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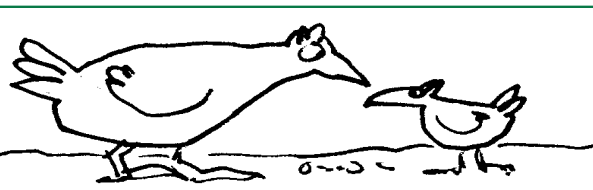
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This year, proceeds are going to the absolutely darling Myla, an eight-year-old Rathdrum girl battling a particularly aggressive form of brain cancer called Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma. DIPG appears almost exclusively in children, originating as a tumor in the brain stem. This author has, regrettably, lost a young friend to DIPG; I know just how invasive and heart-breaking this particular type of cancer is, and Myla (and her family) can use all of our love and support!

Myla's love for horses reflected her fearless spirit and remarkable strength. Even while fighting DIPG, she faces each day with resilience and leaves a lasting impression on everyone she meets. With her faith in God and love for her family, she shines as a beacon of hope and inspiration.

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**Pinehurst Christmas Festival**, 3pm-7pm Saturday, Dec 13th, in Christmas Town Square (bike park and playground on Division Street). Family activities include cookie decorating, cake walk, s'mores, Christmas light parade at 6pm followed by a tree lighting ceremony and photos with Santa.

**Christmas Celebration**, 4pm Saturday, Dec. 13th, in downtown Spirit Lake for all ages. Begins with a Cocoa Crawl sipping hot cocoa provided by businesses, followed by a festive parade with lights, music and lots of holiday cheer. Then, watch as lights appear on Main Street and in the park.

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This Bloody Mary Dip combines a pair of game day favorites – the taste of a morning libation with a savory snack – to calm nerves before the players take the field. It's made and served with Dandy Celery from Duda Farm Fresh Foods, which boasts a legacy of quality, innovation and consistency in celery cultivation since 1926. Its produce is crispier, sweeter and less stringy, redefining the veggie that's a perfect teammate for tailgate dips.

Or you can stick with a classic in this Skinny 7-Layer Dip, which layers familiar flavors like garbanzo beans, avocado and shredded cheese but pairs them with nonfat Greek yogurt in place of full-fat sour cream to create a better-for-you game day bite.

For an especially nutritious snack, scoop it using Dandy Celery, which is available year-round, packed with flavor and low in calories, making it a smart choice for snacking and cooking meals throughout the game. Plus, it's 95% water, high in fiber to leave fans feeling full and refreshed and packaged fresh and crisp with no preservatives.

To find more ways to tackle tailgating menus, visit [dudafresh.com](http://dudafresh.com).



Bloody Mary Dip

Recipe courtesy: of Laughing Spatula on behalf of Duda Farm Fresh Foods

Prep time: 5 minutes

Servings: 8

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons pimento olives, chopped
- 2 tablespoons onions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons bacon, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped Dandy Celery, plus additional whole sticks for serving, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic
- olives, for garnish
- tomatoes, for garnish
- crackers, for serving

1. In large bowl, combine cream cheese, tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce, pimento olives, onions, bacon, 1/4 cup chopped celery, salt, pepper and garlic.

2. Mix well. Transfer to serving dish.
3. Garnish with skewered olives and tomatoes. Serve with celery and crackers to dip.



Skinny 7-Layer Dip

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
- 6-8 tablespoons water
- 2 ripe avocados
- 1 lime, juice only
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup Dandy Celery, minced
- 1 cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup onion, minced
- 1 1/2 cups nonfat plain Greek yogurt, plus additional for garnish, divided
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced
- 2 packages Dandy Radish MiniSticks
- 2 cups low-fat cheddar cheese
- 1 cup sliced black olives
- 10 cilantro leaves

1. In skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil and garlic until softened and lightly browned.
2. Add garbanzo beans and hot sauce. Cook 3 minutes, stirring frequently.
3. Scrape contents of pan into food processor, add 6 tablespoons water and process until smooth. Add 1-2 tablespoons water as necessary to get puree to spreadable consistency.
4. Transfer bean mixture to bowl to cool before assembling dip.
5. Cut avocados in half and remove pits. Scoop out flesh and cut into 1-inch chunks.
6. In food processor, process avocado chunks, lime juice and salt until mostly smooth. Set aside until ready to assemble.
7. In small bowl, mix celery, cilantro, onion and 1 1/2 cups Greek yogurt.
8. To assemble: Using spoon or plastic bag with tip removed for piping, distribute garbanzo bean mixture evenly among 10 small containers.
9. Add layer of avocado puree in same manner.
10. Sprinkle layer of diced tomatoes over avocado puree in each container. Add layer of radish sticks.
11. Distribute Greek yogurt mixture evenly over cups.
12. Divide cheese over cups then layer black olives. Garnish with dollop of Greek yogurt and cilantro leaf.

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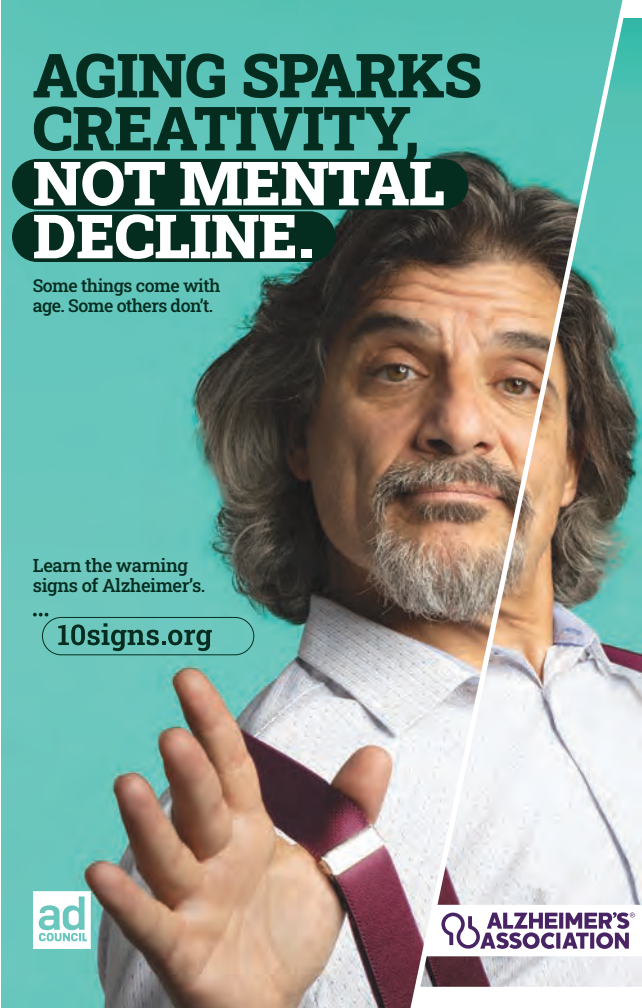
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# Keeping Pets Safe This Holiday Season 5 Festive Safety Tips for Pet

— Family Features —



The holiday season brings sparkling lights, cherished traditions and joyful gatherings with the people and pets you love most. As you deck the halls and prepare for cozy celebrations, it's important to remember some of the magic of the season can also pose risks for curious cats and dogs.

To provide pet owners added peace of mind, consider these tips from the experts at VCA Animal Hospitals, a leader in veterinary care with more than 1,000 locations dedicated to positively impacting pets, people and the communities they serve, to keep the holidays merry – and safe – for everyone.

## Decorations and Festive Outfits

From family photos to holiday cards, many pet owners love including their companions in the festivities. If you dress your pet for pictures, choose outfits that are comfortable, allow easy movement and don't interfere with breathing or vision. Pets are naturally drawn to shiny and dangling decor, so opt for shatterproof ornaments and avoid using tinsel, which can cause serious internal issues if swallowed.

Hang small or salt-dough ornaments high on the tree, out of paws' reach, to help prevent choking. After opening gifts, promptly discard wrapping paper, string and ribbon; items that may seem fun to play with but can be dangerous if ingested.



## Food and Drinks

Holiday tables overflow with delicious treats, but many seasonal foods can be harmful to pets.

Chocolate, grapes, raisins, xylitol-sweetened candies and leftover meat scraps may lead to serious illness. Politely remind guests not to slip your pet any treats, no matter how festive the occasion feels.

Quickly pack away food when meals end to help reduce temptation. Alcoholic beverages should also be kept well out of reach. Pets absorb alcohol much faster than humans, and even small amounts can cause alcohol poisoning.

## Candles and Burns

The glow of candles and warm fireplaces add comfort and charm this time of year, but open flames pose fire risks and burn hazards for pets. Keep pets at a safe distance from fireplaces, wood stoves and space heaters, as curiosity can bring them too close.

Consider using battery-operated candles in place of traditional ones. If you use real candles, ensure they're placed out of reach and never left unattended; even stepping away for a moment can increase the risk of accidents.

## Plants and Trees

Holiday greenery brings beauty to your home, but some plants require extra caution around pets. While Christmas trees themselves are generally non-toxic, the water in the tree stand may contain mold, bacteria or fertilizers. Use a tree skirt or cover to prevent pets from drinking from it.

Decorative plants like poinsettias, mistletoe, lilies, holly and amaryllis can cause gastrointestinal upset if nibbled on. Keep these seasonal favorites well out of reach, especially if you live with adventurous or plant-curious pets.

## Cold Weather Walking

Winter walks can be refreshing for you and your dog, but shorter days and colder weather mean extra care is needed. Use a non-retractable leash during early morning or evening walks, and ensure both you and your pet wear high-visibility gear so drivers and others can easily spot you.

If you live in an area with snow or ice, monitor conditions closely and watch the wind chill. Dressing your dog in a warm sweater or jacket and offering booties for paw protection can help them stay comfortable and safe on frosty outings.

By taking a few thoughtful precautions, you can help ensure your pets enjoy a safe, joyful holiday season right alongside the rest of the family. If you have questions about winter safety or your pet's health, consult your veterinarian. For more tips to keep your pet safe this holiday season, and to find a location near you, visit [vcaholiday.com](http://vcaholiday.com).

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Low-Stress Holiday Entertaining Starts Here

The holiday season has officially begun, which means many of us are about to jump on a month-long juggling act involving gift lists, grocery lists, guest lists and the occasional existential crisis in the snack aisle. (Or is that just me?) But here's the good news: Holiday entertaining does not have to feel like auditioning for a cooking competition.

In fact, some of the best gatherings I've ever hosted were powered by simple food, mismatched napkins and the sheer charm of wonderful people being together.

This year, instead of stressing about elaborate spreads or complicated appetizers, let's bring the joy back to hosting with low-cost, low-fuss tricks.

Easy, Affordable Entertaining Tips

Share the Spotlight with a Potluck: Ask guests to bring a favorite side or appetizer while you handle the main dish. It lightens the load and the bill.

Create Instant Ambiance: Dim the lights, turn on lamps, light a candle -- instant cozy, no decorating required.

Set Up a Self-Serve Drink Station: A few bottles of vino, a pitcher of sparkling water, some citrus, ice and glasses let guests help themselves while you enjoy the party.

Think "Nibbles," Not a Buffet: Crackers, fruit, veggies and your cream cheese spread looks generous without draining your time or budget.

Make Something You Can Ignore: Cream cheese dips and spreads shine here -- no wilting, no reheating.

Start with my "Mother of All Cream Cheese Dips," a simple base -- like a mother sauce -- that every other flavor can be built on. Use whatever you have: herbs, cheese, leftover roast veggies, odds and ends. It turns out a little different each time, always delicious and perfect for effortless appetizers or last-minute hostess gifts. The very definition of frugal and fabulous!

THE MOTHER OF ALL CREAM CHEESE DIPS

- Yield: 1 1/2 cups
- Total Time: 1 hour 5 minutes
- 1 (8-ounce) block cream cheese, at room temperature
  - 1/2 cup sour cream or mayonnaise, at room temperature
  - 3/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
  - Freshly ground black pepper, to taste



One simple base, endless flavor possibilities: Make dips for every holiday gathering.

Optional Mix-Ins (use one, some, or all -- whatever's handy):

- 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup shredded aged cheddar or other cheese
- 1/4 cup bacon crumbles
- 1/4 cup toasted almonds

Place the cream cheese in a bowl and beat with an electric mixer on high for about 2 minutes, until it's light and fluffy. Scrape the bowl, then add the sour cream or mayo, salt, garlic powder and pepper. Beat on high for another minute. Taste and adjust the seasoning -- this is your dip, after all.

Refrigerate for at least 1 hour so the flavors can get acquainted and settle in. Serve with breadsticks, pretzels, mini bagels, crackers or chips.

Note: The longer it chills, the better it gets, which makes this a perfect make-ahead recipe for busy hosts. Leftovers keep in the fridge for up to a week, although "leftover dip" is mostly a theoretical concept.

What else can you add? Truly anything else you love, like chopped herbs, leftover roasted veggies, a spoonful of pesto, diced olives, sun-dried tomatoes, everything bagel seasoning. This recipe is here for your creativity and your fridge clean-outs.

At the end of the day, people aren't coming over to evaluate your culinary skills or inspect your baseboards. They show up for laughter, warmth and the simple comfort of being welcomed. A cozy room, a low-stress menu and the delicious variety of potluck goodness is more than enough to make your home the spot everyone remembers.

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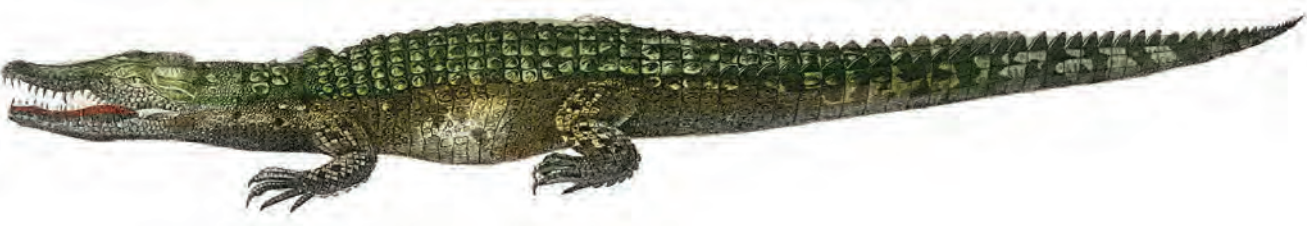
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**\$595,000** MLS #25-9221

Charming Post Falls rancher offers a split-bedroom layout, 3BD/ 2BA, and 1,318 sq ft of stylish living space. Enjoy LVP flooring, a granite kitchen island, and SS appliances. The low-maintenance, fenced, landscaped yard includes sprinklers, curbing, garden boxes plumbed for a drip line, and shade trees. Relax on the covered porch or patio, take advantage of RV parking, and enjoy the home's convenient location near schools, shopping, and the highway.



**\$484,900** MLS #25-11416

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**\$899,900** MLS #25-8889

West CdA area 3 bed, 2 bath rancher, 1631 sq ft. 2 car garage plus bonus RV garage, 44 ft long 14 ft front door plus mop sink with hot and cold water. 12 ft deep roll out power awning to fully enjoy the evenings. Listing is just off Atlas Rd, 1/4 mile north of Seltice. Minutes to schools, shopping and the Spokane River.



**\$665,000** MLS #25-8170



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## Pets of the Week: Bugsy and Skittles

— Second Chance Pet Rescue —



Hello everybody! My name is Bugsy and playing is my game! I am a 23 lb spayed female miniature Idaho shag/Heeler mix. 10 months -1 year old. I'm full of them and vigor and I can be a little bit bossy with other dogs. Although I do love

to play with them. I'm seeking a home with somebody as active as I am and I think I would make an excellent agility dog, I'm athletic and quick and fast and smart and cute and all the things! I'm pretty good on a leash and I'm learning how to be comfortable in a crate. I'm working on my house breaking. I do like to chase the cat if he'll run but if he doesn't run I ignore him. I probably need a home without small children just because of my breed mix...we tend to be "herdy" to littles.



Hello North Idaho!! My name is Skittles and I am just the cutest 20 lb spayed female Beagle/Jack Russel mix. 6-8 months old. I'm housebroken. I have excellent leash manners. I can be a little fearful when meeting people for the first time so a home without small children is best. I know sit lay down and come here. I am also very comfortable in

a crate. I ride beautifully in the car and I love to go everywhere with my person. Most the I'm a lap dog! I love to be held and snuggled and patent and told how pretty I am. I get along with other dogs as long as they're not too exuberant, otherwise I'm a little bit afraid. Please check out my listing as well as all the other deserving dogs waiting for homes for the howlidays by visiting the link below!

Please email Idahocoondog@yahoo.com or log on to [www.scpr.petfinder.com](http://www.scpr.petfinder.com) for more info and an adoption application.

## Community Calendar

**Candy Land Game Night**, 5:30pm-7pm Thursday, Dec. 18th, at the Kroc Center, 1765 W. Golf Course Rd., CdA. Featuring life-size Candy Land games for the entire family provided free of charge (no membership needed).

**Free Community Christmas Meal**, 2pm-5pm Thursday, Christmas Day, at True North Church, 10583 N. Gov't Way, Hayden. No one should spend

Christmas alone, so come gather with others, laugh, and enjoy a delicious free meal along with games and joyful fellowship. Families, singles, seniors — all are welcome! Bring a dish to share with others, or simply come and be a guest. 208-762-6397

**Day Out for the Blind Free Social Club**, dancing and live band every Friday, 10:30am-1:30pm, at 1502 E. Holyoke, Spokane, WA. Music, dancing, refreshments. Info., 509-484-8082.

*Courtesy of Coeur d'Alene Insider. For more extensive calendar, visit: [www.cdainsider.com/calendar](http://www.cdainsider.com/calendar)*

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# Pets



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**AMERICAN BULLY PUPS**, ABKC registered, 2 males, 4 females, \$800. Text 208-818-7253, Kootenai County

**SHOSHONE PET RESCUE!** Darrin, young male black Shepherd/ Husky; Justice, senior male German Shepherd; Jean Luc, senior male Pomeranian; TukTuk, young medium sized mixed breed male; Corky, 2 year Shepherd mix male puppy; Russo, 7 month male Husky mix puppy; Tipsy, 6 month female Lab/ Pitbull/ Hound mix puppy; Mavis, 2 year female 80 lb. black Lab mix; Megan, 7 month female 50 lb. Retriever mix. More info at [www.spr.petfinder.com](http://www.spr.petfinder.com) or call 208-512-3401



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**FEMALE YORKIES** READY for new homes. 3 female puppies, 9 weeks old. Located in Kennewick WA. Call 509-873-9877

**TWO MALE BRINDLE** Chi-Bospin puppies, ready to fill your home for the holidays! Both parents on site, vet checked, vaccinated, and dewormed on 12/3/25. Each pup comes with a health record card. Photo online at [nickelsworth.com](http://nickelsworth.com). Please text 208-874-9917, [randrfuller5@gmail.com](mailto:randrfuller5@gmail.com), Benewah County



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**FEMALE AND MALE** French Bulldog puppies. 9 weeks old, full AKC registration, vaccinated and dewormed. Located in Pasco, WA. \$1500. For more info, please call/ text 509-274-0860

**GET YOUR CHRISTMAS** Puppy! Beagle pups born 10/31; three females, \$750 each. 406-827-7773



**CHRISTMAS PUPPIES** ready December 20th, 6 black Labs looking for their forever homes, 3 males, 3 females, both parents AKC registered, \$1000. More info call, text 707-362-1298, Athol, ID

**AKC BLACK LABS** JUST IN time for Christmas! American/ English crosses. Both Mom and Dad are hunting bred and love both dry land and water, are amazing family/ farm dogs, are health and genetic tested and have their OFAs. Puppies: Both male and female available. They will come with up to date worming, age appropriate vaccines, first puppy wellness, microchip, puppy starter pack! I have both limited and full registration available, \$1250. 509-987-2605

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**FREE: GREAT PYRENEES** 9 month old female, wonderful dog. Free to good home. 208-625-0103

## Pets of the Week: Biggie and Kanga

— Companions Animal Center —



**Biggie - 7-month-old domestic short-hair female** Biggie is a young and fun cat who loves the company of other felines. She is still getting used to people, but she would make a great companion for your cat. Biggie needs a quiet, adult only home.



Kanga - 2-year-old female Coonhound After raising several litters of puppies like the amazing mama she is, Kanga is finally ready for some me time! This lovely hound has traded her mom duties for long walks, tasty treats, and all the belly rubs she can get. Kanga would thrive with someone who appreciates her mix of adventure and affection. Whether she's trotting happily on a trail or curled up beside you after a busy day, she's all about enjoying life's simple joys.



Adoptions by appointment. Companions Animal Center is located at 10275 N Atlas Rd, Hayden, ID. We are open to the public Tuesday-Saturday noon-6pm, Sunday noon-4pm, and closed Mondays. Visit [www.companionsanimalcenter.org](http://www.companionsanimalcenter.org) or call 208-772-4019 for more information.

**SUPER LIVESTOCK** Guardians: Nine Central Asian Shepherd/ Caucasian Shepherd cross pups available! Born Nov. 10th. Dad is Central Asian, mom is Caucasian Shepherd. Both proven, loyal, protective, and built for real work. Ready right for the new year! Perfect for families, farms, or anyone wanting a true protector. Accepting reservations now. Serious inquiries only. Call/ text 509-303-5882 for more info

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(3) **MINI GOLDENDOODLE** puppies! 5 weeks old. 2 girls and 1 boy. Great personalities. Smart. Playful. Estimated weight 20 lbs. Want to find them nice homes for the holidays! Please call or text for more info! 208-610-6812, Sandpoint, ID

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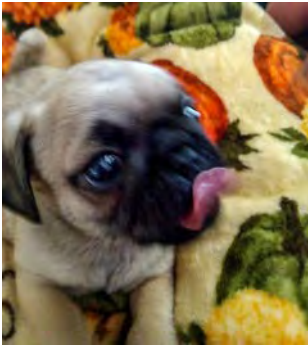
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# Pets



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**MALE FRENCH BULLDOG.** Full AKC registration, 2 months old, vaccinated and dewormed, located in Kennewick, WA. \$2000. For more info, call/ text 509-274-0860

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**BICHON POODLES:** Beautiful males and females available for their forever homes end of Dec. Adult weight approx 12-13 lbs. max. Dam is white mini poodle with natural short tail. Sire is Bichon poodle. Will be going home vaccinated and wormed. Care package included. \$700 and \$900. Deposits accepted. Located in Granger, WA. Call/text 509-515-6997



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**TEXAS CATTLE DOG AND** Red Heeler puppies ready to go now. 7 weeks old, shots and wormed, 1 female, 1 male; red and white, mottled and spots! \$400 cash only! Spirit Lake! Call Sandy, 307-262-5378

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**SHORKIE AND MALTESE** puppies born 9/13/2025. Fun, playful, and snuggly. Vaccinated and vet checked. Three available (first, fourth, and fifth in photo). \$900 each. Please text only, 208-784-3049, Hayden, ID

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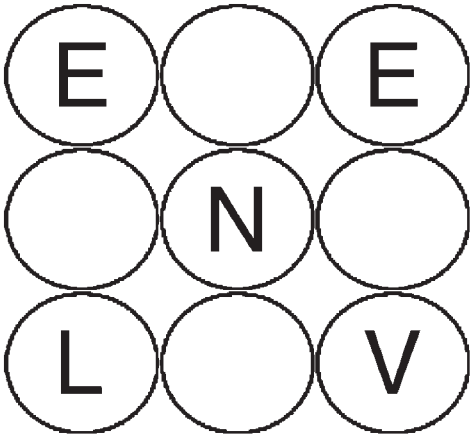
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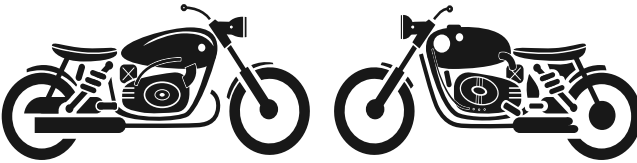


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# Wright Brothers Day December 17th

— National Day Calendar —



Wilbur in motion at left holding one end of glider (re-built with single vertical rudder), Orville lying prone in machine, and Dan Tate at right, in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on October 10, 1902. Rare Historical Photos

By Presidential Proclamation, December 17th is Wright Brothers Day. Each year, a proclamation invites the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The US Code directs that Wright Brothers Day commemorates the first successful flights in a heavier than air, mechanically propelled airplane. Orville and Wilbur Wright made that first successful flight on December 17th, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. While other inventors created planes that flew, Orville and Wilbur invented the first mechanically propelled aeroplane. Those inventors who came before them inspired the Wright brothers in many ways, too.

From a young age, Orville Wright and his brother, Wilbur, developed a fascination with flight. Inspired by a rubber band propelled helicopter created by the inventor, Alphonse Penaud, the brothers dedicated their lives to the invention. They first found success manufacturing bicycles, including the Van Cleve and St. Clair.

They never lost interest in flight and continued to develop designs. By 1902, the future aviators were making progress with their gliders and nearing a successful mechanical flight. They sold their bicycle business, and on December 17th, 1903, achieved their goal.

Orville Wright made the first flight for 12 seconds and 120 feet around the Wright Brothers National Memorial site, just south of Kitty Hawk on that date. While the Wright Brothers were not the first to build and fly experimental aircraft, they are recognized as the first to invent aircraft control that made the fixed-wing flight possible.

## More in Flight

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Read about the Wright Brothers and other aviation accomplishments. We recommend *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough, *Wilbur and Orville: A Biography of the Wright Brothers* by Fred Howard, *Flight: 100 Years of Aviation* by R.G. Grant.

Watch a documentary. A couple that you might find interesting include *Kitty Hawk: The Wright Brothers' Journey of Invention*, directed by David Garrigus, and *The Wright Stuff*, narrated by Garrison Keillor.

Build a model airplane or fly a drone in honor of the Wright Brothers.

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## NATIONAL WRIGHT BROTHERS DAY HISTORY

A joint resolution of Congress declared December 17th, 1963, as Wright Brothers Day. Congress later amended the resolution (77 Stat. 402; U.S.C. 143), designating December 17th of each year as Wright Brothers Day and authorized the President to issue annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

## Wright Brothers FAQ

Q. Where was the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop?

A. The Wright Brothers' bicycle operations were located in Dayton, OH.

Q. What was the name of the Wright Brothers' flying machine?

A. The brothers named the machine they flew on December 17, 1903, the Wright Flyer.

Q. Who flew the Wright Flyer?

A. On December 17, 1903, Orville Wright flew the first successful flight. However, Wilbur bested his brother's first flight. On the last and fourth flight of the day, Wilbur flew 852 feet (255.6 meters) in 59 seconds.

Q. Who helped the Wright brothers build the Wright Flyer?

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## Mule Deer 2025

Here's where we are, and from where we've come

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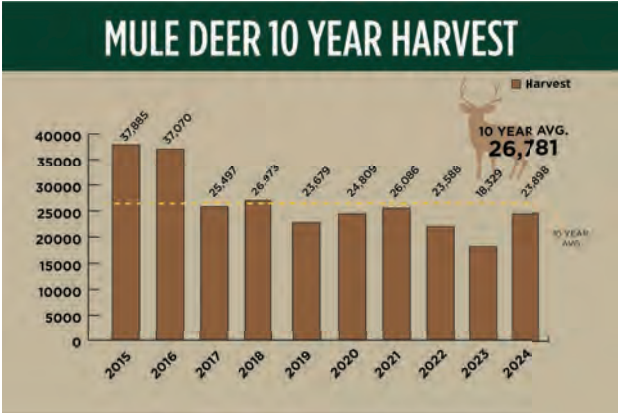


Mule deer hunters have reason to be optimistic about this fall, and cautious about the future. Mule deer harvest increased by 30% last fall over the 2023 season, and signs look promising we could see another harvest bump.

### Positive signs for 2025

Mild-to-normal winters typically grow Idaho's mule deer herds, or more accurately, allow herds to grow. But as history has often shown, the good times don't last forever. A normal winter in 2024-25 means favorable odds we'll have as good or better mule deer hunting than last year. Survival of collared fawns last winter was around 58 percent, a tick up from the long-term average of 57 percent.

"We're growing mule deer herds with 58% survival," Fish and Game's Deer/Elk Coordinator Toby Boudreau said.



Mule deer 10-year harvest 2025

Idaho is a big state, fawn survival wasn't uniform, and there are also some troubling signs ahead. But first, the good news. After the Southeast Region was hit hard by a catastrophic winter in 2022, it posted some of the highest fawn survival rates in the state last winter, which bodes well for their rebounding mule deer herds.

Things were opposite in the Southwest Region where despite a normal winter in Unit 39, which is one of the state's most-popular mule deer units, only 31% of collared fawns survived. No need to panic, yet, because Unit 39 still has one of the biggest mule deer herds in the state, but low fawn survival is a sign that the herd is reaching the limits of its habitat. Biologists have been seeing lighter fawns coming into recent winters, and fawn weight is an accurate predictor of their winter survival.

"Light fawns often indicates some habitat limitations on summer range," Boudreau said.

In short, too many mouths and not enough groceries. The solution could be something that's counter intuitive to many hunters - the need to harvest more deer, including does, to get a healthy and sustainable herd. Otherwise, a hard winter could hit those herds harder and drop them farther.

But when we look across southern Idaho, mule deer herds are healthy and growing in most areas, so the potential is there for an above-average hunting season.

To see regional information about mule deer hunting, see the 2025 Deer/Elk Outlook at [idfg.idaho.gov/article/2025-deerelk-hunting-outlook](http://idfg.idaho.gov/article/2025-deerelk-hunting-outlook).

### What does "average" really mean?

Here's where things get squishy. When we talk about "better hunting" we tend to be short sighted. Last year's harvest was the highest since 2018, but 37% less than 2015 (highest of the decade) and below the 10-year average.

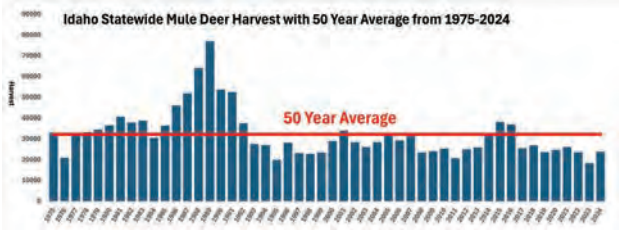
The harvests in 2015 and 2016 were each more than 10,000 deer above the 10-year average, which were followed by the catastrophic winter of 2016-'17. Since then, the annual harvests have ranged from 18,329 to 26,973.

As mentioned earlier, mule deer's historic population cycles are fairly predictable. Herds grow when conditions allow, then plummet after a hard winter, then start rebuilding.

"It's winter that decides which way that cycle goes," Boudreau said.

It's also hard to say what "average" Idaho mule deer hunting means when you look across past decades. The 50-year chart shows a similar trend to the 10-year graph. A decade of unusually high mule deer harvests between the 1980s and 1990s drove up the 50-year average, and only 3 years have had "above average" harvests since then.

So we're currently in rebuilding mode, but there's no guarantee how long it will continue because you can't predict when the next hard winter will hit.



50 year mule deer harvest 1975 - 2024

### Looking way back

Mule deer are an iconic western game animal that Idahoans have hunted for over a century. And with each generation, you will hear "it's not like it used to be." That's true, and always has been true, because of the cyclical nature of mule deer populations, as well as the ever-changing landscapes they inhabit.

When you factor in Idaho's population growth, development, changes in habitat, wildfires, drought, increases in elk herds, and other factors that influence mule deer herds, each decade looks different. And yes, some are worse than others.

If you're looking for a return to the "good ol' days," which were often much shorter than people remember, you see how dynamic mule deer populations can be, and how difficult, if not impossible, it can be to duplicate those years when the planets aligned and mule deer thrived for a glorious, but limited, time period. In short, it's different now than it was a couple decades ago, and it will likely be different from now in a couple more decades.

But things look pretty good for now. Not historically great, but better than we've seen in recent years. Not to overstate the obvious, but more deer in the mountains and sagebrush means better chances for a higher harvest. And things get better because consecutive normal winters also likely means more mature bucks.

### Take a deep dive into the history of mule deer in Idaho

Wildlife biologist Eric Freeman from the Southeast Region presented the Idaho Fish and Game Commission with this presentation on the history of Idaho's mule deer herds. This is an excellent summary of how our herds are faring, not just in Idaho, but elsewhere in the mule deer country, and how things have changed over decades and centuries. It's well worth your time. Check it out at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSQNPiWx40k&t=11559s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSQNPiWx40k&t=11559s).





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Hopeful hunters are encouraged to visit the website at fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/apprentice-hunter and read the apprentice hunter packet before seeking certification. Packets are also available at regional offices. There are guidelines for both the apprentice and the required mentor, including what apprentices can and cannot do, who can act as a mentor and how the certification process works.

### Some key details to note:

- Certification can be done at FWP regional offices or online via the Online Licenses Service ols.fwp.mt.gov/. A person must be certified before purchasing appropriate licenses, which will then show apprentice status
  - If the mentor is not related to an apprentice who is under the age of 18, a legal guardian's signature also will be needed on the Mentor form, and the parent must provide his or her driver's license
  - A youth need not accompany the adult to certify as an apprentice, but he or she must understand the guidelines.
- ### An Apprentice MUST:
- Be at least 10 years old at the time of license purchase
  - Pay a \$5 certificate fee; the apprentice license must be purchased separately from the adult's license
  - Hunt with a mentor who is at least 21 and who has a current hunting license

- Have the appropriate current Montana hunting licenses for the species being hunted; the licenses must show that he/she is apprentice hunter certified
- Stay within sight of the nonhunting mentor at all times

### An Apprentice MAY:

- Be a resident or nonresident
- Obtain apprentice certification for no more than two license years before he or she must complete a hunter safety and education course

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### A Mentor MUST:

- Be 21 or older
- Be related to the apprentice by blood, adoption or marriage; or be the apprentice's legal guardian or be designated by the apprentice's legal guardian (guardian must complete form and show ID)
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- Complete the Apprentice Hunter Mentor form
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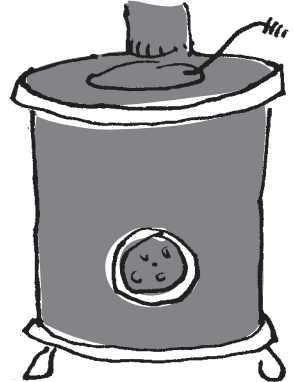
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6. According to NBA rules, what is the maximum pressure (in pounds per square inch) of an official basketball?
7. What starting pitcher for the Kansas City Royals won two AL Cy Young Awards (1985, 1989) and was named MVP of the 1985 World Series?

**Answers**  
1. Danny Abramowicz (his 3. The Transylvania Open.  
cracked helmet is in 4. Spain.  
the Pro Football Hall of 5. New York Yankees owner  
Fame).  
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of Wales Stakes and 7.5 PSI).  
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## Getting a COVID Booster Before a Cruise Is Prudent for Couple

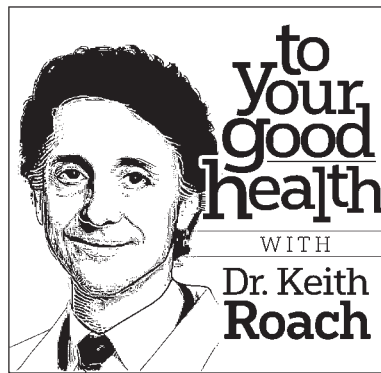
**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My husband and I will be traveling to the United Kingdom in July and will be on a ship with about 700 passengers. We are wondering whether it would be smart (or unnecessary) to get a COVID booster before the trip. We are both in our late 60s and have had all the available COVID shots. (The last one we received was on Oct. 10, 2024.)

I have mild asthma, and we both have BMIs of about 30 with no other health issues. There is so much information and misinformation on these vaccinations, so I would appreciate your educated opinion. -- O.W.I.

**ANSWER:** In my opinion, it would be very smart to get a COVID shot before you go, ideally at least two weeks ahead but no more than three months ahead. The vaccine takes about two weeks to work and gives its best protection for about three months.

At the time of this writing, a new strain (NB.1.8.1) is rapidly spreading in other countries and in North America. It would be very prudent for you both to get the vaccine, especially given your risk factors of being over 65, being a little overweight, and (in your case) having mild asthma. You may very well be exposed on a cruise ship, which is where some of the earliest COVID cases came from.

In the United States, the Food and Drug Administration has recently set new requirements on who can get the vaccine, and they have done so without



the input of experts -- the basic scientists, clinicians and epidemiologists who should all be giving input on vaccine policies. In short, administrators have removed your doctor's ability to decide whether you are appropriate for the vaccine.

Since you are over 65, you and your husband should still be able to get the vaccine unless the FDA further restricts the ability to get vaccines. For others in similar situations, I recommend getting the vaccine while you still have this choice.

**DR. ROACH WRITES:** Quite a few readers asked me about a recent high-profile case of advanced prostate cancer -- President Joe Biden -- and how this could have happened.

I first answer with humility. I don't know what the screening was like for President Biden. Although I have read reports that he was not being screened, I am not confident that I know enough to have an opinion on the appropriateness of the screening strategy used in his case.

Second, I answer from my knowledge on the biology of prostate cancer, which is that not all prostate cancers can be caught through screening. A PSA level can be low even with advanced cancer. Also, some prostate cancers can grow very quickly in between screenings. Both of these would be uncommon, however.

Screening does reduce the risk of death from prostate cancer but does not eliminate it. Prostate cancer death rates have decreased by about half in the U.S., partly from screening and partly due to improvements in medical, radiological and surgical treatment.

Third and most importantly, I answer with compassion. Looking backward is not helpful to the person who is facing a difficult diagnosis. I wish the best for President Biden and his family, and I am confident that he will get the best care available.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.*

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### MECHANICS OF SOLVING

**ACROSS**

1 Has a snooze

5 Workout unit

8 Anti-DUI ad, maybe

11 "The Maltese Falcon" hero

19 Conical-bore woodwind

20 Log chopper

21 Possess

22 Former airline to Rome

23 Composer of the 1938 ballet "The Incredible Flutist"

26 Squirrel-sized monkeys

27 Super-cold

28 Podded plant

29 What a dieter may reduce

31 Pressure-reducing elastic stockings

34 Mork's home planet

35 German city

36 Ordinal suffix

37 Yvette's "yes"

38 "Gremlins" actress Cates

44 Folk great Bob

47 Edison's phonograph medium

49 Writer Rand

52 Prefix with treat or trust

53 Bird bill

55 Booting out

56 Horn honk

58 Cleans up, as code

60 Hit PC game of the 1990s

62 Director Preminger

63 Heater along the bottom of a wall

67 Houston ballplayer

68 Ending for Gator

69 CIO partner

70 Greek vowels

75 Bracing wear for a body-builder

81 Dog in "The Thin Man"

85 "Little" actress Rae

86 Mrs. with a famous cow

87 "500" auto race

88 Hone

90 William of "Hopalong Cassidy"

91 Its cap. is Buenos Aires

93 Levy

94 Video surveillance device, briefly

97 Of — (somewhat)

99 Bit of skin art

100 Timid

101 Cable TV channel for buying goods

103 Flee to wed

107 "I solved it!"

108 Type of needle-free syringe

111 ThinkPad power source, e.g.

118 Cl- or Na+

119 Gold, to Luisa

120 Zesty potato chip go-with

121 Where nine key words in this puzzle can be found

124 Word after poet or Nobel

125 LA-to-MI dir.

126 Tea vessel

127 Swing about

128 Evaluated

129 Lobed thing

130 Turndowns

131 Actress Harper

9 Very muscular, in modern lingo

10 Year, to Nero

11 Like "Weekend Update" reports

12 "Alas and —"

13 "Bosch" actress Rogers

14 Lee of Marvel

15 Component

16 Et — (plus others)

17 Rinky- —

18 Relieve

24 Person for whom a thing is named

25 Kilt wearer

30 Butter-and-flour mixture

32 Crosswalk user, for short

33 Coop female

37 Tree of Illinois

38 Largest dwarf planet

39 — and hers

40 Aware of

41 Revise text

42 Crooked

43 Therefore

45 Venice beach resort

46 Totally lost

47 "That — close call!"

48 Former Royals manager Ned

49 "Mamma Mia" group

50 In-favor votes

51 Chick's home

53 Indian religion founder

54 White heron

57 For each

59 Talks big

60 Ticked off

61 Crimean resort port

64 Curtsy, e.g.

65 How often the sun rises

66 Fix, as a fight

71 Osaka sash

72 Festival shelter

73 Actor Alan

74 River of myth

76 "Old Mac-Donald" letters

77 Lacks entity

78 Impend, as a deadline

79 Investments for later yrs.

80 Songwriter Laura

81 Helper: Abbr.

82 Old New York ballpark

83 Diplomacy

84 In — (mired)

89 Expert

90 Large inlet

92 Actor Lorne

95 Like a slingshot or a wishbone

96 Schmooze

97 Singer DiFranco

98 Pampering, for short

101 Cowboy doing a roundup, say

102 Eye affliction

104 Peter of "Becket"

105 Spongelike

106 Wears away

107 Grab — (eat fast)

108 Actress Elfman

109 Hot rod fuel

110 Long — (winter undies)

111 Singer Falana

112 Santa — (hot winds)

113 Name of 12 popes

114 Ripped

115 Small bills

116 Sidewalk smooches, e.g., for short

117 Melody

122 Leg it

123 Prez after FDR

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## National Chocolate-Covered Anything Day December 16th — National Day Calendar —



Chocolate lovers rejoice on National Chocolate Covered Anything Day! December 16th offers the chocolate day you've been waiting for. On this day, dip and drizzle your favorite foods in every kind of chocolate imaginable.

If you could cover anything in chocolate, what would it be? So many foods improve when we dip them in chocolate. Many businesses build their foundation on the practice of dipping food into chocolate. Whether you pick up a chocolate fountain or order a bouquet of a beautiful arrangement of chocolate-dipped fruit, celebrate!

But fruit isn't the only food meant for dipping in chocolate. Oh no. Other foods cry out for chocolate, too. Have you tried chocolate-covered peanuts, cashews, or walnuts? Pretzels undergo a divine transformation when dipped in chocolate, and they even have a national day of their own. Pound cake and gummy candies taste delicious with chocolate, too. If you love coffee, how can you pass up chocolate-covered coffee beans?

The list goes on. What's your favorite covered chocolate covered anything?

### How To Observe Chocolate Covered Anything Day

Pick up some chocolate-covered anything, or try your hand at dipping your favorite food in chocolate. Invite friends to join you and share in the experiment. Chocolate-covered treats make great gifts during the holiday season, too.

#### Try these suggestions:

- Bananas and peanut butter
- Cookies
- Potato chips
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- Ritz crackers
- Biscotti
- Peanut brittle
- Marshmallows
- Fudge
- Shortbread
- Ice cream

Use #ChocolateCoveredAnythingDay to post on social media.

### National Chocolate Covered Anything Day History

Undeterred, National Day Calendar continues researching the origins of this chocolate lover's fantasy.

### Chocolate FAQ

Q. What does it mean to temper chocolate?

A. Tempering is a process that improves the quality of a substance. In the case of chocolate, it improves its resiliency and shine. It's recommended to use tempered chocolate when dipping or making candy.

Q. How do I temper chocolate?

A. There are a few different methods for tempering chocolate. One is to heat chocolate slowly in a microwave in 30-second intervals. When the chocolate starts to melt you are getting close. Stop heating the chocolate when it is soft but is still holding some of its shape. When you stir the chocolate, it should become smooth and lose its shape. Seeding chocolate is another method for tempering chocolate. Separate 1/3 of the chocolate and chop it into pea-sized bits. This is the seed chocolate. Melt the remaining 2/3 of the chocolate in a double boiler. The temperature you bring the chocolate to will depend on the type of chocolate.

- Dark Chocolate - 120°F
- Milk Chocolate - 115°F
- White Chocolate- 110°F

Remove the melted chocolate from the heat and stir in the seed chocolate. Keep stirring until the chocolate reaches a temperature of:

- Dark Chocolate - 82°F
- Milk Chocolate - 80°F
- White Chocolate- 78°F

Return the chocolate to the double boiler and bring it to the following temperature:

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## Pheasant Pot Pie

— Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks —

If your freezer is anything like mine, it's starting to stack up with pheasants. Here's a classic recipe for Pheasant Pot Pie from a 2014 issue of Montana Outdoors.

### CRUST

2 cups all-purpose flour

½ cup canola or vegetable oil

5 tablespoons water (plus 2 tablespoons for egg wash)

1 egg (for egg wash)

**PREPARATION:** Mix oil and 5 tablespoons of water and stir into flour to form dough. Divide into two equal parts. Roll out each part between wax paper to make two pastries.

### FILLING

2½ pounds boneless pheasant, grouse, or turkey meat, cut into 1-inch pieces

Salt and pepper

3 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil

3 garlic cloves, minced 3 celery ribs, diced

1 cup butternut squash or carrots, chopped into 1-inch chunks

3 cups chicken stock

5 tablespoons butter ¾ cup all-purpose flour

1 cup heavy cream

1 teaspoon dried rosemary

½ cup frozen pearl onions, cut in half

½ cup frozen peas

**PREPARATION:** Preheat oven to 375°. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil over medium-high heat in a large cast-iron skillet. Salt and pepper meat and add to the pan. Cook until browned, stirring occasionally. Set meat aside.

Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pan along with the garlic, celery, and squash (or carrots), and cook until slightly soft. Set aside.

Bring stock to a simmering boil in a small pot. In a saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Whisk in flour for 1 minute. Add stock and cream. Once mixture boils, turn heat down and simmer, whisking all the while, for 5 minutes. Add rosemary and season with salt and pepper.

To the cream mixture, stir in meat and all vegetables.

Place one pastry in a 9-inch glass pie pan. Trim so it's ½-inch wider than the glass edge. Spoon filling into the pastry-lined pan. Top with second pastry. Pinch the two edges together to seal. Cut slits in several places in top for steam to escape.

Make egg wash by mixing egg with 2 tablespoons water. Brush top pastry with mixture.

Bake pot pie for 35 minutes or until crust is golden.

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In the middle of the holiday bustle, they provide a sense of calm and control, helping you plan ahead, cut stress and truly savor the moments that matter most. Because the best holiday moments aren't just about what's on the table – they're about the joy you feel when you're a part of them, from the quiet satisfaction of chopping, stirring and creating to the connection that comes when you share the results with those you love.

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## **Homemade Pumpkin Ravioli with White Wine and Herb Butter Sauce**

*Recipe courtesy of Marge Perry and David Bonom*

*Servings: 4*

### Ravioli:

- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup grated Pecorino Romano cheese, plus additional for serving (optional)
- 2 tablespoons plain dried breadcrumbs
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- 48 round dumpling wrappers
- water

### Sauce:

- 6 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, divided
- 1/3 cup chopped shallots
- 2/3 cup dry white wine
- 3 tablespoons heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- To make ravioli: Line fine mesh sieve with dampened cheesecloth. Add pumpkin puree and strain 1 hour. Transfer to bowl and stir in egg, cheese, breadcrumbs, sugar, salt and nutmeg.
- Arrange six dumpling wrappers on work surface in single layer. Place 1 tablespoon pumpkin mixture in center of each and brush edges with water. Place second wrapper over filling, carefully pushing out any air bubbles then pressing edges to seal.
- Transfer ravioli to baking sheet covered with parchment paper. Place sheet of plastic wrap over ravioli. Repeat with remaining wrappers and filling.
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- Reduce heat to medium-low and whisk in remaining butter and heavy cream until melted. Stir in sage, chives and salt; keep warm, stirring occasionally.
- To cook ravioli, add half to simmering water and cook, stirring gently once or twice, 3 minutes. Remove with slotted spoon and divide between two plates. Add remaining ravioli to pot and repeat dividing between remaining plates. Spoon sauce over ravioli and serve with additional grated cheese, if desired.



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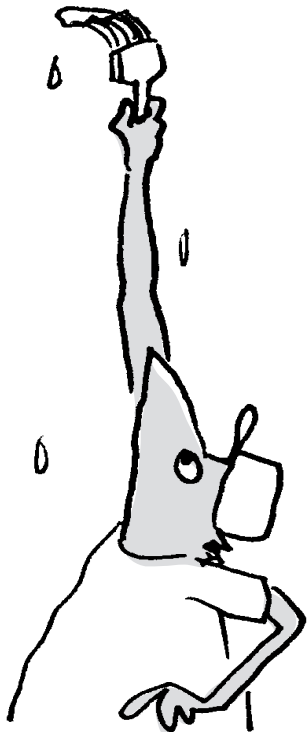
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## Christmas Day December 25th

— National Day Calendar —



Every year on December 25th, over 2 billion people around the world celebrate Christmas Day. Traditionally, Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Nonreligious people and those of different faiths celebrate the day as a cultural event.

Also known as Christmas Day, this holiday is derived from the Old English Crīstesmæsse which means Christ’s Mass. Today, Christmas is a public holiday in most countries. Only about a dozen countries do not recognize Christmas as a public holiday. Christmas traditions vary around the world and have evolved over time. They borrow from other traditions and cultures, too. Over time, beliefs and customs blended as peoples migrated and attitudes changed.

One of the most popular Christmas customs is gift-giving. This custom has its roots in the Magi who brought gifts to Jesus shortly after his birth. Unfortunately, the gift-giving aspect of Christmas has led to its commercialization. On average, Americans spend \$700 on Christmas gifts and goodies. Altogether, this equals \$465 billion. In recent years, there has been a call to simplify the holiday and to get back to the “reason for the season.”

### Christmas Traditions

- **Candy canes** While plain, unflavored candy sticks and canes existed as early as the 1600s, it wasn’t until 1920 that the hooked version became exceptionally popular. Bob McCormack of Albany, Georgia took the peppermint candy, gave it a red and white striped twist. His handmade candies were given a manufacturing boost when his brother-in-law and priest, Gregory Keller, invented the machine that launched Bob’s Candies into mass production. However, Keller’s invention wasn’t the first of its kind.
- **Poinsettia** Another tradition that blossomed in the United States during the 1920s, the poinsettia’s legend takes place in Mexico. According to the legend, a girl wanted desperately to celebrate Jesus’s birthday. Worried, the girl feared she would have no gift to offer because she was so poor. An angel tells her to give any gift with love. After gathering weeds from alongside the road, the young girl placed them in the manger. Miraculously the weeds bloomed into beautiful red stars.
- **Christmas trees** Evergreens, fir trees, and other plants have been a part of the winter festivals and traditions since ancient times. The first person to place a tree in a house for the purposes of Christmas may have been the German preacher Martin Luther in the 16th century.

### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



- **St. Nicholas** Legendary stories about the third century St. Nicholas later become part of the inspiration for the modern-day Santa Claus.
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- **Caroling** Wassailing and caroling history go hand in hand. Originally, wassail referred to a mulled, sweet drink. It came to be known as going from house to house during the winter months and eventually as caroling. The carolers are often given hot beverages to drink to keep them warm as they travel. Learn more about 7 Beloved Christmas Carols & Their Origins.
- **A Christmas Carol** A *Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens was published on December 19, 1843, and tells the story of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge. So popular was the novella, the first theatre production took place within weeks of its publication. Since then, films, stage, and novels have presented a variety of adaptations much to the audiences’ delight.
- **Fruitcake** The American tradition of eating - or giving - fruitcake at Christmas is somehow connected to the Victorian tradition of serving Christmas pudding. Both are molded, but that’s about where the similarities end.

### How To Observe Christmas

Most Christmas traditions are celebrated in the days leading up to Christmas. In the morning, see what Santa has delivered. Gather with family and open presents around a decorated tree or have a meal together.

Other traditions include:

- Taking pictures with santa
- Baking cookies and goodies to exchange, such as fudge and gingerbread men
- Hanging lights
- Making ornaments
- Going to holiday concerts
- Watching holiday-themed movies, both old and new
- Opening advent calendars

No wonder many people call this the most wonderful time of the year! On Christmas Day, many families open their gifts in the morning. A special Christmas dinner follows complete with lots of goodies for dessert. The best thing about Christmas is that you can choose which traditions you want to keep. You can also have fun coming up with new traditions. Share your favorite Christmas Day traditions on social media with #Christmas.

### Christmas History

It is debatable whether Jesus was born on December 25th. Nowhere does the Bible provide the exact date of his birth. If this is the case, why does the world celebrate Christmas on this day? The first Christmas ever celebrated happened in 336. It was during the

time the Roman Empire was ruled by Constantine. He was the first Christian Roman Emperor. Under Constantine, Christianity spread into Northern and Western Europe.

One of the earliest references to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is in a homily by John Chrysostom, a 4th-century archbishop. Christmas is a relatively new celebration when considering church holy days. Passover, Lent, and Easter were celebrated long before Christmas.

### Winter Solstice

These regions celebrated the Winter Solstice. Christmas adopted many of the customs associated with the Winter Solstice. These customs included decorating with evergreen trees and their boughs. It also included large feasts and a bearded man delivering gifts. In medieval times, Christmas was a solemn observance of the birth of Jesus Christ, and very little feasting, singing, and carousing was going on. The first record of the word “Cristes Maesse” being used was in a book from 1038 from Saxon England.

As Christianity spread into northern and western Europe, Christmas adopted many of the customs associated with the winter solstice. Decorating with evergreen trees and their boughs, holly, and mistletoe, a bearded man delivering gifts and even the large feasts all harken back to these celebrations.

Caroling, Nativity scenes, and gift-giving (primarily to nobility with hopes of favors in return) began taking hold around the Renaissance period. Royalty and nobility had a considerable influence on this era. The Renaissance period covered a broad expanse of time (1300-1700) and was filled with an influx of inspiration, invention, and art. All of it influenced Christmas. Some Christians, like the Puritans didn’t celebrate Christmas at all. This was largely due to the holiday’s pagan background. Christmas was illegal in Massachusetts between 1659 and 1681.

### Christmas in The United States

One hundred years after the founding of the United States, Christmas became a federal holiday.

By the mid to late 1800s, communication and transportation were changing rapidly. Time and distance isolated people causing customs and traditions to be diverse from place to place. Celebrations occurring in Georgia were completely unique from those celebrated in New York. Nearly overnight that began to change. Telegraphs and railroads made the passage of information and people, if not instant, significantly faster than ever before. Longing for the old days, for times when the family was a central theme in American’s lives, Christmas brought those nostalgic feelings under one significant day.

Louis Prang, a German immigrant and printer by trade, introduced the American Christmas card in 1875. The Christmas card gradually replaced customs of personal visits or written Christmas letters.

As the population grew, so did commerce and an increase in both charitable and personal gift giving followed. However, many givers and recipients still valued handmade gifts over store-bought.

Literature such as Clement Moore’s poem *An Account of Visit from Saint Nicholas* (1823) and Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* (1843) influenced the Norman Rockwell vision of the Christmas we celebrate today.





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*Cook time: 5 minutes*

*Servings: 1*

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- 1 egg
- nonstick cooking spray
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- 2 tablespoons honey, for garnish
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar, for garnish

Preheat mini waffle maker. Heat rice according to package directions.

In medium mixing bowl, combine rice and egg. Mix well.

Spoon rice mixture into waffle maker. Cook until light goes off.

Place waffle on plate with cooked chicken tenders on top.

Drizzle with honey, sprinkle powdered sugar on top and serve.



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*Prep time: 10 minutes*

*Cook time: 30 minutes*

*Servings: 6*

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- 1/2 cup Buffalo hot sauce
- 4 cups frozen cauliflower florets, blanched and cooled
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/3 cup finely crumbled blue cheese
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 400 F. Prepare rice according to package directions. Transfer to greased 8-by-8-inch baking dish.

In medium bowl, stir cream cheese and hot sauce. Add cauliflower, cheddar cheese, salt and pepper; toss to combine. Spoon over rice. Sprinkle with blue cheese.

Bake 25-30 minutes until golden brown and bubbly. Sprinkle with green onions.

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- 1 onion, chopped
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- 3 1/2 cups chicken broth, divided
- 3/4 cup low-fat milk
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 pinch nutmeg
- 1 pinch salt, plus additional, to taste, divided

- 1 pinch pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded, divided
- chopped parsley (optional)
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- 4. Add butternut squash cubes to onions along with 2 cups chicken broth. Cover and bring to boil. Reduce heat and cook until squash is soft and most liquid is reduced.
- 5. Pour squash and onions into bowl and add milk, remaining chicken broth, dry mustard, nutmeg and pinch of salt and pepper. Using KitchenAid Evergreen Design Series Tilt-Head Stand Mixer, puree mixture until smooth and creamy.
- 6. Pour pureed sauce into saute pan. Over low heat, add Parmesan cheese and 3/4 cup sharp cheddar cheese a little at a time, stirring constantly. Add noodles and stir well.
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## Make Peppermint Bark Holiday Candy

The holiday season tastes like peppermint, and most of us can't get enough. Peppermint mocha brightens the morning, peppermint ice cream makes us dreamy at night, and cute red-and-white-striped candy canes evoke festive childhood memories during the hours in between.

While on the topic of peppermint whatever's, I can't leave out yummy -- and trendy -- peppermint bark. Who can resist the sweet layers of dark and white chocolate topped with crunchy peppermint bits? The bright holiday tins filled with the confection at high-end kitchenware stores are tempting to buy, but they're also pricey.

This year, make your own batch or two of peppermint bark with this easy, economical version using ingredients from the baking section and candy aisle of the grocery store. Older kids can melt the candy coating (almond bark) in the microwave, while preschoolers can pound candy canes into small bits with a toy hammer to sprinkle on top. Working together with you, the entire prep takes less than half an hour. The kids can scoot off to another activity while the bark cools and hardens.

### EASY HOLIDAY PEPPERMINT BARK

*Yield: Makes about 1 3/4 pounds*

1 pound good-quality chocolate confectionary coating, broken into pieces (Look for it in the grocery baking section, sometimes labeled "almond bark" or "candy coating.")

1 1/2 teaspoons pure peppermint extract

12 ounces good-quality white vanilla-flavored confectionary coating, broken into pieces

1/2 cup crushed candy canes

Line a baking sheet with foil sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. In a microwave-safe bowl, heat chocolate coating uncovered for 90 seconds on high power, and stir. Continue to microwave and stir at 30-second intervals until almost melted. (Be sure to use a dry bowl and utensils.)

Add 1 teaspoon peppermint extract, and stir until smooth. Pour onto the foil-lined baking sheet. Spread evenly into a thin layer, approximately 10 by 14 inches.

In another microwave-safe bowl, heat white coating as you did with chocolate. Add 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract (optional) and stir until smooth. Spoon evenly over chocolate layer, which should be setting up but not hard, as you want the white layer to bond with the base layer.

Immediately sprinkle peppermint pieces all over and lightly press them into the white layer with a spatula or a spoon. Don't wait on this step, or the top layer will harden and the candies won't stick.

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