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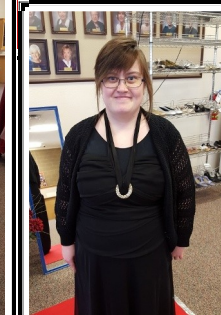
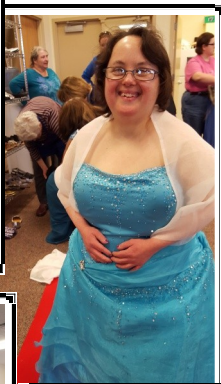
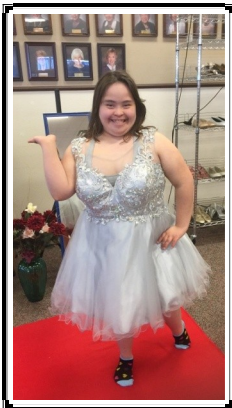


2016 Idaho Miss Amazing Pageant

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Be You! Be Beautiful!

This is what Gem State Developmental Center (GSDC) encourages amongst its participants.



GSDC helped several young ladies, Stefanie C., Monica G., Emily L., Julie N., Stephanie P., Chantell R., Brenda W., and Emily W., participate in the 4th annual Idaho Miss Amazing Pageant. This ‘amazing’ pageant showcased their true abilities and confidence.

To kick off this fun and memorable event, GSDC partnered with Cinderella’s Closet and sponsored these young ladies with an ‘all expense paid field trip’ to Cinderella’s Closet. Here they picked out their own special dress, shoes, and jewelry to wear for the pageant. This event truly boosted their self-confidence and they loved trying on and showing off the different dresses. They all walked away with their own perfect dress and accessories to dazzle at the pageant. To cap this special day off, both KBOI Channel 2 and KTVB Channel 7 showed up to do interviews with some of the young ladies.

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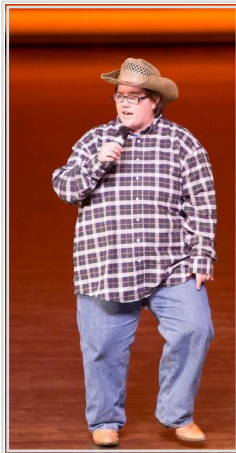
- Start of GSDC’s Summer Program—May 31st
- 2016 National Miss Amazing Pageant, Chicago, June 30th—July 4th
- GSDC’s Company Picnic—July 1st

GSDC's Got Talent

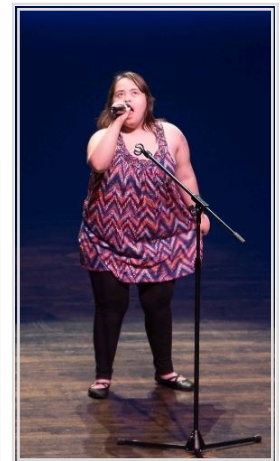
The Idaho Miss Amazing Pageant was a fun-filled event with 2 days of excitement and memories. The 2016 pageant did not disappoint this year, kicking it off with the Talent Showcase on Friday, 4/8 displayed the amazing talents of Brenda (song), Emily L. (song), Emily W. (song), Monica (dance), Stephanie P. (song), and Stefanie C. (dance). Who knew we had so much talent, charm, and humor in the house. Watch out "America's Got Talent"!



When asked about the talent show Emily W. said, "I was definitely nervous about performing my talent. During my song, everybody was clapping along to the music, it was a lot of fun. It was a really good feeling when everybody was clapping." Emily also stated that when she got crowned, "I kind of started to tear up a little".



Brenda said she loved singing her Shania Twain song and the people clapping to it as she sang.



The Formal Evening Showcase the follow day on Saturday 4/9 enabled the young ladies to exude self-confidence and beauty, while making many friends and memories throughout the day. They got to experience being in the spotlight for the entire day, receiving the special treatment with professional hair and make-up, building their own confidence in a way they never thought possible, and feeling beautiful in front of everybody. Family and friends cheered them on later that evening at the Formal Show when each stepped out onto the stage and displayed such glamour, maturity, humor, and most importantly beauty within each of them. The young ladies had much fun and felt amazing like they truly are.

And The Winners Are....

Each contestant walked away as a pageant Princess in the end. Each got a trophy and a crown for participating in the pageant. It was definitely a night to remember and one they will always cherish with many memories. Some are already making their plans to participate in the pageant next year.

A big shoutout to DJ C., Will M., and Paulo H. who also served as right hand men/escorts for all the contestants. They also walked away with special friendships and memories.

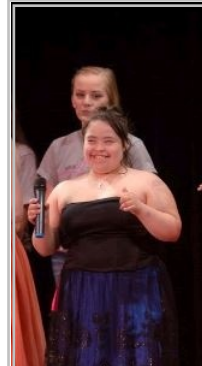
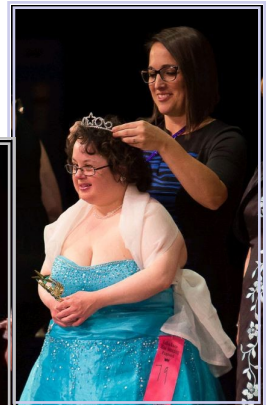
But WAIT...there's more. Gem State Developmental Center is proud and honored to have one of its own pageant contestants announced as a **STATE QUEEN!** Chantell Rupe was crowned State Queen for her age group, Pre-Teen Division, and will have the fun and amazing opportunity to represent Idaho and her division as she vies for the National Queen Title in Chicago, IL, later this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHANTELL!

Be the way you want to be. You don't have to look pretty just to show off. You're there to show how pretty the Idaho Miss Amazing can be! - Chantell



Monica stated that it, "was a really good feeling when we got our trophies and crowns."



Stefanie said "I liked it because it felt like a drama show with real actresses and it made me happy inside and be a good person".

"I loved my buddy, she was awesome!"—Julie

Children's Summer Travel Plans

Summer time is coming up. In the past years we had theme weeks that we focused on. We would plan our crafts, cooking, outings and activities around the theme for that week. We did camping week last year and the kids learned about Dutch oven cooking, preparation on a camping trip, learned how to set up tents and did outdoor games. During animal week the kids went to the Birds of Prey, Deer Flat Refuge and MK Nature Center to learn about different animals. The kids had a great time with theme weeks learning about different things.

This year we are going to do something different.

The children centers are going to do a “travel around the world” summer theme. All summer long, each week, the kids are going to learn about a different country through crafts, holidays, cooking, and games. At the beginning of summer the kids are going to make their own passport and at the end of each week they will receive a stamp for the country that we visited. Some of the countries we are going to focus on will be Fiji, Spain, Mexico, and Mongolia. The last week of the summer the kids are going to make up their own country. They will come up with their own holiday, craft, and a cooking project for their country.



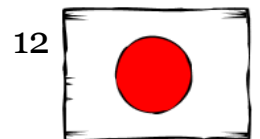
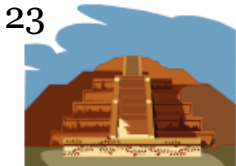
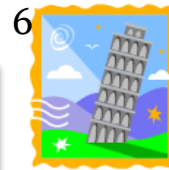
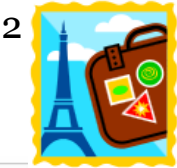
Test your “travel” knowledge on the next page to see how many “stamps” you can match to the countries the kids will be “visiting”. Good Luck!

(Answers on back page)

Summer program will start in Nampa on May 31st. Meridian will start their summer program on June 3rd, or when the kids are out of school. Some districts get out earlier. We are super excited and prepared to have a wonderful summer full of activities and outings.

By Jamie White

“CAN YOU MATCH THE STAMP TO THE COUNTRY?”



A) Afghanistan

N) Japan

B) Australia

O) Mexico

C) Brazil

P) Netherlands

D) Canada

Q) North Korea

E) China

R) Norway

F) Egypt

S) Peru

G) France

T) Russia

H) Germany

U) South Africa

I) India

V) South Korea

J) Iran

W) Spain

K) Ireland

X) Sweden

L) Israel

Y) Turkey

M) Italy

Z) Vietnam

“GO BRONCOS!!”



Every Year Gem State Developmental Center takes a tour of the Boise State football facility and has an opportunity to meet some of Boise State’s football players. As expected, the participants and staff alike are always very excited to step onto the blue. This year however, was different and more exciting than years past.

The overwhelming feeling of excitement and awe increased tenfold when we were initially greeted by former BSU quarterback Taylor Tharp. He welcomed all the participants, explained the proceedings for the day, and told everyone that “today is a special day, because today you are going to feel what it is like to be a Bronco for a day.”

We were given a tour of the 26 million dollar facility and treated like prospects about to sign a letter of intent to play football at Boise State. We sat in the players meeting room, saw championship rings, the player’s locker room, and of course the famous blue turf. The players were kind enough to take pictures and sign autographs for the participants, as well as answer any questions that people had.

It was an awesome experience for all those involved, and a memory none shall soon forget!

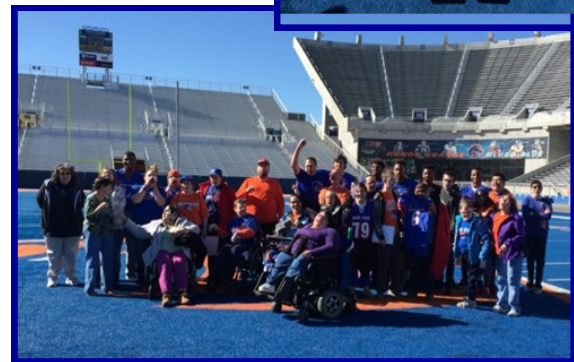
“It was awesome! I liked meeting all the players. They signed my jersey and hat. I want to go back again!” –Brenda

“I like the football players, I like the stadium, and the pictures of football players.” – Billy

“I thought it was a great experience for us to actually take a tour of the stadium, see the weight room, the blue turf, and meet the players.” –Damien



“I really liked when I got to go out on the football field. Getting to pretend like I was a football player watching the video they showed was pretty fun.” -Emily



Of course we had to get a group picture on the Blue with the die-hard bronco recruits yelling an ear shattering “GO BRONCOS!!”

By Chase Larson

“Announcement!”

Room available!

**Openings Available!
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No Wait List!

We have openings available in Meridian & Nampa Adult & Children's programs.

We also offer an **18-21 year old** After-School program during the school year and continued services during the summer to keep the progress going!

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Innovative & Active

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More experience
More expertise

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Get Your "Groove" On!

Visit **Groove Café'** for a chance to win a drink on GSDC!

Gem State Developmental Center has partnered with Groove Café' in Meridian. Take a look at the GSDC logos on the cups and if you get a sticker that says your drink is **free**, it's on us! Groove is located at 1800 N Locust Grove Rd, Meridian, ID 83646 and has a relaxed indoor area and a convenient drive-thru! It is open from 7am-7pm Monday-Saturday.



"Know our Groove..."

Groove cafe' is a new high end coffee shop near the heart of Meridian, Idaho. It's a local cafe built around the idea of truly working the community into its establishment, from local roasters, to local chai, music, pastries, sandwiches and much more. <http://www.grooveboise.com/>

By Lori Jo Poole

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