

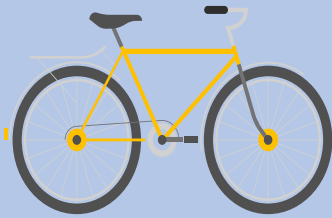
# GEM STATE NEWS



SPRING 2022 EDITION

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## Spring Into Action

We are happy to welcome in the Spring season. After a long winter, our family and friends are once again moving throughout the Treasure Valley and greater Idaho.

At Gem State Developmental Center, we are unpacking exciting new activities for our staff and participants. As Idaho continues to manage the Covid-19 pandemic, we are also seeing the return of some familiar faces around our four locations. Over the next few months, we will continue to maintain our high standards of keeping our centers safe, fun, and clean. We want everyone to explore their environments, but in a manner that minimizes risks.

We are excited about growing our gardens, and the idea of fresh vegetables has everyone eager to taste them. We hope to continue providing the level of extraordinary service to our participants, their families, and our communities. It is our core values, and it is what you come to expect from us.

Please join us in sending good vibes throughout the rest of 2022.

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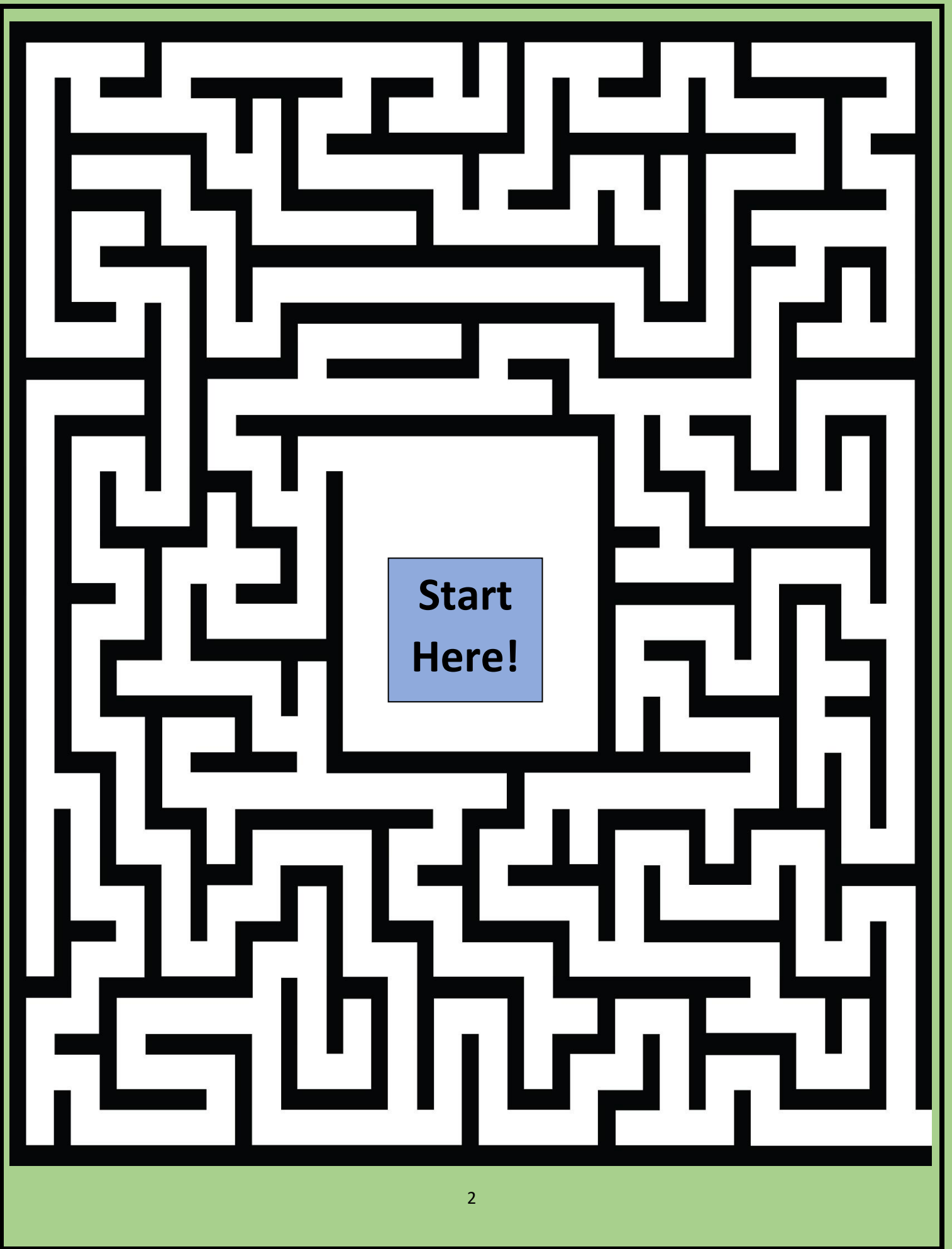


[Summer 2022 Boise Parks and Recreation Activities, Camps and Classes | City of Boise](#)

[Adaptive Bike Fair - Free! | Facebook](#)

[KidsBowlFree.com: Meridian Bowling Lanes](#)

[Sweets & Greetings! Candy for Inclusion | Facebook](#)



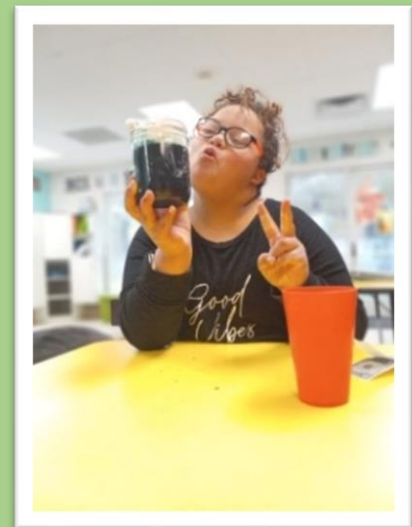
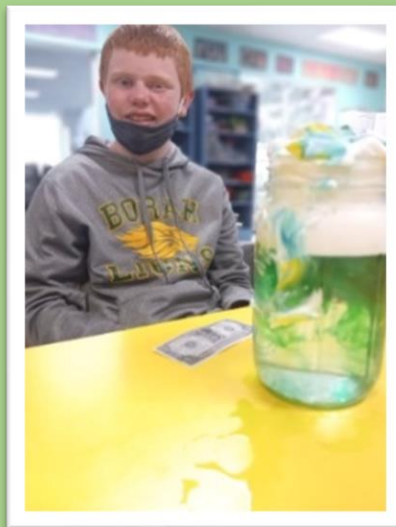
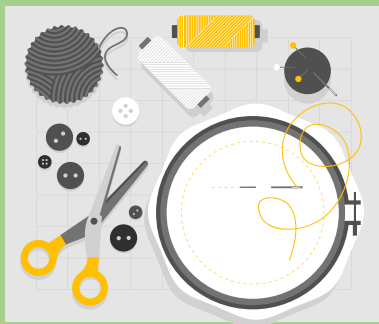
**Start  
Here!**

## Something Interesting Is Going On!

We all need a break from the routine every so often. Asher and his staff (Janette) did so by enjoying a recent trip to the park. The weather was sunny and breezy, and the local geese population provided entertainment for their visit.



Cameron and Jayma pour their talents into creating amazing works. The evidence is clear, they are awesome at arts & crafts. We love to see them so actively engaged and can't wait to see what they do next.

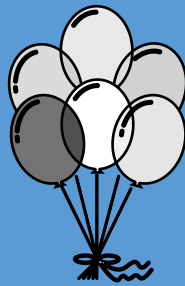


## A Few Things That Make Us Smile!

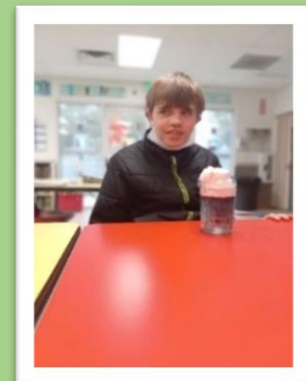
Every day at the center, we find a million little things to smile about. They may seem small on the surface, but they symbolize so much more. Below are great examples of what we mean by that.



Huge congratulations to Jackson (pictured on left) and Jason (not pictured), in receiving their first ever GSDC paycheck. We are very proud of their accomplishments. YES!!!



When you're being creative, things can sometimes get messy. And that's okay. We need the joy of experimentation to bring out our best designs. Just Wonderful!



## Word Search (Gem State Edition)

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f s e A p e a a e G  
a A r t s m t k r e  
t u i e p t c n E m  
s r d a w u f i e b  
s d i K B o e a t C  
e t a t s u l R r f  
v a n s C I D F M C  
g n i r p S I a a b  
M e m o r i a l y H

Arts	Bucket	Car	Spring	Staff	State
Center	Crafts	Cue	Vans	Day	Flowers
Gem	Kids	May	Memorial	Meridian	
Nampa	Rain				

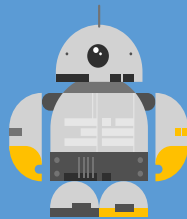
## A New Adventure Just Around the Corner!

Our friends in Nampa engage the natural side of things. From environmental crafts, to sport parks, we hope they continue to explore. Thank you for sharing.

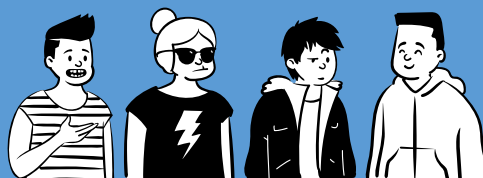
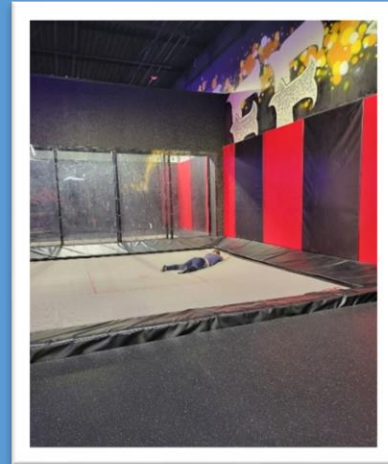
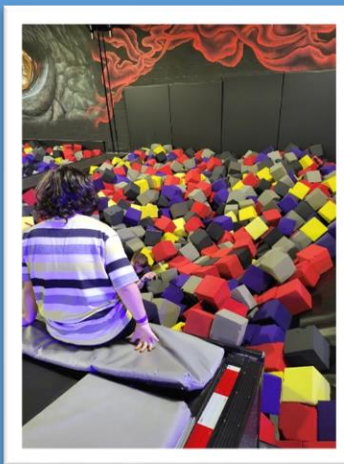
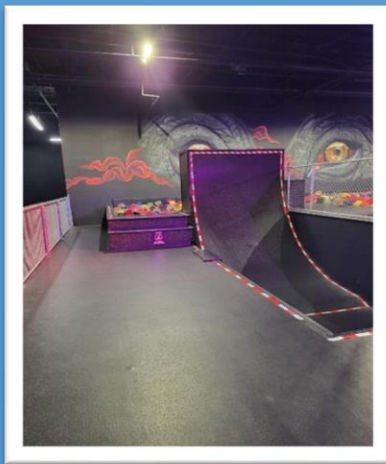


Aleera stands next to a large figure, made entirely from cans removed from the Boise River.

Tanner focuses on block-fest activities. He picked the hardest design and saw this project through to completion!



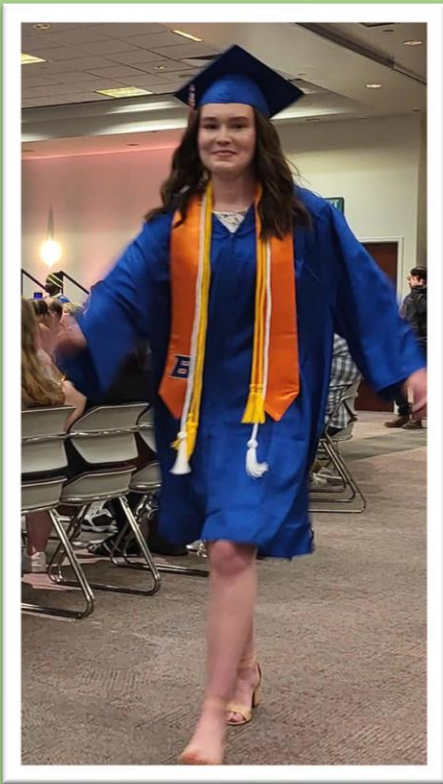
DEFY is an air sports park that gives our communities a place where visitors are free to explore and express themselves. <https://defy.com/defy-boise/>



## Marching Into a Bright Future!

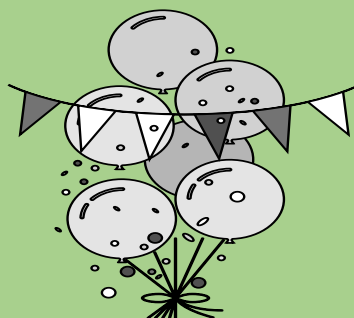
On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we celebrated our newest Boise State University graduate, Lauren Senske, Lauren walked to receive her Bachelor's of Social Work degree.

As an intern with GSDC, she impressed us with her ability to connect and maintain rapport with participants. Today, Lauren continues to affect positive change in the lives of kids and adults with special needs.



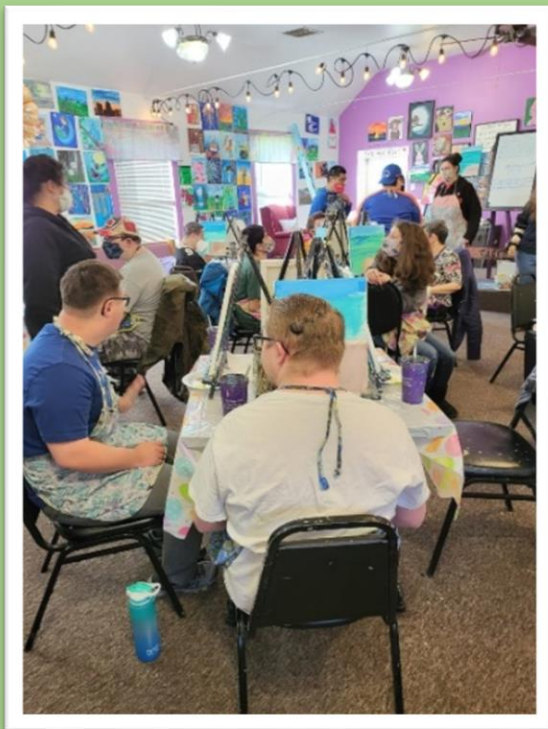
[The School of Social Work - School of Social Work \(boisestate.edu\)](https://www.boisestate.edu/school-of-social-work/)

[Boise State School of Social Work | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/boisestate/socialwork/)



## We Love Paint Parties. Do You?

Our participants made a recent visit to the Angry Easel paint studio in Meridian. It was a beautiful day outside, and equally beautiful and vibrant artwork to be found inside. Those were good times. [Home | The Angry Easel Paint Parties](#)





## Other Happenings Around GSDC

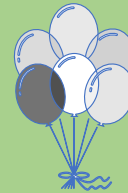
We love to paint things, and Easter gave us a chance to do more of it. Monica, Dakota and the Meridian Adults Program showed us their egg-painting skills.



## Let's Cheer for the Athletes!

Our resident athlete "DJ Casper" is participating in the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games. He will be joined there by so many other incredible competitors. We are proud of them all!

[2022 Special Olympics USA Games](#)

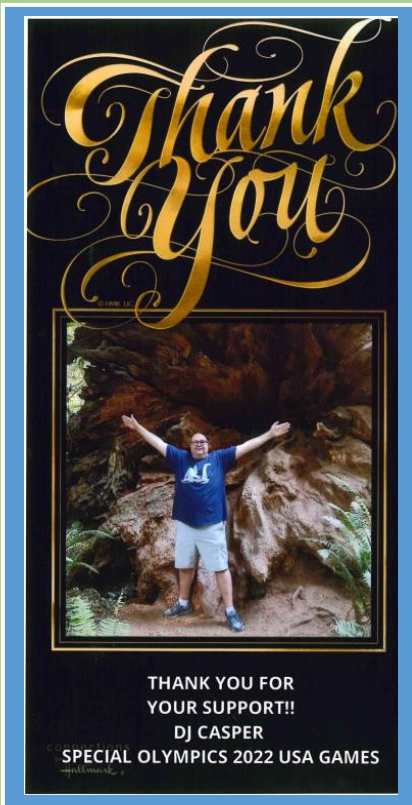


## Support the Players!

Challenger Little League Baseball

Ages 5 yrs. and up with any kind of special needs.

[Idaho Challenger Little League | Facebook](#)



# NOW HIRING!



**P/T Developmental Technician – (\$14.00 hr.) 29.75 hours per week**

**P/T Behavior Interventionist - (\$20.00 per billable hrs.) 29.75 hours per week**

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