Presenting the Class of 2008
High School Graduates of area schools

Homedale High School

Marsing High School

Rimrock High School

Jordan Valley High School

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Homedale
Familiar figure to address graduates

Former school secretary and bookkeeper Patti Zatick will serve as guest speaker Monday, May 19, 2008, for the Homedale High School graduation ceremony.

The ceremony takes place at 7 p.m. inside the high school gymnasium.

Leading honor graduate Mandy Paige Brasher serves as student speaker. The daughter of Craig and Rhonda Brasher, Mandy Brasher earned a 4.0 grade-point average throughout her high school career and came within one point of a perfect score on the ACT college entrance exam.

She plans to attend Dartmouth College in New Hampshire this fall. During her time at Homedale High, Brasher played volleyball and basketball for four years, participated in high school rodeo for three years, played softball for two seasons and wrapped up her athletics this spring on the tennis squad.

Brasher also served on the Science Club and the INL team for two years and also held the post of class secretary for two years.

Other highlights of the program include musical selection by the Homedale High School choir and band and a musical selection from Class of 2008 honor graduate Shravan Sriganesh.

The Class of 2008 is comprised of 63 graduates, including exchange student Tony Frank Oehmichen from Germany. Nearly half of the graduating class — 29 students — attended Homedale schools from first grade to their senior years.

Other honor graduates include:
- Highest honors — Zach Thomas Tolmie (3.98), Mark Anthony Klug (3.96), Samuel Sanchez, Kelsey Marie Silva and Joshua Daniel Klug (3.94) and Belen Vega (3.78)
- High honors — Gage Keith Egurrola (3.73), Sarah Inez Scarratt (3.71), Jarrod Mark Driskell (3.65), Shrvan Sriganesh (3.63), Rachel Julie Wheeler (3.56), Yeraldin Maria Juarez (3.52) and Daisy Aguillera and Mathew Jeffrey Hansen (3.51)
- Honors — Jaime Uriarte (3.41), Dayton John Syme (3.35), Taryn Jo Corta and Samuel David Walter Hart (3.31), Alysha Michelle Bahem (3.29) and Meagan Marie Mikeby and Nina Nicole Bell (3.27)

This year's senior class officers were: Mark Klug, president; Daniel Valadez, vice-president, Katie Cvennak, secretary-treasurer, and Austin Ferguson, sergeant-at-arms.

The Homedale seniors will wrap their graduation celebration with a sober party inside the gymnasium.

Details of the graduation theme include:
- Class song — “Graduation Song (Friends Forever)” by Vitamin C
- Class colors — ivory and sunset
- Class flower — White lily

From Homedale's superintendent:
On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all 150 employees of the Homedale School District, I offer the Class of 2008 the heartiest of congratulations and the best of luck.

Your diplomas essentially serve as an academic “stamp of approval.” As graduates you have demonstrated that you possess the academic and social skills necessary to successfully enter the workforce, serve your country in the military, or continue your education at institutions of higher learning.

All of us here in Homedale are proud of your accomplishments. We are confident that your successes will continue and that you will have a life of happiness and fulfillment.

Tim Rosandick
Homedale School District superintendent

Marsung
Mayor stump’s for seniors’ success

Marsung Mayor Keith Green said he never dreamed of holding public office, and yet he is in his first term leading the city. The adaptability necessary to cope with life’s changes will be a theme during Green’s address to the Marsung High School Class of 2008 next week.

“I never thought I’d speak to a junior class and I never thought I’d be in public office,” Green said. “I’m going to tell them, ‘You have to take what life gives you and make the best of it.’ ”

Marsung’s graduation ceremony takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, inside the Marsung High School gymnasium on Main Street.

Green said a handful of seniors asked him to serve as keynote speaker.

“I know so many of the seniors, and they came to me and asked me to do it,” he said. “I asked them if they wanted a reality speech or a pep pump me up and send me on my way speech.”

Green said the seniors opted for the motivational talk.

But he will include some issues that the students will deal with immediately when they step into the real world.

“I’ll touch on the capabilities that they have in performing voting rights, and I’ll touch on having fun at college,” Green said.

The quick-witted mayor wants to instill the importance of maintaining a positive outlook on a daily basis.

“When they wake up in the morning, they have two choices: They can have a good day or they can have a bad day,” he said. “Whatever life hands you, you can deal with it and you can move on.”

This year’s graduating class is led by valedictorian Stephanie Powell and salutatorian Ethan Cole Sauer.

Powell, 18, attained a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while at Marsung High. She’s the daughter of Christopher Powell and Alison McKinney.

Powell will pursue an Associates Degree in Nursing at Treasure Valley Community College.

She was this year’s Homecoming Queen and Prom Queen and also participated in Student Council, the National Honor Society and the Choir.

Her favorite quote comes from Dr. Seuss: “Be who you are and say what you feel because those who matter won’t care, and those who care won’t matter.”

Her hobbies include singing, playing guitar and piano and writing music.

Marsung’s salutatorian is the son of Clay and Shauna Sauer. Ethan Sauer, 18, owns a 3.83 GPA after spending four years participating in varsity football and track and field. He was an All-2A Western Idaho Conference running back, and was named to the Shrine All-Star football team.

Sauer also played one year of basketball and served as the vice-president of Marsung’s chapter of the National Honor Society.

His favorite quote, “I’m pretty much amazing.”

The Class of 2008 colors are blue and silver.

From the Marsung High School principal:
I would like to congratulate Marsung High School class of 2008. You are an extremely talented class of young men and women and I look forward to hearing about your achievements in the years to come.

Good luck and God’s speed to each and every one of you.

Wade Puloud
Marsung High School principal

Congratulations to our 2008 Graduates!

Belen Vega
Eduardo Villanueva
Luz Escutia
Tyrel Salmond

Look for more graduation features in the A Section of today's Avalanche!
Jordan Valley
Small class of seven receives diplomas

A group of seven students — three boys and four girls — graduated from Jordan Valley High School on Sunday.

Graduates included valedictorian Athena Jane Beckwith and salutatorian Annie Joyce Mackenzie.

The rest of the Class of 2008 is comprised of Elisa Anne Eguren, Timothy Grant Eguren, Carlen William Hipwell, Trent Jeremiah Richardson and Jessica Lynn White.

The class flower is the red rose, and the students set their class colors as black, white and red. The theme of graduation, a formal event to be sure, was “Black Tie Affair.”

The Class of 2008 valedictorian, Athena Beckwith, is the daughter of Frank and Cindy Beckwith. The 18-year-old graduated from Jordan Valley after compiling a grade-point average of 3.92.

She plans to major in pre-veterinary medicine at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Beckwith earned a spot on her team all-tournament distinctions.

Her hobbies include playing basketball, riding and competing at rodeos.

Her motto comes from movie legend Marilyn Monroe: “If I had followed the rules, I wouldn’t be where I am today.”

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Rimrock
Former school board chair returns to send graduates off

Former Bruneau-Grand View School District Board of Trustees member Jeff Knight will deliver the keynote address this year at the Rimrock High School graduation.

The ceremony takes place at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 18, inside the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School gymnasium.

Knight represented Zone 4, which is the Grand View area. He most recently served as board chair, leaving the post in July.

Cantor will lead the graduating class.

Chandler is the daughter of Todd and Sandy Cantor. The 18-year-old carried a 3.94 grade-point average while also participating in basketball, volleyball and softball.

She was as senior class president and was a state officer for FCCLA as well as serving as president of IDPY and vice-president of the Lettermen’s Club.

She also took part in the National Honor Society and INL Scholastic Team.

Her favorite quote comes from 19th century American philosopher and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson: “What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.”

Chandler, the 17-year-old daughter of Michael and Vickie Chandler, attained salutatorian status with a 3.92 GPA. She will study Business at the University of Idaho.

Like Cantor, Chandler was a three-sport athlete, earning All-1A WIC first-term honors in basketball, volleyball and softball.

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HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2008

May 19, 2008 7:00 p.m.
Homedale High School Gym

Speaker: Mrs. Patti Zatica • Student Speaker: Mady Brasher
Class Song: Graduation Song (Friends Forever) by Vitamin C • Class Flower: White Lily • Class colors: Ivory & Sunset

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Class Colors: Blue and Silver
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Rimrock High School Gymnasium
Guest Speaker: Jeff Knight
Class Colors: Black & Silver
Class Flower: White Rose
Class Motto:
Destiny in no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved.
William Jennings Bryan

Good Luck, Seniors!

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