

Cory Kopsa and KRFS receive recognition

Thursday afternoon David Dahl, Nuckolls County Republican Party committee chairman, and Terry Madison from Nelson, visited the KRFS radio station and presented Cory Kopsa a resolution and plaque for the station's support of the community and listening area.

Nuckolls County Republican Party members expressed appreciation of continued coverage for businesses, education, agriculture, health services and youth activities that Kopsa and KRFS provide for the communities the station serves. The station and Kopsa offer up-to-date weather and emergency information to all in the listening area.

Raider Boys' Basketball Team win last 4 of 5 games

Last week the Raider boys basketball team had the usual two games and may have added two victories if it wasn't for the last eight minutes of the first game. However, the loss and then the later victory gave the boys a record of four wins in their last five games. The loss came from a highly rated larger school and the win came from a D-2 school with a good record.

L-N - McCool Junction: 46-63: The opponent for last week Tuesday was a powerful team from McCool Junction (MJ). The McCool team now sports an 8-3 record in Class D-1 and currently holds the NO. 3 spot in the D-1 point ratings.

Knowing all that, the Raiders took on the team and up until the 4th period looked like they were on the trail of a major upset.

The box score:
L-N 17 12 13 4 - 46
MJ 13 12 19 18 - 63

The Raiders scored first in the game and led on the scoreboard for 2 1/2 quarters. The early scoring was fueled by Sawyer Cox as he earned his first 3-3-pt. shots to open the game. Seven player in all, scored in this game. The Raiders made 50 percent of their field goals in the first period.

Anxiety ... probably the feeling of many fans at the start of the second period when you have more points than the well-respected opponent. However, the Raiders didn't flinch as Cox continued his scoring, hitting two, 3-pt. shots to open the second period. Wyatt Frey and Jack Williams put points on the board and the Raiders kept their four point lead at half time.

A four minute scoring drought for L-N allowed MJ to go on a 10-0 scor-



Cory Kopsa (right) holds one of the two plaques recognizing Kopsa's and KRFS's support of the communities in the local listening area. David Dahl (left) and Terry Madison, Nelson, presented the honor on behalf of the Nuckolls County Republican Party.

ing spree. However, scoring by Frey, Carson Vaughn and Caleb Griffith allowed the Raiders to earn another lead before MJ scored the final five points of the period.

Frey hit a field goal early in the final period to tie the score at 44-44. However, no other field goals fell through the hoop for the rest of the period for the period.

A couple of high points for L-N was Sawyer Cox's scoring; Aidan Zikmund's 7 assists and the team hitting 7 of 9 free throws. However, MJ's post player was the determining factor as he scored 27 points, bringing down 12 rebounds as well.

The box score:
Statistics: (Scoring - Rebounds - Fouls) Aidan Zikmund 1 - 3 - 1; Wyatt Frey 11 - 11 - 5; Caden Culbertson 5 - 3 - 2; Caleb Griffith 2 - 1 - 0; Jackson Williams 2 - 2 - 0; Sawyer Cox 22 - 3 - 1; Carson Vaughn 3 - 1 - 1. Raider total: 46 - 30 - 10; McCool Junction total: 63 - 40 - 11.

L-N - Giltner: 54-25: If you follow sports only by looking at the stats of the season, you'd miss a lot. For example last Thursday L-N with a 5-4 record played Giltner with a 4-4 record. A person might think they were two evenly matched teams and the game might be a tight game on the scoreboard.

Boy, would they be wrong. Just like Tuesday night when the Raiders used the 3-pt. shooting of Sawyer Cox to play three great quarters, Thursday night they highlighted the

"Ole Alley Oop" play where someone threw the ball high up near the hoop and Wyatt Frey would leap, catch the ball and lay it in the basket for two points. (Well, maybe they were not all "true" alley oop plays, but they were close enough.

The Raiders produced three of those plays in the first minute and one half and by the two minute mark, L-N led 8-0 making 4 of 5 field goal attempts.
L-N 19 10 11 14 - 54
Giltner 5 2 15 3 - 25

Frey's scoring led the offensive charge of the Raiders, however, scoring did come from a variety of sources that kept Giltner from centering their defense in any one place.

The Raider defense also did its part in this win. L-N held Giltner scoreless for the first five minutes of the game. Then in the second period held Giltner to only two points.

We've been unable to obtain stats for this game.

The boys have a busy time ahead. This week Tuesday they traveled to Mankato, Kansas to play Rock Hills; Friday Kenesaw come to Nelson to play; Saturday they travel to Axtell.

Lady Raiders are 4-1 in last five games

The L-N girls' basketball team is about three points away from winning their last five ball games. A two point loss to McCool Junction prohibited that claim to fame, but winning four of their last five games improved the team's record to 4-6 after five tough games to start the season. The girls played the Giltner game without several of their starters and needed an overtime period to win. However, that game should build a little character for the team in weeks to come.

L-N - McCool Junction: 38-40: Two little points kept the Lady Raiders from a five game winning streak last week. The Tuesday game against class D-1 McCool Junction (MJ) got off to a slow start, caught up,

but then had a nine minute scoring drought over the third and fourth quarters put the victory out of reach.

Addison McCloskey scored first for L-N, but MJ slowly took advantage of Raider turnovers to build a 17-7 lead mid-way through the second period. At about that point Kara Menke caught fire scoring ten straight points for the Raiders in the last four minutes of the second period. The box score:
L-N 5 15 9 9 - 38
MJ 15 8 12 5 - 40

Early in the third period Maddy Laughlin, McCloskey, Brynn Harrison and Kali Cassell all scored in the first four minutes of the period and L-N led 29-28. An eight minute dry spell allowed MJ to regain a lead at 35-30.

The last four minutes of the game saw L-N out score MJ 9-5 fueled by eight points by McCloskey.

MJ had a huge advantage in rebounding 45 to 27, but the Raiders did force 28 turnovers while giving up 20. Menke and McCloskey led the team in scoring with 13 and 12 respectively. McCloskey had 3 assists and Bohlen and Menke led the team with four steals each.

Statistics: (Scoring - Rebounds - Fouls) Addison McCloskey 12 - 2 - 4; Kali Cassell 3 - 2 - 1; Bayleigh Bohlen 2 - 5 - 2; Maya Fanning 0 - 0 - 1; Kali Koehler 3 - 1 - 1; Kara Menke 13 - 7 - 2; Josie Hajny 0 - 1 - 1; Maddy Laughlin 2 - 1 - 0; Brynn Harrison 3 - 2 - 3; L/N total: 38 - 27 - 15; MJ total: 40 - 45 - 12.

L-N - Giltner: 27-21 OT: The second game of last week was against the Giltner girls who seem to be having a rougher season than the Raiders, having won only one game for the year. As you might ask after looking after looking at the final score: "what happened to the offense from either team?" 48 points by both teams isn't a whole lot, especially in an overtime game. The box score looked like this:
L-N 1 6 7 4 9 - 27
Giltner 5 6 6 1 3 - 21

Offensive woes (for both teams) started with the opening toss-up. In that first period, L-N went over six minutes without a score, giving up nine turnovers in the period and going 0-5 from the field. Giltner did little better, making 2 of 15 field goals.

Addison McCloskey and Kali Cassell put points on the score board in the second period, but Giltner kept their four point edge at half time.

The third quarter saw a change coming for the Lady Raiders. Turnovers were reduced greatly and the defense held Giltner to only 1 field goal for the 8 minutes.

In spite of the low score, the game gave players and fans alike both anxiety and excitement at the same time. Josie Hajny scored early in the period to make the score 16-17. Addison scored at the 5:00 mark on the clock to make the score 18-17, the first Raider lead in the game.

Giltner was 0-7 at the charity stripe up to the 1:33 reading on the clock when they scored their only point in the period to tie the score at 18-18. L/N missed a pair of free throws and Giltner had a winning field goal nullified by a traveling call, so the game went into overtime.

The OT period saw Brynn Harrison come to life on offense, scoring six points that went well with two by Kali Cassell and one by Bayleigh Bohlen. Giltner was held to only three points, giving the Raiders a 27-21 win.

It may have been an "ugly win," but it was a win. Both teams may have had season lows in shooting percentages and season high in turnovers. The win was the fourth in the last five games



Dayne Clark blocks for Colten Butler as he moves the basketball toward the basket during the game with Thayer Central, Friday.

with the lone loss in that stretch being a two point loss.

Statistics: (Scoring - Rebounds - Fouls) Addison McCloskey 8 - 6 - 5; Kali Cassell 6 - 5 - 2; Bayleigh Bohlen 1 - 7 - 3; Josie Hajny 3 - 9 - 1; Maddy Laughlin 0 - 4 - 0; Codi Cannaday 3 - 2 - 2; Brynn Harrison 6 - 9 - 3; L-N total: 27 - 51 - 18; Giltner total: 21 - 30 - 13.

The girls have a busy time ahead. This week Tuesday they traveled to Mankato, Kansas to play Rock Hills; Friday Kenesaw come to Nelson to play; Saturday they travel to Axtell and Next Tuesday they play Deshler at home.

Titans cruise past the Wildcats

Thayer Central Titan girls and boys dominated the Superior Wildcats in basketball action Friday evening in Superior. The Titan girls won 43 to 32 and the Titan boys won 48 to 23. It was Superior girls' second loss of the season.

Lady Wildcats play Thayer Central Titans

The Titan girls jumped out to a nine point lead early in the first quarter and never trailed. However, the score was tied at 18 near the end of the first half. Both sides played man to man defense much of the game. At times it seemed the Titans dared the Lady Wildcats to shoot, but would not let them score from inside the lane. Each side completed long scoring runs and with only two minutes to play, the Wildcats were down only four points after the Titans had scored only two points in the fourth quarter. Then the fouls came and five

of the Titans fourth quarter points came from free throws in the final minutes of the game.

It was a rather unusual game. Thayer Central turned the ball over more than 20 times while the Wildcats turned the ball over 13. However, the Titans strong defense made the difference.

Halle Bergen lead Superior with 11 points, Sadie Cornell 8, Reagan Meyers 7, Faith Butler 4 and Mia Gardner 2. No one made a 3 point shot for the Wildcats.

Paige Tietjen scored 18 for the Titans, Leah Havel 9, Addison Marsh 8, Olivia Wiedel, and Piper Havel 4.

Wildcats were 6 out of 11 at the free throw line. Thayer Central 10 out of 13. The Titans went to six wins and two losses for the season, while the Wildcats dropped to eight wins and two losses.

Wildcats take on Thayer Central
Thayer Central boys jumped out early against the Wildcats with a 13-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. It was a low scoring game. The Titans outscored the Wildcats each quarter. In the second quarter the Cats scored eight points, while the Titans scored 12. In the third, Superior added four points while Thayer Central scored 13 and in the fourth the Wildcats five and the Titans 13.

Dayne Clark lead scoring for the Wildcats with 11. Colten Butler and Mason Korb both added three points and Thomas Mathis and DeClan Miller each added two points.

Laken Wiedel lead the Titans with 12 points. Sam Souerdyke added 11 (he did not play in the fourth quarter). Brady Degenhardt 9, Colten Kuhlmann 4; Braxton Dankebring and Gavin Kroll 3; Lucas Kroll and David Johnson 2.

Wildcats were six out of 10 from the line. Thayer Central 14 of 19 from the line. The Wildcats had 16 turnovers and the Titans 11.



Maddi Bergen, Superior, aligns her shot during the game with Fillmore Central, Saturday.



Dayne Clark, Superior, pulls down a rebound then takes a shot at the basket during the game with Fillmore Central, Saturday.

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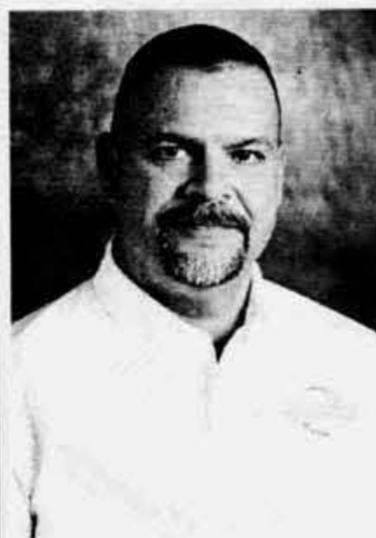
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