

Sports

UPCOMING GAMES

Wrestling

12.13.18 Pueblo Central
@Lamar
12.15.18 John Mall
tournament
@John Mall

Boys Basketball

12.11.18 Strasburg
@Strasburg
12.14.18 Sargent
@Sargent
12.15.18 Buena vista
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Girls Basketball

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SPORTS BRIEF

Athletes sign letters of intent

> Alex Castaneda Reporter

Three savage athletes signed on National Signing Day; Ethan Andrade, Sheridan Choat, and Laci Coen.

Ethan Andrade signed with Western Colorado University in Gunnison, CO to wrestle. He is also going to major in exercise and sports science. Ethan Andrade selected Gunnison because it was the closest one to home.

Sheridan Choat signed with Lamar Community College to play softball while majoring in nursing. She had already decided to go to LCC, but when she got a scholarship it made it easier to make her choice.

Also for softball, Laci Coen signed with Otero Junior College in La Junta, CO where she'll major in phlebotomy.

2-4-6-8 Cheerleaders go to compete at State

> Karina Cazares Reporter

Along with being on the sidelines cheering on various sports teams, the cheerleaders were hard at work practicing their routines for competitions which included State in Denver.

To perfect their routine for State, the cheerleaders practiced at the old gym from 8-9:30 p.m. every Monday-Thursday and went to Wild West Athletics on Wednesdays to practice tumbling.

"At practices we just really try to hit everything and clean up our routine," said junior Kailey Ramsay.

The cheerleaders had their first competition on Nov. 10 in Colorado Springs at Cheyenne Mountain High School where one cheerleader was injured. There were no place divisions for this competition.

Sophomore Ashley Gilmore was performing a back handspring in the middle of their routine when she ended up landing wrong. She tore her medial collateral ligament (MCL), Patella, and part of her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), but still went on to complete the routine. For the second time performing, senior Tiara Taylor filled in for Gilmore.

"I felt really relieved when Tiara filled in," said Gilmore, "because otherwise the team would've gotten knocked off points."

Next, the cheerleaders had three

“You can see how hard cheer really is.”

Aliana Gutierrez,
junior

back-to-back competitions during the third week of November. They competed in Colorado Springs on the 15th earning 3rd place, Lamar on the 16th, and traveled to Denver Tri-Peaks where there were also no place divisions but all teams received comments from judges.

"I really enjoy hearing what the judges have to say," said junior Aliana Gutierrez. "Their comments really help make every team better. Also, I like going to these bigger competitions because you can see how hard cheer really is and how much heart people put into it."

Finally, on Dec. 6, the cheerleaders traveled to Denver to compete at State. Competition took place the next day at 8 a.m.

"When you first walk in to the arena you feel nervous and excited," said sophomore Aalia Jaramillo, "but when everything hits, it's the best feeling."

The team didn't qualify to compete the next day as only the top four teams went on to the finals.

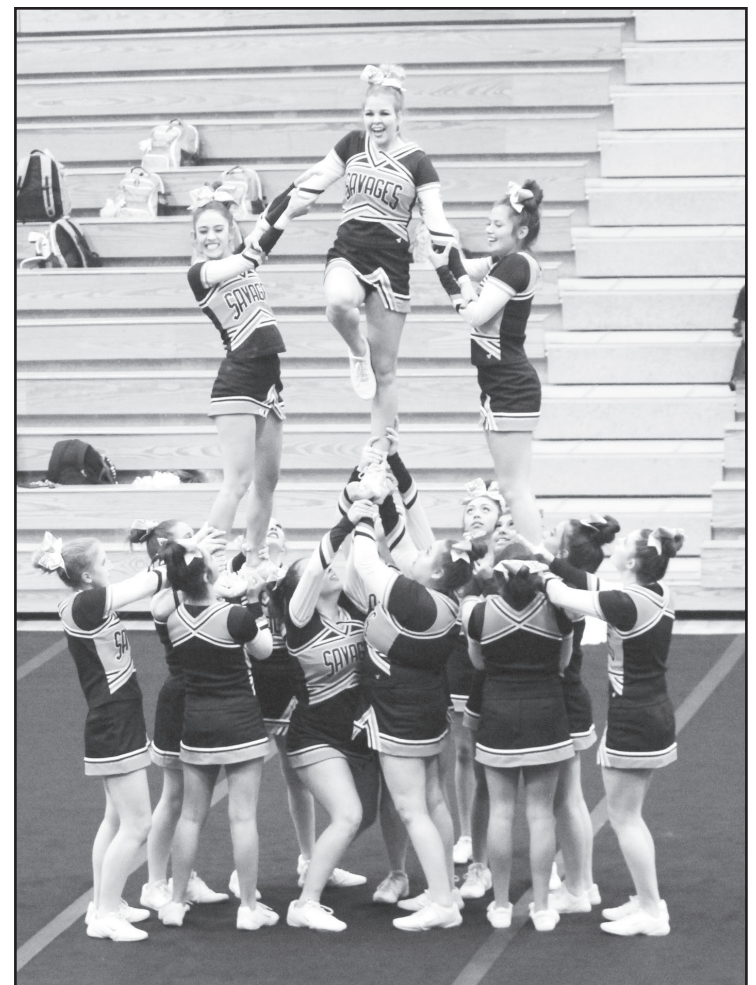


Photo by Brianna Perez Hernandez
At a tournament in Lamar, the varsity cheerleading team performs a pyramid stunt.

Fall athletes honored with awards

ALL-CONFERENCE

Softball

Sheridan Choat- Senior
Laci Coen- Senior
Dayle Trout- Senior
Asia Figueroa- Senior
Honorable Mention: Jada Hernandez

Football

Austin Sneller- Senior
Gabe Estrada- Junior
Walker Kee- Junior
Zane Rankin- Sophomore
Jesus Gonzales- Sophomore

Honorable Mentions: Sy Spitz- Junior, Davian Gallegos- Sophomore, Devyn Kincade- Sophomore
Most Valuable Player: Damian Ramos- Sophomore

Boy's Soccer

Dylan Vallejos- Senior
Christian Gameros- Junior
Honorable Mentions: Samuel Reyes Lopez-Freshman, Juan Canales- Junior

ALL-LEAGUE

Volleyball

Brecken Payne- Senior

Allison Fierro- Senior
Honorable Mention: Taylor Chavira

Cross Country

Brandon Davis- Senior
State Qualifier: Brandon Davis

Golf

Brock Reedy- Senior
Jimmy Clark- Sophomore

ALL-STATE

Softball

Sheridan Choat- Senior
Laci Coen- Senior

La Junta Shoot Out Recognition

Boys placed 3rd overall

56-45 vs. La Junta, Lamar won
48-40 vs. Centauri, Lamar lost
65-49 vs. Del Norte, Lamar won

All-Tournament players:

Dylan Vallejos, senior
Austin Sneller, senior
Juan Canales, junior

Girls placed 7th overall

48-47 vs. La Junta, Lamar lost
66-30 vs. Swink, Lamar lost
69-40 vs. Del Norte, Lamar lost