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## Sonnenbergs Look Forward To Serving Sidney's Community

By Meagan Dotson

Matt and Rachel Sonnenberg are embracing their new life here, in Sidney, MT. With both of them beginning new ventures in their careers, they are looking forward to making the community their home. After accepting the position of Associate Pastor at the Lutheran Brethren Church, the Sonnenbergs left Fergus Falls, MN where Matt Sonnenberg attended seminary, and moved into the parsonage. Matt Sonnenberg, originally from Canada, interviewed for the position in November 2014 and the couple moved to Sidney the beginning of January 2014.

Shortly after the move, Rachel Sonnenberg was hired as the Executive Director of the Sunrise Women's Clinic. Having a Bachelors in Psychology and a Masters in Counseling, she feels the position is a good fit.

"This job allows me to use my degrees and pursue my personal passions," said Rachel Sonnenberg of her position.

Originally from Arizona, she appreciates the small-town feel of Sidney and both she and her husband are looking forward to serving the community.

Matt Sonnenberg concurs, "Sidney is big enough to have plenty of resources, but small enough that people get to know each other. We are here to minister, serve and contribute to this community."

Matt Sonnenberg is responsible for Wednesday night Bible Studies, preaching and eventual community outreach. His installation service will be held on Sunday, February 8 at 11:00 am and everyone is invited to attend. He also extends an invitation to their Wednesday night Bible Studies at 7:00 pm which begin with a complimentary meal at 5:45; Children's Ministries and Youth group are also held at this time for anyone with kids.

"Everyone in the congregation has been very welcoming," said Matt Sonnenberg.

Rachel Sonnenberg is gearing up for the Baby Bottle Drive where empty baby bottles are dropped off at local churches and returned as they are filled with donations; it is one of three fundraising events the clinic holds each year. The Sunrise Women's Clinic provides pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and alternative support in addition to their Earn While You Learn classes, where expectant mothers receive points for attending and can use those points for baby clothes, diapers and wipes. Anyone interested in donating can call 406-433-7772 or email director@sunrisepregnancy.org.

The newly married couple are excited to begin their lives here in Eastern Montana and look forward to the opportunities they have in their new-found home.

## MonDak Heritage Center to hold 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrating Chocolate

By Tie Shank

SIDNEY, MT: The MonDak Heritage Center will be celebrating their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrating Chocolate event on February 7, 2015. Tickets for the event went on sale Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hawaiian Holiday Christmas event. Guests can look forward to chocolate sampling, a silent auction, hand crafted items, gift baskets and photography. Entertainment will be provided by the touring duo – Tumbledown House.

Doors will open at 6:30 pm to table sponsors for a VIP Opening and 7:00 pm to general ticket holders.



(L) Rachel Sonnenberg, Executive Director of Sunrise Women's Clinic and (R) Matt Sonnenberg, Associate Pastor at Lutheran Brethren Church.

## Fairview Community Recognition Awards



The Fairview Chamber of Commerce held its annual Recognition Dinner Monday evening. After delightful entertainment by Renana, an a cappella group from Zion Lutheran Church, and a delicious dinner catered by Kountry Catering, the awards were presented, with lots of surprises and fun.

Pictured, back, L to R, are Dianne Swanson and Pam Burman who received Fairview Chamber of Commerce awards. Front, L to R, are Floyd and Kathy Usselman who received the Fairview Festival award; Fairview police chief Cal Seadeek who received the award from the City of Fairview; Stephanie McGahan and Rhonda Cayko who received the appreciation award from East Fairview School. Not pictured are Joe and Virginia Fink who received the Fairview Ministerial Association award.

## Sidney Rancher, Bozeman NRCS Employee Honored With Range Leader Awards

Submitted by Julie Goss  
Richland County Conservation District

HELENA, Mont. – The Governor's Rangeland Resources Executive Committee (RREC) announced today that rancher Duane Ullman of Sidney and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employee Matt Ricketts of Bozeman have been chosen as recipients of the 2014 Range Leader of the Year awards.

"Duane Ullman and Matt Ricketts are genuine leaders in the field of range management," said Les Gilman, Rangeland Resources Executive Committee Chairman from Alder, Mont. "Their commitment to education and the principles of stewardship represents the best of Montana agriculture."

Mr. Ullman was a supervisor on the Richland County Conservation District board for 15 years and was nominated to this award for his progressive style of managing his family farm and ranch near Sidney, Mont.

Duane has made many improvements to his ranch including seeding farmland to pasture, cross fencing, stockwater pipelines and stock tanks, and a prescribed grazing plan. He has worked with both the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks to make improvements on his ranch. Those improvements are beneficial to the cattle, land and wildlife.

Duane has also opened up his ranch to public tours, pasture walks and demonstrations. He has showcased his grazing plan, rangeland chiseling project, equipment and monitoring sites.

Duane Ullman and Matt Ricketts received their awards last week in Billings during the 2015 Winter Grazing Seminar sponsored by the Yellowstone Conservation District, Rangeland

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Resources Executive Committee and the Montana DNRC.

For more information on the Rangeland Resources Program, the Range Leader of the Year Award, or other grazing and range management efforts sponsored by DNRC, contact Heidi Crum at (406) 444-6619, or visit the DNRC Web site at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/carrdd/consdist/rangelandmangement.asp> or the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MontanaRangeProgram](http://www.facebook.com/MontanaRangeProgram).

## Bootleggers Ball Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

Submitted by Jodi Leland

The 1st Annual Bootleggers Ball, sponsored by the Sidney Elks Lodge and the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County, will provide a unique opportunity to support the youth of Richland County. This fundraising event will feature premium whiskey and spirit tasting. National distributors as well as boutique distilleries from throughout the West will present a wide range of tastings to choose from on February 6 from 7 PM to Midnight.

This Roaring Twenties-themed event will present music by Tumbledown House, a live auction, a complimentary old-fashioned glass, and table-service hors d'oeuvres. The event will also provide a photo booth for guests to commemorate their Roaring Twenties era costumes if they choose to wear them. Free shuttle services will be provided following the event.

This fundraising event will support the Boys and Girls Club building fund as well as sponsor scholarships for Richland County children to attend Camp Make-A-Dream this summer.

Tickets for the event are on sale now at Sidney Liquors for \$100 per person. Space is limited so it is advised to purchase them as soon as possible. You also may reserve your tickets by calling Jodi Leland at 480-1999.



Duane Ullman, L, was named Range Leader of the Year for 2014.





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Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
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Jan. 27.....	54.....	31 .....	0.00
Jan. 28.....	43.....	32 .....	0.00
Jan. 29.....	37.....	26 .....	0.00
Jan. 30.....	44.....	23 .....	0.00
Jan. 31.....	28.....	0 .....	0.00
Feb. 1.....	10.....	-11 .....	0.00
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# RTC Offers College Scholarship Programs

Submitted by Kristin Jaeger, Marketing Manager  
Reservation Telephone Cooperative (RTC)  
Parshall, ND— In 2015, Reservation Telephone Cooperative (RTC) will award nine college scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000. There will be one scholarship awarded in each of RTC's eight director districts and one scholarship at large. Scholarships will be awarded based on a random drawing between applicants who meet the established criteria. RTC applications must be postmarked to RTC by March 2, 2015.

RTC also participates in the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) college scholarship program. FRS offers several college scholarships to help further higher education among rural youth. Scholarships are awarded to students from rural America for their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical school. The FRS Scholarship provides \$2,500 awards to rural high school seniors across the United States. The FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarship provides \$5,000 awards giving preference to students in rural communities with an interest in science, math, medicine, or engineering. The TMS Scholarships provides \$1,500 awards and the Colt Ford Scholarship will awards up to \$15,000 to rural students.

To be eligible for the FRS scholarships, applicants must receive telecommunications service from a FRS supporter, such as RTC. The FRS scholarship gives preference to those applicants interested in returning to a rural community following graduation. FRS applications must be postmarked to FRS by

March 2, 2015.

Applications and eligibility information for all scholarships are available at [www.RTC.coop/resources](http://www.RTC.coop/resources), at local high schools, or at the RTC business offices in Parshall, New Town and Watford City.

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Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

**Thurs., Feb. 5th**  
**4:30 p.m.** - Throw Back Jersey Night at Sidney High School. Sloppy Joe Feed starts at 4:30 in the SHS main hallway. Varsity jerseys will be available for silent auction bidding during both games. Come out and support the basketball teams & Business Professionals of America!

**Fri., Feb 6th**  
**7:00 p.m.** - 1st Annual Bootleggers Ball, sponsored by the Sidney Elks Lodge and the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County. This fundraising event will feature premium whiskey and spirit tasting. This roaring-twenties themed event will present music by Tumbledown House, a live auction, a complimentary old-fashioned glass, and table-service hors d'oeuvres. The event will also provide a photo booth to commemorate the evening. Free shuttle services will be provided following the event. This fundraising event will support the Boys and Girls Club building fund as well as sponsor scholarships for Richland County children to attend Camp Make-A-Dream this summer. Tickets for the event are on sale now at Sidney Liquors for \$100 per person. Space is limited. You may also reserve your tickets by calling Jodi at 480-1999.

**Sat., Feb. 7th**  
**6:30 p.m.** - Celebrating Chocolate at the MonDak Heritage Center. Amazing live music, lots of chocolate and a fine selection of wine and beer to compliment the evening. Entertainment will include the jazz duo of Tumbledown House, Gillian Howe and Tyler Ryan Miller. This years fundraising event includes a special VIP opening beginning at 6:30 p.m. for those who sponsor tables. Tickets for members of the MonDak are on sale for \$50. Anyone can join at the time of purchase to take advantage of member pricing. Tickets are also on sale to the public for \$60. For more info contact Leann at the MonDak Heritage Center, [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org).

**Wed., Feb. 11th**  
**12:00 p.m.** - The Sidney Job Service will host another free interactive workshop on how to write and effective resume at the Sidney Job Service.

**Fri., Feb. 13th**  
**11:30 a.m.** - The Richland Red Hatters will meet for lunch at the Sidney Senior Center. RSVP by Feb. 11th with Sylvia at 798-3882.  
**12:00 p.m.** - Lower Yellowston Irrigation Project Annual Meeting at the Sidney Moose Lodge.

**Thurs., Feb. 19th**  
**6:30 p.m.** - The Richland County Extension Office will be hosting a tree pruning workshop. This will include the What, When, Where, and Why's of pruning trees. And woody ornamentals will also be discussed. There is no fee to participate, but RSVPs are requested. For more info or to register, contact Tim Fine at (406) 433-1026 or e-mail [tim.fine@montana.edu](mailto:tim.fine@montana.edu).

## Eat & Drink Downtown In February

WILLISTON, N.D. - Williston Downtowners Association is partnering with 12 eateries Downtown for the month of February. You can pick up a free card with their specials from the Williston Downtowners Association office at 8 East Broadway or the participating businesses starting February 1st. You have to show your card to get the discount. "We wanted give the community a little extra reason to choose Downtown first," said Executive Director, Karissa Kjos, "There are a total of 22 businesses Downtown where you can eat a meal or grab a drink."

## OBITUARIES

**Victoria Tomlinson, 55,  
Sidney, MT  
(formerly of Libby, MT)**

Funeral services for Victoria Tomlinson, 55, of Sidney, MT formerly of Libby, MT were 3 pm, Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT with Pastor Richard Evens officiating. Visitation was 2 pm till 4pm Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, Mt. Cremation took place after the services. In lieu of flowers, donations, remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at Fulkerson Funeral Home in Sidney, MT and at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Victoria Tomlinson, beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the age of 55.

**Nathan A. Sims, 16,  
Alexander, ND**

Funeral services for Nathan A. Sims, 16, of Alexander, ND were 2:00 pm, Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, at the Alexander School Gymnasium. Private family burial will be in the Sims Family Cemetery, Alexander, ND under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Watford City. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [ww.fulkersons.com](http://ww.fulkersons.com).

Nathan died on Wednesday evening, January 28, 2015, of injuries received in an automobile accident near Keene, ND.

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**McKENZIE COUNTY**  
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

**Mon., Feb 9th**  
**5:30 p.m.** - Basic Beginings, a parenting class for new or expecting parents will be held on Monday evenings at the McKenzie County Extension Office in Watford City. A light supper will be included. Pre-registration is requested prior to attending. Please contact the McKenzie Count Extension Office at 701-444-3451 to register.

**Wed., March 4th**  
**5:30 p.m.** - Save the date for the 2015 Chamber of Commerce/EDC Annual Meeting! This year's meeting will be held at Outlaw's Bar & Grill Tickets are now on sale and must be purchased in advance by calling the Chamber at 701-570-5084 or via email at [wcchamber@restel.com](mailto:wcchamber@restel.com).

**DAWSON COUNTY**  
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

**Fri. & Sat., Feb. 13th & 14th**  
The 37th Annual GATE, Glendive Agri-Trade Expo, is heading our way! Vendors displaying at this Glendive tradeshow are from across Montana and many states including North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, and more! The tradeshow will be hosted at the EPEC building located at 313 S Merrill Street in Glendive.GATE provides an excellent venue to enjoy the company of our great folks in the agriculture community and spend some time with ag businesses and suppliers. The speaker for Saturday evenings banquet is Northern Ag Net's Rocky Erickson followed by one of the country's best dance bands, Sam Platt & the Kootenai Three. Please contact any GATE member or call 406-987-3777 with any questions or for more info. There are still vendor opportunities available!

**Wed., Feb. 18th**  
**12:00 p.m.** - Friends of the Library "Lunch and Learn" at the Glendive Public Library Community Room. Featuring Denise Mittelstead of Sweet Creations doing a demonstration of their Rosette Cakes.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**  
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

**Feb. 1st - 28th**  
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**Sat., Feb. 21st**  
**11:00 a.m.** - 82nd Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner at the Fellowship Hall in First Lutheran Church, 916 Main, Williston. The public is invited to attend - tickets are available at the church office, Mon-Fri. Six hundred men, women and youth are involved in preparing, planning, and serving the family style dinner. There will be delivery service until 3 pm, and take-out service from 11 - 4:30.

**March 11th & 12th**  
Job Service Spring Job Fair in Williston, ND. First day will be only oilfield, second day will be all industry jobs. Sponsored by Job Service North Dakota, Williston Economic Development, Grand Williston Hotel, Williston Herald, and Williston Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## Sidney Eagle Basketball Action

Madison Thiessen goes for the basket last weekend against Hardin in Sidney. The lady Eagles defeated Hardin 59-40. The lady Eagles will host Plentywood on Thursday and Glendive on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Friday is senior night for the girls. (Photo by Kathy Johnson)



Tristan Rohner goes up for a shot against Hardin last weekend in Sidney. The Eagles defeated Hardin 68-66. The Eagles will host Plentywood this Thursday. (Photo by Kathy Johnson)

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## Going Techy With Nutrition In 2015

By Rita Steinbeisser, Marketing and Communications Director

With each New Year many people make a resolution to adopt a healthier lifestyle. Often times the goal is to lose some weight or to follow a new exercise routine. If this sounds familiar, there are lots of technological apps and online resources to help you achieve your new healthy goals.

Many of these apps are available for free to use on a cellphone or tablet. One of the advantages to these apps is that it can be like having a dietitian or personal trainer at your fingertips. However, finding an app that is tailored to your needs can take a little research.

Recently, healthline.com announced the best weight loss phone apps for 2014, specifically for iPhone and Android. Among the 22 apps listed, MyFitnessPal, Calorie Counter Pro, FitBit and Diet Assistant all had at least a four-star rating from their users. Plus, many of the featured apps emphasized a balanced approach to better health by incorporating nutrition, exercise and sleep.

Besides downloadable apps, there are plenty of reputable resources online to find nutritious recipes, workout routines and motivational tips to living a healthier lifestyle. Social networking has exploded with personal blogs, Facebook sites and Pinterest pages that tout and promote various products and programs. It seems everyone has become an expert in healthy living, but who can you actually trust?

When following advice from a blog or site related to nutrition and exercise, ask yourself these questions. Does the page promote a well-balanced lifestyle? Do the parameters seem extreme and hard to follow for an extended period of time? Are they promoting a miracle-product?

The Richland County Nutrition Coalition recently joined the social networking site Pinterest. For healthy recipes and tips, follow the Nutrition Coalition's page at [www.pinterest.com/1rcnc1](http://www.pinterest.com/1rcnc1). Check it out and challenge yourself to try something new to improve your health this year.

The mission of the Richland County Nutrition Coalition (RCNC) is to identify and address food and nutrition needs of the community. RCNC strives to emphasize and encourage education and personal growth in the area of nutrition.

For more information on the Richland County Nutrition Coalition, or ways to be involved, contact Gina Dennis at 406.488.2273.

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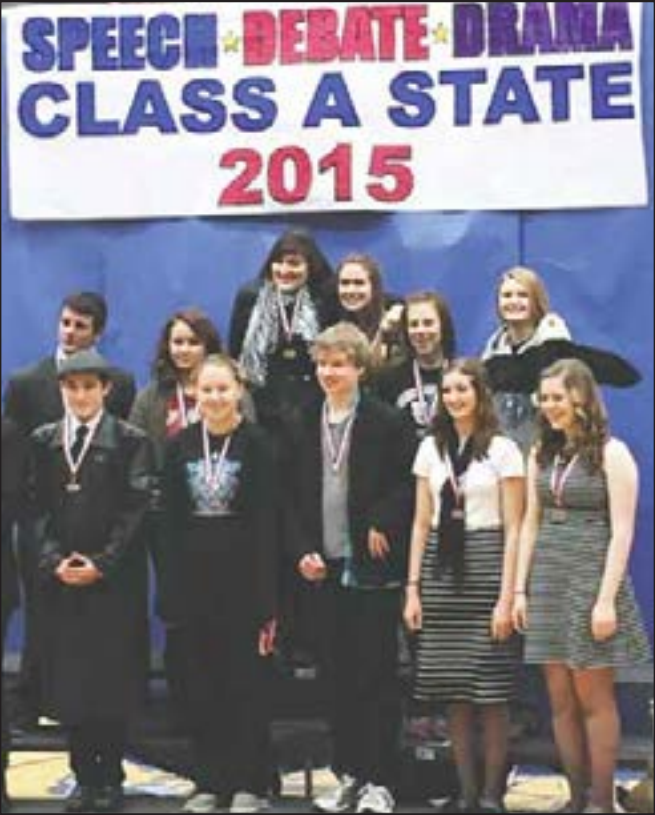
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# Sidney Speech & Drama Team Competes at State Meet



Front row: Jaz Hodge, Hannah Feliciano, Kennedy Anglesey, Kasey Gorder, Kaitlyn Tibbits, Sarah Turek, Taylor Thiessen, Tess Ler. 2nd Row: Luke Turek, Johren Carpenter, Ben Brodhead, Micheal Stevens, Laura Elmore, Shelby Riedle, Scottlynn Anglesey, Tessa Hill 3rd Row: Kyle Topp, Zach Sommerfeld, Clay Carpenter, Danny Johnson, Camden Berka, Christian Anglesey, Mark Lapan.



The Sidney Speech & Drama team travelled to Columbia Falls to compete this past weekend. The Drama team finished in 5th place in the state! Senior Christian Anglesey competed in Humorous Oral Interpretation, finishing 7th. Junior Kennedy Anglesey competed in Expository Speaking, finishing 8th. Juniors Kaitlyn Tibbits & Micheal Stevens competed in Classical Duo, finishing 4th. Freshmen Kyle Topp & Scottlynn Anglesey competed in Classical Duo finishing 3rd.

# Parent Café

Submitted by Family Resource Center

Sidney Middle School and the Family Resource Center are pleased to have Loretta Thiel, Vice Principal of Sidney High School presenting and discussing Sidney High School's Alternative Education program. It will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at District II Alcohol & Drug Program, 102 N. Central Suite B (in the basement of Yellowstone Marketplace), from 12pm to 1pm. Lunch will be provided and this presentation is for parents, childcare is not provided. If you would like more information on this event or other Parent Cafés that will be held in the future, please contact Missy or Melissa at 433-4097 or missysrmies@outlook.com.

# Parenting Class For New Or Expecting Parents Starts In February

Submitted by Marcia Hellandsaas, NDSU Extension Agent McKenzie County

The basics of parenting infants will be the topic of parenting classes set for Monday evenings - February 9, 16, 23 and March 2 at the McKenzie County Extension Office, 201 5th Street Northwest, in Watford City. Each session will be held from 5:30 to 7 pm and will include a lite supper. Growth and development, bonding, attachment, feeding and sleeping will be among the topics of the four sessions of this curriculum, Basic Beginnings, developed by NDSU Extension Service Human Development Specialists. Attendees will receive a Family Activity Workbook which will include opportunities for journaling, inserting photos and listing important phone numbers. The Book also includes instructions for swaddling a baby, diaper changing and safely preparing your home for a toddler. Discussions, demonstrations and hands-on activities will all be included with these classes. New and expecting parents (or those who will welcome a baby after a long break) are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is requested prior to attending. Please contact the McKenzie County Extension Office at 701-444-3451 to register or e-mail marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu.

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Classical Duos: Kyle Topp is holding the eagle. To her Left is Scottlynn Anglesey. In the front row center are Kaitlyn Tibbits & Micheal Stevens. (Photos by Christy Pierce)

# Registration For Bow Hunter Education Class Feb. 9th

Orientation/walk in registration for the Spring 2015 Bow Hunter Education class will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Eastern Ag Research Center, 1501 North Central Ave, Sidney, MT. Register online at <http://fwp.mt.gov> and print all the forms to bring with. No late registrations. Persons under 18 must have a parent or guardian present. Must be 11 years old to register. Students must attend orientation and all classes. Scheduled classes are Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am-3pm. Please bring #2 lead pencil to all classes. Must wear proper hunting attire on field day. Online students can go to <http://fwp.mt.gov> for further instructions. Please contact Larry Christensen 406-489-0589, Jim Miller 406-489-1653, Charles Osborn 406-925-1302 for any questions.



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Williston at Watford City Girls 12U, 5 pm  
Minot at Watford City Jr. Gold A, 7 pm

Sat, Feb 7  
Park River at Sidney Girls U19, 11 am  
Sidney Girls 12U at Minot, 12 pm  
Watford City B at Sidney Jr. Gold, 4 pm  
 Fargo at Watford City Girls 19U  
Wahpeton at Watford City Girls 19U, 11 am  
Crosby at Watford City Bantam, 1 pm  
Crosby at Watford City Jr. Gold A, 7 pm

Sun, Feb 8  
Langdon at Sidney Girls U19, 10 am  
Sidney Girls 12U at Bismarck, 10:15 am  
Sidney Bantam at Williston, 1:45 pm  
West Fargo at Watford City Girls 19U, 9 am  
Watford City PeeWee at Williston, 1 pm  
Minot at Watford City Jr. Gold B, 11 am

Fri, Feb 13  
Sidney Girls U19 at Bismarck, 7:15 pm  
Crosby at Sidney Jr. Gold, 7 pm  
Watford City Jr. Gold A at Grand Forks  
Watford City Jr. Gold B at MayPort, 8 pm

**Gymnastics**

Sat & Sun, Feb 7 & 8  
Sidney at Minot Kum Lup Memorial

Fri, Feb 13  
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**Basketball**

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Plentywood at Sidney Boys, 4:15/5:45/7:30 pm  
Plentywood at Sidney Girls, 4:15/5:45/7:30 pm  
Watford City Girls at Killdeer, 8 pm

Fri, Feb 6  
Glendive at Sidney Girls, 4:15/5:45/7:30 pm

Beulah at Watford City Boys, 7:15 pm  
Savage Girls at Richey, 6 pm  
Savage Boys at Richey, 7:30 pm  
Fairview Girls at Brockton, 6 pm  
Fairview Boys at Brockton, 7:30 pm  
MonDak at Bainville Girls, 6 pm  
MonDak at Bainville Boys, 7:30 pm  
Culbertson Girls at Med Lake, 7:30 pm  
Culbertson Boys at Med Lake, 7:30 pm

Sat, Feb 7  
Watford City Boys at South Heart High, 5 pm  
Dickinson Trinity at Watford City Girls, 7 pm  
Bainville at Fairview Girls, 4 pm  
Bainville at Fairview Boys, 5:30 pm  
R&L Girls at Westby, 4 pm  
R&L Boys at Westby, 5:30 pm  
Culbertson Girls at Circle, 4:30 pm  
Culbertson Boys at Circle, 6 pm  
Brockton at Froid Girls, 4:30 pm  
Brockton at Froid Boys, 5:30 pm

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Watford City Boys at Ray, 7:15 pm

Tues, Feb 10  
Culbertson Boys at Brockton, 7:30 pm

Thurs, Feb 12  
Fairview at Savage Girls, 5 pm  
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Fri, Feb 13  
Blgs Central at Sidney Boys, 4:15/5:45/7:30 pm  
Sidney Girls at Blgs Central, 4:15/5:45/7:30 pm  
Circle at Savage Girls, 6 pm  
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Defend the right of ranchers to not subsidize political organizations they may not agree with through their mandatory checkoff assessments by calling for an end to the current beef checkoff program and recommending that lobbying groups be prohibited from contracting or otherwise receiving any checkoff dollars under any new beef checkoff program.

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# Roosevelt Medical Center Governing Board Seeks Members - Filing Date Approaches

**Submitted by Roosevelt Medical Center**

The Roosevelt Medical Center Governing Board is potentially looking to fill three Governing Board member positions that expire in May of 2015. Newly appointed members would take office in May.

Deadline for filing with the Roosevelt County Courthouse, in Wolf Point, is 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 19, for the May 5 election.

The Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, except in August and December. Meetings typically are about two hours long. All participation is voluntary and unpaid.

The three Board members with up-

coming terms are Paula Schledewitz, who has served on the Board since 2003, Lana Engelke, a member since 2006, and Mike Weeks, who has served since 2009. Current Board members can file to run for another three-year term as can others interested in being on the Roosevelt Medical Center Board of Directors.

The Board is comprised of five elected trustees who serve staggered, three-year terms. In turn, the five trustees appoint up to six directors for annual terms. The Board is responsible for overall governance, quality of care, and policy making for RMC.

Interested applicants can contact Cheryl Hanson, County Election Administrator at (406) 653-6250, or Audrey Stromberg, RMC Administrator, at (406) 787-6401. Applications are available at the front office of RMC .

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# Roosevelt Memorial Healthcare Foundation Hosts 1st Annual Ice-Breaker Fundraiser

**Submitted by Roosevelt Memorial Healthcare Foundation**

For the first time ever, Roosevelt Medical Center's Roosevelt Memorial Healthcare Foundation, is hosting a fundraiser that gives participants a chance at guessing when the Missouri River will break up on a designated area of the river near Culbertson.

The first annual Ice-Breaker Fundraiser will kick off Feb. 1 at 12:01 a.m. and guesses will be accepted until March 31 at 11:59 p.m. Tickets are \$5 or three tickets for \$10.

The person who guesses the correct date and time that the river begins to flow three miles south of Culbertson, near the Highway 16 Bridge, will win half of the proceeds. "The board felt this was a fun way to get the community involved with the Foundation. This is the time of year when people are starting to get anxious for spring to arrive and this fundraiser gives them a reason to really keep an eye on how that's going," said Steve Baldwin, a Board member.

So, how do you play? It's simple! Pick up and pay for a ticket(s) at one of several locations, make your guess based on Mountain Standard Time, and then give the ticket to a board member, or mail it in.

Tickets to make guesses are available at Hometown Market, the Wild West Diner, and the Marketing Department downstairs in the clinic at RMC and from any board member. Tickets will also be available to cut out of an advertisement in the Searchlight newspaper and the Roundup, of Sidney, during the last week in February and the third week in March.

The funds raised for the project will go toward replacing the window in the Sun Room, a place where the 25 residents who call RMC home, gather to relax, socialize, watch their favorite shows on television and enjoy the birds in the aviary.

The current window consists of an all metal frame with cracked and broken panes which causes clouding between the

double panes. In the winter, the metal frame radiates cold into the room and makes it difficult to maintain a comfortable room temperature. "For the residents to sit in the room, they often have to be covered with a blanket to ensure they keep warm. Our other concern is that at some point, the cracked glass may become a safety issue," said Audrey Stromberg, Administrator for RMC.

Cost for the window and installation is estimated at \$18,000. To date, about \$5,000 in funds has been raised following a donation mailing sent out to the community in December.

The river breakup will be monitored by a non-participating board member and determined by a clock attached to a tripod on the river. Once the water begins flowing and the tripod falls in, it will trigger the clock to stop. The time recorded on the clock will be the time used to determine the winner.

If no one guesses the exact time of breakup, the participant with the closest time will be the winner.

Board members include Kim Knick, Chairperson; David Solem, Vice Chairperson; Sheri Gossage, Karla Forbregd, Steve Baldwin, Sharon Salvevold, John McNeil, directors, and Lana Engelke and Laura Bergum, Designates.

RMHF is a registered non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation with the mission of enhancing and securing the future of quality healthcare for the region. Throughout the year they work to raise funds for medical equipment and projects that ensure quality local healthcare, while striving to build their endowment for a secure future.

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**Submitted by Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks**

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Deer and elk permit applications and information will also be available online at fwp.mt.gov; click "March 16—Deer & Elk Permits" beginning Monday, Jan. 26, at 9 a.m. The application deadline

is March 16.

FWP urges hunters to apply online. "It's fast, convenient and accurate," said Ron Aasheim, FWP spokesman in Helena.

Nonresidents seeking to apply for big game combination, elk combination or deer combination licenses and deer and elk permits for the 2015 fall Montana hunting season can also apply online or download an application from FWP's website. To request an application by mail, write to:

Licensing Section; Montana FWP; P.O. Box 200701, Helena MT; 59620-0701; or call: 406-444-2950.

Aasheim said May 1 is the deadline to apply for moose, sheep, goat and bison licenses and June 1 for antlerless deer B and elk B licenses and antelope and antelope B licenses.

Montana's upcoming hunting and fishing license year runs from March 1 to Feb. 29, 2016.

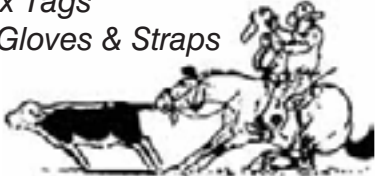
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# Westgard Departs RTC After 27 Years

**Submitted by Kristin Jaeger, Marketing Manager  
Reservation Telephone Cooperative**

Parshall, ND – Denese Westgard, RTC Administrative Assistant has departed RTC with 27 years of service. After filling in as a temporary employee, Denese started working full time at RTC in September 1987 as a General Clerk and was later promoted to Administrative Assistant. She worked for two of the three RTC General Managers and has worked with the RTC Board of Directors her entire career.

Denese notes that there were many changes in her 27 years at RTC, “There were 25 employees when I started and now we have over 100!” Other notable changes include growth in RTC’s buildings and customer offices, acquiring new service area and customers, and changes in technology. She says, “RTC was putting in coaxial TV when I started and now we have IP TV.”

Denese was instrumental in starting many new projects at RTC including the RTC Scholarship Program in 1990 and RTC’s participation with the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour in 2003. Denese was also the point person in opening the Parshall Community Daycare, which ran for 16 years.

Some of Denese’s most memorable experiences at RTC include earning the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association Best Subscriber Communications Award, opening the Daycare, and RTC’s grant/loan award through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Award to expand the availability of broadband service. Denese also has great memories of recruiting new employees to RTC.

Denese adds, “I’ve had the pleasure of great co-workers

and friends over the years and have greatly enjoyed coming to work at RTC for 27 years. I would never have stayed this long if I didn’t enjoy my career and home away from home.” Denese kept this quote on her office bulletin board, “It’s not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do that is the secret of happiness.” - James Barrie, novelist

Denese’s plans now include staying in the community of Parshall, spending time with family, and tending to her health. RTC honored Denese for her 27 years of service at an in-house celebration in November.



# Energy Roundup



# U.S. Officials Believe Falling Energy Prices Are, “Pretty Good For The U.S. Economy,” While Others Take A Different View

**By Tie Shank**  
WASHINGTON: Earlier this month, White House press secretary Josh Earnest, said “As a general matter, the impact of falling energy prices has been good for the U.S. economy... It certainly is good for middle class families that are being pinched, and when they go to the pump and they see that the prices at the pump are up to \$1.00 cheaper than they were last year - that certainly means more money in the pockets of the middle class families. . . It’s also a testament to the success that the U.S has had over the last several years, in part because of the policies put forward by this administration, to increase production of domestic oil and gas.”

As the price of U.S. oil dropped below \$50 a barrel for

the first time since April 2009 and the Dow Jones Industrial average dropped more than 300 points, Earnest was hesitant to say whether the two were related. However, he did comment on whether or not the Obama administration monitors this, “We’re always monitoring the impact that any sort of policy area would have on the economy. So it’s certainly something that we’re watching.”

In the state of Wyoming, depending on various factors, the oil industry makes up about 30 percent of the state’s revenue. Wyoming governor Matt Mead told Fox News that for every \$5 drop in the price of oil, the state of Wyoming’s tax revenue drops thirty-five million dollars. He believes that lower gas prices will benefit people and businesses in

Wyoming in the short term, but if lower prices continue, “we’ll see rigs start to lay down, and it’s not just the direct revenue - its hotels, restaurants and all that goes with that,” said Mead.

Spokesperson for the Western Energy Alliance, Kathleen Sgamma, says “There is a point at which the lower commodity price will put new wells out of business... OPEC is definitely trying to put the U.S. producer out of business and they are going to fail miserably.”

Sgamma said which companies will be affected and when will vary greatly. “That depends on the efficiency of the producer, where they’re placed within an area. Even within the Bakken, there are more productive fields than others.” She states another



factor is whether a well is on private land or on state or federal land, “because the regulatory environment is such that it makes it more expensive to develop on those federal or tribal lands.”

Meanwhile, analysts say the American Oil Industry will survive and that major oil producers in the Middle East cannot allow prices to remain this low forever.


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Submitted by Richland  
County STAND

Members of the community met at the Richland County Courthouse steps on Friday, January 23, 2015, to participate in a Candlelight Vigil for Loved Ones Lost to Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco. Over \$400 was raised for the Adult Treatment Court graduation traditions. Vicky Parker with the Richland County Sheriff's Office, Tim Anderson with District II Alcohol and Drug Programs, and Pastor Vicky Waddington Lonsdale Methodist Church were guest speakers at the event.

## Richland County STAND Program Holding LOCK-IN To LOCK OUT All-Nighter Friday February 13<sup>th</sup>

Submitted by Vicky Parker

Richland County Stand 4 Youth will be holding an all night LOCK-IN to LOCK OUT alcohol and drugs. Help spread the word about STAND and what we are about!

Friday, February 13th at the Assembly of God Church (414 E. Main St.) Students from all Richland County schools are invited!

Grades 4th and up are welcome to stay all night from 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. Grades 3rd and under are welcome to come from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. If they bring a parent they also can stay all night!

For more information please contact Vicky Parker STAND for our Youth Project Coordinator at 433-4097 vparkerrc@yahoo.com

You can also check us out on Face book at Stand4youth For adults interested we also have a STAND committee that meets monthly to aide youth in making healthy choices. We meet the last Wednesday of the month from 12-1 p.m. at District II Our next meeting is February 24th

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**Fri., Feb. 6th:** Sloppy joes, carrot sticks, pears.  
**Mon., Feb. 9th:** Chicken nuggets, potatoes & gravy, mandarin oranges, muffin.  
**Tues., Feb. 10th:** Soft shell taco, bananas.  
**Wed., Feb. 11th:** Tater tot hot dish, corn, dinner roll.

**Rau School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 5th:** PB&J sandwich, soup, fruit.  
**Fri., Feb. 6th:** Cheeseburger, fries, veggies, fresh fruit.  
**Mon., Feb. 9th:** Chicken fajita, rice, corn, oranges.  
**Tues., Feb. 10th:** Tuna casserole, peas & carrots, peaches.  
**Wed., Feb. 11th:** Cook's Choice.

**Savage School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 5th:** Baked potato.  
**Fri., Feb. 6th:** Subs.  
**Mon., Feb. 9th:** Sub sandwiches.  
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**Thurs., Feb. 5th:** Super potatoes, fresh veggies, apples, milk.  
**Fri., Feb. 6th:** Chili, cheese, buns, oranges, milk.

**Culbertson School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 5th:** Cheese raviolis in marinara sauce, bread sticks, salad, mandarin oranges, milk.  
**Fri., Feb. 6th:** Pulled pork on buns, coleslaw, pears, milk.  
**Mon., Feb. 9th:** Chicken bowls, pears, milk.  
**Tues., Feb. 10th:** Tacos, pineapple, milk.  
**Wed., Feb. 11th:** Crispy smashed potatoes with bacon bits, salad, apples, milk.

**Richey School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 5th:** Chicken noodle soup, dinner roll, cookie.  
**Fri., Feb. 6th:** Taco Salad, peaches, scotcheroos.  
**Mon., Feb. 9th:** Hot dogs, baked beans, oatmeal bar, mandarin oranges.  
**Tues., Feb. 10th:** Pizza, lettuce salad, pudding.  
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**Tues., Feb. 10th:** Beans & cheese burritos, chips and cheese, lettuce mix, salad bar, fruit, milk.  
**Wed., Feb. 11th:** Stromboli, copper penny salad, salad bar, fruit, coffee cake, milk.

**Fairview School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 5th:** Chicken fettuccini alfredo.  
**Fri., Feb. 6th:** NO SCHOOL.  
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**Thurs., Feb. 5th:** Chicken patty, carrots, salad, pears.  
**Fri., Feb. 6th:** NO SCHOOL.  
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**Tues., Feb. 10th:** Fettuccini alfredo, salad, apples.  
**Wed., Feb. 11th:** Subs, peas, salad, peaches.

**Bainville School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 5th:** Polish sausage, bun, sauerkraut, potato, fruit.  
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**Tues., Feb. 10th:** Goulash, corn, peaches.  
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Fish-Consumption Advisory Below Oil Spill In Yellowstone River

**Submitted by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**  
BILLINGS— Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks has issued a consumption advisory for fish caught in the Yellowstone River in the area of a Jan. 17, 2015, oil spill west of Glendive.  
People who have caught fish in the Yellowstone River between the spill site, six miles upstream from Glendive, and the North Dakota state line should be cautious about consuming them.  
This week FWP biologists started capturing fish below the oil spill site and sending them to a laboratory for testing. Biologists and game wardens also are asking anglers if they will donate fish from their catch for laboratory testing. Test results should be returned in the next two weeks and FWP will publish the data so fishermen can determine whether their catch is suitable for consumption.  
Published research indicates that petroleum compounds can accumulate in fish for 40 or more days after a spill. FWP will continue to sample fish throughout the river to try to detect any accumulation. Petroleum compounds can also be passed on to fish through the food chain when micro-organisms, insects, worms, crustaceans and other aquatic animals absorb petroleum compounds then are eaten by fish.  
The advisory was issued as a precaution, advising anglers to tend toward conservative decisions and prudent practice when it comes to the health effects of the oil spill.  
In addition to paddlefish and endangered pallid sturgeon, this stretch of the Yellowstone River holds channel catfish, sauger, walleye, northern pike, bigmouth buffalo, black bullhead, black crappie, bluegill, blue sucker, brassy minnow, brook stickleback, burbot, cisco, common carp, creek chub, emerald shiner, fathead minnow, flathead chub, freshwater drum, goldeye, golden shiner, green sunfish, lake chub, largemouth bass, longnose dace, longnose sucker, mountain sucker, northern redbelly dace, plains minnow, plains killifish, pumpkinseed, rainbow smelt, river carpsucker, sand shiner, shorthead redhorse, shortnose gar, shovelnose sturgeon, sicklefin chub, smallmouth bass, smallmouth buffalo, spottail shiner, stonecat, sturgeon chub, western silvery minnow, white bass, white crappie, white sucker, yellow bullhead and yellow perch.  
People with questions or who want to report contaminated fish or wildlife may call the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Region 7 office at 406-234-0900. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also has set up a toll-free telephone number -- 888-959-8351 -- to report oil-covered wildlife.

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**Back Row (L-R):** Parker Dean, Bridger Coffman, Cristian Gomez, Cody Johnson, Cody Christian, Hunter Severson, and Douglas Rooney.

**Not pictured:** Ryan Chatterton. *Photo by Erin Graves.*

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SGC All Around (Level 3): Junior A - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Kambre Kloker • 9<sup>th</sup> Place, Macy Tjelde • 10<sup>th</sup> Place, Allison Thiel, • 12<sup>th</sup> Place, Kenzie Gaffield. Junior C – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Allison Axtman. Senior A – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Taylor McPherson • 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Hailey Hasvold • 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Makyya Beyer • 6<sup>th</sup> Place, Lacie Selting • 11<sup>th</sup> Place, Ella Jordan. Senior C – 13<sup>th</sup> Place, Zoe Thom.

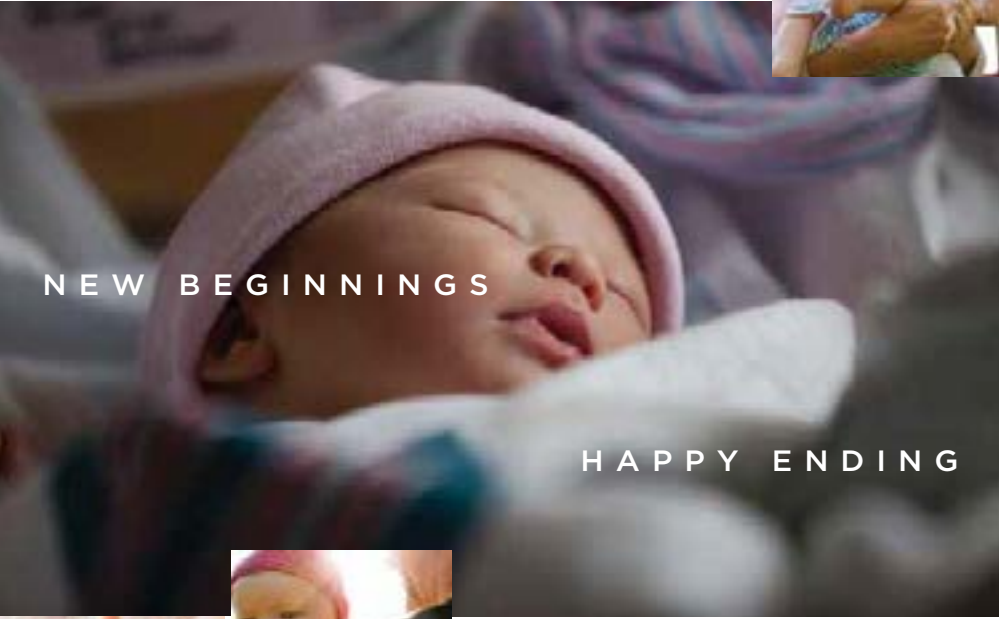
SGC Top Ten Results (Level 3): Vault – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Hailey Hasvold • 11<sup>th</sup> Place, Allison Thiel. Uneven Bars – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place,

Taylor McPherson • 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Allison Axtman. Balance Beam – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Allison Axtman • 9<sup>th</sup> Place, Kambre Kloker • 12<sup>th</sup> Place, Lacie Selting. Floor Exercise – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Tie, Hailey Hasvold & Allison Axtman • 9<sup>th</sup> Place, Taylor McPherson • 11<sup>th</sup> Place, Kambre Kloker. All Around – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Allison Axtman • 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Taylor McPherson • 8<sup>th</sup> Place, Hailey Hasvold.

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Left: Hailey Hasvold prepares to run her vault.



Macy Tjelde on bars.



Left: Kenzie Gaffield during her floor routine. (Photos submitted by Keri McPherson)

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