



## And they're off...

About 75 contestants took off in a rush at the start of the gun during the second annual Valentine 5K run and walk sponsored by the YMCA. It was one of three events during a busy weekend for the Y.

## Y move?

*The local YMCA gave plenty of reasons to be active this weekend with races, bowling and cards*

Photos and story by John Barrows

There was absolutely no reason to sit around the house this past weekend with a long face and the complaint, "there's nothing to do."

The local YMCA saw to that.

Combining fun and fund-raising, the YMCA had not one, not two, but three major events going on this weekend.

The events started Saturday morning with the running of the second annual YMCA Valentine 5K run/walk, starting on Swenson Way.

The event drew 74 contestants, the most ever, including both serious runners and those just out for a good time.

Sponsors of the race included Sweetwater Coffee, Moving Image, Rocky Mountain Inspiration, McDonalds and Great Harvest.

Race winners included:

Overall: male, John Kirtley, female, Jamie Schuster.

13 and under: male, 1st Daniel Kirtley, 2nd, Zach Girard; female, 1st, Rebekah Kirtley, 2nd, Emma Johnson

14-18: male, 1st, John Kirtley, 2nd, Jonathon Hockett; female,

1st, Anna Kirtley, 2nd, Naomi Kirtley.

19-30: male, 1st, Kline Vorhes, 2nd Mike Gee; female, 1st Jamie Schuster, 2nd Mia D'Amico

31-40: male, 1st Jason Sutton, 2nd Danny Johnson; female, 1st Dawn Harvey, 2nd, Sherri Girard

41-50: male, 1st, Elton Kirtley, 2nd, Scott McKee; female, 1st Beth Sullivan, 2nd, Wendie Thomas

51 and over: Mmale, Paul Goligoski, 2nd Rex Blackwell; female, 1st Judy Ulrich, 2nd Linda Surface

On Saturday evening over 30 young people took part in Cosmic Bowling at Ned Eva Lanes, with the lanes and Pepsi sponsoring the event. Sue Lawton helped organize the event.

Sunday afternoon was a busy time at the Evangelical Lutheran Church for the third annual Card Party and Pie Social.

The event, organized by Pat Blade, Helen Hilton and Ruth Haugland, drew nearly 70 people to have fun playing a variety of games. Over \$500 was raised to help fund the annual YMCA Youth Legislature trip to Helena in May.

YMCA Community Card Party winners included:

Scrabble, 1st, Angie Schaffer, 2nd, Kole Fosse  
Cribbage, 1st, Lynn Reynolds and T. J. Reynolds; 2nd, Laretta Hil and Nate Murphy

Pinochle High: Margaret Christensen, 2nd, Cora Hofferber; Low, Ray Cote

Bridge: High, Gregg Hilton, 2nd, Larry Leith; Low, Terry Cypher.

Students who will be attending the Youth Legislature from Beaverhead County High School include Kole Fosse, Katie Jones, Cassie Robinson, Brynn Erb, Paul Monk, Mason Giem, Kade Laden, Brent Goligoski, Katelyn Coon, Tyler Brackenbury, Katherine Bonnin, Daniel Parks, Ben Marsh, Marko Stanisich, Ember Henderson, Alyse Backus, Lizzy Castro, Cliff Stout, Nate Murphy, Meagan Scott, Laretta Hill and Natalie Partipilo.

The events were very successful, YMCA director Roger Pelletier said, and drew a large number of new participants.

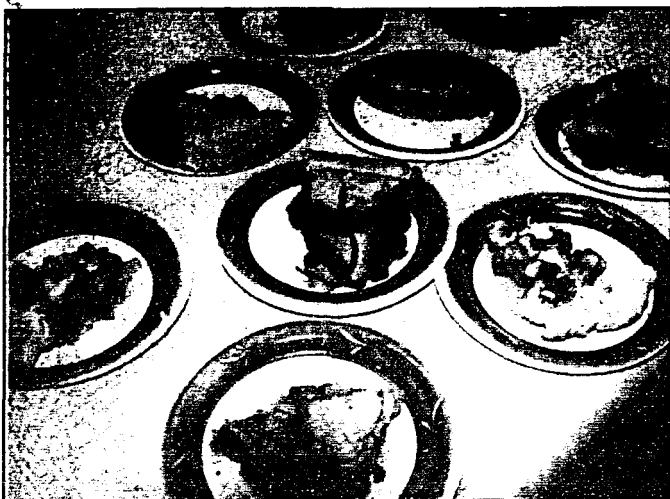
The YMCA is nearing its goal of a facility of its own, with the possibility of construction starting this year coming closer to reality.



Over 30 young people showed up Saturday night at Ned Eva Lanes to take part in a cosmic bowling marathon, that involved three different age groups. It was just one of three major YMCA sponsored events last weekend. The events included a 5K race, bowling and a community card party.



Fred Chouinard, race starter; Betty Iverson, race chairman and Roger Pelletier, YMCA executive director, consult before starting the 5K Valentine Run/Walk race Saturday.



### Pies and cards

Pies and cards go together naturally, and nearly 70 people showed up to join in the fun at the Evangelical Lutheran Church Sunday.

The card party and pie social was a fund raiser for the YMCA's Youth Legislature, which is helping to send 22 young people to Helena in May. The program helps young people learn about government.

The party raised over \$500 for the event.

