

Woman competes in race

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Paulette (Louden) Marshall was among 30 riders competing in the "Extreme Cowboy Race" National Finals on Nov. 2, 3 and 4 in Kansas City, Mo. While she did well, she did not place this year.

Mrs. Marshall had her own personal challenge when, two years ago, at the age of 50, suffered a minor stroke. She said that, although it only affected her tongue, "I talked my way out of that," it was a wake-up call.

She began looking for ways to live life to the fullest and that's how she got into Extreme Cowboy Racing.

She grew up riding in 4-H in St. Joseph, Mo., competing in high school and college rodeos. She started the Rodeo Club at Missouri University before she graduated.

She married J.G. Marshall who is a calf roper as well as being in real estate and construction, had children, and started her own real estate brokerage. She had pretty much put horseback riding behind her but the stroke started her thinking.

"This race makes you give everything you've got plus just a little bit more," she said.

She heard about the competition and began training in her spare time. To compete at National Finals, she needed to be one of the top five in one of the six different qualifying competitions. She entered the Craig Cameron Extreme Cowboy Race on June 1 in Eagle, Colo., and won the right to go to Nationals.

She also went to a training and race in Kowa, Colo., where she took first place.

Out of the 30 contestants at National Finals, the majority of them were professional horse trainers, either raising or breaking horses, or competing. Mrs. Marshall was one of the older competitors with only six of them being between 50 and 52. She was also not a trainer but a realtor.



PAULETTE MARSHALL was one among 30 riders competing in the 'Extreme Cowboy Race' National Finals held on Nov. 2, 3 and 4.

However, that didn't stop her. She and her horse, Gunner, an 8-year-old quarter horse, competed well.

The Extreme Cowboy Race is a timed race with obstacles designed to not only push horse and rider out of their traditional comfort zone but also test the communication and horsemanship. Judges awarded points based on: horsemanship; cadence; control; horse's attitude; and overall execution.

Mrs. Marshall and Gunner went up and down hills, over obstacles, side-stepped logs; filled a bucket of water, walked to tank where it was dumped; and went through a beaded entrance, into a canvas-covered tunnel with a flag flapping on the outside, turned around and backed out the other end, also with strings of beads over the exit. At one point, Gunner stood with the reins on the ground while Mrs. Marshall moved square bales.

"It was amazing, exciting and fun to watch," said Betty Loudon, Mrs. Marshall's mother.

Mrs. Marshall lives in Elizabeth, Colo. She is the daughter of Ron and Betty Loudon, St. Francis. Her

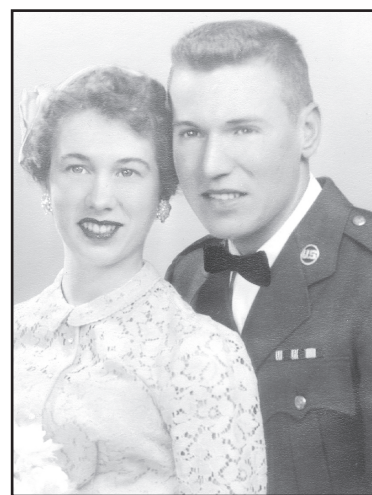


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sons, Ross and Jared, prefer wheels to horses.

Mrs. Marshall plans to continue riding and competing.

The Extreme Cowboy Race can be seen weekly on RTF TV Dish Network starting at 4 and 10 p.m. on Monday evenings.



Neil and Nancy McCumber



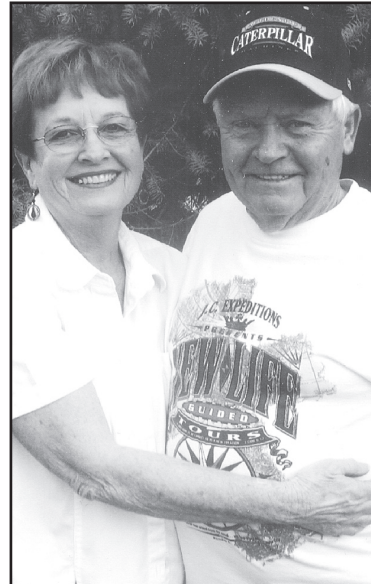
50th anniversary celebrated Saturday

The children of Nancy and Neil McCumber are honoring their parents on their 50th wedding anniversary by holding an open house from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24, at the McCumber home, 301 E. Spencer. Friends and neighbors are

welcome to attend. The McCumber's children include Steve McCumber and wife, Diana of Aurora, Colo., Linda McCumber and her husband, Don Robertson of Raytown, Mo., and Alan McCumber of Raytown, Mo.



Jim and Sharon McCann



Open house planned for couple's anniversary

The children of Jim and Sharon McCann will be holding a come-and-go 50th wedding anniversary

open house from 2 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 25 at their home on 216 W. 2nd St., Bird City.

Obituary

Charles Wallace "Wally" Towne

Jan. 11, 1936-Nov. 14, 2007

Funeral service for Charles Wallace "Wally" Towne, 68, of Lawton, Okla., will be Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at the Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donnie Crittendon, pastor of Paradise Valley Baptist Church, officiating.

First Sgt. Towne died on Saturday, Nov. 10, in Lawton. Burial will be with military honors at Fort Sill National Cemetery.

He was born on Jan. 11, 1936, in Louisburg, Kan., to Glenn Sterling and Esther Elizabeth (Moore) Towne. He grew up and attended school in Louisburg. He married Peggy Jean Bowns on Sept. 2, 1962, in Louisburg. He joined the US Army on Aug. 9, 1963, in Sioux Falls, S.D. and retired on July 30, 1990 at Fort Sill, Okla. He then began working civil service

at Reynolds Army Community Hospital and worked in patient administration until he retired in 2003. He was a member of the Mr. Scott Masonic Lodge #540. He was also a member of the Paradise Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Jean of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry Joe and Young Mi Towne of South Korea; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia Lynn and Ernest Soto of Lawton, his mother, Ester Towne of Louisburg, Kan.; four grandchildren, Christopher and Joseph Towne of South Korea, and Ashleigh and Isabella Soto of

Lawton; a sister and brother-in-law, Charlene and Howard Bodenhamer of Whippany, N. J.; and a sister-in-law, Ruth Towne of Louisburg.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn Sterling Towne and a brother, Joseph William Towne.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Paradise Valley Baptist Church, 4074 NW Meers and Porter Hill Road, Lawton, Okla. 73507, or to a charity of the donors' choice.

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