Moscow hosts Special Olympics

Noah Sutherland
Staff

Over 900 athletes converged on Moscow last weekend for the Idaho Special Olympics State Summer Games. This is the third year in a row the annual competition has been held on the University of Idaho campus. Usually, the State Summer Games rotate between UI, Boise State University and Idaho State University. BSU was scheduled to host the games this year, but their facilities were not available. Jana Schultz, public relations director for the State Summer Games, said the Moscow community has been a great host for Special Olympics. "About 500 volunteers are needed to put on the games," Schultz said. Many individuals and groups volunteered to help in the many tasks that had to be done to make the games happen. "Everything went perfectly," Schultz said. HAM operation helped with communication around campus during the games. Local Good Sams cooked and served food for the athletes and coaches as well as provided motor homes for transportation during the torch run across the state. The Idaho Statesman, Boise State's student newspaper, also helped run the games. Contestants in the 400 meter walk receive their medals Saturday afternoon. Stephanie Tucker of Twin Falls won the gold medal with a time of 3 minutes and 6 seconds.

Local athlete finds ‘his wings’ on bike

Noah Sutherland
Staff

Toby Schultz cannot walk without a walker, but he rides a bike with ease. Toby went for the silver medal for the 3-kilometer cycling event Friday at the Idaho Special Olympics State Summer Games. He also won fifth place in the 5-kilometer bike run.

Toby has been competing in Special Olympics since he was eight years old. He is now 23. Toby grew up in Moscow and has participated in track and field, swimming and biking as a part of Special Olympics. Toby also participated in T-ball when he was younger.

Toby said he competes in Special Olympics because “it’s kind of fun.” It also gives him good opportunities to socialize and he would like to go to the World Games sometime.

Two years ago, Toby was injured during the Special Olympics Games, but was on tour in his events. That injury caused him to need a walker to get around. His mother, Jana Schultz, said everyone is amazed that he can ride a bike but can’t walk without support. “His bike is his wings,” she said.

When he’s not riding his bike, Toby takes classes at Opportunities Unlimited, a rehabilitation program in Moscow. Toby said he is taking a sewing class right now.

Toby’s mother also has been very involved in Special Olympics over the years. In 1977, when she was working in the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Division, students encouraged her to get involved with the program.

Since then, Jana Schultz has worked as a coach on the local level, coordinated the regional games and codirected the State Summer Games for two years. This year, she worked as public relations director for the State Summer Games in Moscow.

The State Summer Games started Thursday night with the Opening Ceremonies in the Dome at Boise State University. Every year, the officers from the Special Olympics by selling T-shirts commemorating the torch run.

The State Summer Games this year included competition in bowling, cycling, golf, basketball, swimming, softball, weight lifting and track and field. This is the first year that golf has been a part of the state games.

Barbara Leinberger, director of development and public relations for Idaho Special Olympics, said there are athletes from 8 years old up to 65. “Special Olympics is a year-round training and competition sports organization for people of all ages who are mentally challenged,” she said.

“Special Olympics allows the athletes to compete in their peer group,” Schultz said. Events are divided into heats by sex, age and ability. Each heat is as evenly matched as possible, she said.

“Sportsmanship is more important than the medal (for most of the athletes),” she said.

Marriott will pay Latah county tax bill

Dennis Sasse
Staff

“Marriott will pay the bill under protest and we will appeal,” said Steve Ficus, Latah county assessor.

So goes the story of about $2,300 the county says that Marriott owes on equipment used in their Student Union operations.

Marriott will plead their case to the Board of Equalization who will be represented by the prosecutor or deputy prosecutor. The case can then be appealed to higher courts if the ruling goes against Marriott.

Jerry Wallace, vice president of Financial Affairs for the University of Idaho said contrary to what many county officials like Shirley Greenes believe. “The equipment was not paid for by taxpayer funds, the Union was paid for by student fees.”

Wallace said, “First it wasn’t taxpayer money that paid for the Student Union, and next, this relationship by how we pay to provide services for ourselves puts us in a different position than off-campus businesses.”

When asked why the county never attempted to tax the Blue Bucket cafe Ficus said that comparing the Blue Bucket cafe to the franchises is not the same. Ficus said the Blue Bucket was university owned unlike the bigger chain names. “There was no third party involved. The question is, is it taxable or non-taxable—that’s what needs to be determined.”

According to the food service contracts, Marriott has run all campus food service for several years. The Blue Bucket and Vandal Cafe that were in the Student Union prior to the food court were run by Marriott, the same as Taco Bell, Burger King or TCBY.

Wallace said the food service contracts with Marriott for food service. The same arrangement that ran the Blue Bucket and Vandal Cafe runs Burger King and Taco Bell.

Ficus said he has the interest of the tax payers and students in mind, “I can go to Lewiston and get a 2.99 meal the same as here in Moscow.” He asks where is the savings to students? He also said that taxpayers shouldn’t have to subsidize private industry.

Wallace said that just because the university has tax exempt status it doesn’t mean that they don’t pay taxes.

Sunny and highs in the 80's.

Weather
From silence to celebration' theme for equal rights rally

Valeree Johnson

Overheard outside of Xenon last Saturday night... "It's just sick and wrong, man." And although it could be presumptuous, it can be well assumed that what the two gentlemen were referring to was the drag show that was going on inside.

The event was the end to a day of celebration of Palouse Pride "From Silence to Celebration" that marked the Fourth Annual Palouse Pride Rally and Diversity March held at East City Park last Saturday.

"We want to raise awareness and visibility for gay and lesbian equal rights," Kathy Sprague of the Pride Committee said. "We have been working in earnest for the past month so really get this thing going," added Leilani James of Moscow. "We have called every Tom, Dick and Shirley to participate." The day was eventful as booths, bands and political figures voiced their concerns about human rights. Political candidates Lorena Stauter, Cathy Rouyer and Vena White added to the program as speakers.

Jerry Schutz, another Pride organizer was pleased with the turnout. "This is our biggest one yet," Schutz said. "We are ecstatic about today." Barbara Cole, from the Decline to Sign Committee, made a plea to participants to fight against the efforts of an anti-gay rights initiative headed by Kelly Walton of the Idaho Citizen's Alliance.

Many participants agreed that Idaho isn't always the easiest place to rally support of gay rights and it's always disappointing to hear events like the one outside of Xenon. The celebration was intended to show the support that is actually out there and demonstrate the increasing pervasive concern for equal rights. And if numbers are any indication, support is high in Moscow for true justice and human rights of all people. "Human means everybody," Schutz said.

A raffle for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) was also held to raise money to put in a phone line for the coordinators of the organization whom meet monthly and take calls of a surprising number of people who work to deal with the hardships of having gay sons and daughters or friends due to the perseverance that goes along with being gay in Idaho. Awareness and education are key in the fight for human rights. Even though some would argue that these "radical" events are not necessary, until everyone agrees that the human part of human rights includes everyone, these fights will continue.

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Parking Services restrictions eased over summer

Shelby Dopp

Parking and Information Services is making it a little easier for people who need to park on campus over the summer. They will not ticket anyone who does not have a permit and parks in blue or silver lots.

However, ticketing will continue to take place in red and gold lots, meter spaces and handicap spaces. Red permits may be purchased at the Parking and Information Services office, located across the street from Hardees, for $16. Parking rules will be enforced from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Currently, there are no plans to raise permit costs or revamp on-campus parking. Manager of Parking and Information Services Pam Alsterlund said. The Parking Committee has talked about making changes to the campus parking system, but there are too many other changes taking place right now that may affect parking decisions, like the construction of new buildings.

"We'll just wait before revamping the system," she said. "We'll see what will happen within the next year and go from there."

Everyone who has a permit pays for it—even the University of Idaho president, Alsterlund said. Drama and other university staff must purchase and display a gold permit and have their name on a list in order to park in designated spaces. Whoever parks in those areas and is not assigned to park there, will be given a parking citation. Even Parking and Information Service employees purchase parking permits. "There is no free parking on campus," Alsterlund said.

Alsterlund said Parking and Information Services employees will purchase parking permits. "Our parking system isn't perfect. But the sign must be approved by the Parking Committee first. A sign has not been approved in two years, she said.

Parking and Information Services has 60 percent of its income from the sale of permits and meter revenue. She said they also get a majority of income from parking citations. Alsterlund said a portion of the money the service does make goes into the Repair and Replacement fund. This way improvements can be made to parking lots, curbs and sidewalks can be taken care of.

However, the bond repayment for Parking Information Services' fiscal year 1997 budget has increased by $37,000. So that money going into the Repair and Replacement fund may not occur this next fiscal year.

Parking and Information Service employees do not use their own cars to ticket vehicles, Alsterlund said. She said that sometimes employees may use their own vehicles for special events like the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival or football games, and also gives the employee a place to take cover in rainy weather or to get off their feet, she said.

The service has four vehicles right now, but that number will soon drop down to three. One of the vehicles needs a replacement. There is a green, smudged Suzuki Sidekick out there used to ticket parking violators. So do not fret. That person is doing their job, not going around giving out meaningless tickets. The Sidekick may not get an identifying sticker in the future. After all, it would be better that way. "We're pretty much a target out on the streets," she said.

Repeat offenders may find car immobilized

Shelby Dopp

Parking and Information Services has a new way to deter people from parking illegally and not paying their accumulated parking tickets. This deterrent is the wheel lock.

Actually the wheel locks have been in the hands of Parking and Information Services since the 1970s. Manager of Parking and Information Services Pam Alsterlund said. "The wheel locks have not been used for quite some time," she said. "We've decided to implement that program."
The service has two wheel locks, which range in cost from $200 to $500, depending on the model.

The wheel lock is a vehicle immobilizer. It is placed on a front tire so the driver cannot move their vehicle. Parking and Information Services typically uses the wheel lock on cars that are used in long-distance searches to make sure the vehicle cannot drive away. The student, faculty or staff member is typically driving a vehicle registered in another person's name, who cannot be located through the university. Therefore, that person knows they do not have to pay their parking citations.

"They're (parking violators) taking the right of those people who have paid for that privilege to park in those spaces," Alsterlund said.

So far a person who has more than $100 in unpaid violations will get a wheel lock on their car. Alsterlund said. According to regulations, the wheel lock may

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Student Health Services provides summer service

Lisa Lammigan

Never fear if you break an ankle or need more cough syrup, Student Health Services, USA, said University of Idaho students and their families can come in and use the health service "just like during the year."

Summer hours are from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The pharmacy, located in the same building, will be open during the summer as well.

Services are available for both full-time and part-time students and their dependents. "We see summer school students that live here, their spouses and dependents," Ricketts said. "We usually have a lot of kids,"

Less students on campus during the summer means there is less of a need for some special services. "During the summer we don't have a nutritionist or a psychiatrist," Ricketts said. "We do have one doctor on staff at a time." Ricketts said and normally four doctors available during the regular school year.

Although there are fewer doctors available, the flow of patients through the office is about the same. "The one doctor balances out," Ricketts said. "I tell one of the doctors, but we only get one-fourth of the patients." Each week or so the doctors rotate schedules, so if patients want to see a particular doctor they still can. This week doctor Susan Geletty is on staff.

For more information about the summer services available at SSHS, call 885-6603, or for more about the pharmacy, call 885-6535.
Summer enrollment up from last year

Lisa Lannigan

Summer's here, and while most students can wait to get away from classes, some people can't seem to get enough.

Dr. Sidney Eder, director of Summer Programs and Extended Learning, said enrollment is up about 3 percent from last year.

"If the trend continues, and we're hoping it does, we should have a good enrollment summer," Eder said.

The head count of students for early summer classes is 2,301; a 4.3 percent increase from this time last year. Eder said this increase in enrollment is despite a decrease in the amount of classes offered.

Eder said there may be more students this summer because of the type of courses offered and not the amount. "For example, last summer there were 90 early summer classes, this summer there are 74. That's a 22 percent decrease. (In classes), but enrollment is up," Eder said. "It seems to suggest that we're more on target."

"For the first time we are offering a better distribution of "head and butter" classes, like requirements, prerequisites and core," Eder said.

"There was less interest in special topics and more interest in classes you need to get from the starting line to finish line."

"We are doing a better job of scheduling classes that students need," Eder said. "First, there is a better selection of courses students want and need, and second we've made them more accessible."

A survey was conducted of Summer School students last year, and Eder said students wanted more structured classes that offered a schedule with less conflicts.

"There was some frustration about the way courses were scheduled, conflicts and over-lapping times," Eder said. "This is frustrating to some students."

This year, however, the schedule has been arranged so that students will avoid over-lapping class times. "We can't eliminate all conflicts, but we can at least minimize them," Eder said.

"As long as the department follows the scheduling grid, we shouldn't have any over-laps."

While there has been an increase in core and required classes, the Summer Program still offers many unique opportunities for students. One such class is "Vietnam: Revolution in Full Circle" taught by a professor from Lewis-Clark State College. Another class taught by a professor from Washington State University through the sociology department is called "Hate," and eliminates hate groups in the country.

"Summer is a nice opportunity to do things like this," Eder said.

For students wanting to learn a foreign language, an intensive Spanish language course is offered. "This is a better way to teach Spanish than what you would experience is fall or spring semesters," Eder said.

Incoming freshmen have the opportunity to participate in the Summer Start program. Eder said this program allows for freshmen to have a more structured and less frantic experience. "They come back in fall with a few credits under their belt and know the campus," Eder said. "Then the initial experience is not so overwhelming."
Marcus Myers
Navy Public Affairs Center

On the USS O'Brien — Few people have the opportunity to experience first-hand the rewards that come from being assigned to a Navy ship forward deployed overseas.

Navy Lt. j.g. Paul M. Pierzchanowski, a 1993 graduate of the University of Idaho, is one of those few individuals. Pierzchanowski, the ship’s disbursing officer, the crew's disbursing officer on the 8,000 ton O'Brien, ensures all crew members’ financial records are correct. He enjoys performing a job that is professionally rewarding.

“I know my job is vital to maintaining the high morale and overall well-being of the crew,” said the 29-year-old Pierzchanowski.

Capable of reaching speeds in excess of 30 knots, the O'Brien's powerful gas-turbine engines and state-of-the-art computer operated command-and-controlled system make it one of the U.S. Navy's most formidable warships.

Using a combination of rapid-fire guns, torpedoes, missiles and an advanced underwater sonar detection system, the Yokosuka based warship provides protection for battle groups, amphibious task forces and military and merchant shipping. The multi-mission destroyer can operate independent-ly or with other naval forces.

O'Brien and the rest of the fleet are called upon to monitor the Chinese war games off the coast of Taiwan. Being forward deployed in Japan, the O'Brien was able to be on station in a matter of hours ensuring peace was maintained in the Western Pacific.

Pierzchanowski has had many unique experiences during his career in the Navy.

"The day I was commissioned is my most memorable experience because it was a day I worked very hard for and it's a day I'll never forget," said Pierzchanowski, a six-year Navy veteran.

Unique experiences and rewarding jobs are just a few reasons Pierzchanowski decided to join the Navy.

"I joined the Navy to travel the world and get an education while doing it," said Pierzchanowski.

Pierzchanowski and the rest of the crew of the O'Brien continue to stand ready to answer the call for any contingency operations that may occur overseas.
Canada will be allowed to export 14.7 billion board feet of lumber annually for five years. Any shipments greater than that will be taxed at $50 or $100 per 1,000 board feet.

In the past, Canada has provided as much as 40 percent of the U.S.'s lumber. Under the provisions of this new agreement, Canada will reduce that number to 32 percent.

Senator Craig joins Internet Caucus

In other attempts at retaining his Senate seat, Craig has logged on to the Internet. One goal of putting politicians online is to make the political process more open and accessible. It is also hoped that by familiarizing politicians with the latest technology, they will be able to more effectively legislate decisions pertaining to that technology. Craig's web site can be found at: http://www.senate.gov/craig/

Minimum wage will affect over 10 percent of Idaho workers

A recent study by the Idaho Department of Employment anticipates 10 to 15 percent of Idaho workers will be affected by the recent minimum wage increase.

Keith Richards is a grandfather

NEW YORK, AP--Keith Richards, bad boy of the Rolling Stones and a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, has become a grandfather at age 53.

A 7-pound, 13-ounce girl, Ella Rose, was born in Connecticut last Wednesday to Richards' son, Martin, 26, and Lucie de la Falaise, 23, according to publicist Fran Curtis of Rogers & Cowan.

No other details about the parents or baby were disclosed.

The guitarist has four children—Marlin and a daughter with Anita Pallenberg and two daughters with Patti Hansen, his wife of 12 years.

Washington reports measles outbreaks

The Washington State Department of Health has reported 35 cases of measles (hard measles, 7-day measles) in the Vancouver, Wash., area. If traveling near this area it is very important to make sure you and your family are protected against measles.

Measles can be prevented by making sure children get their measles, mumps, rubella vaccine.

Measles is a highly contagious disease with the following symptoms occurring at the same time:

- Cough or runny nose or red eyes
- Temperature of 101 degrees or greater

"generalized rash lasting three or more days"

Complications such as middle ear infection, pneumonia and encephalitis (swelling of the brain) may occur. Death occurs in three of every 1,000 cases in the U.S.

Measles are spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. A person with a rash accompanied by a fever should be promptly evaluated by their physician.

For immunization recommendations or clarifications, call your physician or the North Central District Health Department at 882-7506.

Food services have new summer hours

Marriott food services has modified hours of operation for the summer. New hours are as follows:

- the Grille: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday
- the Regency: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday
- the Satellite: 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday
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Outdoor Program has summer rock climbing class

The U of I Outdoor Program has scheduled two events for rock climbing at the UI pool.

Cost is $15.

Kayaking class meets at UI swimming pool

The Outdoor Program features an introduction to kayaking at the UI pool. The session is $15 which provides for equipment, instruction and poll fees. For more information call 242-2222.

WSU produces "Oliver!" needs young actors

The WSU Department of Music is looking for children ages 5 to 12 for the upcoming musical "Oliver!" The audition will be held Tuesday, June 11, at 2 p.m.

Furman, Craig will attend Summer Start

The Furman, Craig family will attend the Summer Start program at the U of I. This program is designed for incoming freshman and transfer students.

High school graduates can attend Summer Start

The U of I will host an orientation program for incoming freshman and transfer students. The program will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11.

Several classes have been added to the schedule of events.

Wabash Valley show has various acts

The Wabash Valley Show will feature a wide variety of entertainment for the rest of the show.

The show will feature a wide variety of acts including magicians, acrobats, clowns, magicians and dancers.

The show is on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the U of I Center, 1122 E. Riverside Dr., Suite 147, Austin, Texas 78741-1322.
In round one of Latah county versus the University of Idaho we have the county winning in a split decision. The prize in this muscle flexing political battle of posture is a whopping $2,300. Neither the city nor the school wants the money. By the time the whole shooting match is over the county will have spent thousands of tax dollars on paper work and legal fees. The university will have done the same. The accountants will scratch their heads in wonder and lawyers will sink away quietly with jingling pockets. Regular folks like county residents and students—well, we'll pay for this dog and pony show one way or another.

So what else is new.

The whole affair made for wonderful election year politicking. Local candidates bashed upon bad corporate America and the evil university. It is a great issue, a soap box, a backyard. County residents have a love/hate relationship with the college—we know that. The college is a cash cow for the county, but with the money comes influence. Latah county loves university money, but hates all the damn students. If we could just run a college without out all the pesky students....

County officials forget the university makes Moscow possible. Moscow city officials look north or south on I-95, Potlatch and Genesis are what you will see. The university makes your town, county seat and county possible. Moscow would be little more than a rest stop with grain elevators without the college. No influence in Boise, no nothing.

The university is not without fault, they could play good neighbor. The issue to the university isn't the money, it's pride and precedence. If the university pays tax or revenue beyond the property tax or other taxes—what is to stop the county from charging tax on the copy center, bowling alley or any other revenue generator?

County supporters feel the county straddled back to their corner of the ring clutching a Marriott promise that the check is in the mail.

UI has tagged off and put much of the stress of this fight on Marriott. UI has not, by any means thrown in the towel. The Student Union has been pulled out of the fight and the big gun, Jerry Wallace, vice president of Finance and Administration, is the official university mouthpiece on the issue—not even the lawyers want to talk.

The crux of the whole thing is that everyone is saying, "We're doing this for our constituents."

It just doesn't make sense that a county and university are spending tens of thousands in a fight over $2,300.

—Dennis Sasse

Jeans or genes: you decide

By Cindy's letter box

Choosing the right jeans means choosing the right fit, whether you are petite or plus-size. But what about those in between? The key to finding the perfect pair is to consider your body type and the kind of fit you desire. Do you want a slim or straight leg? Wide leg or bootcut? There are many options available for every body shape.

New-found respect for the elderly

Valaree Johnson

Humans to their smiling parents with a future bright ahead of them, I dread sons and daughters to their own parents who are clinging onto their last breath of air.

My first patient to die, "Mary," was a cranky old woman who insisted on sleeping with her purse so that "evil ones" wouldn't take it. I have had many like her before, but once she was gone I realized how fragile life is. "It seems like yesterday," a common utterance that makes me realize how quickly time passes. I don't want to take screw, regret, or bitterness to my own grave. Those on the brink of death have taught me that.

And now, more than ever, I have a new-found respect for the elderly. I am not trying to convince everyone to call their grandparents everyday and think about growing old with every tick of the clock. I just want people to recognize the elderly as human beings. They aren't stupid, and in fact have quite a few entertaining as well as educational bits of wisdom to relay.

The favor I would ask Congress is to look beyond these people as a valuable constituency and view them as a truly needy lot. They have a lot to share beyond a vote. I guess all I am really asking my peers is for a little old-fashioned democracy and respect when it comes to the elderly.

We are all aging, right Mr. Dole? We all get old and my one wish when I reach those Golden Years is to have my mind speculated. I am sure if I am reminded everyday at my job that the elderly have rights too when they all scream for help, I just want to remind everyone else. Don't let our generation be considered "indolent and unrespecting."
UI plans to cut timber in experimental forest

Dennis Sasse
Staff

The university has plans in the works to harvest timber from the Hatter Creek area of the UI experimental forest. Since this is our school and our land, in the coming weeks the Argonaut will explain the reason for the cuts and where the revenue from the cuts goes.

The Hatter Creek Unit is a section of the UI experimental forest that is about 800 acres on the north side of Moscow Mountain.

About 60 years ago this section of Moscow Mountain, and the UI experimental forest, called Hatter Creek was clearcut. Surrounded by a mosaic of private, commercial, Forest Service and city of Troy lands the Hatter Creek drainage is a water source for the Palouse river.

Even to untrained casual observers it is clear that water quality in the forest is high but quickly degrades once out of UI jurisdiction.

Poor grazing and farming practices have loaded the downstream section of the river with sediments.

There seems to be some question among the students and faculty of the Forestry school whether the University Experimental Forest should be used only as a teaching tool, or whether the primary goal of the forest is revenue generation.

Some feel, and university by-laws and state laws support, the idea that school owned land be used to generate revenue for the university.

Others feel the experimental forest should be a working laboratory where students see first hand what happens to a forest under controlled conditions and when records of past actions are fairly well kept.

Another issue to be addressed is the method of cut. What silvicultural treatments will the smooth and broken minds at the university come up with?

All cutting has advantages and drawbacks. Clear group selection cuts open up forest to let browse for grazers flourish, but species that require heavy cover or dead woody material are selected against.

Single tree selection leaves a natural appearing forest, but is very expensive.

Should university students in the Student Logging Crew be the labor source for the cut? Should the university forsake some revenue and let students cut or should professional contractors be hired?

It would appear that the reason the Student Logging Crew is not used for harvesting is that commercial operations are much more efficient than student crews.

Jerry Wallace, vice president of Financial Affairs said that says he recalls, “the size of logging the crew can handle is determined by the amount of supervisor” the number of faculty that can supervise the crews is limited and student logging is dangerous and opens the university up to huge liability problems.

MAMBA really cleans up at North-South

I tried something new this weekend. Instead of just riding for fun, I helped clear a trail to allow other riders to have fun.

The first Sunday of every month, the Moscow Area Mountain Bike Association works to maintain trails around the Palouse that are used by hikers, horses and motorcycles as well as mountain bikers. This month, we focused on trails near North-South Ski Area east of Potlatch, Idaho.

I think this week’s ride involved the most effort I’ve ever had to put out to ride a bike seven miles. Expecting to do a lot of hard work, I wore jeans and heavy boots. I soon regretted my decision. With the near 90 degree high, working and climbing I would have been much better off in shorts.

Jim LaFortune and Dale Newberry, two of the founders of MAMBA, organized the ride and led the clean-up crews. The main work we had to do on this ride was cut and remove fallen trees from the trail. To aid our efforts, Newberry carried a small chain saw on a trailer behind his bike.

The majority of the trail we took was downhill singletrack starting near North-South Ski Area and ending at the Great White Pine Campground. At each fallen tree, we would stop and clear the trail, using the chain saw when necessary. We also had to stop to fix the obligatory flat tire (mine of course—never, I repeat, never put Slime into a tube that has already been patched).

Most of the logs across the trail seemed like an annoying break in the ride—except for one. Halfway up the final climb, which most of us had to walk, we found the last log of the day. It provided a much-needed rest in the middle of the horrendous climb.

After eating lunch at the campground, I decided to to wimp out on riding back up to our starting point, where one of the vehicles had been left. The work of the first ride had given me enough sweat for the day.

MAMBA was organized about two and a half years ago when Bennett Lumber acquired most of the western side of Moscow Mountain and closed the area to all public access. The closings were mainly due to people partying and leaving trash in the woods. We were asked to survey the area and determine the utility of the trails. LaFortune and Newberry stated that the trails were very well used.

Before the land was closed off to the public, it was pretty much impossible to maintain the trails. Since then, they have been closed and left to revert to their natural state.

LaFortune mentioned that more than 600 people have volunteered to help clear the area. He stated that the trails had been cleared by dirt bikes. We then rode the trails after clearing two miles.

In the process of clearing the trails, MAMBA found some very good singletrack trails. They have been cut on the Palouse side of the mountains and are open to mountain bikers only.

The trails are open to the public so long as users maintain the trails and do not prevent others from using the trail. We then prepared a clearing report for Bennett Lumber which they are using to determine the utility of the trails.

MAMBA is affiliated with the International Mountain Bike Association which works to educate riders and increase trail access all over the world. One of MAMBA’s main guidelines for mountain bikers is to yield the trail to other users—and to smile and say “hi” as they pass.

Each month during the riding season, MAMBA works to maintain trails in the Palouse area. LaFortune said they go “where the need is the greatest.” For more information on where to ride near Moscow, get one of LaFortune’s new book, Mountain Bike Guide to Hogs Heaven.

The book gives directions and tips for riding on Moscow Mountain, the North-South area and McConkey State Park (which I’ll probably feature later this summer).
Idaho allows free fishing on Saturday

Dennis Sasse

One day a year the Idaho Department of Fish and Game allows the people of the state of Idaho to fish without a license. June 8 will be the day.

Worm dunking, fly casting from around the state will pack up and head for streams, lakes and rivers to get in a little fishing. Of course all other restrictions on size, gear and tags will remain in force.

The annual event is put on as part of Idaho's support of National Fishing Week, June 3-9.

Locally the two biggest fishing draws, Spring Valley and Moose Creek, will participate in the free fishing festival.

Due to flood damage at Moose Creek this winter, Idaho Fish and Game was not sure if the reservoir had been stocked.

Spring Valley has been stocked and is prepared for the onslaught of people.

Free fishing is an across Idaho event and all the major fisheries are open and free for the day.

Survival school being taught near Grangeville

Dennis Sasse

A five day course in outdoor survival skills is being offered by the Earth Circle School of Wilderness Survival.

Participants will learn ancient skills used by our European and Native American ancestors. The basic human needs of fire, shelter, food and water will be emphasized.

Chris Mosacky, co-director of the school said in a press release, "We live in a fast-paced world full of technology that we rarely understand, and in a society based on practices that are unsustainable. We have forgotten the skills of self-sufficiency that our ancestors possessed. We have lost their physical and spiritual harmony with the land.

Fortunately we can reconnect our spiritual ties to the land and regain the balanced lifestyle that our ancestors had. We can become self-sufficient and lead natural, healthy lives."

The school is dedicated to teaching eco-friendly living skills and increasing spiritual awareness.

The cost of the survival skills course is $425 and includes instruction, meals and camping.

The school will also host a second Basic Primitive Survival Course, Advanced Primitive Survival Course, Skills of the Primitive Bowyer and Primitive Skills Gathering this summer.

For more information contact Earth Circle School of Wilderness Survival, P.O. Box 742, Grangeville, ID 83530 or call (208) 963-3406.

Devil in a Blue Dress: Video review by Shelby Dopp

Muder, mayhem and mystery—all of the proper ingredients for a detective movie. What more could one ask for? If you're looking for a good detective movie, rent Devil in a Blue Dress, based on the book by famed detective writer Walter Mosley.

Devil in a Blue Dress stars Denzel Washington and Platouched star Jennifer Beals. (Remember that movie from the early 1980s? Maybe the song "Mambo" would refresh your memory. Well, Beals was the dancer in that movie.) Washington plays detective Easy Rawlins, and Beals plays Blue dress-wearing Daphne Monet, the woman he is searching for. Dewitt Albright, played by Tom Sizemore, hires Easy to find Daphne.

The reason is not disclosed until the end of the movie. That's what makes it a detective movie. The movie takes place in Los Angeles during the late 1940s. World War II is over, cars rote the pony's ass and Easy owns his own house—which is very important to him. Easy is called on by Albright to find Daphne. He needs the money, so he takes the job. It sounds easy enough, but the viewer knows that it cannot be that easy. (No pun intended.) Or else there wouldn't be a movie. So Easy takes this job because he needs the money to pay his bills and his mortgage. The search for Daphne takes him into a world of mystery and murder. He does not know why he's searching for this girl. Everybody seems to want her. He's confused and scared. He gets beaten up by LA police detectives. He almost gets his throat cut by some gangster.

Albright and his thugs try to kill him. Two people end up dead because of some envelope. Daphne needs to find, and Easy almost takes the fall. But he gets out of the mess after he asks the cops to give him time to find the killer(s).

Daphne contacts Easy twice. The first time, she needs to get the secret envelope from someone named Richie McGee. The contents of this envelope remain unknown until the climax of the movie. (I'm not going to give it away either. You'll have to rent the video.) So, Easy and Daphne go to Richie's house and find him dead. The lady who had the envelope before Ritchie was also murdered.

Easy ends up finding the envelope and its contents. Daphne hides in Easy's house, which marks their second encounter. She ends up telling him why things are after this envelope. She offers him $7,000 to get it back. But then Albright and his thugs kidnap Daphne. Easy sets out to save her. The rest is history. I don't like to give away endings.

I liked Devil in a Blue Dress. Washington did some fine acting as usual, and it was nice to know that Beals can still get work. There was some comic relief in this movie. Some strange gay wandered around Easy's neighborhood looking to cut down the residents' trees. We never really learn why, but it is funny nonetheless.

Devil in a Blue Dress is well worth the money.

—Shelby Dopp

Summer Book Buyback

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