

Pets *from B1*

Willie also has fun doing tricks and can turn on/off the lights and beep a child's toy tractor horn. Like many dogs, his favorite TV shows are nature shows with other animals and then he falls asleep snoring after a hard day at the office. "He's a giant loveable goof ball, even though he steals our socks and face masks out of the laundry basket and then zooms around the coffee table with them in his mouth," said Maria. "He knows he's being naughty, and he keeps us laughing."

TIPS:

"We love and train the dog we have and not the one we wish we had," said Maria. "This important lesson has taught us patience, acceptance and understanding, especially with this high drive working breed, intelligent dog which requires more engagement than other dogs," Maria said. "We have taken him to obedience class, taught

him tricks and scent work to challenge his active mind.

"This interaction built a strong bond of trust and connection between us. I also read your recent Pet Tips 'n' Tales article on 'FUR-niture.' We too have leather furniture because it makes a huge difference in managing pet hair!"

When Maria worked for Holt International, she interviewed one of the potential-adopting grandparents, Dick Kazan. She intuitively knew that he and I would make the best friends. She was right. Dick, also a writer, and I have been friends for 20 years. Here is his blog, which shares inspiration during quarantine. "Dear God: Among the greatest sources of hope are children, puppies and kittens for without discrimination, they open their hearts to all. With Love To All — Dick" www.atouchofprayer.blogspot.com/

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CGHS *from B2*

After a crushing victory, the Lionesses had one more bit of business before beginning their second game: Senior Night. Parents escorted this year's seniors — Matty Ladd, Avery Hutchins and Bella Costa — out to the middle of the court, where they received flowers, balloons and well-earned recognition. Emotions were understandably running a bit high following the ceremony, which may have caused the team to lose some of its focus going into

game two. Consequently, the Lions lost the first set of the next match. "We did really well in the first game, and we had a lot of things that we were able to articulate that we did really well, but I think they thought that moving into the next match was going to be a breeze, and then it wasn't." At this point, Ladd knew some adjustments had to be made to realign her team's focus. Ladd told the team it was going to be even harder after losing the first set because the Lions now had to take the momentum back

and refocus that into controlled play. With renewed focus, Cottage Grove won the next three sets. "Matty Ladd did a really good job," said Ladd. "She played hard in that game and was one of the ones who I think really talked up the team and was on the court making sure to build people up and bring the positivity. But she also played a really great game. She had an insane amount of kills." Additionally, Ladd mentioned Peyton Kidd's performance. "She's our setter who

runs a five-one, so she's the only one out there," said Ladd, "and she works hard and does a really good job. She's really smart, she'll dump and when she's in the front row, she'll take an approach and swing, and she's really aggressive." Overall, the Lionesses played two stellar matches, bringing their league record to 5-1. Tuesday (March 23), Cottage Grove hosted Elmira at home (scores were unavailable at press time.) The Lady Lions play tonight on the road at Junction City, beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Soccer *from B1*

pleased with his team, and though it was another landslide victory, he is quick to give the boys all of the credit. "Even though it seems one sided, our passing, movement and talking all clicked," said Stewart. "The boys just seemed to enjoy the entire game. As a coach, you just love to

see the work that the team puts in come to fruition. Love it and love them." The Lions then played at Junction City on Tuesday (March 23), where they went on to defeat the Tigers for the second time this season, with a final score of 7-1. Cottage Grove started out slow and fell behind 1-0. After that goal, the Lions were quick to answer with a beautiful shot from

Chase Williams. Within the next five minutes, Rea scored on a fast break with a through ball from Cameron, who was next to put in a shot in the corner. Rea scored his second goal on another fast break with a through ball from Evan Snauer, followed by Sy Williams scoring his first of two goals in the game to end the first half with a score of 5-1. Within the first five min-

utes of the second half, Rea scored his third goal, giving him another hat trick. Williams scored his second goal after a shot from Juan Rodriguez bounced off the defender and Williams followed up, bringing the score to 7-1 for the win. Cottage Grove plays tonight (March 25), hosting Marist at 6:30 p.m.

Elks *from B1*

The first quarter ended in a tie 6-6 and, by the half, Gilchrist held a hair-thin 1-point lead at 20-19. The third quarter was just as nail biting, with each team only scoring one touchdown — and Gilchrist maintaining its slim 1-point advantage, 27-26, to start the fourth quarter. That's when Gilchrist was able to break away, scoring two touchdowns while holding Elkton scoreless as the Grizzlies won it, 41-27. "We didn't execute in the

fourth quarter," Lockhart admitted. "We turned the ball over on downs — we did it in their zone on one occasion, that definitely hurt, and we just kept giving up the big play." Even without the win, the Elks played hard and had some key highlights. Running back Cooper Peters had 20 carries for 170 yards. He had two touchdowns, one from six yards and one from 14 yards, with two conversions on the ground. Running back Nathan Rausch had nine carries for 56 yards. Rausch also had a 43-yard touch-down run.

In passing, quarterback Jace Clevenger was 11 of 26 for 141 yards, including a touchdown pass. Receiving, Ben Bowen had five receptions for 70 yards, and one touchdown for 20 yards. Lockhart also made mention of how well his team did on defense in the game, particularly with rain being a factor in the fourth quarter. "There was only one turnover," Lockhart said. "Paul Yearous had eight tackles and a fumble recovery; he was able to recover the only turnover in the game for us. I was proud

of our guys for not turning the ball over, especially with the inclement conditions. That hurt us last week, so that was a nice change." In all, the Elks played a great game, they just couldn't quite get there in the fourth. "We fought hard, that's for sure," said Lockhart. "Our guys were really tough, and it was the most physical game we've had so far." Elkton plays again tomorrow night (March 26) at North Lake/Paisley, beginning at 1 p.m.

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