

A special supplement to the

The Owyhee Avalanche

GRADUATING CLASSES OF:

HOMEDALE ♦ MARSING ♦ RIMROCK ♦ JORDAN VALLEY

Homedale High graduates 70 on May 27

Homedale High School will graduate 70 senior class members at 2 p.m. on May 27 in the high school gymnasium.

This year’s guest speaker will be Nolan Taggart, a former Homedale High School principal and teacher.

The school does not choose a valedictorian or salutatorian, but senior Stuart Miyasako will present the welcome address.

The Homedale High School choir also will perform.

Homedale School Board chairman Kurt Shanley will accept the graduates, and superintendent Tim Rosandick will present

the diplomas. Senior Tyler Christoffersen will give an opening comment, and senior Ryan Rupp will give a closing farewell.

Senior class officers are Andrew Davey, president, Wade Hyer, vice president, Jessica Hansen, secretary-treasurer and Larry Wass, sergeant-at-arms. Class colors are red and silver, and the class flower is the Forget-Me-Not.

This year’s class motto is, “As each of us follows our path in life, we will remember these years. We will remember our friends, the laughter and the pain. Our smiles reflect the memories locked deep within our hearts. Future dreams

shine like bright stars against distant nights. We have grown so much, and yet, we will grow forever.”

An all-night senior party is planned in the gym after graduation.

Commencement leaders, the top students for 2007, are: Chanda Cox, Shanae Galloway, Ryan Johnson, Josh Myers, Bonnie Price and Mark Vance. Commencement ushers will be the brothers and sisters of the Class of 2006.

Class advisors are Kevin Murphy, Dennis Ankeny, Melinda Lathrop, Brenda Paxton, Linda Alder and Sherry Thomas.

Marsing sends 35 seniors on their way May 25

KTVB’s Gebert serves as speaker at graduation

Marsing High School will graduate 35 seniors at 7 p.m. on May 25 in the district gymnasium on Main Street.

Larry Gebert, meteorologist for KTVB NewsChannel 7, is this year’s guest speaker. Gebert began his broadcasting career in 1977, working for a radio station while he was completing his degree at Carroll College in Helena, Mont. He began working in television the following year in Great Falls, Mont., as a sportscaster, and he eventually became news director in 1980. He also worked in Billings, Mont., for three years before moving to Boise in 1983.

Gebert has been with NewsChannel 7 since 1992 as a meteorologist and the computer networks system administrator.

Marsing co-valedictorians Mary Jo Usabel and Nicole Gelinas will greet the graduating class during the ceremony. Mollee Nielsen will present as the class salutatorian.

MJ Usabel is the daughter of Joe and Jody Usabel of Marsing. She plans to attend Northwest Nazarene University this fall and major in business. She has also signed a letter of intent for track. She hopes to open her own business following college.

“I would tell underclassmen to never lose sight of their goals,” MJ Usabel said. “When you have a goal, stick to it and work hard. A person needs to maintain a

positive attitude.”

Usabel has been in Marsing School District since kindergarten.

Nicole Gelinas is the daughter of Selma Quick of Marsing and Timothy Gelinas of Nampa. She plans to attend Northwest College of Art in Washington state. She received a large scholarship from the college last week.

Nicole Gelinas said she hopes to operate an art gallery or work for a gallery after college.

“Marsing is a place where everyone receives so much support,” Gelinas said. “I would tell underclassmen to work hard, stay awake and do their homework. The future is just beginning.”

This year’s class motto is, “There never has been one like me before, and there will never be one like me again,” a quote by the late sportscaster Howard Cosell. The class song is, “At the beginning,” from the movie Anastasia, and the class colors are blue, silver and black.

Student speakers will be Mary Jo Usabel and Nicole Gelinas, and class president Angela Martinez will address the class.

The senior party will be held immediately after graduation at Nampa Bowl in Nampa.

Joining Martinez as student officers for the senior class this year are Jamison Price, vice president, and Katie Morris, secretary-treasurer.

The class advisors are Ed Pfeifer, Janet Cooney and Kirk Hubbard, and foreign exchange students are Roger Pitanga and Gabriela Leite.

Homedale class president, VP send message of hope

Homedale High School 2006 senior class president Andrew Davey, and vice president Wade Hyer will be among the graduating class on May 27.

Davey is the son of Deanna and Robin Robinson of Homedale and said he plans to attend Treasure Valley Community College after graduation. He said he

then plans to transfer to Boise State University and continue his education to become an architect or an engineer.

“Homedale has been interesting, but the friends will last forever. Have fun while you are young and can get away with it, because you get older by the minute.” Davey said.

Hyer is the son of George and Dolly Hyer of Homedale and said he plans to attend Treasure Valley Community College and join the school’s rodeo team. He then plans to serve a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints before training horses for a living. He said, “School has been great at Homedale.”

11 JV graduates walk line May 16

On Tuesday, May 16 11 seniors walked down the aisle to receive their diplomas and bid farewell to Jordan Valley High School, while beginning new and exciting trips as high school graduates.

The ceremony took place at 7:30 p.m. in the new high school gymnasium and included the awarding of local scholarships and diplomas, speeches by the class valedictorians and salutatorian, a picture slideshow of the graduating students, and a presentation of the class will.

A reception took place in the

older gymnasium immediately after the ceremony.

This year’s school song is “Good Riddance (Time of your Life),” by Green Day, and the senior class colors are red and blue.

This year’s senior class president is Lauren Cuvelier, vice president is Emil Scown, secretary is Beth Dowell and treasurer is Frank Beckwith.

There are 11 students in this year’s graduating class, including three valedictorians, Michelle Baltzor, Lauren Cuvelier, and Emil Scown, and one salutatorian,

Hayley Johnson.

Honor graduates are Emil Scown, Lauren Cuvelier, Hayley Johnson, Frank Beckwith and Michelle Baltzor.

Other graduates are: Beth Dowell, Paul McKay, Dinah Powers, Ashley Reed, James Stacey and Cassia Trautman.

Commencement leaders were Megan Mackenzie, who was the mistress of ceremony. Michelle Elsner and Sam Charters were ushers.

The class advisor was Sheryl Douglass.

Rimrock’s top grads to address seniors

During May 21 graduation ceremonies this month, the Rimrock High School Class of 2006 will be addressed by its valedictorian and salutatorian. Emily Marie Hegerhorst will speak as the school’s valedictorian, and Carolann Rachelle Wilson will address the senior class as its salutatorian.

Hegerhorst is the daughter of Mark and Marla Hegerhorst. She has attended Bruneau-Grand View schools for 12 years and plans to attend Brigham Young University this fall. She plans to attend for four years, but is undecided on a major.

She sees her long-term goals as completing her education, getting married and raising a family.

She has been active in basketball for four years, volleyball for three years and is active in the Lettermen’s club, National Honor Society, Idaho Drug Free Youth,

woodworking, journalism and is a student body officer.

Her hobbies are piano, singing, woodworking, cooking, horse riding and 4-H. She has received the Idaho Top Scholar award, Idaho Syringa Girls State Delegate and the 4-H sportsmanship award.

Hegerhorst’s favorite quote is “Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbon,” by Ruth Ann Schabacker.

Wilson is the daughter of Michael and Angela Wilson and has attended Bruneau-Grand View schools since 1995. She plans to work this summer and attend Boise State University in the fall. She said her long-term goals are to finish college, get a good job and have a family and travel.

Wilson plans to major in computer science or layout and design.

During her high school career,


Wilson has participated in volleyball, stats keeper, yearbook and journalism, Idaho Drug Free Youth, National Honor Society and has served as a student body officer. Her hobbies are volleyball, camping and she said, “having a job because it feels good to make my own money and I don’t get bored.”

Wilson is a top scholar, on the high honor roll and participated in Girls State.


Her favorite quote is by Brigham Young, who said, “Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world’s work, and the power to appreciate life.”

“I have worked really hard for this honor with long nights and weekends, but in the end, I am so glad I have gotten here even though I wanted to quit so many times in the last four years,” Wilson said.


Congratulations to our 2006 Graduates!




Micheal Petersen



Jessica Hansen



Magdalena Vega



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Letters to the graduates

Homedale High School
from Tim Rosandick, superintendent

Dear graduating seniors,
Congratulations and good luck to the Homedale School District’s Class of 2006.

The Homedale School District has a long tradition of graduates that flourish after high school. Some of you will enter the world of work. Some of you will continue your academic studies at institutions of higher learning. In whichever path you take, I am confident that you have been well prepared.

In many ways, you, the class of 2006, have been trailblazers. You, for example, are the first class in Idaho’s history that had to PROVE your eligibility for a high school diploma by passing an academic proficiency exam — the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). Congratulations to you for working hard and meeting this new and elevated graduation standard.

So, as a representative of all the teachers that have contributed to your education over the past thirteen years, I want you to know how proud we are of your accomplishment and look forward to learning of your future successes.

Tim Rosandick
Homedale School District Superintendent

Marsing High School
from Charles V. Stella, principal

To the graduating seniors of 2006,
First, I want to congratulate all of you on what you have achieved over the last four-years.

I want to thank you for carrying on the high standards of excellence that your predecessors started as a “School of Outstanding Students.”

It must have been the way all of you took on the many challenges of everyday schooling.

If you can remember back to when you were freshman, and how you thought that you would never get through the years to graduation. Well, you did it, and in a very positive way.

I want to congratulate each of you on your success at Marsing High School. I have enjoyed watching you grow through the years into young adults.

You are and will be a very special class for me because we went through all the good and bad times together.

I wish you the best of luck in the future.

Charles V. Stella,
Marsing High School Principal

Jordan Valley High School
from Michael B. Sessions, superintendent/principal

Dear graduating seniors of Jordan Valley High School,
Again it is my privilege to congratulate the graduating class at Jordan Valley High School. I do congratulate you on a job well-completed and assure you, “You will be missed.”

U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch said, “There is a good reason they call this time commencement. Graduation is not the end, but the beginning.” It is, clearly, an exciting time in your lives.

Graduation is a fun time where the commencement speakers will tell you young men and women, all dressed in identical caps and gowns that “individuality” is the key your success . . . You are certainly a group of individuals. You are intelligent, talented, healthy, and doors will open for you. I don’t know that individuality is the key to success, but I know that hard work, honesty, choosing wisely and caring are keys to success. If you work hard, make good choices, and are honest, you will be sought after.

Best of luck to you fine young people. We do love you, and will be anxiously watching as you take the lead in our country and in our communities.

Michael B. Sessions Ed.D
Superintendent/Principal

Note — Rimrock High School principal Phil McCluskey did not respond to requests from The Owyhee Avalanche to submit a farewell letter to the senior class.

Class of 2006 special supplement
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Rimrock High graduates 24 on May 21

Twenty-four Rimrock High School seniors will walk down the aisle May 21 to accept their certificates of completion for 12 years of schooling. The graduation will be held at 2 p.m. inside the Rimrock gymnasium.

This year’s guest speaker is scheduled to be Rimrock High

School principal Phil McCluskey. Valedictorian is Emily Hegerhorst and Salutatorian is Carolann Wilson.

Class officers are Eliamar Quezada, president, Blake Welsh, vice president and Marco Jacobo, secretary. Honor graduates are Emily Hegerhorst, Carolann

Wilson, Emily Chandler, Robynn Ridley and Alexandra Thomas.

The class’s motto is “Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to wait for: it is a thing to be achieved.”

Rimrock’s class colors are gold and green, and the class flower is the lily.

Jordan Valley valedictorians and salutatorian

Jordan Valley High School has three valedictorians and one salutatorian for the 2005-06 school year. These students have been model students and diligent throughout their high school careers.

Valedictorian Lauren Cuvelier, daughter of Dave and Melinda Cuvelier, is graduating with a 4.0 GPA. She plans to attend Boise State University and major in Pre-Architecture. From there, she plans to transfer and finish her education at a school that offers a major in architecture.

Lauren Cuvelier is heavily involved academically and athletically in the high school. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Knowledge Master Open team, president of her senior class and participates in volleyball, basketball and track and field.

Valedictorian Emil Scown, son of Kirk and Andree Scown, is graduating with a 4.0 GPA. He plans to attend Oregon

State University and major in Mechanical Engineering. He also will be participating in the Navy ROTC Program, and upon completion of a bachelor’s degree, intends to pursue a career as an officer in the U.S. Navy. He enjoys hunting, welding, auto repair and running.

His personal motto is: “Wherever life leads you, whatever your dreams are, always give it everything you’ve got.”

Valedictorian Michelle Baltzor, daughter of Michael and Carolyn Baltzor, is graduating with a 4.0 GPA. She plans to attend Boise State University or the College of Southern Idaho and major in sports medicine or business management.

She is active in FFA, the National Honor Society, the Knowledge Master Open team, student council as the student body president, and participated in four years of volleyball. She enjoys playing sports, reading

fantasies, riding horses, playing cards and fishing.

Her personal motto is: “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

Salutatorian Hayley Johnson, daughter of Dale and Karen Johnson, is graduating with a 3.90 GPA. She plans to attend Oregon State University and major in English.

She was involved in volleyball, basketball, the Knowledge Master Open team, National Honor Society, and the Annual/ Journalism staff.

Hayley Johnson enjoys playing the piano, reading, volleyball, talking and hanging out with her friends, water coloring and writing.

“Jordan Valley High School staff and students would like to congratulate these four students for their hard work and dedication throughout the last four years. We wish you all the best of luck in the future,” class members said.

Marsing, Homedale honor graduates

Homedale High School
Honor graduates, 3.75-4.0 grade point average: Faith Amber Brasher, Jennifer Joanne George, Stuart Miyasako, Patrick Aaron Vega, Jessica Rae Mooney, Jessica Lynn Hansen, Ian John Lootens and Michelle JeNea Uria.

High honor students, 3.74-3.50 GPA: Zachary Tyler Lootens, Andrew Theodore VanDerhoff, Matthew James Earle Dillon and Richard James Eidemiller.

Honor students with a 3.49-3.25 GPA: Samantha Jo Perry, Hailee Renee Garrett, Ryan Christopher Rupp, Garrett

W. Sweet, Shaunna Lea Vaughan, Karina Aguilera, Wade Wendell Hyer, John Kirk Hurich, Kelly Ann Uilkema and Magdalena V. Vega.

National Honor Society members: Karina Aguilera, Faith Brasher, Tyler Christoffersen, Richard Eidemiller, Hailee Garrett, Jennifer George, Jessica Hansen, Jared Haskett, Wade Hyer, Ian Lootens, Stuart Miyasako, Jessica Mooney, Samantha Perry, Ryan Rupp, Garrett Sweet, Kelly Uilkema, Michelle Uria, Andrew VanDerhoff, Shaunna Vaughan, Magdalena Vega and Patrick Vega.


Foreign exchange students: Lyubov Pryadko, Mankivka, Ukraine, and Luciana Barbosa Silva, Racife, Brazil.

Marsing High School
Honor students, 3.57-4.0 GPA: Nicole Gelinas, Mary Jo Usabel, Mollee Marie Nielsen, Jamison Price, Perry Gibson, Breeana Chadez and Samantha Brown.

National Honor Society members: Nicole Gelinas, Mollee Nielsen, Katie Morris, Samantha Wilson, Donald Galligan, Johnathon Cossel and Taryn Chenoweth.

Jordan Valley High School

Class of 2006



Left door, Emil Scown, Michelle Baltzor , Dinah Powers , Ashly Reed, Cassia Trautman, and Paul McKay.
Right door, Hayley Johnson, Frank Beckwith, Beth Dowell, James Stacy, and Lauren Cuvelier.

Graduation Date: May 16, 2006 • 7:30 pm -
Jordan Valley High School Gymnasium

Congratulations!

from the **Owyhee Avalanche**

Colors: Red & Blue
Song: “Good Riddance, Time of your Life” by Green Day

HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2006

 KATRINA AGUILERA	 CHEYANNE ANDRADE	 DEBRA BARCOCK	 RICHARD BALES	 FAITH BRASHER	 NICOLE CAHILL	 SAMANTHA CAMBRIA	 KYLE CARSON	 JOSE CHAVEZ	 TYLER CHRISTOFFERSON	 SARAH CLINE	 AMANDA CROSLAND	 ANDREW DAVEY	 GRISELDA DELGADILLO	 MATT DILLON
 RICHARD EIDEMILLER	 JEREMY ENSLEY	 SAM ENSLEY	 ARMANDO ESCUTIA	 ANDREW FELTY	 HAILEE GARRETT	 JENNIFER GEORGE	 RICCO GONZALEZ	 HAILEY HALL	 JESSICA HANSEN	 JARED HASKET	 AARON HINES	 JOHN HURICH	 RENE HURTADO	 WADE HYER
 KYLE JOHNSTON	 MATT KOBOW	 TYLER LESLIE	 IAN LOOTENS	 ZACH LOOTENS	 KALON LORD	 TREECE MCCLINTIC	 STUART MIYASAKO	 JESSICA MOONEY	 GILBERT OBREGON	 HUMBERTO OBREGON	 ERIK PADILLA	 ALEJANDRA PEREZ	 SAMANTHA PERRY	 KIMBERLY PERSHALL
 HEATH PHELPS	 LYUBOV PRYAKO	 ROBERT RAMIREZ	 SOPHIA RENTERIA	 VALERIE RENTERIA	 BREANN RODRIGUEZ	 RYAN RUPP	 KEVIN SALDIVAR	 ROBERT SANDOVAL	 LUCIANA SILVA	 ELIZABETH STEINMETZ	 GARRETT SWEET	 JENNIFER THOMAS	 KELLY ULKEMA	 MICHELLE URIA
 ANDREW VANDERHOFF			 SHAUNNA VAUGHAN	 MAGDALENA VEGA	 PATRICK VEGA	 RYAN VIGIL	 LARRY WASS	 TOMMY WATERS	 TIM WEST	 JONATHAN WILLIAMS				

May 27, 2006
2:00 pm

Homedale
High School
Gym

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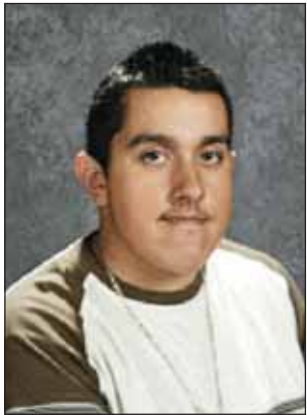
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Class Flower: *Forget-me-not* • Class colors: *red & silver* • Speakers: *Nolan Taggart* • Student speaker: *Stuart Miyasako*

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| Les Schwab Tire Center | Emerald Insurance | Filler-King Co. | Uria Pump & Excavation |
| Paul's Markets | Matteson's Owyhee Motors | Owyhee Publishing | Valley Machine Shop |
| Bowen & Parker CPA's | Owyhee Auto Supply NAPA Auto Parts | Campbell Tractor | Farm Bureau / Wayne Hungate |
| US Bank | Owyhee Avalanche | Homedale Chiropractic | Frontier - A Citizen Communication Co. |
| | Idaho Sporting Clays | Auto Body By Alan | |
| | Owyhee Sand & Gravel | Pick Up the Pace | |

Marsing High School

Class of 2006



Adrian Aguilar



Sergio Alvarez



Lowell Anderson



Ricky Branin



Samantha Brown



Perry Gibson



Edelia Gonzalez



Martina Halbert



Ashley Kirsch



Trenton Lootens



Christopher McClaskey



Katie Morris



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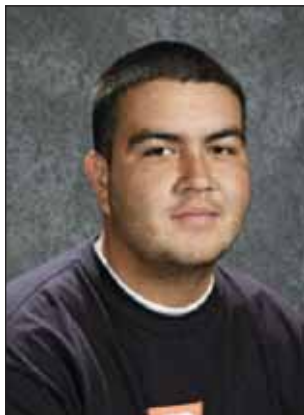
Jose Olvera



Jamison Price



Mary Jo Usabel



Ernesto Villa

Not Pictured:

Anayeli Martinez

Marco Martinez

Roger Cerri Pitanga

Congratulations, Graduates!

**Marsing Hardware & Pump
Haken Insurance
Desert High Realty
Snake River Mart
Sandbar Restaurant
Harvey's Auto Parts
Owyhee Avalanche**

**Showalter Construction
Owyhee Auto Supply / NAPA
ION Truck Plaza
Gateway Grill
Busted Nuckle Auto Repair
Coldwell Banker/George Wilson
Owyhee Publishing**

Marsing High School Class of 2006



Tia Brucker



Breeana Chadez



Chris Covey



Brett Downs



Nicole Gelinas



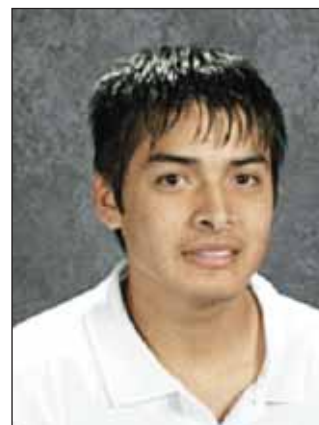
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Angela Martinez



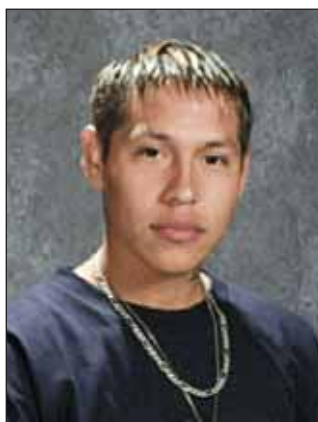
Leticia Martinez



Ricardo Martinez



Tiffany Martinez



Santiago Quebrado



Jebadiah Russell



Jacob Sevy



Autumn Shippy



Brian Smith

*Graduation Ceremony: May 25 - 7:00 p.m.
Marsing High School Gymnasium*

Class Colors: Blue, Black and Silver

Guest Speaker: Larry Gebert

Class Motto: There never has been one like me before, and there will never be one like me again - Howard Cossell

Class Song: At the Beginning

Rimrock High School

Class of 2006



JESSICA ANDREWS



WESLEE AQUISO



VERONICA BRAVO



EMILY CHANDLER



GERMAN GRANADOS



EMILY HERGERHORST



SHANNON HIPWELL



ANTHONY HOFER



MARCO JACOBO



KANE MALICOAT



JADE MAY



DEANA MCCALLUM



DYLAN MEYERS



VICTOR PINEDA



ELIAMAR QUEZADA



ROBYNN RIDLEY



KAELONI ROBERSON



JESSICA SANTESSA



MELANIE SIMPER



RYAN STEWART



ALEX THOMAS



CHANCE WEAVER



BLAKE WELSH



CAROLANN WILSON

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May 21, 2006 2:00 pm

Class Colors: Gold and Green

Class Flower: Lily

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**Good Luck,
Seniors!**

Owyhee Avalanche
Gus's Gas & Fishin' Hole
Simplot Livestock
Simplot Growers Solutions
Agri-Lines Irrigation
US Ecology
Bruneau Beauty Shop
United Oil