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Hunter Russell, 16, of Joseph; Madison Falk, 17, of Enterprise; and Renee Seal, 14, of Joseph watch the playback of a scene to decide if they need a retake. The team won Best Cinematography for their science fiction entry "Discord."

MidValley Theater still looking for 'Our Town' cast members

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Town" Director Kate Loftus at (541) 569-2302.

Auditions for MidValley Theatre Company's Spring 2016 production of "Our Town" have passed, but the show remains in need of a few good men (and boys, and hopefully a few women as well).

MidValley Theatre is producing the American classic by Thornton Wilder in conjunction with Fishtap as part of the 2016 Big Read, which kicks off Jan. 21.

Anyone interested in joining the cast should contact MidValley Community Theatre President and "Our

"We still need quite a few men and really it doesn't make a difference what age," Loftus said. "We have parts for three or four baseball players the same age as young male lead, who's 16. But we can work with whoever is interested. We also need a couple of women and other men to play townspeople — and a couple of gravediggers."

Following casting, actors will begin rehearsals Jan. 4, with performance dates set for the middle two weeks of February.

13 films debut at 'best ever' 48-Hour festival

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It's a wrap, and a party.

The 4th Annual Ruby Peak 48-Hour Film Festival wrapped up Monday night at the OK Theatre with 13 out of 14 film companies turning in their productions.

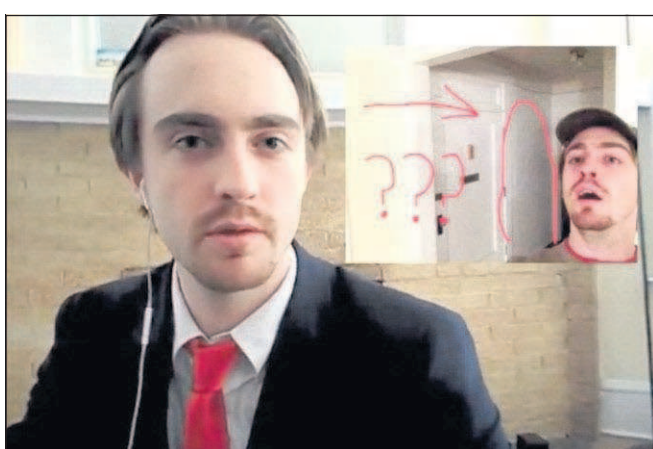
The crowd filled the theater and the night was filled with applause.

"This has been our best year ever," said co-organizer (along with Carolyn Leone) Luke Zwanziger. "What you're seeing tonight is impressive."

Every film crew finished its film from start to finish in 48 hours, doing their own writing, directing, shooting, acting and editing. They were given genres for their film, drawn from a hat, and every film had to include a self-help guru, a statue of some kind and use of the phrase "Conventional wisdom says, 'You get what you pay for.'"

The stories of the shoot included accounts of crying, whining, epic meltdowns and hair-tearing technical difficulties; that, and laughter, moments of inspiration, appreciation of each other and awe at their own persistence and talent.

The winner of the coveted People's Choice award was



Courtesy photo

Robby Day of Enterprise as the titular character "Tim Burkhalter for County Magistrate Production Zone 17" in the film that won People's Choice Award at the Ruby Peak 48-Hour Film Festival. Day and Dallas Rogers directed the comedy film.

the team of Robby Day and Dallas Rogers, both of Enterprise, for their comedy submission "Tim Burkhalter for County Magistrate Production Zone 17."

More than \$2,000 in prizes were awarded.

Awards winners:

Best Picture (adult division): "Unconventional Wisdom," Green Door Works, directed by Jennifer Hobbs.

Best Picture (student division): "The Collector," KM Motus Picture, directed by Elizabeth Matthews.

Best Actress: Rosie Movich-Fields in "Escape Artist," Peep and Butter, directed by

Tishrei Movich-Fields.

Best Actor: Emrys Hobbs, 7, "Unconventional Wisdom," Green Door Works, directed by Jennifer Hobbs.

Best Sound: "The Guru," directed by Brent Wydrinski.

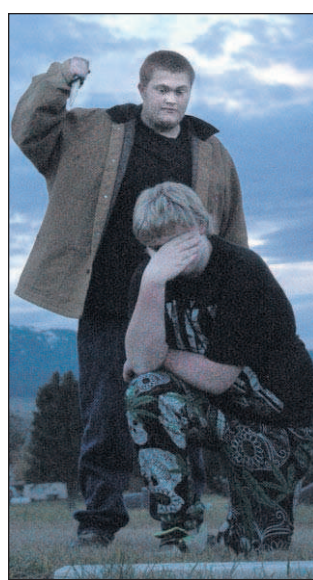
Best Story: "Escape Artist," Peep and Butter, directed by Tishrei Movich-Fields.

Best Cinematography: "Discord," FDR Films.

Best Editing: "Dog in Color," directed by Jordan Maslach.

Spirit of Ruby Peak Award: "Magnetism: a musical," directed by Amy Beck.

Ag Award: "Beg, Borrow, and Steal," directed by Made-



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Student Filmmakers Steven Caudill of Enterprise and Franklin Cook of Joseph do a run-through of a key scene (without special effects) for their horror film entry in the Ruby Peak 48-Hour Film Festival.

lyn Nelson and Rylee Wilcox.

People's Choice: "Tim Burkhalter for County Magistrate Production Zone 17," directed by Robby Day and Dallas Rogers.



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