

## Catching up with Ada's Boys & Girls Club



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There's a lot happening at the club that's known for providing healthy activities, leadership programs and educational opportunities for thousands of Valley children every year at its Garden City, Meridian and Kuna locations.

► Thanks to a \$27,000 grant from the Julius C. Jeker Foundation, the Boys & Girls Club is providing around 150 hot dinners and weekend food supplies for hungry local children.

Meals are available at the Moseley Center (610 E. 42nd St., Garden City, 321-9157) and the Meridian Boys & Girls Club (911 N. Meridian Rd., Meridian, 888-5392). The club also gives away backpacks with food supplies for weekend meals.

► Parenting columnist and author Sandy McDaniel will offer a series of free classes on everyday parenting challenges.

Classes will take place on the first Monday of each month, beginning Oct. 1, at the Boys & Girls Club of Meridian and the first Tuesday of each month, beginning Oct. 2, at the Moseley Center. Classes are 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Topics will include: how to make children behave without threats or bribes, contending with fighting and defiant behavior and making sure homework and chores get done.

McDaniel's book, "Don't Feed the Dragon," draws on her five decades of work in child development. She was a parenting columnist at the Orange County Register and has a parenting website: [parentingSOS.com](http://parentingSOS.com).

For more about these programs, donat-

ing or volunteering, call 639-3170.

### MERIDIAN CALLS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Leadership Meridian Program of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications from local nonprofits for a special community grant.

The grant is intended to help support organizations whose work improves life in Meridian and serves the community.

Applications are available at the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, 215 E. Franklin Road, or by calling 888-2817, or by emailing [celeste@meridianchamber.org](mailto:celeste@meridianchamber.org).

The deadline is Oct. 1. Recipients will receive their grants in June, 2013.

Each year, Leadership Meridian raises money for the grant. Over the last seven years, it's given more than \$27,500 to organizations, including the Meridian Foodbank, the Meridian Kiwanis Hope Tree Project and many others.

Call Celeste Newberry at the chamber for more: 888-2817.

### IDAHO "N" HEROES OUTDOORS

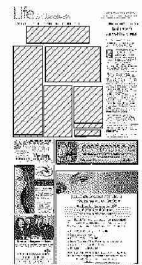
Back in 2009 Monte and Diane Bruhn were watching a program about Hunts for Heroes (now Patriots and Heroes Outdoors), the nonprofit that provides hunting, fishing and other outdoor opportunities for military men and women with service-related injuries.

The Bruhns, who had a son deployed to Iraq at the time, had been talking about inviting a wounded soldier to their Idaho hunting camp as a gesture of thanks. The television show was the incentive they needed. They contacted the show, which took them up on their offer and set them on a long path of generosity.

In 2010, they raised \$11,000 to sponsor a hunting trip for five wounded warriors. In 2011, they sponsored 20 hunters from around the state and the U.S.

In early 2012, the group became known as Idaho "N" Heroes Outdoors and became a nonprofit. The group runs solely on volunteer power, said Bruhn.

Its generosity has been infectious. Cody Sibbett from Burley, who was badly



burned while serving in Iraq, participated

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in one for the first hunting trips in 2010. A year later, he hosted his own golf scramble in Burley and raised nearly \$4,000 for Idaho "N" Heroes Outdoors. In August, Sibbett doubled the size of his golf scramble and wrote IHO a check for \$12,000.

The group is planning a trophy mule deer hunt on a private ranch this fall, an elk hunt, steelhead fishing trips and more. Bruhn is looking for more volunteer hunting hosts across the state as well as donations. Find a link online through [idahostatesman.com](http://idahostatesman.com) or phone Bruhn: 308-8386.

## DONATE CLOTHES FOR A CAUSE

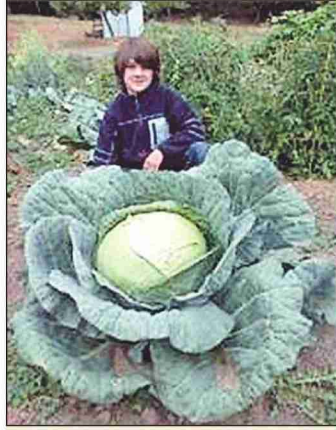
Boise Rescue Mission is partnering with Clothesline Cleaners to collect professional men's clothing to help men trying to enter the workforce.

Clothesline Cleaners will accept donations of suits, ties, shirts, shoes and accessories in good repair until close of business, Sept. 29. Donors can leave suits at the Clothesline Cleaners locations at 244 S. Orchard in Boise, or at 1800 S. Meridian Road in Meridian.

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## CALLING ALL PLANT-LOVING THIRD-GRADERS



The [Bonnie Plants](http://BonniePlants.com) company invites third-grade classrooms across the U.S. to sign up for the 2013 Cabbage Program. The company provides plant starts. Classrooms grow them, then teachers select a class winner. The winner is included in a state-level drawing. A winner is chosen at random, and the company awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one student in each state. The cabbage variety (O.S. Cross) provided by Bonnie can grow to 40 pounds. The O.S. stands for over-sized! The annual contest is meant to inspire a love of gardening and healthy eating. Why cabbage? It was the first plant sold by Bonnie Plants when it opened in 1918.

Teachers can get more info, register online: [bonniecabbageprogram.com](http://bonniecabbageprogram.com). Pictured: a past national winner.

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