

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

JoAnn's Chex Mix, Almond Bark Cookies & Caramel Snappers

Good day, Area any of you ladies doing your Christmas baking yet? The next two weeks I will share some of my favorite recipes for Christmas goodies. Do hope you will try some of them. This Chex mix recipe makes a big batch. If you're looking to share it as gifts or just snacks you milk have plenty. These recipes are simple enough you can let the kids join in and help. Merry Christmas! Hope you enjoy them.



JoAnn

CARAMEL SNAPPERS

144 small pecan halves
36 vanilla caramels
1/2 cup chocolate chips (melted)
Grease a cookie sheet. Arrange pecans in groups of 4 and place 1 caramel on each. Heat oven to 325° place them in oven until caramels are softened 4-6 minutes. With a buttered spatula press the caramel to cover the pecans. Cool slightly and remove from pan. Swirl melted chocolate on top.

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Sauce:
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1 tsp seasoning salt-Lawry's®
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Preheat oven to 250°. In a large pan or 2 9x13 pans bake 1 hour stirring every 15 minutes. I use my big roasting pan to mix it all together than divide it into 2 pans. Spread out on paper towels and let it cool! This makes a good amount. So Yummy!

ALMOND BARK COOKIES

1 lb almond bark
1 cup dry roasted peanuts
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
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Knights' Poster Contest Winners

Knights of Columbus #2411 invited Pope John students from ages 5 through 14 to participate in the organization's international "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Local winners chosen were Jacob Niewohner, Faith Bartak and Max Borer.

Bartlett News

The Bartlett Church of Faith Christmas program was Sunday, Dec. 15 with Marcia Smith greeting the congregation.

The program included the Sunday school choir singing *Go Tell it on the Mountain*, *Ring Bells Ring*, *Away in the Manger*, *Happy Birthday Jesus* and others. The Nursery class, presented 'Christmas Elves.' The Primary Class presented 'Christmas Store Window,' a play with reading parts.

The junior class presented a reading 'The Insignificant.' The reading stressed that God chose those people some thought were 'Insignificant' such as the shepherds, and showed them wonderful things. God still chooses the 'Insignificant' to carry out his plans. The high school youth group presented the play "Santa vs. Jesus." They wrote the play in youth group the week before. It was filled with humor and was just perfect.

Michelle and Dan Kluver and Karen Kotrc sang in three vocal parts the Christmas carol 'Do You Hear What I Hear.' Karen accompanied the selection.

The grand finale every year, which still brings tears to the audience, is the presentation of the Nativity scene by Sunday school children dressed as Mary and Joseph and the baby (a doll) the shepherds, angels and wise men.

Merry Christmas and best wishes to all of the kind folks who have filled our year with friendship, meaning and wonderful memories.

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It's so joyful to share 'Merry Christmas!'

And just like that, except for a few evergreen trees here and there, the landscape around Elgin is a dull brown. What happened to the lush green cornfields, and the pastel clothing, and the colorful flowers dotting neighborhoods? It's December when we pull out twinkling lights to glitter in the night, giant red bows, and fresh greenery, all to decorate and delight. And to bring some color into our lives. 'Tis the season!

A dear friend originally from Nebraska lived in Florida fulltime for a while and often commented about how she missed the change of seasons, each bringing anticipation for what's ahead. Spring sprouts bring the hope of new beginnings. Summer brings the joy of frolicking in water. Autumn brings leaves that change color and then lilt to the ground. Winter brings frost nipping at your nose.

Living in the DC area before moving here to rural Elgin, it was recommended at the workplace that the winter greeting be season's greetings or happy holidays instead of Merry Christmas. Af-

terall, some around me celebrated Hanukkah, Day of Enlightenment, Kwanzaa, and more. Living here, there's less concern about being disrespectful of beliefs that are not mine. It's so joyful to share "Merry Christmas" and mean it.

Watching Seinfeld with hubby Rick, a TV comedy sitcom that ran on NBC from 1989-1998, the fictional Festivus got airtime around Christmas. One of Jerry Seinfeld's friends, George Costanza, had a neurotic dad who got fed up with the commercialism of Christmas and dreamed up Festivus as an alternative. At the Festivus meal, all in attendance would air their yearlong grievances about the others. Sound fun? Though not likely on Seinfeld, staged in the upper west side of Manhattan, NYC, a scuffle around here might crop up during open season on deer hunting. You'd been watching that prized four-pointer on your game camera for

Say What?



Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago December 17, 1964

The Elgin Woman's Club met last week at the home of Mrs. John Parilek for their annual Christmas party and cookie exchange. Letta Jean Coulthard was co-hostess.

The Antelope County Honor Family recognized at the conservation banquet last week was Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Zegers who live southwest of Elgin. This marked the ninth year for the presentation. The area of the county to receive this award is changed every year.

Elmer Anderson and Sylvia Burk were united in marriage Saturday at Wesleyan Methodist in Neligh. Officiating was Rev. Bernice Hubby. The couple will make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scholl are the parents of a baby daughter, Tracy Ann, born December 12 at Antelope Memorial Hospital.

The Sandhills Feeders Club held their December meeting at the home of Roland Kinney. All 16 members were present.

Fifty Years Ago December 19, 1974

Dean Henn and Mark Jensen were nominated and elected without opposition Monday night at the Elgin Chamber of Commerce meeting. They will serve on the board of directors. The meeting was held at Parr's Cafe.

John Draper of Elgin, along with Robert Knapp and Elizabeth Thiele of Clearwater each received bachelor of science degrees at winter commencement exercises held at Wayne State College.

Santa Claus was forced to visit Saturday afternoon with the youngsters at the fire station due to inclement water. Among the many children to come see Santa was Joe Dozler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dozler.

Captain Wayne Selting and Ray Krakoski of Omaha spent the weekend at the Ben Selting home and helped at the Mobile Cancer Detection Unit in Neligh. On their return, the two men and three nurses all were snowbound at the Selting home along with Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Zens of Miller, S.D.

Thirty Years Ago December 21, 1994

Marlene Scholl and Jerry Wilkinson were elected to three-year terms on the board of directors of the Elgin Chamber of Commerce at their December meeting. Continuing their terms on the board were JoAnn Beckman, Darrell Getzfred, Betty Mackel and Kim

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By: Bethany Krause, Granddaughter, Age 10

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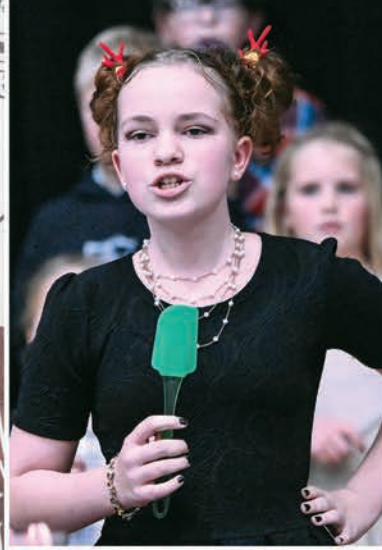
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Holiday Music

Music filled the air last week at the 2024 Elgin Public Schools Winter Concert/Program



E-R photos by Dennis Morgan



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AMH honors employees for years of service

Employees of Antelope Memorial Hospital were recognized for years of service, Caring Kind and the Nebraska Hospital Association's Trustee of the Year at the AMH Christmas Party held on Friday, December 13 at the American Legion in Neligh. Receiving awards (for number of years honored) were front row (l-r): Diane Brugger (5), Judy Broberg (15), Lauren Kinney (10), Donna Keetle (5), Marsha Schilousky (10) and Merry Sprout (30); back row: John Mlnarik (Trustee of the Year), Samantha Vanis (5), Robin Choate (5), Wendi Reinke (15), Kristen Kester (20), Steven Simonsen (15), Karen Hart (5), Charlene Hughes (Caring Kind) and Amy Wright (35). (Not pictured: Julie Stewart (5), Katelyn Hurlbert (5), Jeffrey Schindler (5), Steven Arehart (5), Michelle Stearns (5), Diann Arehart (5), Jessica Dabalos (10), Jared Jacob (10), Michael Wright (15), Terra Kimes (15), Shantell Boggs (25), Connie Farmer (25), Carolyn Petersen (25), Virginia Seier (30) and Karen Dietz (35).

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months and some out-of-towner took it down with one shot. How dare they! If you're a cattle farmer/rancher, keep a watchful eye on open season for those heifers. Time to put the prized bulls to work.

Remember when we waited for open season on out-of-the-garden strawberries, or that first mouth-watering tomato? With international marketing, these items are available all year long, though maybe not of the same tasty quality we're

used to here.

Back in journalism school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, we learned of the 'silly season' when news days slowed to a crawl and the newspaper editors had to resort to fluff stories to fill space. This was usually considered to be late summer and the down time between Christmas and New Years Day. Seldom see any column stuffing in our *Elgin Review*. Every week there's local news about Elgin generally not accessible any other way.

Ever been told that 'we'll let

you know in good season'? This means being notified when the person making the decision is good and ready. Not fun on the receiving end if you're waiting for a job offer, or a scholarship for college, or an appointment.

All-season coats sometime seem like a good idea until you get frustrated with zipping the extra liner in and out depending on the weather. A singer for all seasons who takes requests is a much better deal. Slip him five bucks and ask for "She Thinks His Tractor's Sexy" by Kenny Chesney. Done. The vocalist is

definitely a performer for all seasons who can play about anything.

Ecclesiastes 3 in the Bible is well known - "to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." So now the season is winter with Christmas, and New Year's Eve, and Valentine's Day for us to anticipate, prepare, and enjoy. Season it with cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, maybe peppermint.

More importantly, season the coming holiday with joy in knowing the real reason for Christmas. It's been delightful writing for you this year of 2024. Merry Christmas to all!

Comments to jane.schuchardt@gmail.com appreciated.

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Dribble, shot club standouts recognized

The second annual Wolfpack Dribble and Shot Club awards were handed out Tuesday night, December 10, during a break in the Wolfpack/Neligh-Oakdale girls basketball game.

The goal of the program is to encourage youth to get outside and be active during the summer while improving basketball and life skills. Students now in Kindergarten through eighth grade participated in the clubs this year. In the Dribble Club, the goal this year was to dribble for 10 minutes, three times per week. Recognized for participating in the Dribble Club were Vanessa Buschow, Callan Schindler, Taryn Schindler, Tenley Schindler, Cayson Bottorf, Taysom Bottorf, Hayley Selting, Carter Selting, Kinley Selting, Chloe Kielty, Reid Kielty, Leo Spieker, Boyd Spieker, Judd Schindler, Mark Schindler and Tess Spieker.

In the Wolfpack Shot Club, students logged how many shots they took during the summer. Recognized for participating were Max Borer; 3,000 Shot Club Vanessa Buschow, Chase Young, Cayson Bottorf, Taysom Bottorf, Cael Bottorf and Harmon Borer; 5,000 Shot Club Kinley Selting, Mark Schindler, Reid Kielty, Tenley Schindler, James Lodge, Braxton Eisenhauer, Leo Spieker and Chloe Kielty; 7500 Shot Club Carter Selting.



Dribble club award recipients.



Shot club award recipients.

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Madison Holiday Basketball Tournament pairings announced

MADISON — Pairings have been announced for Wolfpack basketball teams competing in the upcoming Madison Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Both the boys and girls varsity teams will be competing at the tournament to be held Friday and Saturday, December 27-28 at Madison High School.

Girls
The Wolfpack girls will square off in the first round against

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Wolfpack lose heartbreaker as Wausa capitalizes on late free throw to win 36 to 35

WAUSA — It should have been a happy ending, but it turned out to be a bad weekend. Elgin Public-Pope John boys suffered their second loss in two days Saturday evening, falling to Wausa 36 to 35. Having come into the weekend undefeated at 3-0, the Wolfpack were soundly beaten Friday night by Plainview, but appeared

ready to steal a victory from Wausa Saturday. Having trailed by seven points in the third quarter, the Wolfpack rallied to take a three-point lead early in the fourth quarter, fell behind, came back to tie the score with under 20 seconds to play, only to lose in the final second on a free throw. Wausa capitalized on four

treys (three in a row at one point) to take a 25 to 16 lead at halftime. Keeping EPPJ close was junior Jarek Erickson with 10 first half points. Things started to turn the Wolfpack's way midway through the third quarter when, down by seven, senior Dylan Kolm twice scored on drives to the basket. Then, senior Kellan Hoefer drilled a trey and suddenly the score was tied 28-all with 3:30 left in the third quarter. EPPJ made three of four free throws to close out the quarter with a 31 to 30 lead. Hoefer scored again to open

the fourth quarter. Wausa then scored five consecutive points to lead 35 to 33 with under a minute to play. With 24 seconds left in the game, following a shot clock violation by Wausa, Hoefer scored again to tie the score. After a foul, Wausa made one of two free throws with 00.7 seconds left on the clock. A Wolfpack desperation pass on an out-of-bounds play was deflected away, giving the Vikings the victory. The Wolfpack were led in scoring by Erickson with 10 points, Hoefer had nine. Erickson added 10 rebounds for a double-double.



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Wausa 36, EPPJ 35

Wolfpack.....	5	14	12	4	—	35
Vikings.....	7	18	5	6	—	36
Kellan Hoefer	4-13	1-2	9			
Michael Seltling	0-1	0-0	0			
Karson Kallhoff	2-6	2-2	7			
Jarek Erickson	3-12	2-4	10			
Taylor Beckman	0-3	0-0	0			
Max Henn	0-4	3-5	3			
Dylan Kolm	3-6	0-2	6			
Team totals:	12-45	8-15	35			
Three-point shots	—	3-17				
(Karson Kallhoff 1, Jarek Erickson 2)						
Wausa team totals:	14-50	3-8	36			
Three-point shots	—	5-25				
Team statistics: Rebounds	—	Wolfpack 26				
(Jarek Erickson 10), Wausa 28.						
Assists	—	Wolfpack 3.				
Turnovers	—	Wolfpack 6, Wausa 5.				

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Plainview

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EPPJ jumped out to a 20 to 11 lead after one quarter, then saw it grow to 31 to 17 by halftime as Coach Randy Eisenhauer's team remained undefeated in December. The Pirates had no answer for Kurpgeweit early on as she had nine of the team's 20 points in the first quarter. Nor could they slow down Braelyn Martinson and Callie Heithoff who each had six points in the first half.

EPPJ 41, Plainview 30
 Wolfpack.....20 11 7 3 — 41
 Pirates.....11 6 11 2 — 30
 Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 2-6 0-0 4, Elizabeth Moser 0-1 0-0 0, Trissa Russell 0-0 0-0 0, Braelyn Martinson 5-12 1-2 11, Callie Heithoff 2-9 0-0 6, Kate Furstenau 1-8 6-8 8, Mady Kurpgeweit 5-13 0-0 12. Team totals: 15-49 3-14 30. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 4-7 (Callie Heithoff 2, Mady Kurpgeweit 2). Plainview team totals: 13-49 3-14 30. Three-point shots — 1-12.
 Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 34 (Mady Kurpgeweit 11), Pirates 34. Assists — Wolfpack 8 (Kate Furstenau 5), Pirates 5. Steals — Wolfpack 21 (Braelyn Martinson 6), Pirates 15. Turnovers — Wolfpack 25, Pirates 30.

Madison

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Lyons-Decatur Northeast at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 27. In the other half of the bracket, the Madison girls will

face Riverside.
Boys

First round will be played on Friday, December 27. EPPJ will face Lyons-Decatur Northeast approximately 20 minutes after

the conclusion of the Wolfpack girls game (approximately 12:30 p.m. In the other half of the opening round, Madison will play Riverside. Consolation finals/finals will be Saturday.

Pride of the PACK





JAREK ERICKSON
BOYS BASKETBALL

A junior, Jarek was a force on the court last week. In 3 games, he averaged 12 ppg. He also had 7+ assists in the games.



BRAEVLN MARTINSEN
GIRLS BASKETBALL

A sophomore, Braelyn was a scoring machine, averaging close to 17 ppg last week as the Wolfpack won 3 games.



LANDYN VEIK
WRESTLING

A junior, Landyn recorded 3 victories - 2 by pins - at the Twin Loup Invite on Friday. The wins earned him 1st place in the 165 lb division.

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WRESTLING

BOYS VARSITY
 Dec. 21 @ EPPJ (Senior Day) (PJ).....9:30
 Jan. 10 @ Burwell11:00
 Jan. 11 @ Summerland10:00

GIRLS VARSITY
 Dec. 20 @ EPPJ (Senior Day, PJ).....3:00
 Jan. 9 @ Norm Manstedt Inv. (Columbus) 8:00
 Jan. 13 @ Summerland.....2:00

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

VARSITY/JV
 Dec. 21 vs. Boyd County (EPS).....2:00
 Dec. 27 & 28...Holiday Tourney@Madison 11:00
 Dec. 30 vs. Creighton (PJ).....4:00
 Jan. 3 vs. North Central (EPS).....4:00
 Jan. 9 vs. St. Mary's (G, EPS).....6:15

JUNIOR HIGH
 Jan. 6 @ CWC.....3:30
 Jan. 9 vs. St. Mary's (G, EPS).....4:00

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
 Dec. 18 PJCC Christmas Concert
 Dec. 20 Schools have early dismissal (1 pm) for Christmas break
 Dec. 21 Wolfpack Dance Camp
 Jan. 4 Little Kids Wrestling Tournament @ St. Boniface Auditorium
 Jan. 7 Elgin schools classes resume • Jr High Quiz Bowl @ Stuart
 Jan. 13 Boone Central Choral Clinic Concert
 Jan. 16 PJCC NHS Induction
 Jan. 20 No School - teacher inservices



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