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Yet most of us have dismissed the gift that they have given us. Most of us do not vote—especially in non-presidential elections. We are too busy or too apathetic to let their sacrifices stand for something. We can't take 15 minutes on May 19th to cast a ballot.

The citizens who are running for office in the Rathdrum area for the North Idaho Republicans would ask that you take that 15 minutes and vote for them.

WHY?

The Kootenai County Republican Central Committee has a stranglehold on conservative politics in Kootenai County. Their "Rating and Vetting" process emphasizes ideology over competence. Bela Kovacs is a prime example. He was rated and vetted by the KCRCC and they endorsed him to be the assessor for Kootenai County. His tenure in office has been marked by conflict, staff resignations, and problems with assessments. Another example is North Idaho College. Their "rated and vetted" Trustees almost cost NIC its accreditation. And now, a similar thing is happening in the Lakeland School District. The "rated and vetted" trustees are dragging the District down from its former top-rated status. People used to move here because of the School District's reputation. Now, the opposite is true.

Rating and vetting is not really a bad thing. But it needs to be based on who is the right person for the job. It should not be about who has the same ideals as the people who control the KCRCC. We all want sound fiscal judgment, support for individual freedoms, good schools, a library system that works for all the people, and representatives who will listen to the people they represent.

Tim Skubitz, Duncan Bell, Vic Holmes, Fritz Wiedenhoff, Will Havercroft, and others are running for Precinct Committeemen in the Rathdrum area. Allyson Knapp is running against Bela Kovacs for County Assessor. She is a great candidate choice. They are all long-term citizens of Rathdrum. They have all helped to better our community for many years. They are experienced, smart, and reasonable people who will work hard to make Rathdrum, and Kootenai County, better in every way.

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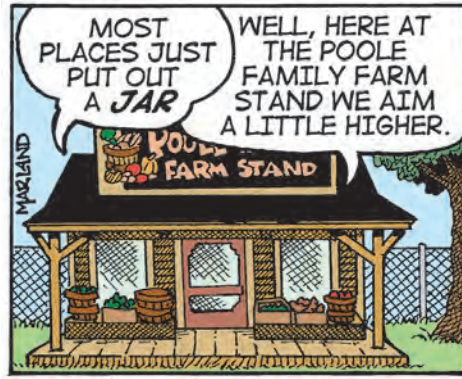
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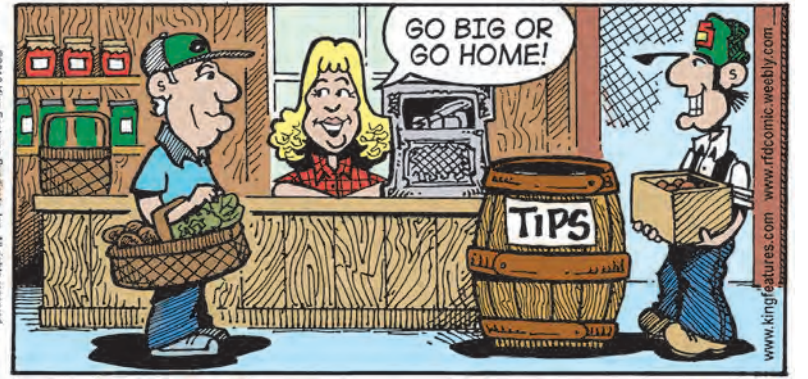


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From left: Taylor Wenglikowski as Princess Fiona and Helen Larreau as Dragon

It's hard to believe our beloved ogre, Shrek stomped his way around Duloc twenty-five years ago! The wildly popular animated film, Shrek was released in 2001 capturing millions of fans with its snappy and clever humor appealing to both adults and kids. The Shrek franchise went on to create several follow up films, as well as the award-winning Broadway sensation, Shrek the Musical. The original musical production, with book by David Lindsay-Abaire and composed by Jeanine Tesori, became a cultural phenomenon upon its first performance in 2008. The production garnered eight Tony nominations that year, taking the honors for Best Costume Design.

The story centers around the infiltration of Shrek's swamp by recognizable fairy tale characters as they've been relocated without Shrek's permission by the not-so-nice Lord Farquaad. Farquaad doesn't like the "freaks" of the kingdom and banishes them, which isn't received well by Shrek. In exchange for his land free and clear, Shrek agrees to go on a quest for Lord Farquaad to capture the fair maiden Fiona from her fiery tower. Right at the top, Shrek is befriended by Donkey, and the two - much to Shrek's chagrin - become inseparable. The two set out on

their (madcap) adventures in the fairy tale kingdom of Duloc.

Shrek the Musical is chock full of toe-tapping songs and hilarious dialogue which leaves audiences grinning from ear to ear. Aspire's production is helmed by first time Director, Abel Siemens; Music Direction by Resident MD, Presley DuPuis, and Co-Choreographed by Artistic Director, Trigger Weddle and Aspire favorite, Paisley Siemens.

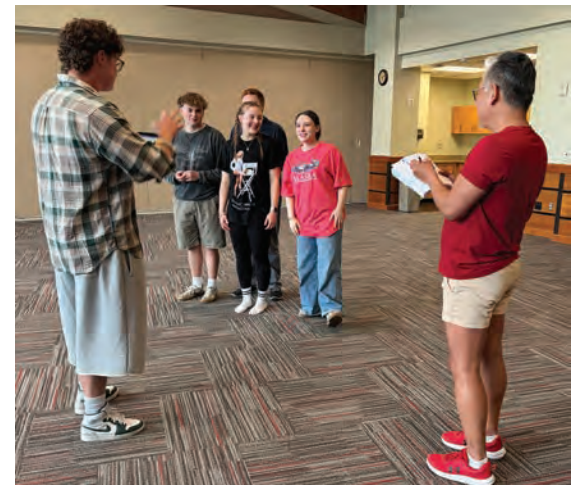
These days, everyone needs to laugh and *Shrek the Musical* provides the perfect escape into a colorful, light-hearted theatrical world. Don't miss this production full of local talent!

The show opens on Friday, April 24th, at 7:30pm, with other evening performances on April 30th and May 1st; 2pm matinee performances will be on April 25th-26th, and May 2nd-3rd. Tickets are available at aspirecda.com or by calling the box office at: 208-696-4228. You may also email for tickets directly at: tickets@aspirecda.com.

About Aspire

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Director, Abel Siemens (left) working with Knights (Ian Sadler, Collin Thompson, Makayla Kaufman, Scarlet Hunt) and Donkey (Dr. Gatieh Nacario, right)

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— Nickel's Worth —

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Here are some ways to help ensure your information stays safe, and so does your wallet.

1. Always Meet In Person — You don't have to necessarily go to another person's house or invite them to yours, but always insist on meeting face to face for any purchases. More specifically, we suggest meeting somewhere public and well-populated, like the parking lot of a busy grocery store. Or even better, right by a police station! As a Part Two, we suggest taking a friend along. There's safety in numbers!

2. Insist on Cash — Now I know this won't always work, particularly for larger priced items like cars, boats, RVs, even firearms. However another red flag is when a seller, or buyer, asks if they can use a cashier's check, or even personal check, for payment. Often, we hear of customers saying a buyer offered to overpay them via cashier's check with the understanding of paying them the difference in cash. Again, huge no! Apps and systems like Paypal and Venmo are pretty safe, but when in doubt, just ask for cold hard cash.

3. Avoid Saying "Yes" and "Okay" — This is for use when speaking to someone over the phone and you aren't sure if it is a trusted caller. In the age of AI, programs are being utilized to copy and steal our voices. By avoiding using any sort of affirmation phrase (yes, okay, uh-huh, etc.), it keeps them from being able to use your voice to confirm something without your knowledge later.

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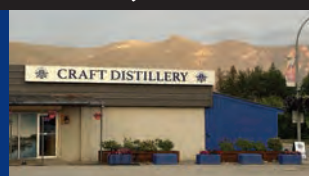


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— Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks —



Get outside to see Montana's early risers

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Have you taken a moment to stop and admire the flowers? Have you ever been on an early spring walk and wondered what kind of flower you're looking at? Have you gone somewhere new to see something you've never seen before? Take a moment, get outside this spring, and see if you can find some of Montana's early risers. Our state parks are waiting for you.

Yellow Glacier Lilies (*Erythronium grandiflorum*): 7-30 centimeters (cm) tall. Blooms April to August. Flowers are bright yellow with six petals that curve upward, stamens project downward, typically one pair of leaves on the plant close to the ground. Located in moist, rich alpine to montane areas of western and south-central Montana.

Yellowbells (*Fritillaria pudica*): 10-30 cm tall. Blooms April to June, usually a single bell-shaped yellow downturned flower with six petals. One flower per plant is common. Located in somewhat dry open or wooded grassy sites – plains to montane areas across the state.

Pasqueflower (*Anemone patens*) also known as *prairie crocus*: 10-40 cm tall. Blooms March to August from a woody base. Stems, flowers and leaves are hairy. The flower is made of blue to purple modified sepals – five to eight per flower. They are found in grasslands, steppe, open forest, plains, valleys and occasionally above the tree-line areas across the state.

Prairie Smoke (*Geum triflorum*) also known as *old man's whiskers*: 10-50 cm tall. Blooms April to August. Stems are reddish and slightly hairy, in clumps. Leaves are fernlike. Flowers are dark pink, urn-shaped in loose clusters of three. They are found in dry to moist open sites including grasslands, meadows, woodlands, plains, valleys and alpine areas across the state.

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Shootingstar (*Dodecatheon conjugens*): Blooms April to June, 5-40 cm tall. Leaves are spoon shaped 3-20 cm long. Flowers tend to point down and have magenta to lavender-colored lobes swept up from a white to yellow ring with five fused anthers peeking out below the mouth of the flower. Found in moist sites, plains to alpine areas across Montana.

Resources: USFS, "Plants of the Rocky Mountains" book by Kershaw, MacKinnon, and Pojar; Montana Natural Heritage Program website. Photo: Erythronium grandiflorum ssp. grandiflorum at Leavenworth Ski Hill, Chelan County Washington by Thayne Tuason, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.



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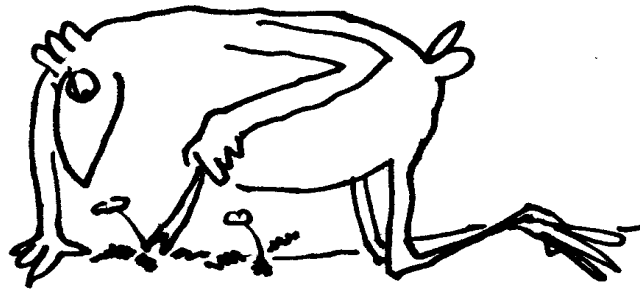
— Vivian E. Bogardus—

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Media members may reach out directly to the experts, whose contact information is listed below. Media members who are searching for an interview in an expertise area not listed may request assistance from Danae Lenz at dlenz@uidaho.edu.

Drought Conditions & Water Outlook

Russell Qualls—associate professor and Idaho state climatologist, UI Extension; member of the Idaho Drought Committee and Pacific Northwest Drought Early Warning System

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Contact: 208-885-6184 | rqualls@uidaho.edu

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Water Management, Irrigation, & Air Quality Impacts

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Xi Liang—associate professor and Extension specialist in agronomy

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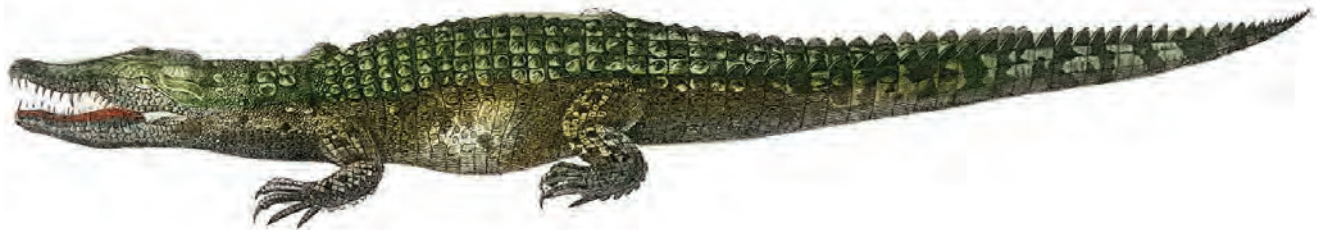
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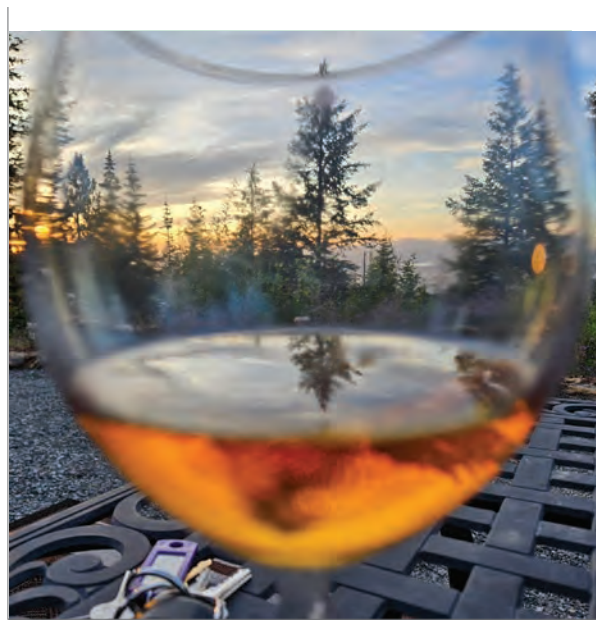
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 By Ralph Zim

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4. Which group wrote and released "Help Me, Rhonda"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Who's that gigolo on the street with his hands in his pockets and his crocodile feet hanging off the curb."

Answers

1. The Dave Clark Five in 1963. It topped the chart in the U.K. after displacing a Beatles song in the No. 1 slot. In 1964 the song started being played during home games at the Crystal Palace Football Club in South London, with fans singing along.
2. "A Hundred Pounds of Clay" in 1961. Before his death in 2011, McDaniels began recording YouTube videos, which can still be found online, including "Mr. Lonely" while serving in the Army.
3. Bobby Vinton, in 1963 and 1964. Vinton wrote "Mr. Lonely" while serving in the Army.
4. The Beach Boys, in 1965.
5. "Buffalo Stance," in 1988, by Neneh Cherry on her debut album. The song was about needing to have an attitude to survive in the city, buffalos being the models, musicians and photographers for the Buffalo fashion house.

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Celebrate Trails Day Fourth Saturday in April

— National Day Calendar —



Celebrate Trails Day on the fourth Saturday in April encourages the nation to get out and enjoy the country's outstanding trail systems.

As the weather warms up, so does the trail season. While many people use them all year long, America's trail system gets its real workout between April and October when the weather is ripe for outdoor activity. The number of established trails grows every year. Some take the form of well-defined foot or bike routes while others take us onto a beaten path. No matter what kind of path you choose to take, the day encourages you to appreciate the thousands of miles of trails and to bring a friend with you, too!

While it's true trails offer us access to the great outdoors, they also offer so much more! Trails are historic places that tell the stories of our ancestors and our country. They offer a glimpse of what life was like 100, 200, and sometimes thousands of years ago. They retrace the footsteps of Indigenous people and European explorers. Trails offer the opportunity for discovery while also encouraging us to slow down.

From coast to coast and border to border, a vast trail system awaits! Take a look around. You never know what you might find.

HOW TO OBSERVE CELEBRATE TRAILS DAY

- Take a hike on your favorite trail.
- Volunteer to help maintain local trails.
- Discover new trails.
- Create a trail bucket list.
- Introduce friends and families to trails near you.
- Take a photo while you're out and post it on social media.
- Commit to visiting your local trails more often.
- Use #CelebrateTrailsDay to join the conversation.

CELEBRATE TRAILS DAY HISTORY

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) founded Opening Day for Trails in 2013 to celebrate the nation's trail systems and to encourage everyone to get out and use them. The name was later changed to Celebrate Trails Day.

Trails FAQ

Q. What is the oldest trail in the United States?

A. According to the USDA and Forest Service, the oldest continuously used and maintained trail in the United States is the Crawford Path in New Hampshire.

Q. What is the longest trail in the United States?

A. The longest trail in the United States is actually two trails. American Discovery Trail begins in Delaware and ends in California. Great Western Loop in the western U.S. crosses 9 states. Both trails tally 6,800 miles.

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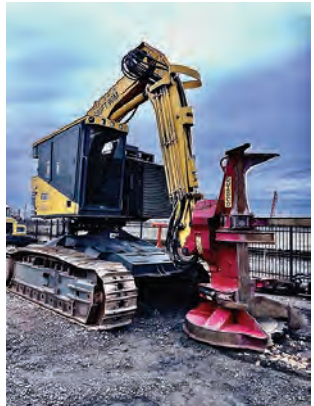
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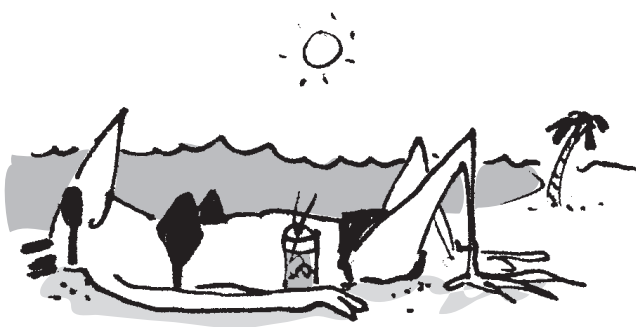
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Skip the Box: How to Make Japanese Curry Roux from Scratch

Japanese curry is a "secret weapon" comfort food -- rich, savory and surprisingly simple to make at home. It tastes like it took hours, thanks to one simple shortcut.

First introduced in block form in 1956, Japanese curry roux is a blend of butter, flour and spices that melts into broth to create a thick, flavorful sauce -- the base of curry rice. Boxed versions snap apart like a chocolate bar and dissolve into meat and vegetables for a quick, comforting meal.

But here's the good news: That little block isn't magic. It's just seasoned roux, and you really can make it yourself.

This version uses familiar ingredients, no additives or preservatives, and is easy to adjust to your taste. It's simple and so easy you'll want to double it next time.

Your curry will only be as strong as the curry powder you choose. If it leans mild, the sauce will too. So don't be shy about tasting and adjusting with salt and pepper until it suits you.

HOMEMADE JAPANESE CURRY ROUX

Yield: About 1 1/2 cups (enough for 1 large pot of curry)

Total Time: 20 minutes + chilling

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1 tablespoon honey, optional, if desired
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour

- 1/4 cup curry powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper
- Melt the butter in a skillet over low heat. Stir in the honey (if using) until fully combined.

Add the flour and cook, stirring or whisking constantly. The mixture will look lumpy at first, then smooth out as it cooks. Continue cooking for 12 to 15 minutes, until it turns golden brown and develops a warm, nutty aroma and texture similar to freshly ground peanut butter.

Stir in the curry powder until fully incorporated and fragrant. Remove from heat.



Homemade curry roux transforms chicken and vegetables into a rich, comforting curry.

Use either small silicone molds or line a small container with parchment and spread the mixture evenly inside. (Warning: Curry stains plastic.) Smooth the top and lightly score into portions for easy use later. Cover and refrigerate until firm. Refrigerate up to 1 month or freeze for 3 to 4 months.

What to do now? Use whatever you have on hand -- chicken, pork, beef, vegetables, tofu, even beans -- and serve it over rice, noodles or potatoes. It's also delicious over fries, tucked into wraps or used to transform leftovers into a new meal.

IN A HURRY "ANYTHING" CURRY

Yield: 4 servings

Total Time: 30 minutes

- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds of pork, chicken or tofu
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 onion
- 2 bell peppers
- 2 to 4 cloves garlic
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup green peas
- 4 cups broth or water
- 4 cups cooked rice

Cut the pork (or chicken, or anything) into bite-size cubes. Toss with soy sauce and set aside. Chop the onion and bell peppers, mince the garlic.

Heat 2-3 tablespoons of oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pork (anything) and stir-fry for 2-3 minutes, until mostly cooked through. Work in batches if needed.

Add the onion and bell peppers. Cook for 3-5 minutes, then stir in the garlic and green peas.

Add the liquid and curry roux. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook, stirring, until the sauce is thick and smooth and everything is evenly coated.

Simmer for 5 minutes, adding a splash of water or broth if needed to reach your desired consistency. Serve hot over rice.

With a batch of curry roux in your refrigerator, a comforting dinner is never far away.

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National Great Poetry Reading Day April 28th

— National Day Calendar —



At the tail end of National Poetry Month, April 28th marks the observance of National Great Poetry Reading Day. This day celebrates distinguished poetry and the notable poets who wrote them.

As an art form, poetry may predate literacy. Epic poetry appears to have been composed in poetic form to aid memorization and oral transmission in prehistoric and ancient societies. It is directly from folk songs that other types of poetry developed.

With so many forms of poetry to choose from, no one is limited. For example, choose from the sonnet, shi, villanelle, tanka, haiku, ode, and ghazal. There are also different genres of poetry including narrative, epic, dramatic, satirical, lyric, elegy, verse fable, prose, and speculative poetry.

Some of the well-known, great poets include William Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Robert Frost, Mark Twain, Emily Dickinson, Maya Angelou, and T.S. Eliot.

How To Observe Great Poetry Reading Day

- Who is your favorite great poet? Share a verse or two with others.
- Introduce the great poets to someone you know.
- Settle back, relax, and read your favorite poetry.
- Complete the Poetry Month word search to discover more about poetry.
- Explore the poems of William Blake or John Keats. If you're unfamiliar with Maya Angelou, discover her poetry now. Perhaps a few lines of E.E. Cummings or Elizabeth Barrett Browning will complete the day. Who are we missing? Sylvia Plath? Oscar Wilde? William Carlos Williams? You tell us.
- Host a small poetry reading in your living room. Pick your favorite poems and read them aloud.
- Attend a poetry slam.
- Explore the poetry section at the library.
- Share your poetry with others or start a poetry group.
- Discover local poets and grow your library.
- Use #GreatPoetryReadingDay to post on social media.

National Great Poetry Reading Day History

National Day Calendar continues to research the origins of this poetry holiday. However, we have found it has been celebrated since at least 1994.

Poetry FAQ

- Q.** Does poetry have to rhyme?
A. No. Many poetry styles do not have a rhyming scheme.
- Q.** Is a song a poem?
A. A song may be a poem that has been set to music.

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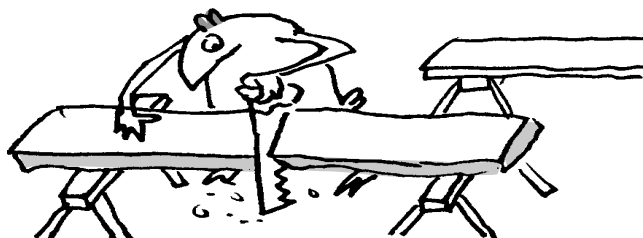
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sturdily built
 - 7 Evergreen-scented cleaning brand
 - 14 Cows' milk deliverers
 - 20 Perjurious way to be caught
 - 21 Transition zone between biomes
 - 22 Go on a trip
 - 23 "... at least"
 - 24 Hundredth of a peseta
 - 25 Cure
 - 26 Managers' evaluations of employees
 - 29 "Rope-a-dope" boxer
 - 30 Gas brand in Ontario
 - 31 "Ltd." cousin
 - 32 Hit the slopes
 - 35 Tries to swat with an open hand
 - 39 2002 film with Jennifer Lopez and Ralph Fiennes
 - 45 "I have it!"
 - 48 Uno plus due
 - 49 Narrow ship passages
 - 50 Regulation of a computer network
 - 55 White wader
 - 56 1/24 of a day
 - 57 Torrid
 - 58 Capital of the Bahamas
 - 61 Try out for the role
 - 65 Realm that began with the reign of Charlemagne
 - 71 Monk's title
 - 72 Crumple (up)
 - 73 Mafia bosses
 - 74 Meadow
 - 75 Denials
 - 76 They were given to Moses on Mount Sinai
 - 79 Most energetic
 - 81 Humiliated
 - 82 Suffix with 52-Down
 - 84 Creamy cheese
 - 85 "May I see —?" (diner's question)
 - 88 "Don't Cry Out Loud" singer
 - 94 Full of subtlety
 - 97 Little kid
 - 98 Plaza Hotel girl of kid-lit
 - 99 They deliver fuel and air from carburetors to cylinders
 - 102 National anthem in Ontario
 - 106 Fleur-de- —
 - 107 "Bad" cholesterol, in brief
 - 108 Worker's pay
 - 111 Bonn article
 - 112 What you have to do before entering seven answers in this puzzle?
 - 120 Actress Hedy
 - 123 Long rants
 - 124 Put new cables in
 - 125 To-do list
 - 126 Illustrious
 - 127 Loves to bits
 - 128 Rises from bed
 - 129 Insists
 - 130 Pastry chefs, e.g.
 - 3 African nation
 - 4 Mushy food
 - 5 St. Pat's isle
 - 6 Doe, e.g.
 - 7 Texas river
 - 8 Frosting tools
 - 9 Sarge, say
 - 10 Un-PC suffix
 - 11 Evening, in French
 - 12 "My treat!"
 - 13 10th-century pope
 - 14 Netherlands province or its capital
 - 15 Doodled, e.g.
 - 16 Stops up
 - 17 Adam's mate
 - 18 Like many wines
 - 19 Like many winks
 - 27 Gala affairs
 - 28 Motels
 - 32 Swizzle
 - 33 Model Moss
 - 34 Pt. of MIT
 - 36 — dish
 - 37 Drag to court
 - 38 Ulna's place
 - 40 \$ dispenser
 - 41 Great anger
 - 42 Alternative to Bob Evans
 - 43 Hiker's guide
 - 44 Touch base after a fly-out
 - 46 Madeline of "Judy Berlin"
 - 47 In history
 - 50 Elevator part
 - 51 "— welcome"
 - 52 Neighbor of Chad
 - 53 Hollywood's Hawke
 - 54 Road goop
 - 59 Only
 - 60 Ooze
 - 62 — Chuck (cheap wine)
 - 63 "— Rock" (1966 hit)
 - 64 Probability
 - 66 Choose (to)
 - 67 Is defeated
 - 68 Nonreactive
 - 69 O'Donnell of TV and film
 - 70 Citrate, e.g.
 - 73 Give formally
 - 77 Tropical plant with bright flowers
 - 78 One paying dues: Abbr.
 - 79 Bell's ring
 - 80 "Peer Gynt" playwright
 - 83 NNW's opposite
 - 85 Dye used in blue jeans
 - 86 City bond, in brief
 - 87 Devours
 - 89 Cyber-giggle
 - 90 "— be my pleasure!"
 - 91 Murmured lovingly
 - 92 Fruit drink brand
 - 93 That, in Chile
 - 95 It might ensnare congers
 - 96 Aeneas' lover, in myth
 - 100 Played like Galway
 - 101 Neighbor of Denmark
 - 103 Think a lot of one's heart
 - 105 "Gunsmoke" actor James
 - 109 Revise
 - 110 Main ideas holders
 - 112 Soda holders
 - 113 Pakistani language
 - 114 Part of DST
 - 115 Prune
 - 116 Tennis player Mandlikova
 - 117 Drearily dull
 - 118 Mother of Helen of Troy
 - 119 Furry "Star Wars" critter
 - 120 Fall behind
 - 121 Grow older
 - 122 Ran into
- DOWN**
- 1 Dry Spanish wines
 - 2 Open, as a sleeping bag

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2. What was the name of the Czechoslovakian wolfdog who ran onto the course during the women's cross-country skiing team sprint qualifiers at the 2026 Milan Cortina Winter Olympics? (Hint: It's inspired by a J.R.R. Tolkien novel.)
3. The Ekstraklasa is highest level of professional association football in what European country?
4. What was the nickname of the slow, high-arcing pitch thrown by New York Yankees reliever Steve Hamilton in the late 1960s?
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7. What IndyCar Series race uses a runway and taxiways at Albert Whitted Airport as part of its street course?

- Answers**
1. Steve Smith.
 2. Nazgul.
 3. Poland.
 4. "The Folly Floater."
 5. The Milwaukee Braves and Boston Celtics.
 6. "Chad Powers."
 7. The Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

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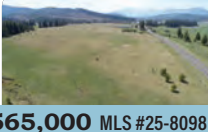
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New Mussel Added To List Of Montana's Invasive Species

— Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks —

Golden mussels were recently added to Montana's invasive species list. This listing prohibits the possession and transport of golden mussels in the state.

Golden mussels originate from Eastern Asia and were first identified in North America in Stockton, Calif., in October 2024. Their distribution now extends from Rio Vista to San Diego, Calif. Recently, the first golden mussel-infested boat seen outside of California was intercepted by the state of Oregon.

"This illustrates the new threat of this species expanding rapidly throughout California," said FWP Aquatic Invasive Species Bureau Chief Tom Woolf. "It's more important than ever to ensure watercraft are inspected when they enter the state and all boats are cleaned, drained and dry when they leave the water."

Golden mussels are similar to zebra and quagga mussels and are transported on watercraft. Aquatic invasive species cause serious damage to Montana's natural resources, economy and recreational opportunities. AIS can create significant, long-term ecological harm that can impact everyday life for current and future generations.

Mussels filter plankton out of the water, which are a vital part of the food chain that our native fish eat, thus causing. When they attach to boat motors and hulls, they reduce the performance and efficiency of the boat. They form dense colonies that clog water intakes, forcing power plants, utilities and irrigators to use costly control methods to maintain their systems.

All boaters and other water recreationists need to follow the rules to prevent aquatic invasive species from affecting Montana's waters.

Those rules include:

- All boats must stop at all open watercraft inspection stations they encounter. Failure to do so could result in a fine of up to \$500.
- Always be sure to clean, drain and dry your boat.
- All watercraft entering Montana are required to be inspected for aquatic invasive species. An inspection is required before launching on Montana waters.
- Nonresidents transporting watercraft into Montana must purchase a Vessel AIS Prevention Pass before launching. The fee is \$30 for motorized and \$10 for nonmotorized watercraft. The pass is valid until Dec. 31.
- Inspection is required for Montana residents before launch IF: the boat is entering the state, crossing west over the Continental Divide or entering the Flathead basin.

Community Calendar

Quilt Show, 9am-5pm Friday, 9am-4pm Saturday, May 1st-2nd. Presented by the North Idaho Quilt Guild at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Buildings, 1, 2, and 3, 4056 N. Gov't Way, Cda. Over 300 quilts displayed. Basket and quilt raffles and special antique quilt display. www.northidahquilters.com/quilt-show

Handbell Concert, Saturday, May 9th, 2pm by Bella Cristo at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1700 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Cda. A free community handbell choir concert for Mother's Day weekend! All ages are welcome to enjoy tunes from movies, TV and Broadway musicals (*Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *Chariots of Fire*, *Star Trek*, Disney's *Jungle Book*, Pixar's *Up*, and more). Free will donations appreciated.

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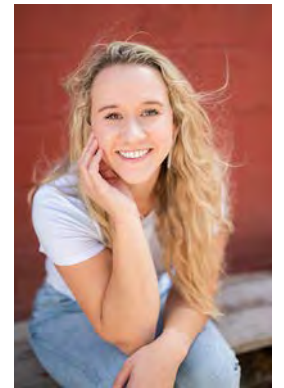


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On April 27, 1521, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan was killed during a tribal skirmish on Mactan Island in the Philippines. Earlier in the month, he had met with the local chief on the Philippine island of Cebu, who, after converting to Christianity, had persuaded the Europeans to assist him in conquering a rival tribe on a neighboring island. During the ensuing conflict, Magellan was hit by a poisoned arrow and left to die by his retreating fellow fighters.

On April 28, 1953, inventor Howard Ross received a patent for a useful, if rather curious, garment called a "double coat," with an outer layer that could be extended to cover two people at a time in athletic stadiums when it rained.

On April 29, 1991, paroled felon Rodney King led police on a high-speed chase through the streets of Los Angeles County before eventually surrendering. Drunk and uncooperative, he resisted arrest and was beaten by three police officers who didn't know they were being filmed by a nearby citizen. Upon release to the press, the video triggered outrage around the country and started a national debate on police brutality.

On April 30, 1977, more than 2,000 protesters carrying signs saying, "Split Wood, Not Atoms" and "Go Fishing, Not Fission" occupied the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant construction site in New Hampshire. More than half were taken into custody in what became one of the largest mass arrests in U.S. history.

On May 1, 1958, the United States celebrated its first Law Day after President Eisenhower announced the observance to honor the role of law in the country's creation. Three years later, Congress followed suit by passing a joint resolution establishing May 1 as Law Day.

On May 2, 1972, after serving nearly five decades as FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover died, leaving the agency without the administrator who'd turned it into an efficient crime-fighting machine.

On May 3, 2007, shortly before her fourth birthday, Madeleine McCann of Rothley, England, disappeared during a family vacation at a resort in southern Portugal. Despite an international search, she remains missing.

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Community Calendar

Arbor Day Celebration, Saturday, May 2nd, 8am-noon at Q'emiln Park (near Grand Pavilion), 12201 W. Parkway Dr., Post Falls. Experts will teach proper tree planting, pruning and how to choose the proper tree for a particular location. Free trees will be given to the first 100 attendees! Choices are: "Heritage" Oak, "Valley Forge" Elm, Tulip Tree, & "Golden Falls" Redbud. The free event is sponsored by City of Post Falls.

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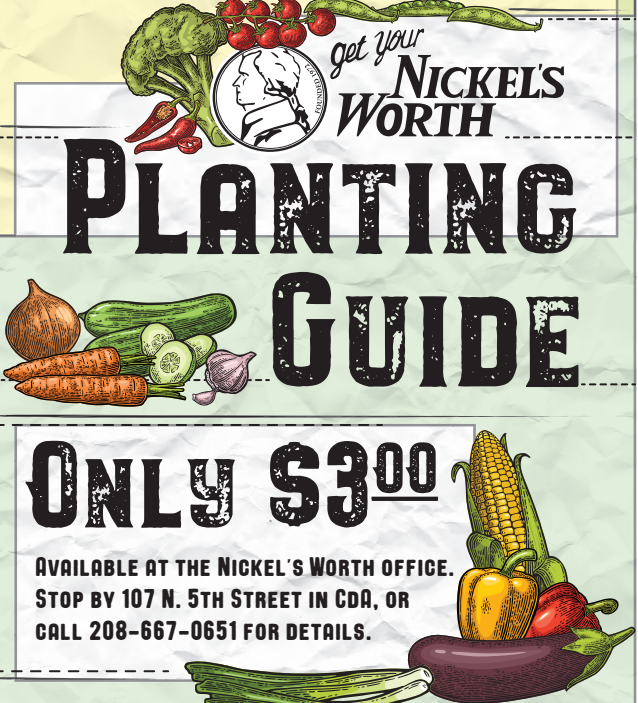
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Pets of the Week: Kiwi & Sky and Justice

— Companions Animal Center —



Kiwi (female) and Sky (male) are two-year-old Parakeets. They are a bonded pair and beautifully colored.



Justice is a Treeing Walker/Coonhound and is almost two years old. He loves playing fetch and sniffing out whatever he can find - in true hound fashion. Come and meet Justice! He is a sweetheart.



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Pets of the Week: Wilma and Orchid

— Priest River Animal Rescue —



Wilma, sponsored by Cheri with paid adoption fees, is searching for her forever home. Timid at first, she warms up with patience and becomes very affectionate. Wilma and her siblings, raised outdoors and recently spayed or neutered, need quiet families and a securely fenced yard. They

are gentle, eager to learn, and require ongoing socialization and positive reinforcement. With patience, these pups will blossom into loyal, loving companions. If you are interested in meeting the Flintstone pups, please complete our online application; approval is required before visiting.



Orchid is a handsome gentleman looking for a quieter type of home. He is a polydactyl, meaning he has extra toes to add to his charming personality. He does prefer to be the only kitty in the house or he can sometimes be a bully. He has really been showing his loving personality, enjoying attention from visitors.



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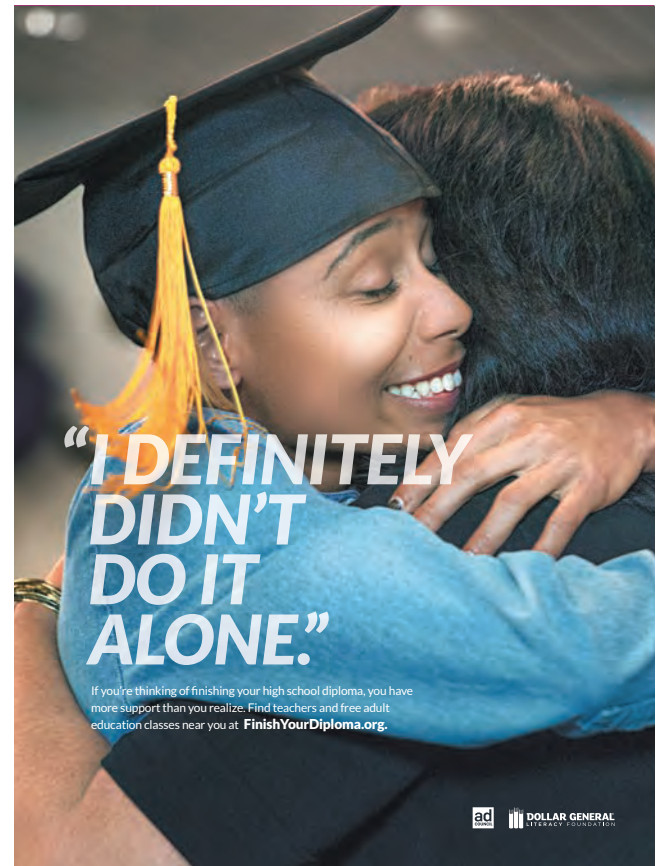
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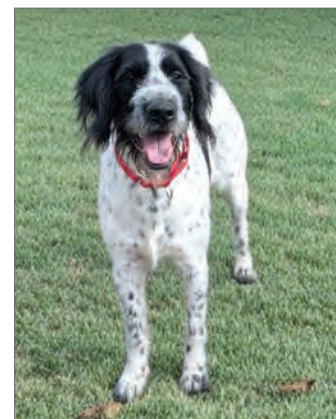
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— Second Chance Pet Rescue —



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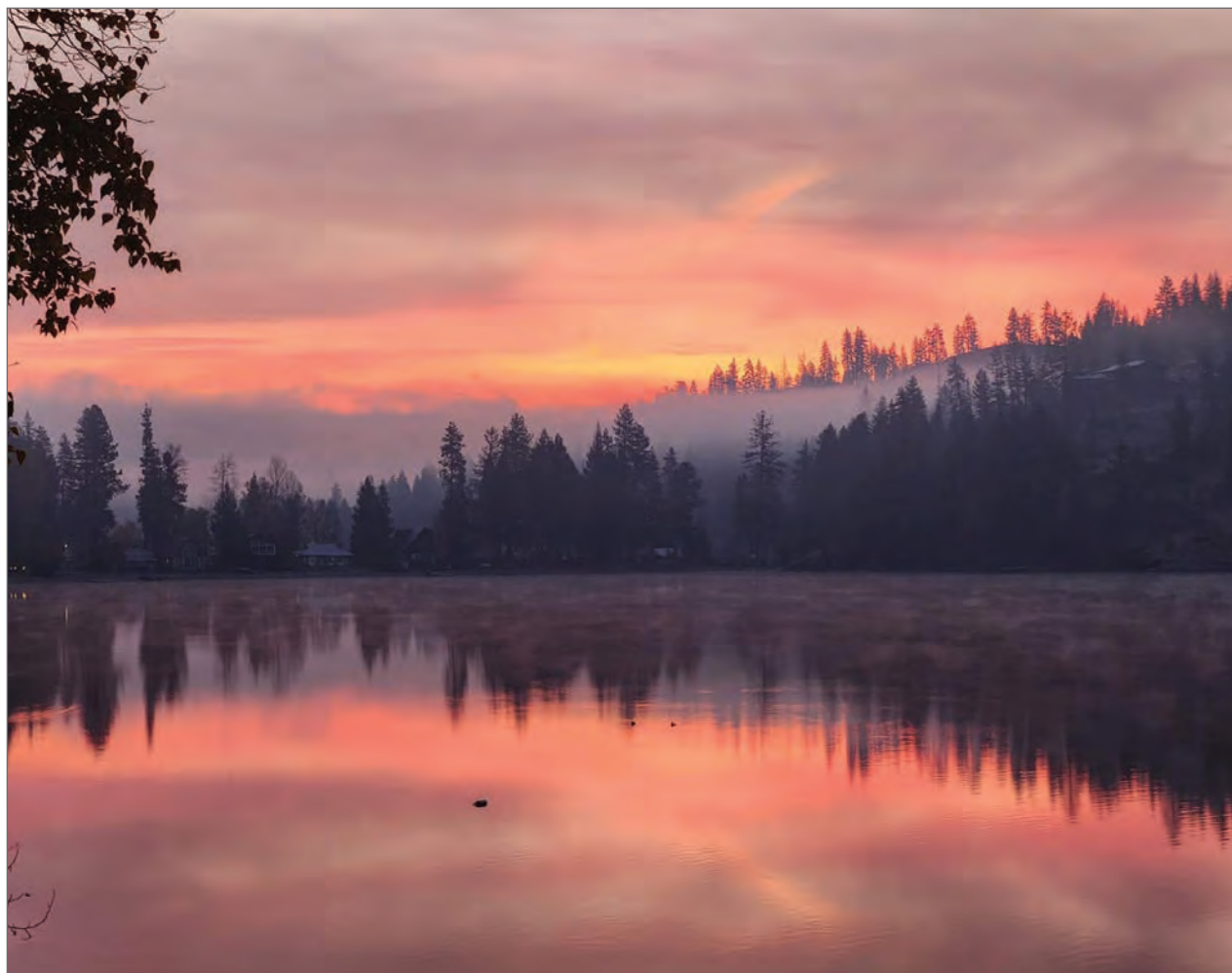
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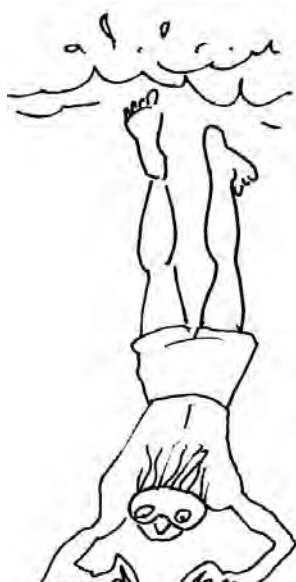
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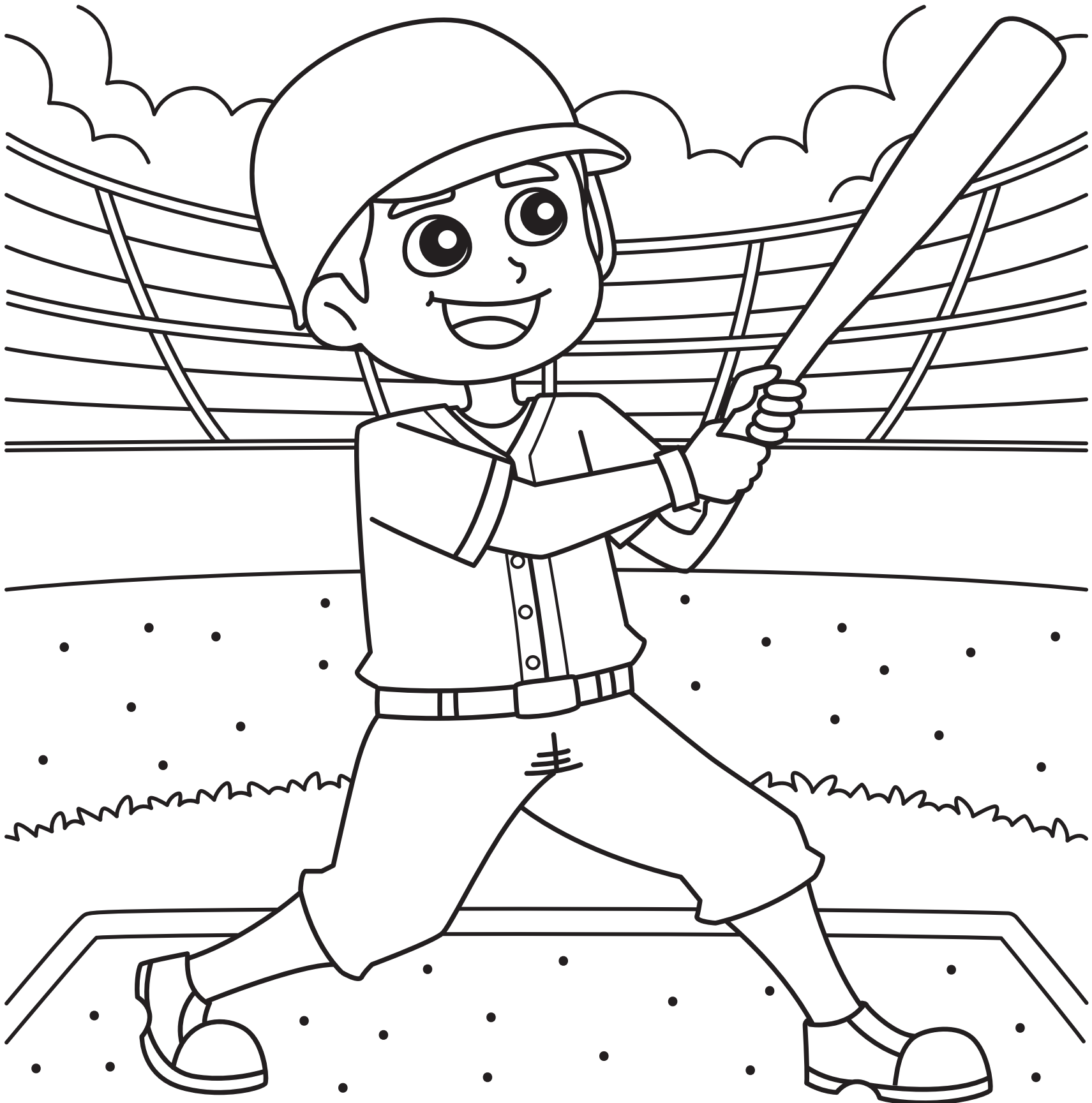
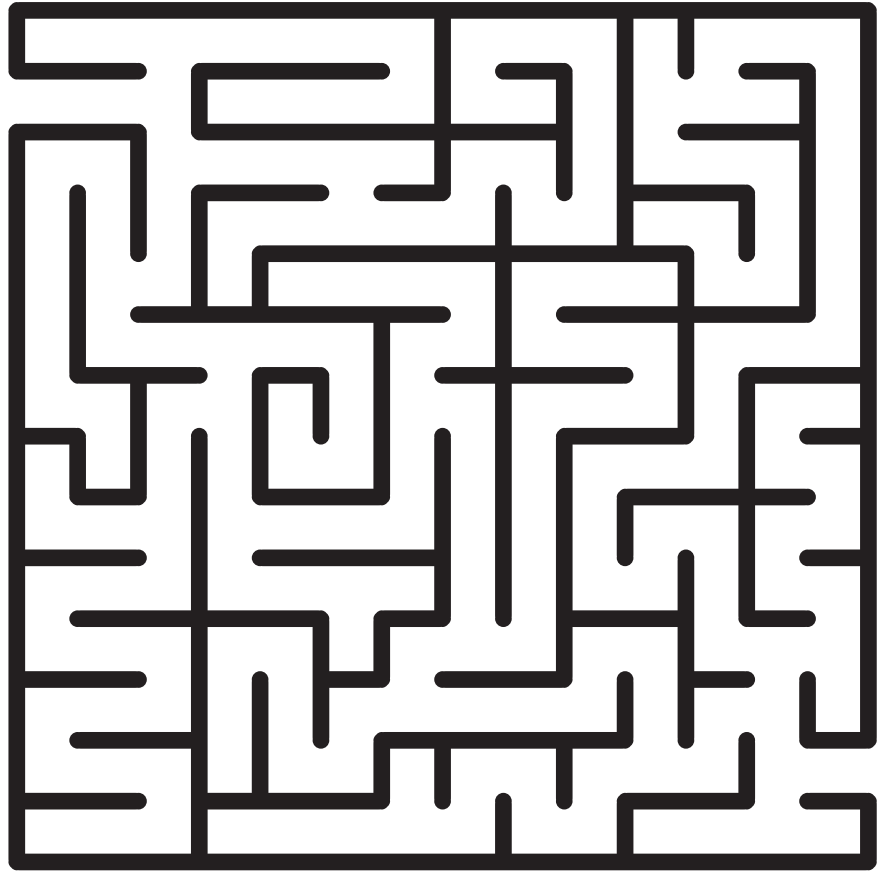
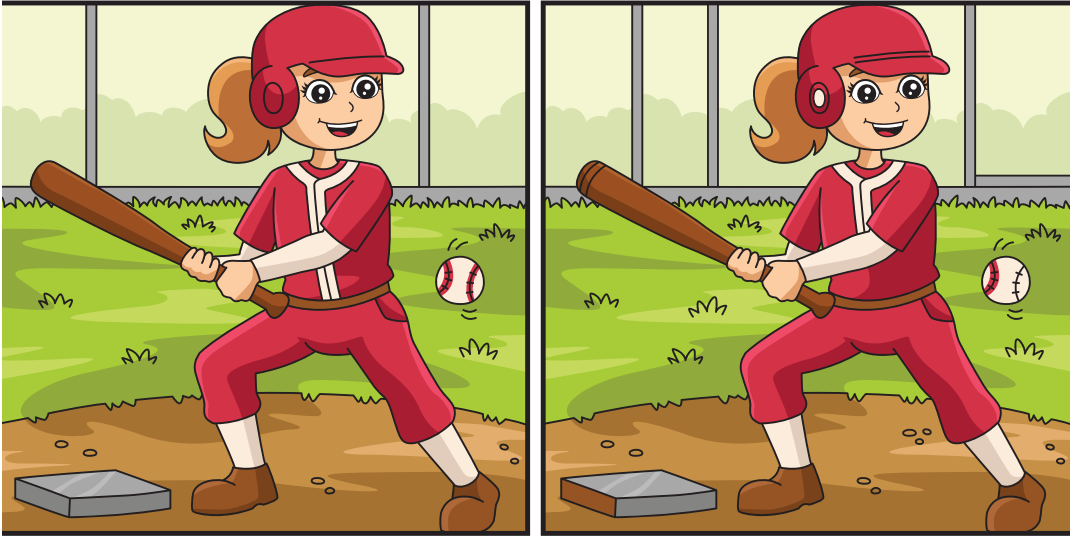
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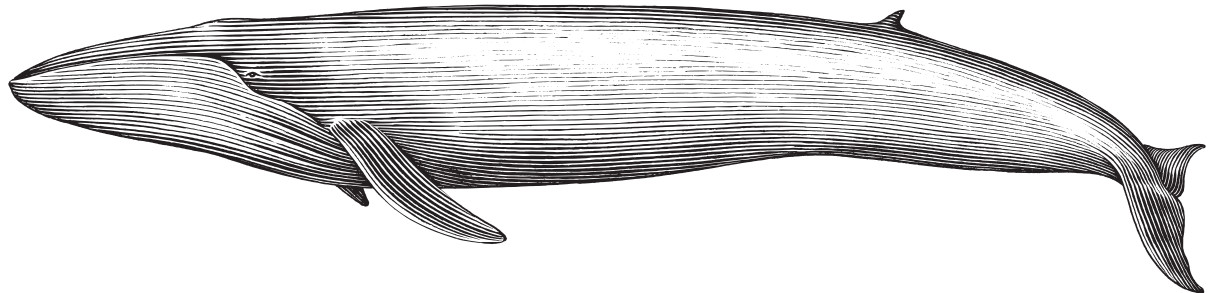
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Hunter Harvest Report: Elk And Mule Deer Keep On Climbing In 2025

Part 1 of 3

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



An EHD outbreak in summer 2025 might've contributed to a drop in whitetail harvest.

It's that time of year again. As we foam at the mouth anticipating which hunting units, weekends, and drainages to scope out this fall, here's a summary of how last fall went, thanks to hunter harvest reporting.

Let's kick off this year's harvest summary with the one species that didn't see an increase from the previous year: whitetails.

White-tailed deer harvest typically hovers around the 22,000 mark, and last year's harvest wasn't too far off from that. Hunters still have room for celebration, as the year's harvest could've looked a lot different—but more on that in a bit.

Last year's 19,702 whitetail harvest still sits right in line with the 10-year average, which despite a handful of EHD outbreaks during the past decade, still continue to flourish. Despite slipping a bit from the 2024 hunter harvest, last fall's harvest has Fish and Game biologists nodding their heads with optimism as we round out the final weeks of winter and approach this year's hunting season.

Mule deer (or, technically speaking, mule deer hunters) are the biggest winners from the 2025 fall season. Harvest of muleys jumped 2.8% from 2024, or put another way, 691 more animals during this past year's harvest. That's worth noting, considering some of the state's population had a rough go of it during the winter of '22 and '23.

Fortunately for them, the past few Idaho winters have been some of the mildest in recent years, including this past winter which (for now) has been Club Med for mule deer. But as Fish and Game biologists point out, mild to nonexistent winters can have reverse effects come later in the summer.

Finally, on to elk.

Elk hunters also had a successful fall, accounting for a 2.4% increase (or 509 animals) from 2024. As we've covered every year in these annual reports, elk don't feel the impact of weather nearly as bad as their long-eared or white-tailed cousins.

Last year's harvest landed at 101% of the 10-year average (21,249), which makes it about as close to a "normal" harvest as you can get with fluctuating annual harvests.

ELK

By the numbers

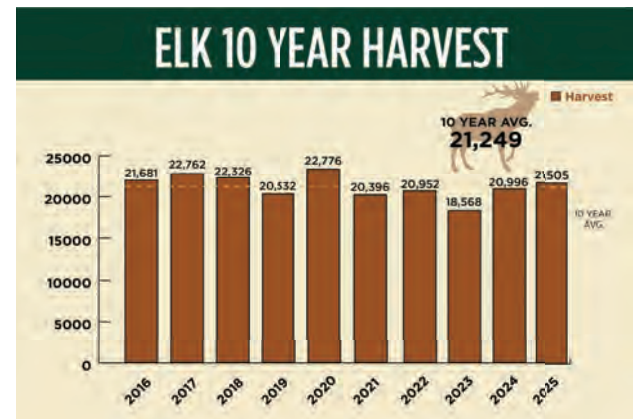
- Total elk harvest in 2025: 21,505
- 2024 harvest total: 20,996

- Overall hunter success rate: 23%
- Antlered: 13,263
- Antlerless: 8,242
- Taken during general hunts: 13,524 (18% success rate)
- Taken during controlled hunts: 7,981 (40% success rate)

How it stacks up

There's nothing exactly to write home about if you look at last year's elk harvest. Across the board, harvest totals and success percentages are pretty standard when compared to the previous nine years. Sure, there might be a 2-3% increase/decrease from year to year, but in the grand scheme of things, that's marginal. And remember, these numbers pour in from every corner of the state—not one specific elk zone or hunting unit.

Take a look at the chart below.



There isn't a whole lot of fluctuation within the 10-year average (indicated by the dotted yellow line) and each year's harvest tally, represented by the brown bar graphs.

Fish and Game wildlife managers point out that based on hunter harvest, aerial surveys, and survival data, elk populations are doing very well—not to mention a couple of real bright spots.

"Harvest of six-point bulls is the highest it's been in five years," said Fish and Game's Deer and Elk Coordinator, Toby Boudreau. "We're also seeing a 14% bump in total harvest since 2023."

Now, not to read the tea leaves and get too far out ahead of this year's coming elk season, but this seems like a good spot to bring up that "headscratcher" of a harvest dip in the 2023 season. After all, elk populations were healthy and stable following that previous winter and into summer.

That mild winter (which was a godsend following the brutal 2022-23 winter) was incredibly dry, but that summer, however, benefitted from ample precipitation, greening up elk summer range and thus keeping them fat and happy at higher-than-normal elevations. Last year's summer did not play out that way.

Currently, as we crawl out of one of the driest, warmest winters experienced in recent decades, only time will tell if we see another similar trend in fall 2026. Successful elk hunters, believe it or not, go where the elk are. And when pitiful snowpacks and peak summer temperatures start blistering the landscape in June or even late-spring, those elk tend to go where the resources are, so keep that in mind.

We will definitely dive deeper into this year's hunting outlook more as the season approaches and environmental conditions play out, but the reason I bring this up is to keep it in the back of your mind as you begin scouting your usual honey holes later in June and July.

Community Calendar

Free Spring Concert, 2pm Tuesday April 28th and 7pm Friday, May 1st, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 N. 5th St., Cda. Presented by The 3Cs Coeur d'Alers. Full women's chorus accompanied by tap dancers, flute, horns, and percussion. Raffle prizes. Donations accepted and all proceeds go to 3Cs (Cancer and Community Charities).

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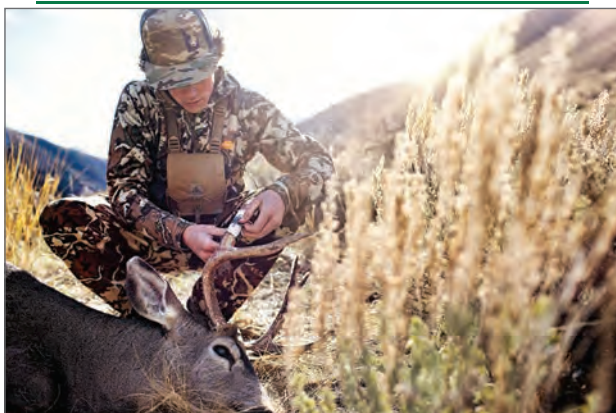
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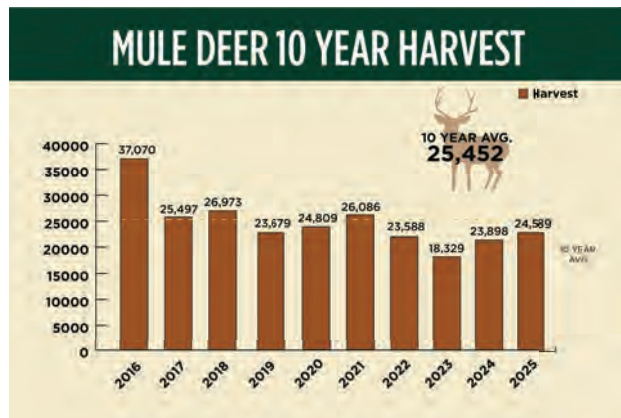
MULE DEER

By the numbers

- Total mule deer harvest in 2025: 24,588
- 2024 harvest total: 23,898
- Overall hunter success rate: 32%
- Antlered: 21,539
- Antlerless: 3,050
- Taken during general hunts: 18,655 (28% success rate)
- Taken during controlled hunts: 5,933 (52% success rate)

How it stacks up

Much like elk, the 2025 mule deer harvest doesn't really bring up any red flags. Last year's harvest was well-within the 10-year average, which if you note the presence of the seemingly astronomical 2016 harvest in the chart below, is still hovering right below 25,452 (10-year average).



Estimated number of mule deer hunters did bump up by nearly 2,500, accounting for the same exact success percentage as last year (32%). Even general and controlled hunt success mirrored that of the previous year.

"Last year, we saw more Idaho hunters returning to hunt mule deer," said Boudreau.

The big divot in mule deer harvest came in 2023, which was to be expected. By now, nearly every mule deer article written since that winter has alluded to that hit in population, specifically in regard to eastern Idaho's deer herds, so I won't beat that horse to death.

The reason I bring up that year's harvest though is to show that muley populations are rebounding, particularly in those units impacted by that brutal winter.

As the saying goes, "hunters kill elk, winters kill deer." And with the passing now of two utterly feeble winters, mule deer continue to rebuild their herds. But the gravy train only runs when there's ample water and food, which hot, dry summers can negate heading into the months after.

With all that said, mule hunters can chalk up last year as a win, with increases in success rates and 4-point harvest since 2022-23. This signals that after losing a significant amount of fawns during that winter, there is a new crop of bucks that are reaching maturity.

Community Calendar

Theater: High School Musical, Jr., various showtimes through April 25th, at Circle Moon Theater, 3642-4112, WA-211, Newport, WA. You'll be laughing, singing and cheering throughout the familiar drama of cliquish high school all the way! Dinner and a show, or show only tickets available: 208-448-1294, northwoodsperformingarts.com, and Seber's Pharmacy, Newport, WA.

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Theater: Shrek the Musical, various showtimes April 24th-May 3rd, at the Kroc Center Theater, 1765 W. Golf Course Rd., CdA. The hit movie takes the stage in a hilarious mashup of new and old fairy tales. We dare you to come and not start tapping your toes! Get all your info and tickets at aspirecda.com

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.

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.

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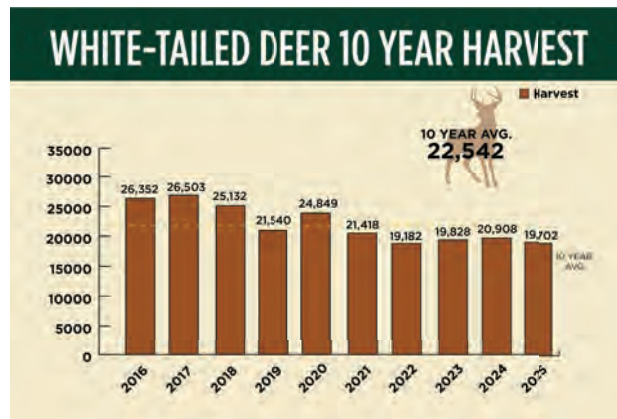
WHITE-TAILED DEER

By the numbers

- Total white-tailed deer harvest in 2025: 19,702
- 2024 harvest total: 20,908
- Overall hunter success rate: 38%
- Antlered: 13,302
- Antlerless: 6,400
- Taken during general hunts: 18,237 (37% success rate)
- Taken during controlled hunts: 1,465 (40% success rate)

Wildlife managers anticipated a slight drop in the 2025 harvest. The culprit? The same offender that reared its head back in 2018 and 2021: EHD.

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease is the biggest harvest factor and an unfortunate reality for Idaho's white-tailed deer. EHD occurs periodically in Idaho's Clearwater and Panhandle regions, typically during hot summers and during drought, and sadly, that's likely to continue in the future.



Fortunately, most EHD breakouts affect a relatively small percentage of the deer population—although it can have a larger effect on local herds—but the effect is typically short lived.

Last year's EHD outbreak popped up in late July and August, paving the way for potentially another low-harvest year; however, statewide harvest held steady.

Estimating the actual number of deer lost during an EHD outbreak is extremely difficult. However, based on the number of reports received at that time, the 2025 outbreak proved to be similar in severity to the 2021 event.

Leading up to fall, wildlife managers chose not to alter the 2025 whitetail season. The Clearwater Region—where the bulk of the outbreak took place—had strong populations overall, and despite some localized losses, deer numbers across much of the region remained robust and well above concern.

Based on experience with past outbreaks in Idaho and neighboring states, recovery typically occurs within three to five years, depending on habitat conditions and winter survival. While EHD outbreaks can cause sudden and visible losses in localized areas, white-tailed deer populations are well adapted

to recover from these events.

Fish and Game wildlife managers will continue to monitor white-tailed deer herds, particularly in those two regions, as we approach summer. But statewide, whitetails are doing well in much of the state, including five-points, which are still holding steady over 20%—a solid sign that mature bucks are still making up a good portion of the population.

A note on Unit 73A's muzzleloader and archery-only season

While this is a statewide harvest recap, it is worth mentioning Unit 73A's inaugural muzzleloader and archery-only general season mule deer hunt and how it played out.

Following recommendations developed by an advisory committee working group composed of Idaho hunters and Fish and Game wildlife managers, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission adopted new seasons in Unit 73A that changed the any-weapon general season to muzzleloader and archery-only for the 2025 season.

As expected, both hunter participation and success rates in 2025 decreased markedly. Wildlife managers are using GPS collared mule deer, aerial surveys, and hunter information to closely monitor how this weapon-type change to the general season influences the mule deer buck population as well as the behaviors and experiences of hunters.

Wildlife managers estimate that buck populations will be higher heading into the 2026 hunt. Fish and Game staff in the Southeast Region will have more information in the coming weeks regarding the Unit 73A mule deer hunt change and what it may look like heading into this fall.

Hunters: You make these kinds of insights possible

This might shock a few people, but knowing how many deer and elk get harvested by hunters every year depends on, well, hunters.

Your involvement gives wildlife managers important hunt and harvest information that directly goes into gauging herd health across the state, figuring out where and how much hunting pressure takes place, and ultimately setting seasons and rules for the future hunting seasons.

This is conservation at its core, folks. Nobody's asking you for GPS coordinates or bullet weight or what flavor Mountain House you packed. It's "Did you harvest—yes or no?"

Hunters, take pride in knowing you're doing your part to ensure game populations remain healthy and resilient and ensuring each species will still be there to hunt for your kids, the next generations.

Now, the moment has already come and gone to fill out hunter reports for last fall, but this is a reminder that better information means better management, which in turn can mean more hunting opportunity because a lack of good data can mean shorter hunting seasons and/or fewer tags.

I know it still feels like a century between now and the fall 2026 hunting season, but take this simple reminder and file it away. Make it a tradition every year. Do whatever you think it will take to remind yourself to fill out your mandatory hunter report after next fall's hunt.

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