-23; Riddle: 25-9, 25-7, 25-14

Athlete of the Week

This week's athlete of the week is Aldo Rea of the Cottage Grove boys soccer team, who lead the team in goals in defeats over Elmira and Junction City



Cottage Grove sophomore forward Aldo Rea scored six goals this week to help the Lions defeat Elmira and Junction City.

