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## Kindness Wears the Crown in "A Little Princess" Opens Friday, March 27th at Lake City Playhouse

— Monica Thomas —

There are few classic children's stories with as much pure-hearted goodness as Frances Hodgson Burnett's *A Little Princess*. It follows the story of Sara Crewe, a young girl sent to a London boarding school where she is, for the first time, separated from her family and all she loves. It's a story of unshakable resilience; no matter what sorrows are thrown her way, Sara faces it all with grace, dignity, and unwavering kindness—characteristics befitting her idea of what a real princess is, which is exactly why she does it.

"I do pretend I am a princess so that I can try and behave like one," Sara explains to one of her schoolmates in the play. And it is that very game of pretend, her unfailing kindness, and the constant use of her imagination that sees Sara through to the touching, beautiful end of her troubles.

*"If nature has made you for a giver, your hands are born open, and so is your heart; and though there may be times when your hands are empty, your heart is always full, and you can give things out of that—warm things, kind things, sweet things—help and comfort and laughter."* — *A Little Princess*

For a story centered around a young girl at an all girls' boarding school, it's fitting that two thirds of this show's cast is comprised of kids under the age of fifteen (the youngest is just five years old, the oldest is joining two of his granddaughters on stage), combining typical community theater with children's theater in its own special blend of magic—the magic of community and found family.

Evangeline Hall is the young actress who plays Sara Crewe, the story's main character. Hall said this is one of her favorite roles out of the nine shows she's been in over the last three years, and that, acting-wise, she loves "when Sara is really being Sara, it's fun to just be super imaginative."

Another young actress on stage is Gianna Esposito who plays Ermengarde, one of Sara's best friends. "I like how you get to bring the character, their personality, to life. It's really fun! And I like making friends with my fellow castmates."

Long time Lake City Playhouse veteran Jolena Long was the perfect choice for directing this beautiful classic. When Brooke Wood, LCP's Artistic Director, was looking for shows to make up the 2025-2026 season, she touched upon *A Little Princess*, "...and I just lit up! I love that story!" Long recounted. "And I think Brooke could pick up on my passion for it; she tends to like to pull directors in who are passionate about that particular project."

"I loved the story as a child," she continued, "I loved the way the story was told. There was this magic, and you couldn't really name it, but it was happening around you. And it turns out it was just kindness and it was goodness; that was the magic of the story."

"A lot of the scripts I read just glossed over the magic of it, the wonder... I was hoping to find <a script> that really captured the story like I remembered. I got about ten pages in and I was like, 'This is it.' There's direct quotes from the book in it, which I absolutely love. There's music written into it, there's underscoring. On stage you have actors and lights and music; that is like the trifecta of creating this magical feeling in the room."

Additional ways that this story brings a sense of childlike wonder to the stage is its use of puppets for its non-human characters, namely a monkey and a rat. Being that Long is a woman of many talents and never shies away from a challenge—and as community theater budgets tend to be on the smaller side and don't typically leave room for purchasing life-like puppets—she decided to make them. "Which has been very, very fun! And I'm hoping that <they> will help us make this story magical."

*A Little Princess* truly is such a beautiful, whimsical piece of classic literature, which has been lovingly translated for the stage. Besides the belief that true nobility is an internal trait (rather than one dependent upon wealth), other recurring themes are generosity, seeing the world with empathy, and treating others with respect and kindness above all else—even when they don't deserve it.

And isn't that a message we all should do our best to remember?

For tickets, visit [www.lakecityplayhouse.org](http://www.lakecityplayhouse.org) or call 208-771-7061 up to two hours before any showtime.

**7:30pm shows:** Friday 3/27, Thursday 4/2, Friday 4/3, Thursday 4/9, Friday 4/10

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Evangeline Hall as Sara Crewe and Anna Carr as Becky

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Thanks to the quality of the weaving and beauty of the designs, they quickly became fashionable luxury items. They weren't just for the floor; paintings show them covering tables. Some decorators will hang them on the wall as decoration and extra insulation. The durable fabric, not to mention the attractive colors and patterns, also make them appealing options for upholstery.

This bench, which sold for \$594 at Thomaston Place Auction Galleries, is upholstered with a kilim. According to the description, it was made in the 20th century, but the fabric came from an earlier rug. It may have been a way to repurpose a worn or damaged rug, indicating that what we now call upcycling has been around for a long time.

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**Q:** I purchased this metal container about 40 years ago. The owner said he bought it in Japan. It is in perfect condition and has an ornate design with towers and a small boat floating among tall grasses. It seems to be made of bronze. What is it used for and what is your judgment of its value?

**A:** It sounds like you have a bronze censer, used for burning incense. Incense was used in Japan for Buddhist ceremonies by the sixth century and became an important part of Japanese culture and status symbol among the wealthy. Some Japanese censers are made to use in tea ceremonies. Early censers were usually made of porcelain or wood. Bronze censers with elaborate decorations



Rugs aren't just for covering the floor. An antique kilim rug, a style originating in Western Asia, found another life as upholstery for a 20th-century bench.

became popular in the late 19th to early 20th centuries. These are often collected today. Depending on their size and condition, bronze censers are usually worth about \$100 to \$400.

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### CURRENT PRICES

*World's Fair*; medal, 1901, Alaska-Yukon-Pacific, gilt, embossed, three figures, William H. Seward bust, Seal of Seattle on reverse, black ribbon, medal, 1 inch, \$105.

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*Toy*, horse, riding, folk art, painted, hair mane and tail, leather saddle, on platform, painted border, geometric, multicolor, wheels, Victorian, 23 x 28 inches, \$895.

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## Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

### Salt Dishes

Salt has played an important role in human history as it does at the dinner table. It provides necessary nutrients, and it made food preservation possible long before refrigeration. The difficulty of obtaining it and the amount of processing required made it extremely valuable.

Many known prehistoric towns were salt production sites; human migration, trade, and even wars have been driven by access to salt. For centuries, salt was served at the table in open dishes, which collectors may call salt cellars, salt dishes open salts, or simply "salts."

It wasn't until the 1900s, after the discovery of additives that allowed for a finer grind and prevented lumping, that the familiar saltshaker became commonplace. Even then, some companies continued making salt dishes. They were often highly decorative, like this three-part open salt that sold for \$584 at Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates. It was made in Czechoslovakia and dates to the 1920s. It features the rich colors and elaborate decorations collectors associate with the region's glassware.

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**Q:** Being the curator at the Ward-Thomas Museum for over 40 years, we sometimes have strange things donated to the museum and become perplexed in trying to determine what they are and what they are used for. Such is the case of the 9x19-inch wooden board with many wire bars that slide into attached slots. A ledge-like piece on one side holds the wire bars in place. The wooden frame that holds the metal bars looks worn, leading me to believe it was held in some person's hands while using the item. If it is a part of something else, we do not know. There is no instruction pamphlet.

**A:** This came as a challenge to us, too, but we suspect that what you have is a pleater, or "plaiter," as it used to be called, to make pleats in fabric for home sewing. Similar devices, wooden boards about the same size with movable metal bars, were patented as "plaiters" in the late 1800s. Unlike the fluted irons or mechanical rollers available at the time,



Most of us are used to having a saltshaker available at any meal. Ornately decorated salt dishes call back to a time when it was a luxury.

also known as crimpers or rufflers, these pleaters allowed for different types and sizes of pleats. Some surviving examples have paper labels with the maker's name and instructions for use, but these labels wear away easily.

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**TIP:** A small chip in a glass goblet or vase can be ground off by a glass-repair expert, but there is little that can be done for cracks.

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#### CURRENT PRICES

*Lamp, oil, Vaseline glass, Sheldon swirl, opalescent, clear pressed stand, round foot, hurricane shade, 16 inches, \$90.*

*Toy, Kiddy Cyclist, child on tricycle, red overalls, animals on wheels, multicolor, tin lithograph, wind-up, Unique Art Mfg., 8 1/2 inches, \$110.*

*Barber, pole, red, white and blue stripe, paper, glass tube, steel and chrome caps, aluminum bracket, turns, lights up, William Marvy, 1950s, 18 1/2 inches, \$450.*

*Furniture, day bed, Regency, mahogany, upholstered seat, turned ball feet, high scrolled arms, 31 x 85 inches, \$1,660.*

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One strategy that some species, particularly those species that are more commonly seen as prey (deer, rabbits, birds), use is to distance themselves from their young for many hours at a time. This helps to keep predators away from their young. For example, fawns are born without a scent and it is safer for them if their mother, who has a scent, is not nearby. This also can potentially distract a predator into focusing on the doe instead of their offspring.

FWP believes wild animals thrive better in the wild where they have plenty of natural habitat (food, water, shelter, space) and thrive better with other wildlife than with humans, who they consider an apex predator. Nature provides them the best options for survival and a better quality of life.

The potential to spread wildlife disease is also a good reason to leave young wildlife alone. Baby ground squirrels, raccoons and rabbits can carry zoonotic diseases, which means diseases that are infectious for humans. Examples include plague, hemorrhagic diseases and tularemia.

If you see a baby animal, whether a goose or a grizzly, keep your distance and leave it alone. Handling baby animals can be dangerous, and usually once young animals are picked up by people they can't be rehabilitated. They are often abandoned by adult animals once human scent is transferred to them.

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- 1 pound fresh shaved sirloin steak
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## April

— National Day Calendar —



April is the fourth month of the year and consists of 30 days on the Gregorian calendar and its predecessor, the Julian calendar. Its name is derived from the Latin word *aperit*, which means "to open." In the Northern Hemisphere, April is a part of the growing season. The sun warms the earth, awakening the plants and blossoms and leaves "open" bright and new. It is also believed that the month's name is named after the Greek goddess, Aphrodite (Aphros).

April wasn't always the fourth month. Originally, the Roman calendar placed the month second, though it still consisted of 30 days. It became the fourth month consisting of only 29 days when January was designated the first month of the year around 450 BCE. April became 30 days long again when Julius Caesar reformed the calendar.

### Weather & Seasons

April is the second month of spring and on the lips of many is the old saying "April showers bring May flowers." The chilly winds and damp weather are not yet done. April then is a hopeful month showing the promise of beauty in the not too distant future. In the Southern Hemisphere, fall begins.

The Easter holiday most often falls during April. Easter is the commemoration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Many of the rituals surrounding its celebration have a pagan origin including hiding easter eggs. Eggs are a symbol of fertility and new life.

April's full moon is called the Pink Moon and represents the pink phlox flower that blooms in April. When the Pink Moon is also the first full moon of spring it is called the Paschal moon.

April is also a terrific month for sports. The official baseball season begins. Golf gets into the swing of things, too plus basketball and hockey are in the midst of their regular season. Professional soccer is heading toward season finales.

### What's Your Sign?

Those born in April are either an Aries (the Ram) or Taurus (the Bull). A diamond is April's best friend... we mean birthstone. The birth flowers are daisy and sweet pea.

### Five Fast Facts

1. April Fool's Day may have originated in France where New Years Day was celebrated during Medieval times on April 1st. When Gregory XIII changed it back to January 1st in 1582, many people in rural areas did not make the change for several years. The cosmopolitan city dwellers thought them fools for this reason, and it became the fashion to take advantage of the naivete of the provincials on this date. The practice spread to England and other English speaking countries.

2. April starts on the same day of the week as July and ends on the same day of the week as December in common years. During leap years, April starts on the same day of the week as January.
3. Those born in April share their birthdays with:

- Lon Chaney
- Susan Boyle
- Buddy Ebsen
- Marvin Gaye
- Emmylou Harris
- Billy Holiday
- Francis Ford Coppola
- Jackie Chan
- John Madden
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- Ashley Judd
- Jack Nicholson
- Kal Penn
- George Lopez
- Djimon Hounsou
- Al Pacino
- Jay Leno
- Uma Thurman
- Kirsten Dunst

4. Spring cleaning is associated with several cultures but its place in April comes from the Jewish tradition to prepare the home for Passover. It's also part of the Christian tradition in preparation for the first day of Lent.
5. How many people do you know named April? The name "April" is ranked April is also a popular name given to a lot of people. In the United States, the name April is the 453rd most common name. The United Kingdom ranks the name slightly higher at 278th most common name.

## Community Calendar

**Coerly Q's Square Dancing**, 6:30pm-8pm every Thursday, at Harding Family Center Gym, 411 N. 15th St., CdA, enter from west side parking lot. Dance in a group of 8 to patterns directed by a caller to music which can be rock, classical, pop or country. More info, Donna Seil at 208-772-9802, email [dseil125@gmail.com](mailto:dseil125@gmail.com)

**The Well** is a free family wellness program every Wednesday, 5:30pm, at Kroc Center, 1765 W. Golf Course Rd., CdA. No Kroc membership is needed.

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**Drop-in Open Crafting**, every Tuesday, 1pm-2:30pm, Kellogg Library, 16 W. Market St., Kellogg, 208-786-7231. Drop in every Tuesday with an artsy project to work on, or pick up ideas for felting, knitting, crochet, embroidery or cross-stitch. Refreshments & materials provided. Geared to ages 15+.

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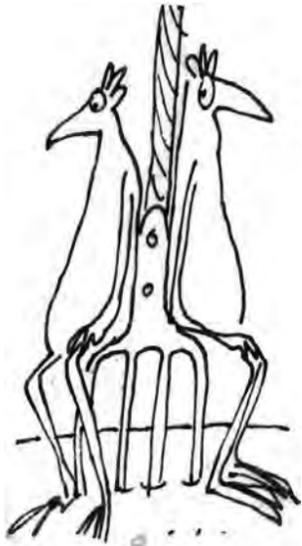


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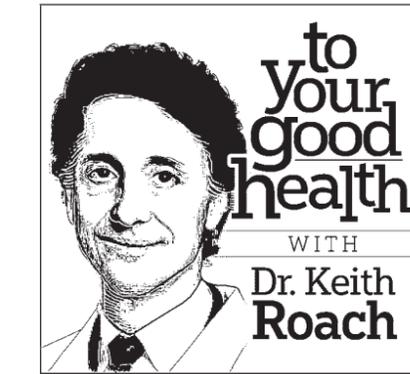
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## Low-Risk Estradiol Treatment Comes With FDA-Boxed Warning

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 70-year-old woman who has suffered with vaginal dryness ever since I went through menopause. My doctor has prescribed estradiol 0.01% hormone cream to help with the symptoms. The side effects and warnings are worrisome, even though my doctor assures me that it's safe to use. I value your opinion and would appreciate your thoughts. — K.C.

ANSWER: The Food and Drug Administration requires boxed warnings, which are the highest level of concern, on systemic estrogen like pills. Until November 2025, the same warnings existed on topical treatments like creams and gels. In my opinion, the risks of estrogen cream like the estradiol that you have been prescribed are low. I agree with removing the boxed warning since it can scare women from using these helpful, low-risk treatments for their symptoms of low estrogen, including vaginal dryness or painful sex.

As always, I do recommend that anyone who is prescribed estrogen and has a history of an estrogen-sensitive tumor (such as breast cancer) should discuss this treatment with their oncologist prior to starting it. For most healthy menopausal women, topical estradiol is an excellent and very safe choice.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I've read that millions of people have parasites and aren't even aware of it. How do I cleanse myself safely? I'm hesitant to use animal medications like fenbendazole or ivermectin. I drink clove tea daily, but I don't believe that it's

sufficient because it doesn't cross the blood-brain barrier. What are your thoughts since this is one of your fields of study? -- R.R.

ANSWER: It is probably true that millions of people in the United States alone have undiagnosed parasitic infections. The most common of these are intestinal parasites, such as Blastocystis or Strongyloides. While it may be unpleasant to think about intestinal parasites, we generally don't recommend treatment in asymptomatic people, even if it's been diagnosed.

Microorganisms are categorized into three groups: beneficial ones, like the healthy bacteria that are found in our intestines by the trillions; harmful (pathogenic) ones that cause disease; and commensals, which neither help nor hurt us much. For most people, protozoans like Blastocystis are commensals, so there is no need to treat them. There are very few instances of when an asymptomatic parasite needs to be treated, and it is quite rare among people who are born in the U.S.

Clove tea is a traditional herbal medicine to treat some parasites, but it is not particularly effective; I don't recommend it as a treatment.

The most common symptoms of intestinal parasites are diarrhea, abdominal pain, bloating, gas, anal itching and weight loss. Parasites are not a common cause of these symptoms in the U.S., but persistent symptoms deserve a thorough evaluation, not home remedies and certainly not powerful antiparasitic medicine -- unless it's been prescribed after a firm diagnosis.

Ivermectin is used in both animals and humans for parasitic infections. Although fenbendazole isn't approved for humans, similar medicines like albendazole can be used for humans in cases where a parasite is in need of treatment. Infectious disease doctors are the experts in the treatment of parasitic infections.

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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).

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## Community Free Meals

**Community Dinner** every Tuesday at Cup of Grace, 31848 N. 4th Ave., Spirit Lake. Free dinner and all ages are welcome! Bring a sealable container for to-go meals!

**Friday Community Meals**, 5:30pm every Friday, True North Church, 10583 N. Government Way, Hayden. Enjoy a free, home-cooked meal. All are welcome every Friday evening. Offered because meals are more than just nourishment; they are a reminder that no one is forgotten, and everyone deserves a place at the table.

**Sunday Community Lunches**, 12:30pm-1:30pm every Sunday, Lutheran Church of the Master, 4800 N. Ramsey Rd., CdA. Free and open to the public every Sunday afternoon.

**Bountiful Meals**, every Sunday, 12:30-1:30pm, Community Presbyterian Church, 417 N. William

St., Post Falls, 208-773-2527. CPC hosts bountiful community meals free of charge every Sunday. All are welcome!

**Free Veteran Burgers**, 5pm-7pm every Friday, at Wallace Elks Lodge #331, 419 Cedar St.

**Soup's On!**, every Wednesday, 5pm, Osburn Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 114 N. 5th St., Osburn. Serving delicious soups, green salads, breads & desserts. Meals are served every Wednesday, are open to the public & free of charge.

**Ecumenical Food Kitchen**, every Thursday, 11:30am-1pm, First Presbyterian Church (gym), 521 E. Lakeside Ave., Coeur d'Alene, 208-667-8446. Those who are in need of nourishment are served a free hot lunch every Thursday, provided by several local denominations including Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, & Methodist. More info: 208-667-8445

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# Pets

## Pets of the Week: Fiona and Larry

— Priest River Animal Rescue —



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## Community Calendar

**Lawyer in the Library**, 4pm-6pm the first Thursday of each month at CdA Library. A free resource provided by Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program for low income individuals & families who need civil legal services (no criminal issues). Registration is required and must be completed 24 hours in advance. Find more at [cdalibrary.libcal.com/event/14861821](http://cdalibrary.libcal.com/event/14861821)

**Spring Walking Adventures: Trees, Forest Health & Fire Mitigation**, Wednesday, April 15th, 9am for ages 13+ on Tubbs Hill. Learn from foresters about fuel reduction & plans for future tree planting while walking the main loop trail. Meet at the east trailhead (SE side-11th Street) to begin hike. Also: April 29, "Osprey Walk".

**Community Recycle Day**, Saturday, April 25th, 10am-2pm at Post Falls City Hall, 408 N. Spokane St.

(use 5th Ave. entrance). Post Falls residents can drop off old electronics (computers, printers, monitors), cardboard (flattened), and paper for shredding. Post Falls Police Dept. will accept old unwanted prescription medications for safe disposal also. Participants will receive free insulated grocery bags, recycling calendars and more.

**Wild Spring Mushrooms of Northern Idaho**, 2pm Saturday, April 25th, at Sprag Pole Bar & Museum, 6353 Prichard Creek Rd., Murray. Mushroom enthusiast Rebecca Richardson will give tips for mushroom hunting. Take specimens for help with identification too! Be sure to see the museum while there. Admission is free; donations welcome.

**Game On!**, every Tuesday, 3:30pm-4pm, Pinehurst Library, 107 Main St., Pinehurst. Gather for cards, board games & chess - ages 18+.

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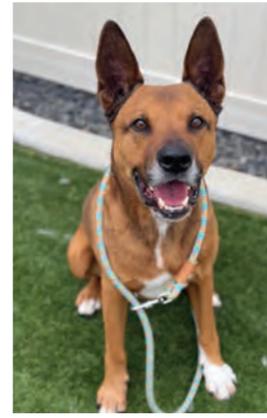
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## Pets of the Week: Pinky & Brain and Bruno

— Companions Animal Center —



Pinky is bonded with Brain. They are both three-years-old, very nice and are quiet and shy but love to play and give attention once they feel comfortable with you. They came in as strays so therefore we aren't sure how they do with other dogs or cats. We do know that they would thrive in a family environment since they are both good with kiddos and loves cuddles.



Bruno is a handsome 4-year-old shepherd mix with a big heart and an even bigger presence. He's a smart, loyal guy who forms strong bonds with his people and takes his job of being your dog very seriously. Once he knows you're part of his circle, he's devoted and eager to please.



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.

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## Pets of the Week: Indi and Prince

— Better Together Animal Alliance —



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Meet Indi! Brimming with personality and that classic tuxedo charm, Indi is quite the beauty to behold. She may not leap up to greet you the first time you meet her, but once she takes a liking to you, she'll want you to hold onto her and never let go. Literally. She hisses if you try sometimes. But she doesn't mean to come off scary! She just wants you to know how much she loves you. Dogs and other cats are on the hiss list for real, though. She does not like them. But she will love you! And she'll tell you all about it, too, greeting you with a meow and many headbutts and purrs. So, what are you waiting for? Stop by BTAA to see this mischievous charmer for yourself! **Quick facts:** Affectionate, vocal, indoor-only



Meet Prince! This striking 7.5-year-old, 65-pound mixed-breed boy is as smart as he looks. With his bright eyes and alert expression, Prince is always ready for fun—whether that's running around, chasing his toys, or relaxing by your side on the couch. He's a clever pup who knows several commands and loves showing off his skills. Prince thrives on playtime and companionship, but he also appreciates having his own space to decompress. Because of this, he'd do best as the only dog in the household. He can be sensitive to loud noises, so a calm and quiet environment will help him feel secure. His history with cats is unknown. If you're looking for a loyal companion who's both playful and affectionate, Prince may be the perfect match. Come meet him today! **Quick Facts:** Playful and enjoys playing fetch, recommended as an only dog in the household, responds to several commands



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## Community Calendar

**Theatre: A Little Princess**, March 27th–April 12th at Lake City House, 1320 E. Garden Ave., CdA. Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic uplifting tale comes to life! Grab tickets for this beautiful family-friendly play at [www.lakecityplayhouse.org](http://www.lakecityplayhouse.org)

**Pay It Forward Baby & Toddler Gear Swap**, Saturday, March 28th, 11am-3pm at CdA Library. Gently-used, pre-sorted by size, donations can be dropped off in the Jameson Room the day before (Fri) from 9 am-5 pm. No items to donate? That's OK- receive items Saturday. More info at [cdalibrary.libcal.com/event/15762263](http://cdalibrary.libcal.com/event/15762263).

**Spring Craft Fair & Bake Sale**, Saturday, March 28th, 9am-3pm at John Brown Elementary School, 15574 Washington Ave., Rathdrum. Proceeds from bake sale, raffle and vendor fees go to fund activities and items for students and JBE staff. Free admission and Easter Bunny pictures! Questions? Call Cailey at 208-687-0551 or email [jbeptu@lakeland272.org](mailto:jbeptu@lakeland272.org).

**Cabin Fever Market**, Saturday, March 28th, 10am-3pm presented by Kootenai County Farmers' Markets at Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Bldgs 1-3, 4056 N. Government Way, CdA. Warm up while shopping from over 50 local farmers and artisans with seasonal products & handmade gifts. Free admission and parking!

**April Fools' Day Craft Show**, Saturday, March 28th, 10am-3pm by Rathdrum Craft & Farmers Market at Rathdrum Lions Club, 16114 N. Meyer Rd., Rathdrum.

**Coffee With a Cop**, Tuesday, March 31st, 9am-10:30am at Starbucks, 231 S. Beck Rd., Post Falls. Engage in relaxed conversation with member of Post Falls Police Dept. and meet the newest K9, Uno. Ask questions and share concerns about community safety.

**Leave It at the Cross Prayer Experience**, 10am-2pm Friday, April 3rd, at Kroc Center Worship Theatre, 1765 W. Golf Course Rd., CdA. A self-led, personal prayer time on Good Friday. Drop in anytime between the hours of 10 am & 2 pm. "Easter at the Church at The Kroc" will be April 5th (Sun) at 10 am.

**Cardinal Reads: Curiosity - the Key to Connection**, Tuesday, April 7th, 6:30pm-7pm, NIC Edminster Student Union Building, Lake Coeur d'Alene Room, 2nd floor, 495 N. College Dr., CdA. Explore cultivating the practice of curiosity as a way of responding to differences that fosters meaningful connection and understanding, guided by Buddhist Nun, Venerable Tenzin Tsepal. Free admission; open to the public!

**VA Health Care Orientation Class**, Friday, April 10th, 10am-11am at Coeur d'Alene VA Clinic, 915 W. Emma Ave., Room 159, CdA. Gain understanding of benefits for primary, specialty & mental health care; social work, pharmacy & medication refills, emergency & urgent care, co-payments, travel benefits, patient advocate program & more. Call 509-434-7009 to register or email [SPONewPatientOrientation@VA.gov](mailto:SPONewPatientOrientation@VA.gov). Walk-ins welcome; family members/friends welcome. Also: July 10 & Nov 13.

**Community Car Seat Safety Check**, Friday, April 10th, 2:30pm-5:30pm at Angel Wings Daycare, 204 Oregon St., Kellogg. Free child car seat checks and safe sleep education offered. Appointments are recommended; text CHECK to 844-619-2048. New, safe car seats and cribs available for those in need. Also: April 21, 3-6 pm at Cup of Grace, 32271 N. 5th Ave., Spirit Lake.

**St. Maries Annual Spring Clean-Up**, Saturday, April 11th, 8am-1pm. Volunteers meet at Blue Goose Sporting Goods, 621 Hwy 5, St. Maries to begin at 8 am. Bags and gloves will be provided. Rain or shine; even 30 minutes of time will be appreciated for a town clean-up.

**Suicide Prevention Training**, Monday, April 13th, 8:30am-10:30am, 12:30pm-2:30pm, or 5:30pm-7:30pm at American Legion Post #143, 1138 E. Poleline Ave., Post Falls. Open to the public - individuals and organizations/businesses. Learn how to help someone in crisis. Training provided free of charge by Columbia University Lighthouse Project. Seats are limited; register for one session [www.pfp143.org/event-details/the-columbia-lighthouse-project-suicide-prevention-training/form](http://www.pfp143.org/event-details/the-columbia-lighthouse-project-suicide-prevention-training/form). Questions? Call Dan Sweet at 208-500-5077.

**Kindergarten Boot Camp at the Spirit Lake Library**, Thursday, April 16th, 10am-11am, 32575 N. 5th Ave, Spirit Lake. Kindergarten Boot Camp is designed to provide parents and care-providers with hands-on experiences, based on developmental stages, so their child enters kindergarten ready to learn. From playing with tongs, to learn how to hold a pencil, to sorting objects by shape and color, to growing numeracy skills, this program will help children and parents prepare their child for kindergarten success. For ages 4-5. Also May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, and August 20th.

**Diabetes: Know Your Score**, Wednesday, April 22nd, 1pm-2:30pm, presented by Panhandle Health District at Hayden Library, 8385 N. Government Way. Learn how to prevent diabetes or manage the diagnosis; also healthy eating tips. More info: 208-425-5242 or email [lmaeschen@phd1.idaho.gov](mailto:lmaeschen@phd1.idaho.gov)

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— Family Features —



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Incorporating new techniques and fresh ideas can invigorate your everyday cooking in unexpected ways. Consider these grandma-approved twists on tradition from the experts at Finish, who offer winning ways to enhance cleanup no matter what techniques you turn to in the kitchen.

### Plan Ahead

If you're used to throwing together dinner at the last minute, learning to meal prep can help with trying new recipes. Take a look at what you have on hand before scouring a few cookbooks (or cooking websites) for appetizing dishes to try then head to the store to fill in the missing ingredients. Meal planning may save you time, money and, perhaps, a little sanity – and potentially help you branch out your menu, too.

### Club It Up

Joining a cookbook club allows you to flex your social muscles and sample new recipes and techniques from different cultures with fellow foodies. For example, this savory, meat-free Lubiyeh recipe just may become a new household favorite. Featuring stewed green beans simmered in a vegan broth with the added kick of Aleppo pepper and sweet red pepper paste, it's both bright and rich, and pairs well with rice, lavash or thin pita with a smattering of raw onions for a little extra punch.

### Simplify Cleanup

Once the cookbooks have been shelved and the plates have been cleared, tackle the cleaning jobs with an option like the new Finish Ultimate Quantum – their breakthrough dishwashing detergent with Finish's most advanced formula yet – offering an unbeatable clean even on tough stains in hard water (220 PPM). This grandma-approved technique can help you conquer clean dishes, so it makes sense to switch.

### Veg Out

If meat is in constant rotation at your house, consider rotating in a Meatless Monday meal like pasta primavera, or celebrate your own version of Taco Tuesday with bean- or lentil-based tacos instead of chicken, pork or beef. Opting for vegetarian or vegan meals utilizing hearty veggies like squash, eggplant and potatoes can help you save money at the grocery store and nourish your body with heart-healthy nutrients.

### Grow a Garden

Starting a garden may seem like a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be. You can begin with a few

herbs growing on a windowsill before embarking on a bigger outdoor gardening project, where transforming a small patch of earth for growing vegetables, herbs or berry bushes can be just the thing to elevate eating at home.

To learn more, visit [finishdishwashing.com](http://finishdishwashing.com).

### Lubiyeh

*Lebanese Green Beans Stewed with Tomatoes and Garlic*

*Recipe courtesy of Jeanette Chawki and the League of Kitchens on behalf of Finish*

Servings: 4-6

- 2 pounds string beans or flat green beans
- 1/8 pound garlic (about 18 medium cloves)
- 7 1/2 cups water, divided
- 1 1/4 pounds plum tomatoes (about 5)
- 1 tablespoon sweet red pepper paste
- 1 1/2 teaspoons tomato paste
- 1/2 teaspoon white sugar
- 1/2-1 teaspoon crushed Aleppo pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt, or to taste
- 1 large white or yellow onion, for serving

thin pita, lavash or another flatbread, for serving (optional)

1. Trim ends of string beans or flat green beans. Put beans in bowl. Use hands to break beans into 2-3 pieces about 1 1/2 inches long.
2. Peel garlic. Trim rough or damaged root ends and cut large cloves in half lengthwise.
3. In medium saucepan, bring 6 cups water to boil. Once boiling, carefully add plum tomatoes and cook just until skins begin to break, 4-5 minutes. Turn off heat and drain. When tomatoes are cool enough to handle, remove and discard skin.
4. Cut tomatoes into rough 1/2-inch chunks, removing any white or green parts near stem. Put tomato chunks in bowl. In separate small bowl, stir sweet red pepper paste, tomato paste, white sugar, crushed Aleppo pepper flakes and 1/2 cup water until paste is dissolved into liquid; set aside.
5. In large wok or skillet with deep sides over high heat, heat extra-virgin olive oil.
6. Add garlic and fry, shaking pot occasionally, until cloves lightly brown, about 90 seconds. Add green beans and stir with wooden spoon. Turn heat to medium-low and stir in kosher salt. Add 1 cup water and stir. Raise heat to high to bring water back to simmer then lower to medium-low. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, just until beans are cooked through, about 20 minutes.
7. Stir in tomatoes and pepper paste mixture, increase heat to high and cook until liquid boils. Cover pot, keeping lid slightly ajar, reduce heat to medium-low and cook until tomatoes are soft, sauce has thickened slightly and garlic is tender, about 20 minutes. Taste for salt and add if needed. Keep warm until ready to serve.
8. Put down clean dish towel and place onion on top. Smash onion with heavy cutting board 2-5 times then peel it.
9. Squeeze whole onion over sink between hands to remove some juices. Wash onion under cold running water, squeeze it between hands again then pull it apart into pieces, removing roots and any stem, and put it on small serving plate.
10. If using pita, separate circles into two thin pieces. Bake or toast thin pita, lavash or other flatbread until crispy or blackened in spots. For sandwiches, warm bread.
11. Serve stewed green beans and raw onion with pita, lavash or other flatbread, either open-faced or rolled into sandwich.

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With April showers comes the question: What do you do with your dripping raincoats and umbrellas? By the Victorian age, wealthy households had hall trees or hall stands in the entryway. They were functional pieces, kept against a wall to save space and featuring a place for everything: coat hooks, an umbrella stand, a bench with storage and often a shelf for small items. They usually have a mirror, too; after all, you want to look your best when you're leaving the house or visiting someone else's.

And speaking of looks, hall trees were rarely just functional; they were often highly decorative. This one, which sold at Fontaine's Auction Gallery for \$1,875, was made about 1900, placing it at the end of the Victorian era. In addition to carvings and stick-and-ball decoration, it has a few unusual details. Instead of a storage bench, there is a drawer under the upholstered seat. A colorful leaded glass panel graces the top, and an inset clock adds yet another functional feature

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Hall trees were both decorative and functional. This one from about 1900 features an upholstered seat, stained glass and a clock as well as the typical umbrella stand, bench and mirror.

characters. In 1938, Whitman changed their name to Better Little Books.

The prices of your books depend on the rarity of the titles. Today, individual Little Leather LIBRARY books can sell for about \$5 to \$30 each. Big Little Books are usually under \$20 each. The easiest way to sell books like these is through a local used bookstore.

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- 1 Colon's meaning in analogies
- 5 Casino IOU
- 9 Honcho
- 13 Fruits to bob for
- 19 Flow slowly
- 20 Jay of jest
- 21 Sinful
- 22 Artist Monet
- 23 Free
- 25 — avis (unusual thing)
- 26 Ottawa's land
- 27 Start of a riddle
- 30 By means of
- 31 Response to a punch
- 32 Clunker
- 33 State whose cap. is Boise
- 35 Riddle, part 2
- 46 Touch-me- (explosive plants)
- 48 Cellphone game, often
- 49 — Trapp family
- 50 Stable animal
- 51 Riddle, part 3
- 58 Locality
- 59 Squirms, as in pain
- 60 Film critic Roger
- 61 Propelled a bicycle
- 63 Acting prize
- 64 Made a run for it
- 65 — extra cost
- 66 The, in Paris
- 67 Riddle, part 4
- 73 Pool length
- 76 "Jeepers!"
- 77 Margarine, quaintly
- 78 — salts
- 82 Vocalist with the 2018 hits "Boo'd Up" and "Trip"
- 84 Lyric poets
- 86 Sweet wine of Portugal
- 88 Map out
- 89 Riddle, part 5
- 92 Gobble down
- 94 Big Brit. lexicon
- 95 Tooth doctor's org.
- 96 Auth. unknown
- 97 End of the riddle
- 104 British verb suffix
- 105 Toward a boat's back
- 106 Wiggly fish

**DOWN**

- 1 Klutzy type
- 109 Riddle's answer
- 120 Regain a conscious state
- 121 Challenge
- 122 Fitness club machine
- 123 Consolidator
- 124 Iran's home
- 125 "Jeepers!"
- 126 Around H'wood, e.g.
- 127 Go to bed
- 128 Comply with
- 129 Lone
- 130 Novelist Jennifer
- 1 Egg-shaped
- 11 Assistant on iPhones
- 12 Pomeranian, e.g.
- 13 Accumulate, as interest
- 14 Modeling compound for kids
- 15 Twinge of guilt, e.g.
- 16 Oahu feast
- 17 Water whirl
- 18 Briny body
- 24 Sharp remark
- 28 Cry of Homer Simpson
- 29 Actor Byrnes or fielder
- 33 Halved
- 34 Entryways
- 36 Go very fast
- 37 Numbered musical work
- 38 FedEx rival
- 39 State firmly
- 40 Variety musical
- 41 Like most works with five sharps
- 42 Civil rights figure Parks
- 43 Dentist's tool
- 44 Lauder of cosmetics
- 45 Oboe inserts
- 1 Caesar's "vidi," translated
- 2 "Late Night" host Meyers
- 3 Able to read minds
- 4 Express a view
- 5 Musical staff symbol
- 6 One who saves the day
- 7 Wild about
- 8 Pomeranian, e.g.
- 9 Deprived (of)

- 47 Occupy, as a table
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- 53 Narrate
- 54 Comply with
- 55 City that's home to Tufts University
- 56 As far as
- 57 Carnival shelter
- 62 End of a college's URL
- 64 Go very fast
- 65 Earlier
- 68 Language of Bangkok
- 69 Infamous Idi
- 70 Ye — Shoppe
- 71 Relaxation
- 72 Met offering
- 73 Cartoon skunk Pepé
- 74 Islamic God
- 75 "Oro y —" (Montana's motto)
- 79 Representing
- 80 Often-twisted cookies
- 81 French river or department
- 83 "... some kind of —?"
- 84 Ran in the wash
- 85 Q7 or A8 carmaker
- 86 Lead-in to care or gap, in health care
- 87 Impose — on (illegalize)
- 90 Gear tooth
- 91 Owns
- 93 Book of hymns
- 98 From the distant past
- 99 High degree
- 100 Conquer
- 101 That gal
- 102 A-list groups
- 103 Yummy
- 108 Apt first name for a general?
- 109 Actress Skye
- 110 Leave off
- 111 — pot (congestion clearer)
- 112 Cain's father
- 113 Flower jar
- 114 Lake abutting Ohio
- 115 Thus
- 116 Close tightly
- 117 Lose vibrancy
- 118 Spanish pot
- 119 — Bator, Mongolia
- 120 Mean mutt

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## How a Little Lemon Changes Everything

The first week of spring always feels like a modest little victory. We made it through the gray days, heavy coats, fogged-up cars, and the long stretch of winter cooking. As the first daffodils begin pushing through the soil, our appetites start waking up too.

After months of hearty soups, casseroles and slow-simmered stews, we crave something brighter. The good news is that you don't need expensive ingredients or complicated recipes to bring that fresh energy back into the kitchen.

When a dish tastes dull, the first thought is usually "needs salt." But the solution is rarely more salt. More often, it simply needs brightness. A squeeze of lemon, a splash of vinegar or a handful of herbs can transform the simplest ingredients.

Small ingredients often make the biggest difference. A little lemon or vinegar, a dab of mustard, a spoonful of plain yogurt, or fresh herbs or green onions can completely transform a simple meal. With just one or two of these bright additions, even a modest pantry dish can taste vibrant and new.

One of my favorite ways to brighten everyday meals is with a quick lemon herb finishing sauce. I call this one Bright & Bold Lemon Herb Dressing, and a spoonful over vegetables, beans, pasta, salad, fish or chicken instantly wakes everything up.

### BRIGHT & BOLD LEMON HERB DRESSING

Yield: about 10 ounces

Total time: 5 minutes

- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon (about 1/4 cup juice)
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 green onion, white and green parts, chopped
- 1 cup fresh parsley leaves
- 1 clove garlic (see note)

In a small food processor, blend all ingredients until smooth and emulsified.

*Note:* Raw garlic is potent. If you prefer a milder garlic flavor, do this instead: Add a smashed garlic clove to the jar and let it infuse in the refrigerator. Remove it before serving.



*Creamy white beans and spinach finished with Bright & Bold Lemon Herb Dressing.*

Here's how those bright flavors come together in practice. This quick one-pan skillet of white beans and greens is finished with Bright & Bold Lemon Herb Dressing for a lively burst of flavor. Ready in about 20 minutes, creamy beans, garlic, greens and lemon create a simple meal perfect for spring.

### QUICK CREAMY WHITE BEAN & SPINACH SKILLET

Yield: about 4 servings

Total time: 20 minutes

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced

- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1/4 cup cooked bacon crumbles, optional
- 2 (15-ounce) cans cannellini beans or other white beans, drained
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese + more for serving
- 1 cup half and half
- 2 tablespoons Bright & Bold Lemon Herb Dressing + more for serving
- 4 cups spinach

Heat olive oil in a deep skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and Italian seasoning and cook for about 30 seconds, until fragrant. Add bacon if using.

Add the beans, pepper, Parmesan, half and half, and the lemon herb dressing. Simmer for about 5 minutes until slightly thickened.

Stir in the spinach, cover, and cook until wilted. Spinach cooks almost instantly. Taste and adjust seasonings.

Serve with warm crusty bread, topped with lots of Parmesan and plenty of lemon herb dressing.

As the season changes, the kitchen changes too. The heavy dishes of winter begin to give way to meals that feel fresher and livelier. Sometimes that transformation doesn't require a whole new recipe.

Sometimes it simply starts with a squeeze of lemon.

*Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at [www.divasonadime.com](http://www.divasonadime.com) and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at [divapatti@divasonadime.com](mailto:divapatti@divasonadime.com)*

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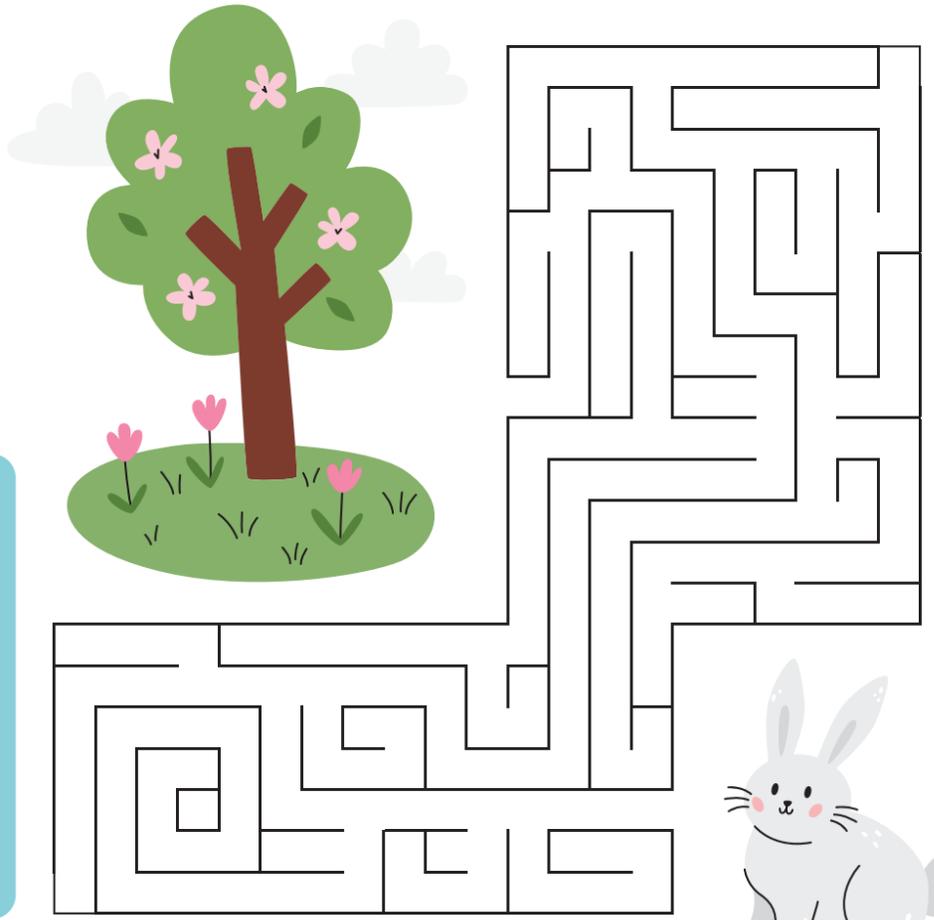
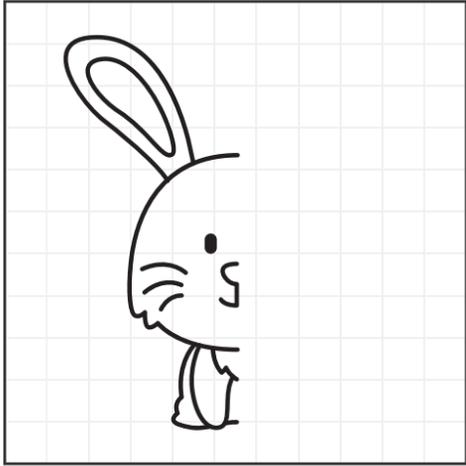
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## Fishing for the Future: Commission Approves Funding for 8 Habitat Projects

— Montana Fish & Wildlife —

HELENA – A historically blocked cold water stream will be fully reconnected to the Big Hole River. Hyde Creek, a historic side channel to the Madison River, will be restored to improve spawning habitat for trout while also improving riparian habitat, floodplain connection and instream habitat.

These projects are two of the eight that recently received funding by the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission through the Future Fisheries Improvement Program (FFIP). In all, nearly \$440,000 in funding was approved to improve Montana fisheries.

"I am very excited to see all of these projects get funded," said Future Fisheries Coordinator Bailey Duxbury. "From improving fish spawning and passage to improving floodplain connectivity and riparian habitat to reducing erosion, all of these projects will improve upon Montana's amazing natural resources and improve fisheries across the state."

The fisheries improvements include restoration of streams to a natural condition, installing riparian fencing, restoring streambanks and riparian areas, creating instream habitat and more. Projects will help both native and non-native fish, including bull trout, mountain whitefish, westslope cutthroat trout, brown trout, rainbow trout and numerous non-game fish.

This year's funding was paired with \$1.15 million in match and other contributions from outside

sources. The eight projects were submitted by landowners, watershed organizations, county governments, federal agencies and nonprofits.

### Approved FFIP projects

#### Butte Area

- Big Hole Tributary Reconnection, Phase 2 - Alder Creek
- Tenmile Creek Fish Barrier
- Lower Racetrack Creek Restoration Project

#### Missoula Area

- Lower Grant Creek Restoration
- Marshall Creek Culvert Removal and Habitat Restoration
- Upper O'Brien Creek Restoration Project

#### Wisdom Area

- Christiansen Creek Fish Barrier

#### Ennis Area

- Madison River Side Channel Restoration - Hyde Creek

Applications for the FFIP summer-cycle grants are due May 15st. Forms are available on FWP's website, fwp.mt.gov/FFIP, or at FWP offices.

Any individual or group with a project designed to restore or enhance habitat for wild or native fish may apply for FFIP funding. Applicants are encouraged to work with local FWP fisheries biologists. Landowners and other project partners usually share project costs, extending FFIP dollars.



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— National Day Calendar —



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Do you remember as a small child the fun you had with dandelions? Well, these bright yellow flowers serve a purpose. Dandelions are a food source for insects and some birds. Humans eat young dandelion leaves and enjoy tea and wine made from the leaves and flowers. The Native Americans used dandelions to treat specific ailments. Nutritionally, dandelions contain a source of vitamin A and C, calcium, iron, and fiber.

Before using any weed as a food source, make sure it is correctly identified and free of herbicides and

pesticides. Research the safe edible part of each weed and find useful cooking and preparation tips.

### How To Observe Weed Appreciation Day

- Take the day to learn some of the benefits of the plants, weeds, flora, and fauna around us.
- Create a wildflower or native species garden.
- Identify the "weeds" in your neighborhood.
- Do you want to learn more? Read 5 Edible and Medicinal Weeds.
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### National Weed Appreciation Day History

Our research was unable to find the origin and the creator of National Weed Appreciation Day.

### Weeds FAQ

**Q.** I'm confused. Are weeds bad or good?

**A.** A weed is basically any plant that grows where it's not wanted. For example, if your vegetable garden is overrun with lambsquarter, it might be stealing nutrients from your tomatoes and onions. This prolific plant was once used to make lettuce salads or cooked and used as a replacement for spinach. And it still can be, but it's known more as a nuisance in the gardening world. Many other weeds have gained this reputation because they are unsightly and difficult to remove. They don't follow the rules of other plants that gardeners and farmers have found to make for successful planting.

**Q.** Is there a list somewhere that tells me what's a weed and what isn't?

**A.** Yes. The Federal Noxious Weed list (see [www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/plant-pest-and-disease-programs/pests-and-diseases/sa\\_weeds/sa\\_noxious\\_weeds\\_program](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/plant-pest-and-disease-programs/pests-and-diseases/sa_weeds/sa_noxious_weeds_program)) is maintained by the USDA. Some states also maintain lists.

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## North Idaho Angler Hauls in New C&R State Record Cutthroat Trout

— Idaho Fish & Game —



Idaho's deepest lake — Lake Pend Oreille — no doubt possesses some aquatic beasts of mythical proportion. At a maximum depth of 1,158 feet and 43 miles from tip to glacially carved tip, that's a lot of deep blue space for a monster fish to hide.

Imagine then the wave of hysteria after reeling in a 27-inch long Westslope cutthroat trout one day. For Coeur d'Alene angler Kyle Hatrock, that day was Feb. 1st. And as if a 27-inch cutty wasn't impressive enough, the fish, upon being measured, earned Hatrock a place in the Idaho state record books.

"We'd just got all the lines out when not 10 minutes later, one pole starts singing out the line," Hatrock said. "The first run took out 450 feet-plus for about 15-20 minutes, and as soon as it hit the net, my friend started freaking out, saying 'That's the biggest freaking cutty I've ever seen!'"

He and his buddies immediately put the tape measure to it. Hatrock's trout officially edged out the previous record (Daniel Whitesitt's Clark Fork River Westslope cutthroat trout, seen here) by 2 inches.

The new record fish — caught from the lake and not one of its tributaries — is an exceptionally large specimen for a Westslope cutthroat trout, which rarely surpass 20 inches...let alone 27. This continues to reinforce Lake Pend Oreille's reputation as Idaho's top trophy trout fishery.

### More About Idaho's State Record Fish

Thinking about chasing a state record fish? Check out the state record fish page for more information.

And, as a bonus, if you are a native trout enthusiast looking for a new fishing challenge, don't forget that Idaho participates in the Western Native Trout Challenge — the biggest 'trout slam' program around. Yellowstone cutthroat trout (along with many other Idaho species) are eligible to count towards completing the challenge! Catch native trout, win prizes, and support trout conservation!

## Community Calendar

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For a main dish, here's a slow cooker brunch egg casserole you can serve this spring and summer without having to think too much about the details. Assemble the ingredients early in the morning (or the night before and refrigerate), and turn the slow cooker switch to high for about 3 hours. Then it'll be ready to serve as is or with your favorite toppings.

Like classic baked egg dishes, this recipe uses the basics: eggs, milk and cheese. But instead of adding bread cubes, this combo is layered with shredded hash brown potatoes. I also use leftover ham from Easter dinner when the time comes around.

#### SLOW COOKER EGG CASSEROLE FOR WEEKEND BRUNCH

Serves 8

- 12 eggs
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black or white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 (20-ounce) package fresh or frozen shredded hash browns (in the refrigerated section of your grocery store)
- 1/2 pound cooked ham, cut in pieces (or substitute cooked bacon, cut in pieces)

- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup green onions, chopped
- 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese (or shredded Mexican four-cheese blend)
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme or rosemary, chopped for garnish (optional)
- Serving toppings such as salsa, sour cream and sliced avocado (optional)

Grease a 6-7 quart slow cooker. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, salt, pepper and dry mustard. Set aside.

Distribute half of the hash browns evenly over the bottom of the slow cooker.

Layer with half of the ham or bacon, red pepper, onions and 1 cup of cheese. Repeat layers, ending with 2 cups of cheese on top.

Pour egg mixture evenly over the layered casserole. (Assemble the night before if you prefer and refrigerate.)



Cook on high for 3 hours, or until eggs are set and thoroughly cooked and edges begin to brown.

Sprinkle thyme or rosemary on top for garnish and serve directly from the slow cooker. Set out small bowls of toppings, if you wish.

**Cook's Note:** Depending on the brand or age of your slow cooker, temperatures and cook time may vary.

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**Dear EarthTalk: What are energy droughts and how can we get around them?**  
– Jason M., Shelton, CT

Solar and wind power may be free and renewable, but they rely on natural processes that are beyond our control. Proponents of fossil fuels point out that if the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow for an extended period, the grid could suffer a so-called "energy drought" where there just isn't enough power to meet the demand. A recent study by researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) found that in some parts of the U.S., such energy droughts are not uncommon and can last anywhere from a few hours to almost a week.

"For solar energy, it would be when it's really cloudy or hazy, maybe even smoky. And for wind, it would be atmospheric conditions that just have no wind blowing," says PNNL's Cameron Bracken, lead author on the study. "When we have a completely decarbonized grid and depend heavily on solar and wind, energy droughts could have huge amounts of impact on the grid."

There are several ways to mitigate the risk of energy droughts. For one, minimizing demand for energy—and reducing consumption via the adoption of energy-sipping appliances and devices—is pivotal in circumventing energy droughts. Implementing

energy-saving technologies across industries, homes and transportation reduces overall demand, lessening strain on the grid during peak times. Initiatives promoting energy conservation, like better insulation, efficient appliances, and public transport systems, contribute significantly to offsetting energy scarcity and can be important hedges against energy droughts.

Furthermore, grid modernization is vital for best management of energy supply and demand. Smart grids with advanced monitoring and control technologies enhance reliability, detect faults promptly, and enable efficient energy distribution. Integrating energy storage solutions like batteries or pumped hydroelectric storage helps store excess energy during surplus times for use during shortages, enhancing grid stability. Another way to protect against crippling energy droughts is through the development of microgrids—small, controllable power systems composed of one or more generation units connected to nearby users that can function independently or in conjunction with the main grid. These microgrids can sustain essential services during larger grid outages, bolstering resilience against energy droughts.

Developing better energy storage systems, i.e. batteries, is key to the fossil-fuel-free grid of the future if it is to be fed by intermittent renewables like solar and wind. Tesla's Powerwall, an integrated battery system that stores solar energy for backup when the grid goes down, is a great first step. But critics argue that we cannot tolerate the scale of lithium mining it would take to create enough lithium-ion batteries (the technology behind the Powerwall) to store enough energy to power a world without coal, natural gas and the other fossil fuels. A revolution in battery storage could prove to be key to whether or not we can successfully transition away from fossil fuels in time to save the planet from cataclysmic climate change.

**CONTACTS:** 'Energy droughts' in wind and solar can last nearly a week, <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/12/231211200121.htm>; Pacific Northwest could experience 'energy droughts,' study finds, <https://www.opb.org/article/2024/01/01/pacific-northwest-oregon-solar-wind-energy-outage-power-electricity/>.

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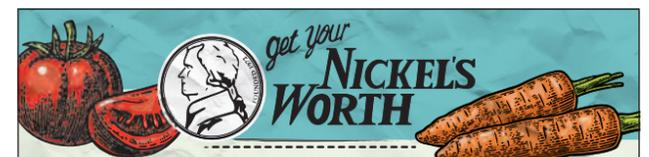
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## Restoring Scenic Bay: The Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club's Lake Enhancement Project Scheduled May '26

— Christine Sandahl, with contributions from Susan Drumheller —



Photo by Kevin Elmore

Lake Pend Oreille is one of Idaho's most treasured natural resources, providing habitat for native fish and trophy species, clean water for communities, and world-class recreation for residents and visitors alike. An important part of the fishery is Scenic Bay—located beside Bayview, the U.S. Navy's Acoustic Research Detachment, multiple marinas, and contains some of the lake's kokanee spawning beds.

Since 2022, the Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club (LPOIC) has been leading an ambitious underwater cleanup through its Lake Enhancement Program. The next chapter of this multi-year effort is scheduled for the first week of May 2026.

The club is calling on volunteers and donors to help make the effort a success.

Why the Cleanup of Scenic Bay Matters: Kokanee salmon are the backbone of the Lake Pend Oreille fishery. These small, land-locked salmon are essential prey for trophy rainbow trout, westslope cutthroat trout, and the federally listed bull trout.

Scenic Bay's gravel beds are among the most productive kokanee spawning grounds in the lake because well-oxygenated groundwater flows through the gravel, giving kokanee eggs a higher chance of survival.

But over decades, those same beds have been compromised by an accumulation of trash and discarded equipment—barrels, batteries, engines, plastic totes, tires, and more. Left in place, debris can leach toxins and decrease productive kokanee spawning.



Underwater Photos by Jake Powlison

### The Work Ahead

**What:** Scenic Bay Lakebed Cleanup will span four days and involve:

- Professional Divers — removing large or hazardous debris from the lakebed.
- Volunteers — collecting, weighing, sorting, and loading materials onshore.

**Who:** LPOIC members, Bayview Chamber of Commerce and community volunteers, local businesses, professional and volunteer divers, and the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office

- LPOIC will provide lunches for participants

**When:** First week of May 2026 (4 days)

- Specific dates will be published in April.

- A repeat of the cleanup is planned for 2027 and 2028

**Where:** Scenic Bay Marina, Bayview, Idaho

**Why:** Restore kokanee spawning beds, improve recreation safety, reduce pollution



Photos by Christine Sandahl

Past cleanups show just how much muscle is required: in just six hours, more than 7,000 pounds of debris were removed from Scenic Bay.

**Safety:** Safety is a top priority. LPOIC develops a detailed operations plan, applies for the required Marine Event Permit from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, and coordinates with Timberlake Fire District for emergency response.

**Community Investment:** The cost of this cleanup is significant. Hiring a barge and professional divers represent the largest expense, but every dollar raised helps protect the lake.

### Donations ensure:

- Continued debris removal from spawning beds.
- Safe operations with trained professionals.
- Long-term improvement to kokanee habitat.

**Looking Forward:** The Scenic Bay cleanup is more than a spring event—it's a commitment to the long-term health of Lake Pend Oreille. By restoring kokanee spawning grounds, reducing pollution, and making the bay safer for recreation, LPOIC and its partners are investing in the future of both the lake and the communities that depend on it.

This May, you can be part of that effort. Whether through your time and energy, or your financial support, your contribution will ripple outward—sustaining a fishery, strengthening a community, and protecting a remarkable Idaho treasure.

### How You Can Help

- Volunteer: Contact us at [Lakepoic@gmail.com](mailto:Lakepoic@gmail.com) or go to our website, [lpoic.org](http://lpoic.org) and select "Contact Us".
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### Spread the Word

Share the project with friends, neighbors and local businesses that rely on Lake Pend Oreille's health.

### Thank you to the following:



The Idaho Community Foundation, Forever Idaho grants are awarded regionally. Thanks to their contribution, the LPOIC is closer to its funding goal for this project.



Thank you to Susan Drumheller, AVISTA's grant writer for assisting in the club's efforts to secure funds.



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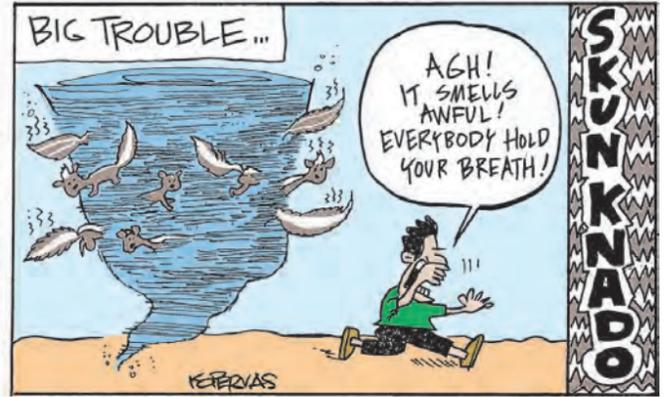
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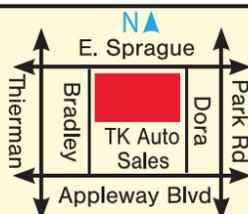
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## Applications For F&G Commission Community Challenge Grants Are Due By April 30

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



Program provides funding for nonprofit groups' projects that enhance fish and wildlife and recreation opportunities.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission's Community Challenge Grant program is open for applications March 23 through April 30. Grants provide competitive funding for officially recognized nonprofit organizations to implement projects that are broadly supported by the local sporting community and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, populations, or associated recreational opportunities.

The Commission Community Challenge Grant program consists of two different awards:

- **Regional Grants:** Projects that benefit a local or regional scale are eligible for up to \$10,000 made available through each Fish and Game Region.
- **Statewide Grants:** Projects that benefit the state or multiple regions are eligible for up to \$30,000 made available for the entire state.

### Who may apply?

Groups eligible for Community Challenge Grant money include any officially recognized nonprofit (e.g. 501(c)(3)), business (having a state/federal tax ID number), corporation, or recognized regional/state/national sporting organization (such as Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, etc.).

Private individuals are not eligible for grant funding. Applicants must be willing to provide match, either money, or in-kind support.

### When to apply and when grants are awarded

Grant applications will be accepted from March 23 through April 30 with grant awards announced during the July Fish and Game Commission meeting.

### Where to apply

- Grant applications for statewide grants should be sent to the headquarters office (via email or USPS) care of Legislative and Community Engagement Coordinator Ellary Tucker-Williams at P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID, 83707.
- Regional grants should be mailed to the corresponding Regional Fish and Game offices.

### How to apply

Submit a proposal letter that clearly and concisely provides the following information:

- Applicant name – name of the organization and a brief description (or website link) describing the mission of the organization.
- Amount of funding requested.
- Need – a description of the need for the project and how it will benefit fish, wildlife, and/or associated recreation.
- Project details – a description of the actions that will be taken to complete the project.
- Budget details – a description of how the budget will be used, with anticipated line-item expenditures. Include description of match, whether it be cash or in-kind support.
- Project closeout – a description of when the project will be completed and a completion report submitted.

### Grant Application Evaluation Criteria

A panel consisting of Fish and Game Commission members and staff will evaluate applications. See the scoring rubric at [idfg.idaho.gov/sites/default/files/media/commission\\_challenge\\_grant\\_framework\\_ep.pdf\\_jpg](http://idfg.idaho.gov/sites/default/files/media/commission_challenge_grant_framework_ep.pdf_jpg).

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## Chocolate Mousse Day

April 3rd

— National Day Calendar —



Every April 3rd National Chocolate Mousse Day recognizes the decadent dessert that gained popularity in France in the 1800s.

Mousse is prepared by beating eggs or cream or both to a frothy, airy consistency and then folding the ingredients together to create a light, creamy delight.

While mousse can be either savory or sweet, for this day, we will focus on that all-time favorite, chocolate.

The words mousse and chocolate are derived from the French language, so it isn't difficult to believe France is where to begin looking for the beginnings of this versatile creation. While we have no exact point in time when this might have been, we do know chocolate was introduced to the French around the year 1615, and they fell in love.

Then a century later, the French developed a method for making a mousse. Savory led the way, but it couldn't have been long before the same approach was applied to chocolate.

In the United States, an advertisement in The Brooklyn Daily Eagle in 1887 included classes on how to make chocolate mousse offered by a Miss Parloa. She also advised how to make potato soup, larded grouse, potato timbale, and corn muffins.

From dark chocolate to milk chocolate, bittersweet, or any combination, there is plenty of variety when it comes to chocolate mousse.

### HOW TO OBSERVE #ChocolateMousseDay

- Make some homemade chocolate mousse.
- Order chocolate mousse for dessert.
- Give a shout-out to the person who makes the best chocolate mousse.
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### NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MOUSSE DAY HISTORY

National Day Calendar continues researching the origins of this sweet dessert holiday.

### Chocolate Mousse FAQ

**Q:** Is chocolate mousse and chocolate pudding the same thing?

**A:** No. While both chocolate mousse and chocolate pudding are both creamy and delicious, chocolate mousse is lighter and airier than its pudding cousin.

### Chocolate Mousse Recipe

Prep: 30 minutes  
Cook: 15 minutes  
Total Prep: 45 minutes  
Servings: 8

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups chilled heavy cream, divided
- 4 large egg yolks
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 7 oz bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- Whipped cream

### Instructions:

#### Custard:

- In a 1 quart heavy saucepan, heat 3/4 cup of cream until hot.
- In a metal bowl, whisk together yolks, sugar, and salt until well combined.
- Add hot cream in a slow stream, whisking to combine.
- Pour mixture into a saucepan and cook over medium-low heat, stirring continuously until a thermometer reads 160°F.
- Strain custard through a mesh sieve into a bowl.
- Add vanilla and stir.

#### Melt chocolate using one of several methods below:

- A double boiler or a bowl over a pot of simmering water and stirring the chocolate continuously or;
- A glass bowl in the microwave at 30-second increments until the chocolate softens.

Combine chocolate and mousse.

Whisk into the custard until smooth. Let cool.

Using an electric mixer and a medium bowl, beat the remaining 1-1/4 cups of cream to stiff peaks.

Fold in a fourth of the cream into the custard, then gently fold the remaining cream.

Spoon mousse into dishes and chill, covered for 6 hours.

Let stand at room temperature 20 minutes before serving.

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