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Keeping it cool

A trio of deer take shade underneath a tree near McNary Dam on Monday outside Umatilla.

LA GRANDE

High schooler to be tried as adult

15-year-old to stand trial for school shooting plot

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

A 15-year-old La Grande boy will be tried as an adult on five felony counts of criminal conspiracy stemming from a plot to kill people at the city's public high school.

Union County District Attorney Kelsie McDaniel said a grand jury indicted

Micah Schultze, who appeared for Monday's arraignment on the charges in Union County Circuit Court via video from a juvenile jail in Walla Walla. Circuit Judge Brian Dretke set bail for Schultze at \$250,000 and he will return to court May 9 for a plea hearing.

McDaniel said she identified Schultze because the

severity of the charges. Court records show each count is a Class A felony. Under Oregon law, that means the criminal conspiracy was to commit murder, treason or a separate Class A felony.

McDaniel said she would not answer questions about the co-defendant, a

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UMATILLA



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Ruben Garcilazo, a maintenance worker for the Marina Apartments in Umatilla, boards up the windows of an apartment building Monday that was damaged by fire on Friday.

Fire displaces two dozen

Donations of children's clothing needed

By JENNIFER COLTON
East Oregonian

A fire that spread inside the walls of a Umatilla apartment building destroyed the homes and many of the belongings of nine adults and 15 children Friday night.

The smell of smoke and

burnt plastic still hung in the air around 1521 Second Street on Monday afternoon while volunteers boarded up windows, and the grass around the building was still wet from hours of work Friday by firefighters.

At around 7:20 p.m. Friday, one of the residents of Umatilla's Marina Apartments noticed

smoke coming from the side of the building, according to apartment manager Sara Holford. The resident found the smoke rising from near the power box and notified his neighbors, then helped everyone get out. The residents attempted to locate the cause of the smoke before calling 9-1-1 around 7:30 p.m.

Umatilla Rural Fire responded and determined there was a fire, but they had trouble

locating it.

"It was a very difficult fire because it was in the walls and it was in between floors of the first and second apartment as well," Umatilla Fire Chief Steve Potts said Monday. "Our guys started to get worn out. We just needed more help tearing floors and ceiling apart."

By 7:53, Umatilla Rural Fire

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Most new voters won't have say in primary

90 percent of 'motor voters' registered as unaffiliated

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

With the presidential races still competitive in both major parties, Oregon voters have a rare chance to make a difference late in the primary season.

There's one catch: out of the 2,243,077 registered voters in Oregon, only 69 percent of them will be able to cast a ballot for the Republican or Democratic presidential races in the May 17 primary.

That's because Oregon has a closed primary, which means that voters who are unaffiliated or registered with a third party can't participate in the major party primaries.

An even smaller share of Umatilla County voters will be able to vote in the primaries. According to voter registration data collected by the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division in March, 35 percent of the county's voters won't have a say in the major party primary. Tuesday is the deadline to register or change party affiliation, which can be done at oregonvotes.org, and ballots will be sent out Wednesday.

The state has made voter registration increasingly easy to access in recent years. In addition to traditional and online registration, the state recently enacted "motor voter" registration, which automatically registers people to vote when they obtain or renew their driver's license at the DMV.

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Alley admits long odds as Republican in blue Oregon

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

Lake Oswego engineer and tech executive Allen Alley entered the gubernatorial race knowing he faces long odds against Democratic Gov. Kate Brown.

Alley, a former deputy chief of staff under Gov. Ted Kulongoski, has twice had the daunting experience of running for office as a Republican in the liberal stronghold state. He made an unsuccessful bid for state treasurer in 2008 and for governor in 2010.

He still remembers hundreds of young Portlanders booing him when he was introduced as the Republican candidate for state treasurer at *Willamette Week's* Candidates Gone Wild talent show in October 2008.

The hostile reception failed to deter Alley from performing his talent — a "full-throated Tarzan yell like Johnny Weissmuller, pounding my chest."

"It was so funny because I could see the

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faces. They're all booing," Alley said. "I start this Tarzan yell, and it goes on for 15 seconds or so. They all get quiet, and then all of a sudden, some start clapping. Then by the time I get to the crescendo, everyone is clapping and cheering and yelling, and I just took a bow and walked off stage."

The Republican gubernatorial front-runner hopes his business and political background and unconventional policy proposals will hold the same power as his Tarzan yell, this time, over Oregon voters in the governor's race.

"Allen Alley, on paper, is the type of Republican who does well in Oregon — a

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Republican gubernatorial candidate Allen Alley is the former state party chairman and worked as an engineer and tech executive.

