



MHS *ex*PRESS

Cheer advances to state competition

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Writers

With their hopes as high as their jumps, the Marlow Outlaw varsity cheerleaders are on their way to Stillwater to compete in the state cheer competition after placing fourth at regionals.

The Marlow Outlaw cheerleaders have been working hard to make it to state and become closer as a team. Cheer coach Kim Davis said she wants her team focused on becoming closer together and showing school spirit.

“I want my team to love cheer and be committed to school spirit,” Davis said.

The team traveled to Chickasha on Saturday, September 17, 2016 to compete in the regional tournament. There were six cheer teams in Marlow’s class, and the Outlaws were the third to perform their routine in class 4A.

Since the beginning of August, the cheerleaders have been working two to three times a week before school with practices starting at 5:45 in the morning. They also use football games as practice.

Freshman Chloe Brooks views the morning practices as team bonding time.

“We work on all the motions and techniques that go along with our routine and bond as we work together as a team,” Brooks said.

The Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association, or



OSSAA, has specific guidelines that each cheer squad must follow in order to compete. Each routine may be no more than two minutes long. Marlow’s routine consisted of several sections and transitions.

The upperclassmen have a great impact on the freshmen.

Senior Brittany Henry appreciates the enthusiasm that the freshmen are willing to show.

“The freshmen are coming along great,” Henry said, “They are so excited and enthusiastic to learn new things, especially at 5:45 in the morning!”

On the other hand, Junior Alexis Hack feels she is a strong influence on the underclassmen.

“I feel like I am a good influence to underclassmen because I am able to keep a clear sight of my goal and also a level head during competition and high stress situations,” Hack said.

The cheer girls have had a rough week leading up to the competition. Despite medical complications to a few girls, the team gave their best.

“We have had some injuries this week and they have really set us back. These girls have worked too hard to give up and their determination is the key to success,” Davis said.

The team has stuck together despite difficulties, and their passion for the sport has pushed them to better themselves as cheerleaders and as individuals.

“We’ve stuck together as a team to get through everything, and I’m very proud of us. We’re the true definition of a team,” Henry said.

The Marlow Outlaw Cheer team will compete in Stillwater on Saturday, September 24th at 2:45 in the afternoon.

Student of the Week

M.O.S.T. motivates senior

Jackson Miller
Writer

Being able to find the bright light through tragedy is hard for many, but Cole Cloyd manages to do that just about every day.

He is a member of the MHS Express, Math Club, Library Club and a team captain on both the academic and drama teams and is currently taking college level courses in Psychology, Basis of Communication, and College Algebra at Cameron University.

Samantha Benfield, who has worked with Cloyd in Drama, says that he is always on top of things while helping others succeed at the same time.

“Cole is one of the most positive and influential people that I know” says Benfield. “He is always positive and is the type of guy that will go out of his way to make others happy.”

One of the classes Cloyd said that has had the most profound impact on him at the high school is Advanced Drama.

Paula McConnell, who is the Drama and Speech teacher at the high school, believes Cloyd to be one of her best students.

“I would take a hundred Cole Cloyds if that were an op-

tion” says McConnell. “He is unique, dedicated, and is concerned about other people more than himself.”

Cloyd says he was hesitant about staying in Drama, but after thinking for a while, he knew it was the best path.

He states that the people he has formed a bond with during these years are the main reason for him staying in the program.

“The Advanced Drama program means a lot to me” says Cloyd. “Advanced Drama means so much to me from the way I have connected to people in the class and how much I have done with it.”

Cloyd also had to deal with a very personal tragedy with the passing of his mother in late April of this year.

Even through this tragedy, Cloyd has drawn support from family and friends, especially those on the speech team.

“When I was struggling at the end of last year, they all came to my mother’s funeral to show support and that just showed how much of a family they are to me.”

Jackson Davis, who is one of Cloyd’s long-time friends, has nothing but good things to say about him.

“Cole is my best friend” says Davis. “He always gives



COLE CLOYD

one hundred percent in everything he does and I respect him as well as his family.”

Even though he is still in high school, Cloyd shows a keen interest on studying to become a Psychologist while in College.

“I want to hopefully attend the University of Oklahoma, but that choice is not yet certain.”

He says he would like to study Psychology so he can help children who are dealing with trauma.

Whatever Cloyd chooses to do in life, he hopes to continue on making a difference in the lives of others and grow closer to god.



DEMO DAY. For twelve years the Marlow High School Speech Team has been representing Cameron University at Demonstration Day sanctioned by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. Demonstration Day is an event hosted at the beginning of the competitive year where finalists from the previous year demonstrate each category competed in. This is a very exciting time for the school and the students. The speech teacher, Paula McConnell is one of the most excited members. McConnell views Demo Day as a privilege. “It’s always a good, exciting time because it is the beginning of the season.” Demo Day is being held Thursday, September 15 at Cameron University in Lawton at 9:00 a.m.



Outlaw Spotlight



Entrepreneur at Marlow

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Writer

Senior Landry Cooper is a budding entrepreneur, with an ever-expanding lawn care business.

Cooper began his business in May 2013 with the hopes of receiving a profit from mowing local yards.

“I was too young to get a real job and I wanted money,” Cooper said. “I began mowing my yard and eventually my neighbors’ yards.”

Senior Cole Cloyd said Landry’s lawn care business reflects off his personality.

“I think Landry has an astounding work ethic and is really talented overall,” Cloyd said.

With some success found from mowing in his neighborhood, Cooper expanded the business beyond the surrounding streets in Marlow.

“I travel to mainly Marlow and Duncan but I can go further if it is worth it,” Landry said.

Not only does the business consist of mowing yards, it also includes other services such as trim-

ming hedges and raking up leaves.

“I mow, trim trees and hedges, pick up limbs, trash, and bag up the loose leaves off of a lawn,” Cooper said, “A regular sized yard costs around \$30.00.”

Senior Kallie Slate said Cooper maintains positivity in regards of having his own business.

“He’s very committed,” Slate said. “Landry is a go-getter and sets goals for himself.”

Trimming trees and mowing yards not only pays off in profits, but also in gained responsibility.

“Mowing yards has taught me that if I need money or want to buy something, I need to work for it,” Cooper said.

Senior Seth Young said Cooper puts his job before his personal life.

“Landry always makes sure he has his work completely finished before he goes out with his friends,” Young said,

Cooper says having his own business is the same as any other job and requires an equal amount of responsibility.

“There are times when I want



LANDRY COOPER

to hang with friends or sleep in but I can’t because I have to work,” Cooper said.

With the success of his business locally, Cooper said expanding his business is definitely an option to consider.

“I would like to build the business as big as it could get,” Cooper said. “The more lawns I mow means the more money I get!”

With hopes high and the grass short, Landry is getting a head start on his future success.

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