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A bungee cord can be used to great effect for training long jumpers on their takeoffs as shown by Willie Banks, right, during the Simplot Games Track Camp on Thursday morning at Davis Field on the Idaho State University campus.

Track camp draws Olympians to Pocatello

By MICHAEL H. O'DONNELL

POCATELLO — Sunny skies pushed the mercury above 80 degrees on the track at Idaho State University's Davis Field, but the heat didn't deter the enthusiasm of the 140 high school athletes attending the Simplot Games Track Camp.

The teens attending were paying attention to the expert guidance and direction provided by U.S. Olympians Dick Fosbury, Andre Phillips, Willie Banks and Dave Johnson and several other talented clinicians.

"It's a full track and field camp," said Fosbury, who won a gold medal in the high jump during the 1968 Summer Games and introduced the world to a style that has become known as the Fosbury Flop.

Fosbury and fellow Olympians have been holding the summer track camps in Pocatello since 2007. Athletes participating are involved in multiple sessions designed to hone specific skills that began Wednesday and will end Friday.

High school athletes from all over the Intermountain West attended the three-day camp and were housed at Idaho State University.

"We've got a great relationship with Idaho State," Fosbury said. "This is about education and refining their techniques."

On Thursday, former ISU track standout Ben Layman was helping Fosbury run students through exercises with hurdles to improve their balance and instincts. Layman earned Big Sky Conference honors in track and field for ISU back in 2006 as a high jumper.

"He's a real good teacher, and he

knows how to teach kids," Highland High School high jumping coach Rahman "the Rock" said about Layman. "It's living a dream to work with all these Olympians."

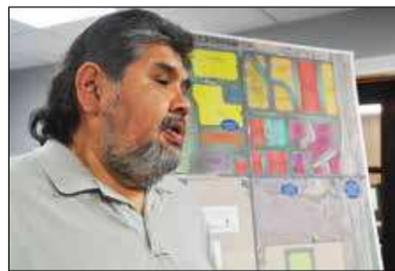
The high school athletes participating seemed to share Rahman's enthusiasm.

"You learn a lot from them," said Meridian High School freshman Nakobe Rodgers.

It was the first year that Rodgers had attended the Simplot Games Camp, but he said he was sure it would improve his high jumping skills.

Pocatello High School's Alyson Spillett was attending the camp for the second year in a row. The senior is a runner in the 100, 200 and 400 meters, and she said the camp improves her abilities.

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Sherwin Racehorse, the senior planner for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, discusses the tribes' Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy at a recent meeting.

Future looking bright for economic development on Fort Hall reservation

By DEBBIE BRYCE

For the Journal

FORT HALL — Last month, Sherwin Racehorse, the senior planner for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, met with the Fort Hall Business Council to update the tribe's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Racehorse said the plan was approved by the Land Use Commission in 2010, and officials are in the process of reviewing, updating and reevaluating it.

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Dean says new med school will help Idaho

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POCATELLO — The dean of the new Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Robert Hasty,

hopes the private medical school on the Idaho State University campus in Meridian will keep the Gem State from slipping below Mississippi and becoming dead last in the U.S. for the number of physicians per capita.

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Do you believe Idaho's first medical school will benefit Pocatello? Take the poll at idahostatejournal.com.

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Pro-gun group to protest Matt Damon at Meridian event

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Matt Damon will be back in Idaho July 20, promoting his new "Jason Bourne" movie with a screening benefitting the Treasure Valley YMCA. However, the Oscar-winning actor can't expect a warm welcome, specifically from the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance.

The pro-gun group is upset over comments Damon made while promoting his new movie in Australia earlier this month.

According to a story in the Sydney Morning Herald, Damon praised the

sweeping gun control measures the country implemented in 1996 following a mass shooting on the island of Tasmania.

"You guys did it here in one fell swoop, and I wish that could happen in my country," said Damon in an interview. "It's such a personal issue for people that we cannot talk about it sensibly."

In a press release, ISAA founder Greg Pruett said Damon shouldn't be surprised that Idahoans don't take kindly to his comments.

"If Matt Damon wants Australia-like gun-control measures, we'd invite him to move to Perth or Sydney," Pruett said. "It's pretty disingenuous

for Mr. Damon to promote his gun-filled film in this gun-friendly state after calling for such sweeping and ridiculous anti-Second Amendment gun control?"

Pruett and other members of the ISAA will be protesting on the sidewalks outside Damon's event in Meridian. He said they plan on carrying signs and expects many of the protestors to be armed.

"Our organization doesn't tell people to carry or not to carry, but people carrying is not out of the question," Pruett said. "It is a Second Amendment rally, and this is Idaho."

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Pro-gun supporters are going to protest at Matt Damon's July 20 appearance in Idaho.

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