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The Outlaw Cheer and Stunt Team are known for their tumbling skills.

Outlaws shine in cheer and sound competition

By Claire Landon
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Seven Outlaw Cheer and Stunt Team members competed in the OCCA All-State individuals competition on Saturday, November 9. Two out of the seven were selected for the All-State team including seniors AriAnne Griffy and Victoria Shelswell-White.

Griffy, in her fourth year of Outlaw Cheer, placed ninth in the individuals for the 4A division. Shelswell-White, in her second year of Outlaw Cheer, was state champion of the 4A division, winning a \$1,000 scholarship for her second year in a row.

McKenna Brinkman, a sophomore in her second year of Outlaw Cheer, placed 12th in the competition and Claire Landon, a junior in her first year of Outlaw Cheer, placed thirteenth. Junior Rachelle Dale, sophomore MacKenzie Shelswell-White and freshman Taylor Robertson also had strong performances at the competition at Thurston High School.

Sisters High School's Cheer and Stunt squad routinely ranks high in tumbling, dance, and cheer; this year was no exception.

The All-State competition consists of both a running tumbling pass and standing tumbling, followed by a jump sequence, a compulsory cheer and a compulsory dance.

Approximately 30 girls competed in the 4A division, all doing the same routine, with only tumbling and jumps varying.

The Outlaw Cheer and Stunt Team is well-known for their tumbling skills, as well as being sharp in all areas of competition. All-State was the competition that kicked off the girls' highly anticipated competition season.

Boys hoops boasts brand new squad

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The Outlaws don't return a single starter to their squad this year, but will fill the roster with talented players who saw limited varsity action last year.

Seniors Sam Nicklous, Brogan Petterson, and Joe Scholl; juniors Nate Weber, Connor Linn, and Hudson Jones all got in some playing time on the court last year, but this year will be the backbone of the team. Junior Hayden Sharp is new to the squad, and coaches expect him to be an added bonus.

Coach Rob Jensen told *The Nugget* that the Outlaws had a good off-season and all players are greatly improved from last year's JV team.

Nicklous has worked hard on his shooting and ball-handling and will see a lot of time at the point guard position. Weber has extended his range and increased in physicality, and is expected to be a scoring threat, and Linn is a knock-down shooter and, according to Jensen, can "slash" to the hoop.

Petterson is a tenacious defender and will also be



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The Outlaws are sweating on the hardwood, preparing for the basketball season.

another offensive threat for the Outlaws. Scholl is a great rebounder and also runs the floor well for a "big." Joe has also increased his range and consistency and will be a threat at the post position.

Jones has improved his shooting from last year and will be a solid physical presence, and Jensen noted that he does all the little things well.

Jensen told *The Nugget* that there will be others on

the varsity roster, but is not yet sure who will rise up and fill the spots.

"I expect the boys to do well this year," said Jensen. "Based on this first week of practice, they are going to improve rapidly. We really hope to be in playoff contention. I won't be surprised if we surprise some people."

The Outlaws will kick off their pre-season play at Dallas on Friday, December 6.

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