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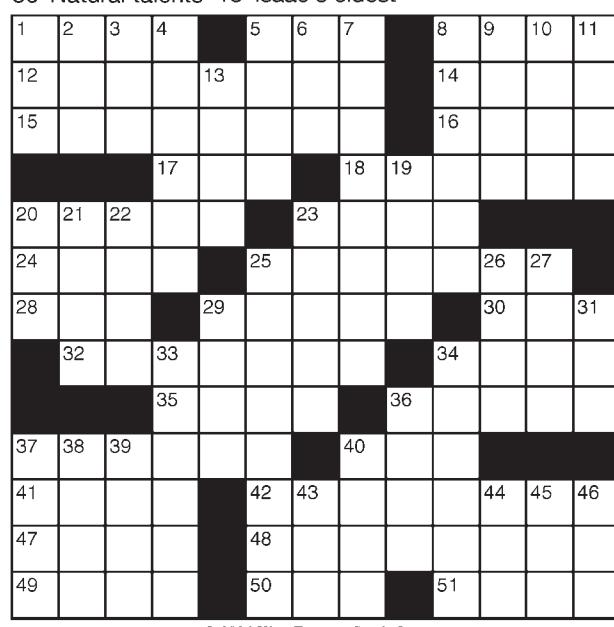
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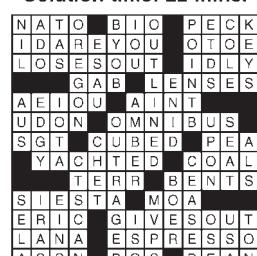
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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Third Monday in January

— National Day Calendar —



On the third Monday in January, Martin Luther King Jr. Day honors the American clergyman, activist, Civil Rights Movement leader. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) is best known for his role in advancing civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience. King has become a national icon in the history of American progressivism.

Education

A gifted and friendly student, King attended Morehouse College, earning a B.A. in sociology. Combining a passion for racial equality with a rediscovered spirituality, King then attended Crozer Theological Seminary, following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps earning a Bachelor of Divinity.

Shortly after completing his Ph.D. in theology at Boston University in 1955, a 22-year-old Rosa Parks (See Rosa Parks Day observed December 1st) refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. The opportunity for the NAACP to bring their civil rights efforts to the forefront was before them, and they chose King to lead the successful city-wide boycott of the Montgomery transit system.

Young Civil Rights Movement

Just over a year later, King and over 60 other ministers and activists founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Together, they coordinated nonviolent protests and gave the young civil rights movement a voice.

Through the next twelve years, King would be influential in organizing marches, sit-ins, and political rallies for civil rights. For example, during a 1963 March on Washington, D.C. for Jobs and Freedom, King spoke before more than 200,000 regarding the challenges African Americans face. His "I Have a Dream" speech has gone down in many history books as one of the greatest speeches ever given. Brutally honest, with a call to action and a vision of hope, King's speech resonated throughout the nation.

Selma

In early 1964, 1,500 men and women met a wall of state troopers during a march outside Selma. There, King led the marchers in prayer and avoided any confrontation with authorities. On July 2, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, outlawing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. That same year, King became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for his unwavering work in the Civil Rights Movement.

In early 1965, Selma, Alabama, became the center

Community Calendar

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of the Civil Rights movement. Congress introduced new voting rights legislation. It proposed banning literacy tests and mandating federal oversight where tests were administered. Additionally, it gave the U.S. attorney general the duty of challenging the use of poll taxes for state and local elections. Televised violence in February of that year resulted in the death of Jimmie Lee Jackson. King's presence and President Johnson's support of the marchers helped bring peace. Throughout the next month, marchers continued between Selma and Montgomery. Congress passed the Voting Rights Act in August of that year.

Author, speaker, father, theologian, activist, King died on April 4, 1968, when James Earl Ray assassinated him in Memphis, Tennessee. King arrived in Memphis with other SCLC members supporting a sanitation workers' strike. They stayed at the Lorraine Motel, and Ray's bullet struck King on the balcony. Riots and violence would follow, and President Johnson would call for peace, referring to King as the "apostle of nonviolence."

How To Observe Martin Luther King Jr Day

Many schools, businesses, and government offices are closed during Martin Luther King Jr Day. However, schools hold programs or teach curricula engaging students in Civil Rights history and lessons throughout the week. Learn more about the Civil Rights Movement and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Watch one of the documentaries or read one of the books listed below:

- *King: A Filmed Record - Montgomery to Memphis*
- *The Children's March*
- *The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, edited by Clayborne Carson
- *Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference* By David Garrow
- *Freedom's Daughters* by Lynne Olson

Use #MartinLutherKingJrDay to post on social media.

Martin Luther King Jr Day History

While President Ronald Reagan signed the observance into law in 1983, Martin Luther King Jr. Day was first observed as a U.S. federal holiday in 1986.

Martin Luther King Jr. FAQ

Q. Is Martin Luther King Jr. the only American honored with a federal holiday?

A. No, but Martin Luther King Jr. is part of a select group of three men who have been honored with federal holidays. The other two are Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

Q. Was Martin Luther King Jr. awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

A. Yes. Martin Luther King Jr. became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Q. Was Martin Luther King Jr. a Freedom Rider?

A. No, but King did show his support for the Freedom Riders in several ways. In 1961 during the Civil Rights Movement, a group of young Black and White college students took to riding interstate busses to force the issue of desegregation. Angry crowds often met these busses, attacking the Freedom Riders. At least 60 Freedom Rides were conducted throughout the South, affecting change that caused the Interstate Commerce Committee to enforce its ruling six years prior that denounced the separate but equal doctrine.

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WORD FUN

by Helene Hovanec

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SAUCER	CARES	SEVERE	VERSE
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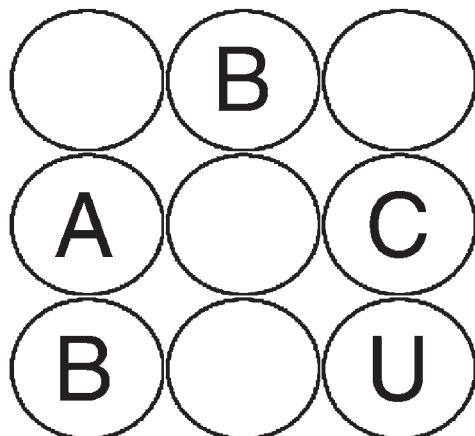
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PEANUT	N	TAUPE
REFILL	L	FLIER
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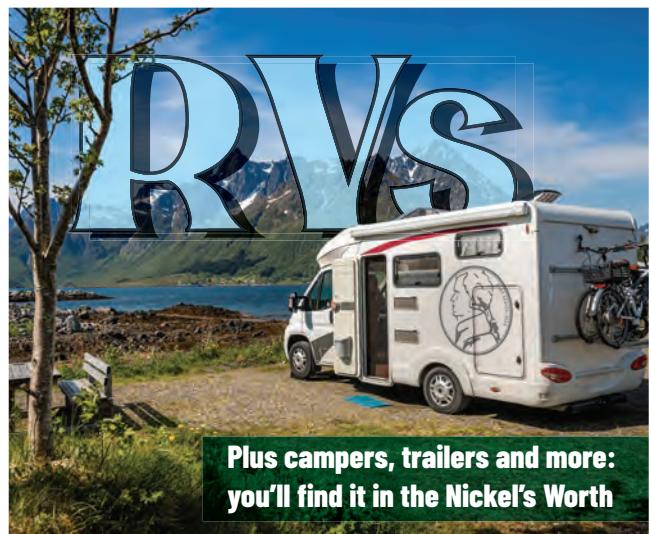
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Feeding Backyard Deer and Elk Does More Harm than Good

Part 1 of 2

— Idaho Fish & Game —



It may seem like you're helping, but handouts for wintering deer and elk ultimately harm the animals and people.

Seeing a herd of deer outside your door or a herd of elk may seem idyllic, and during winter they can almost seem tame. But truth is they're wild animals that need to remain wild animals, and feeding them can quickly create a variety of problems.

Here's how a simple well-meaning act can lead to a neighborhood-wide conflict.

The same sad story repeats every winter

A neighbor will leave feed on their property all winter. The wintering deer catch wind of this 24-hour eatery and tell their out-of-town friends. The numbers grow, and pretty soon, other wildlife — including coyotes and cougars — hear about this backyard buffet as well.

The deer and elk eat what's available and start patrolling the neighborhoods for more readily-available grub, while predators start sourcing their own food — including household pets — as residential conflicts arise from "wild" animals suddenly becoming full-time residents in neighborhoods.



Regardless of how cute, fuzzy, or "hungry" those deer and elk look this time of year, please remember: Generally speaking, they are adapted to winter conditions, or if the conditions don't allow, migrate to milder climates. They do not need a tray of feed laid out in the backyard in order to survive the winter. They've done it for thousands of winters before, and they'll do it again this winter.

Come one, come all

Folks usually have good intentions and are only trying to help. But feeding wildlife typically does more harm than good.

Deer and elk can face health issues when well-intended — but ill-informed — people choose to feed residential wildlife. Feed left out for one deer or elk

Community Calendar

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can quickly lead to more. Large quantities of wildlife in small areas can increase the chances of diseases spreading among the population.

Deer and elk digestive systems have also naturally adapted to different types of forage for different types of year. During winter, they're adapted to digest dried, low-nutrient forage. Adding unnatural, rich food to their diet can create serious digestive problems, bloat and even death.



Feeding deer and elk in neighborhoods can also attract them to deadly plants commonly used in landscaping, as was the case in January 2022 in the Wood River Valley. Despite Blaine County's ordinance restricting the planting of these poisonous plants, five elk were found dead in residential areas after they consumed toxic yew plants. Two of those elk were calves. In 2015-16, the same noxious yew plant killed at least 20 elk in the same area.

As more deer and elk congregate in towns, the chances of vehicle collisions also increase. Deer and elk aren't the best at reading crosswalk signs while they roam town searching for food sources. Hitting a large deer or even larger elk could ruin a person's day, not to mention the animal's day. Motorists should drive cautiously when they're traveling through areas where wildlife may be present.

Feeding a few deer can very quickly lead to many more looking for handouts, concentrating unnaturally high numbers in small areas, which increases the chances of diseases and parasites spreading among the population. Densely congregated deer and elk create conditions ideal for disease outbreaks.

The impacts of social media

It's a sad reality, but staging wildlife photos and videos is becoming more and more of an online trend. People on social media carelessly lure in wildlife with food, and take a selfie with the critter while it munches. Photos and videos can go viral, inflating a person's ego enough to do it again for even more social media engagement.

Pretty soon, the animal becomes used to being fed and repeatedly returns expecting another handout, and more animals may follow. This kind of behavior ultimately spells trouble for wildlife. An animal that's lost its fear of humans can create a whole web of problems for people, their pets, and sadly, the animal itself.



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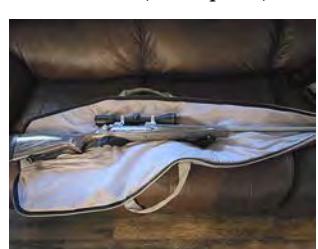
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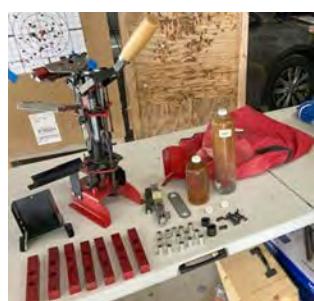
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At some point, Fish and Game has to intervene. Relocation might be the best-case scenario, but in most cases, euthanizing the animal is the only solution if the animal ends up threatening or harming a person or pet.

Issues all across the state

After passing a no-feeding ordinance in September 2023, the city of McCall is dealing with a long-standing problem with town deer. As the name implies, town deer spend most of their time living in town to take advantage of a town's ample food supply, snow-free roads and sidewalks.

These animals should be migrating, but since they can survive winter in town, they reside there year-round. As plowed roads become main travel routes for deer, car accidents are common, and injured deer must be euthanized.

Deer also attract predators

For some, the spectacle of wild deer appearing "tame" as they stroll down the sidewalk and graze in a neighbor's front yard is the perfect photo-op, causing some townsfolk or tourists to encourage this unnatural behavior. But time and time again, this proves to be detrimental for not just deer, but predators, too, as Fish and Game's Southwest Regional Wildlife Manager Regan Berkley explains.



"The more deer that concentrate in an area, the higher likelihood of predators moving into that area," Berkley said. "A few winters ago, we saw increased mountain lion sightings witnessed by numerous people or their doorbell cams."

Once a mountain lion, coyote or any other large predator discovers a buffet of town deer, it doesn't take long for them to move within city limits, sometimes right up to one's backdoor.

"Any time we have mountain lions in close proximity to people, our primary concern is for public safety," said Berkley. "Our level of concern rises when lions start to exhibit nontypical behavior, such as being active in the middle of the day and losing their fear of humans, or preying on domestic pets, which is why continuing to receive reports from the public is so important."

What seems harmless is often the opposite

Fish and Game always recommends against private feeding of deer and elk, and in many Idaho

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communities, it's illegal. Artificially altering wildlife's behavior almost always produces unintended and often negative consequences.

"Keeping all wildlife wild is the responsibility of all of us as humans living in wildlife habitat," Berkley said.

The story repeats farther north in the Panhandle and Clearwater, where the sight of white-tailed deer, turkey and moose meandering through town is commonplace.

Knock on just about any door and you'll hear stories of wildlife decimating freshly planted ornamental landscaping, or devouring the entire crop from a garden. While nearly all people love wildlife, wild animals living in neighborhoods creates conflicts between neighbors who don't want their expensive landscaping or hard-earned fruits and vegetables turned into deer food.

Some towns have resorted to other alternatives to deal with the destructive influx of hooved, feathery and hairy residents. In recent years, the City of Hayden Lake has pursued trapping and euthanizing resident white-tailed deer in town.

Trapping and relocating town deer is typically not an option due to possible disease transmission into wild populations. A relocation effort to remove town deer was halted in the City of Cascade because the deer were infested with lice that would be transmitted to wild deer if the town deer were released into the wild.

Fish and Game feeds only during emergency situations

In very rare cases, Fish and Game managers will supplement a deer or elk's diet with winter feed in emergency situations. Extreme winters can sometimes cause winter forage to become limited or unavailable, sometimes for prolonged periods of time.



Fish and Game will also feed wintering deer and elk on an emergency basis in order to prevent conflicts between big game and agricultural operations, as well as a means of luring big game herds away from congested freeways or onramps.

However instances such as these are uncommon. Most winters, snow depths and temperatures do not pose a threat to big game herds.

Moral of the story

If you wish to help wintering wildlife this year, rather than feeding, take out your binoculars and observe them from a distance. Appreciate the fact that you live in a place that provides deer and elk a suitable habitat during certain parts of the year. You will do more good for the deer and elk by not feeding them.

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National Use Your Gift Card Day reminds Americans to use the \$1 billion in unused gift cards each year. On the third Saturday in January, take stock of the gift cards you received over the holidays. Then, make the most of each one of them before they're forgotten for good!

We all do it. Stash away gift cards, thinking we will have more time later to use them. Instead, they collect dust and disappear into an abyss somewhere. We discover them as we clean and often don't remember how much was on the card or if we used a portion of it. Those partial balances add up, too! So the first step is to collect the cards together and see what you have. You know where to look.

- Every pocket of every purse and wallet you have
- The infamous junk drawer
- Glove compartment of the car
- Bottom of the toy box (Someone probably used it to scrape goo off a toy.)
- The other junk drawer
- A gift bag with the tissue paper still in it
- The toolbox (We know what happens when you can't find a flathead screwdriver.)

Once you have your gift cards, get organized. Where do the gift cards work? Restaurants, retail, and services all offer gift cards. Some gift cards are designed to be used just about anywhere.

Maximizing Your Gift

- Check for deals to maximize your gift cards. In most cases, gift cards work just like cash and can be used with coupons. However, there are exceptions, so it's always good to check first.
- Is the card to a place you don't shop? You have a few options: See if the card is good at a companion location. Check to see if the retailer will cash



the card out. Have a gift card swap party or sell your gift card for cash. Finally, donate your gift card to a charity fundraiser like a silent auction.

- Plan to overspend the amount of the gift card to avoid having small balances lying around. Even if you add a small useful item (lip balm is always handy) to go a penny over the amount, you'll be able to hand the card over to the retailer to recycle the card.

How To Observe Use Your Gift Card Day

Collect your gift cards. It's time to use them. Don't let them sit for a year and risk losing your gift altogether. Instead, maximize your gift cards with deals and get the most out of your gift cards, too. Take a shopping spree or a spa day with your gift cards. Don't let those gifts and savings pass you by! Use #UseYourGiftCardDay to share on social media.

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The Registrar at National Day Calendar® proclaimed the first National Use Your Gift Card Day to be observed in 2019 on the third Saturday in January and annually thereafter.

Gift Card FAQ

Q. Do gift cards expire

A. Gift cards should be used within five years of the date they are activated. Federal law prevents retailers from expiring their gift cards in under five years. However, the retail may charge a fee if the card isn't used within 12 months.

Q. I received a gift card for my birthday. Should I let my friend know what I buy with the gift card?

A. It's not required for you to share how you use the gift card. However, sometimes a gift card allows us to finally purchase something we've been wanting. Telling your friend that the gift card went toward something meaningful lets know their gift was appreciated.

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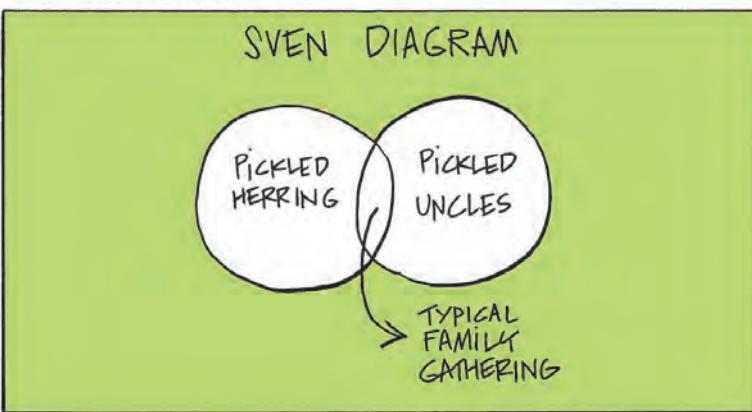
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Divas On A Dime
By Patti Diamond

Why a Pot of Vegetable Soup Is the Best January Reset

Does last week already feel like a month ago? We often begin the new year with the best of intentions, and the trick is making them sustainable. I've learned that real life rarely responds well to extremes, but it does respond to support.

The gentlest and most effective reset doesn't come from cutting things out; it comes from putting the right things in. A pot of nourishing soup simmering on the stove is a simple, steady way to care for yourself and the people you love, one meal at a time.

A colorful, vegetable-rich soup offers more than comfort. Different colors provide different plant compounds that reduce inflammation, support immunity and overall wellbeing, which is why "eating the rainbow" matters. Plant-forward meals also give digestion a welcome break from heavier animal proteins, allowing the gut to settle after a season of indulgence.

My trick for deeply flavorful vegetable soup is building layers of flavor before adding any liquid. I start with a classic mirepoix of onion, carrot and celery, sautéed slowly until soft and lightly browned. That browning brings out the vegetables' natural sweetness. Once the base is fragrant and sweet, I add the remaining vegetables and sauté them too.

To help everything brown and boost flavor, I toss the vegetables with seasoned vegetable soup base (Better Than Bouillon) loosened with a tablespoon of olive oil. This coats the vegetables,

deepens the flavor and replaces the need for cartons of vegetable broth. It's an ingredient that costs more upfront but saves money over time, making it a smart, frugal staple in my kitchen.

Seasonal Vegetables

This is a flexible, clean-out-the-crisper soup. Use whatever vegetables are in season, ripe in your garden or priced to move at the store. In spring, think peas, asparagus or leeks. Summer welcomes corn, tomatoes and bell peppers. Fall is perfect for squash and cabbage. In winter, use sturdy vegetables like potatoes, peppers and kale. The method stays the same. The vegetables change with the season and the sales.



A colorful, vegetable-rich soup is a simple way to nourish yourself one meal at a time.

GENTLE RESET VEGETABLE SOUP

Yield: 16 cups

Total Time: 1 hour

4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided

1 large, sweet or white onion, chopped

3 carrots, peeled and chopped

3 celery stalks, chopped

2 tablespoons vegetable soup base (like Better Than Bouillon)

4 cups seasonal vegetables, chopped

4 cloves garlic, pressed or minced

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1 - 28 oz. can diced tomatoes

8 cups water

1 (15.5 ounce) can great northern beans, drained

2 cups leafy greens like kale, chopped (thick ribs removed)

1/2 teaspoon sea salt, more to taste

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Place eggs in a single layer in a Heat 3 tablespoons olive oil in a large soup pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrot and celery and cook, stirring, until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, mix the vegetable soup base with 1 tablespoon olive oil.

Add the seasonal vegetables to the pot, followed by the soup base mixture, stirring to coat. Add the garlic and thyme and sauté until the vegetables are lightly browned and fragrant, 8 to 10 minutes.

Stir in the diced tomatoes with their juices and the water, scraping up any flavorful bits from the bottom of the pot. Bring to a boil, then partially cover, reduce heat and simmer gently for about 15 minutes.

Uncover and add the beans and chopped greens. Simmer until the greens are tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in the vinegar and season generously with black pepper and salt to taste. Serve hot with crusty bread.

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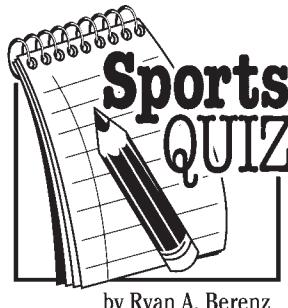
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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. How many touchdown passes did the New England Patriots' Tom Brady throw in the second quarter of a 59-0 rout of the Tennessee Titans in 2009?
2. Name the Spanish soccer player for Barcelona who won the Women's Ballon d'Or in consecutive years from 2021 to 2022.
3. The 2025 sports biography film "The Smashing Machine" stars Dwayne Johnson as what mixed martial arts champion?
4. Where and when was the first World Series game to be played in a domed stadium?
5. What Southern California racetrack hosted the Breeders' Cup horse races in 2017, 2021 and 2024-2025?
6. What set of 72 trading cards was produced in 1979 and included cards of female athletes such as tennis player Rosie Casals, racecar driver Janet Guthrie, gymnast Cathy Rigby and Olympic skier Barbara Cochran?
7. Willie Thrower, recognized as the NFL's first Black quarterback in the modern era, played for what team in 1953?

Answers
1. Five, an NFL record for one quarter, in Minneapolis, in 1978.
2. Amelia Purcell, Minnesota, in 1987.
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- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, minced
- 2 stalks of celery, diced
- 4-5 teaspoons (or less) curry powder, according to taste
- 3 cups butternut squash, peeled (a vegetable peeler works well), seeded and cut-up
- 2 large apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup half-and-half or heavy cream
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

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Cool soup slightly (important!) and puree by whirling in batches in a blender. Return the soup to the pot. Stir in the cream, season with salt and pepper, then simmer briefly to heat throughout. Serve garnished with an apple slice design, parsley, or chives.

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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.
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- 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.

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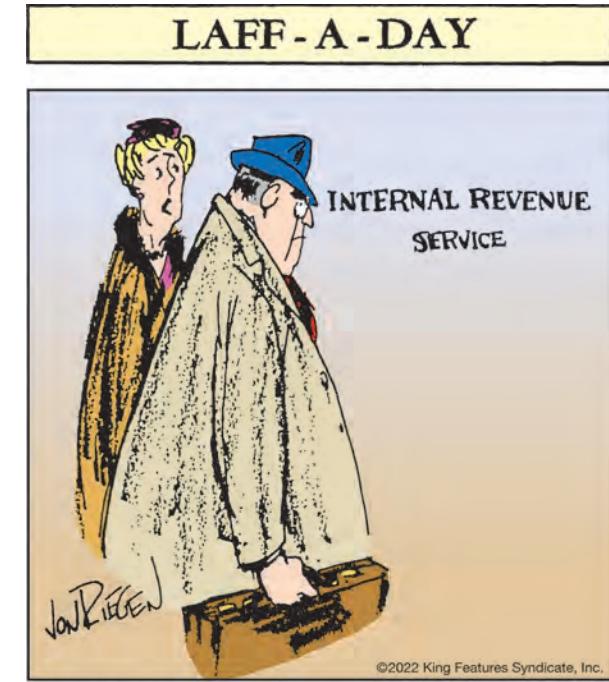
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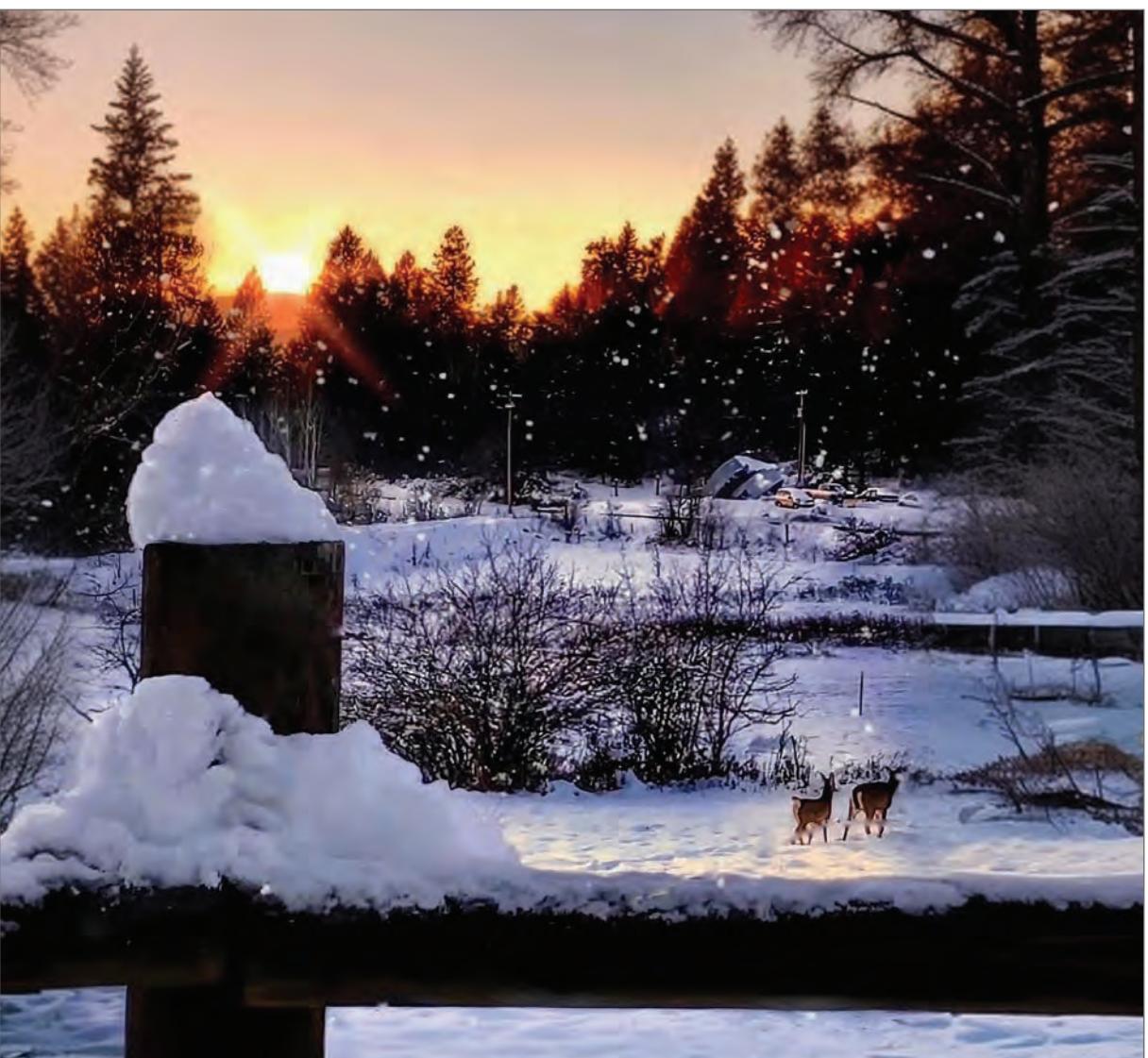
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Stories will be printed at the discretion of the Nickel's Worth, and may be edited to fit available space.



1. Which song was the Allman Brothers' only one to top the charts?
2. What do Elton John's "Rocket Man," Frank Sinatra's "Come Fly With Me" and Dean Martin's "Going Back to Houston" have in common?
3. Name the Sheriff song that topped the charts in Canada in 1983, but didn't hit No. 1 in the U.S. until 1989, long after the group had disbanded.
4. Who released "The Devil Went Down to Georgia"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "You came when I was happy in your sunshine, I grew to love you more each passing day."

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Country Music Association Award for Single of the Year-John, in 1974. The song netted a nomination for
5. "If You Love Me (Let Me Know)" by Olivia Newton-John, in 1974.
4. The Charlie Daniels Band, in 1979.
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it has a single lead singer note that's held for 19.3
years as wake-up music sent by NASA to the astro-
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2. All were among the many songs to be used over the
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1. "Good Clean Fun," in 1990, a single from their
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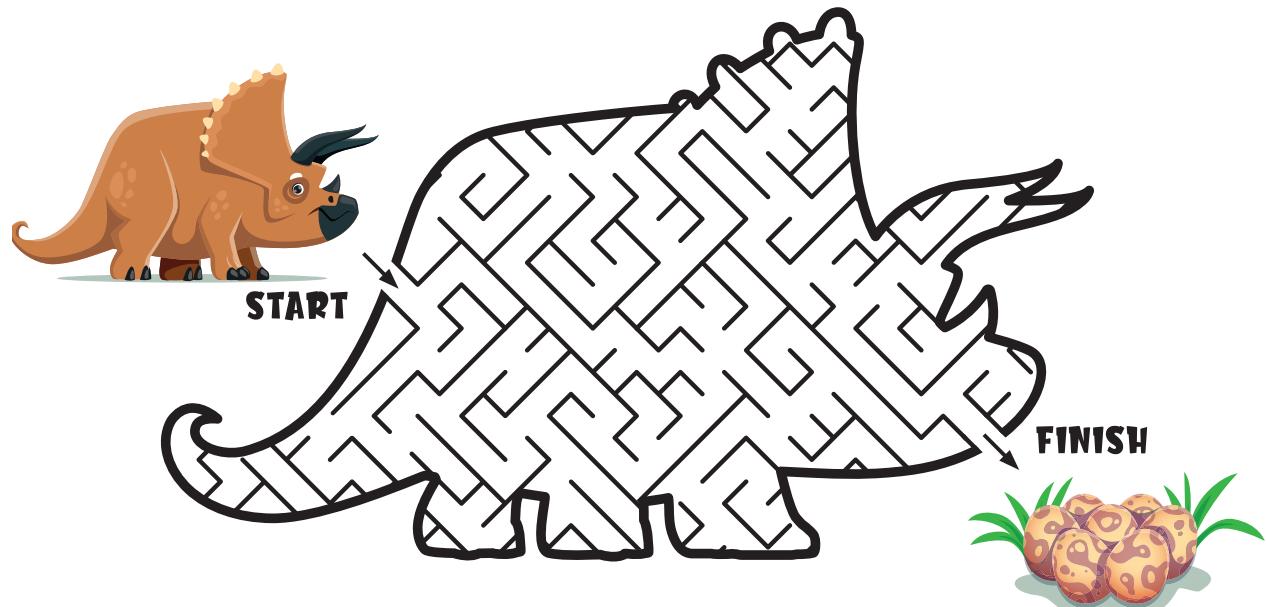
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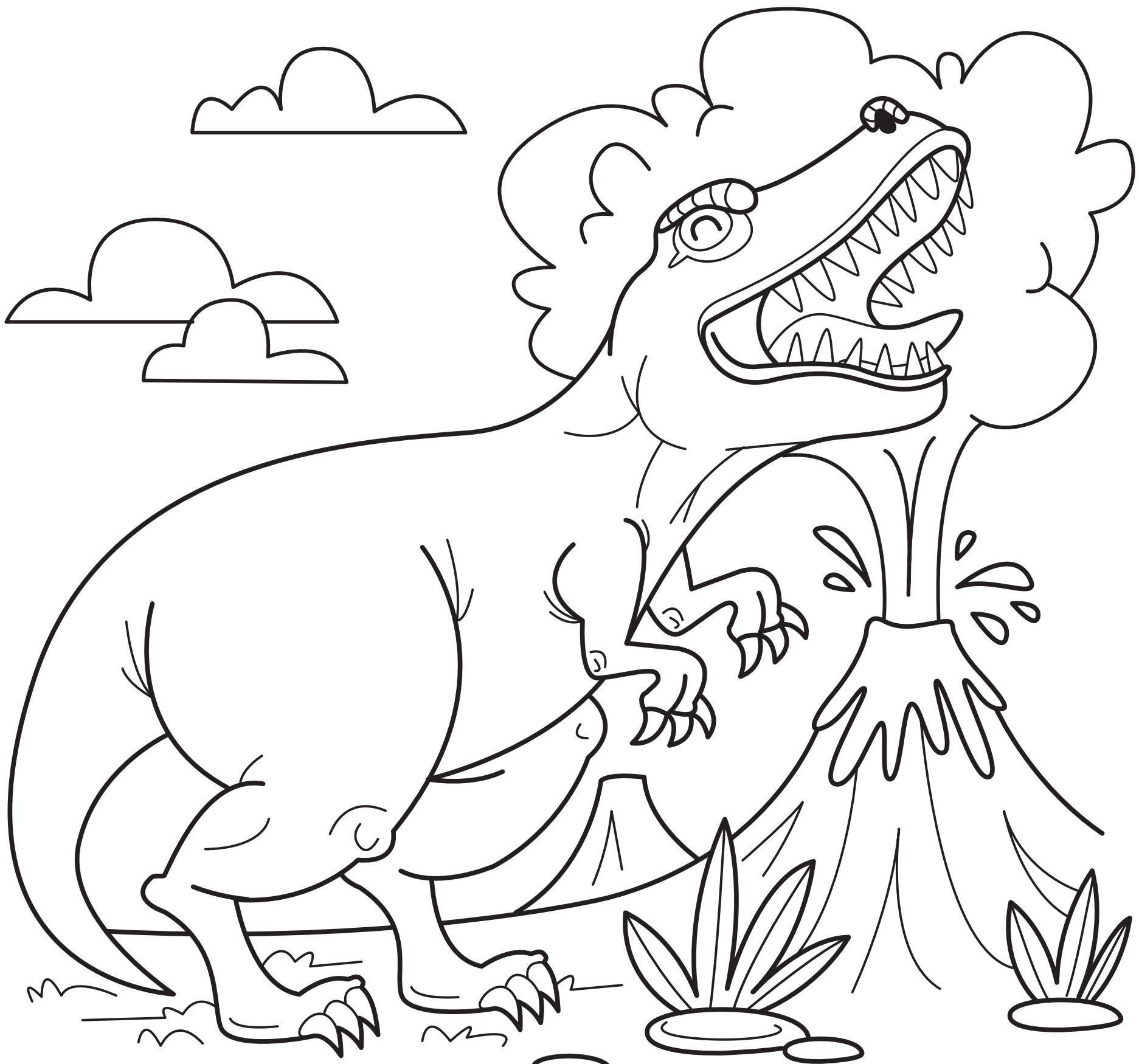
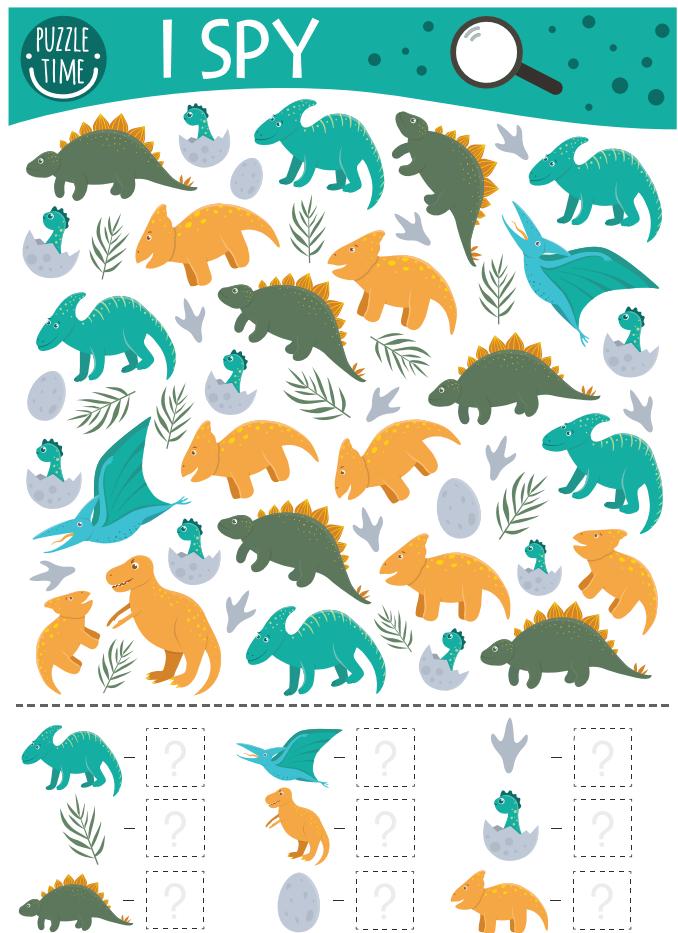
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Hunters looking to apply for 2026 spring's controlled hunts for black bear can apply from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15. Information on the spring 2026 controlled black bear hunt can be found in the 2025 Idaho Big Game Seasons and Rules booklet. Hunters must have a 2026 hunting license in order to apply for controlled hunts, and there are several ways to apply:

- Online: Hunters can apply at gooutdoorsidaho.com, or on the Fish and Game mobile app. There is a service charge of 3% of the transaction in addition to the nonrefundable controlled hunt application fee.
- Licensed Vendors: At any Fish and Game regional office or license vendor.
- Telephone: Applications can be placed over the phone by calling 800-554-8685.

Controlled hunts are hunts with a limited number of tags allocated by a random drawing. Controlled

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Junior hunters must be between the ages of 10 and 17 to participate in any bear controlled hunt, but a 9-year-old may buy a junior license to apply, provided the hunter is 10 years old at the time of the hunt for which they are applying.

Controlled hunt applications for spring 2026 black bear close on Feb. 15th. Successful spring black bear applicants will be notified no later than March 10. Any leftover tags for spring bear controlled hunts go on sale April 1st.

Reminder: Hunters Must Show Proof of Passing the Bear Identification Test

Remember, anyone hunting black bears in Idaho must show proof that they have passed a bear identification test to help them differentiate between grizzly bears and black bears. Both grizzly bears and black bears reside in portions of Idaho, so it is important to know their physical differences. Grizzlies are federally protected in Idaho, so there is no hunting season for them.

There are several physical features that can help you tell the difference between grizzly bears and black bears. No one feature alone should be used to determine which species of bear it is. Rather, a combination of features is most useful. Color and size are not reliable indicators.

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Scarlet Hunt and Luke Odenthal star as Alice Spencer and Alfred Hallam in "Alice By Heart"

COEUR D'ALENE — For many, Alice in Wonderland represents imaginative escapism: a young girl lazng about on a dull day who dreams up a world more exciting than the one she's stuck in. In the musical *Alice By Heart*, presented by Lake City Playhouse, the characters are, indeed, escaping, both in a literal and metaphorical sense.

It's World War II in the midst of the terrifying London Blitz and fifteen-year-old Alice Spencer, her best friend Alfred, and other Londoners take refuge in an underground subway station as bombs are dropped on the city above. When Alfred's illness lands him in quarantine, Alice encourages him to escape with her into the pages their favorite book, with those seeking shelter with them making up the famously colorful characters that populate Wonderland.

Brooke Wood has had the honor of casting and directing this unique take on the classic story, and from the sound of it during our phone interview, has enjoyed every second. "[This was] one of the most talented auditions we've ever sat through... I've never seen anything like it on our stage. I've seen a few that were close, but not like this. I sit at practice with my mouth hanging open. It's just bonkers!"

"The writing is brilliant, and the music is some of the most beautiful, melodic music you'll hear for a while... It's not *Alice* in the sense you usually think about it, but it's more about learning to say goodbye. A young girl who has lost so much due to a war and is now losing the one thing that has been her anchor, who has been there her entire life, who she discovers she loves just in time to say good-bye to him... It has super fun moments of absolute hilarity that juxtapose letting go, but that's love. I don't think people should shy away from [the pain and ache of loss and grief]. They should lean into it, instead."

When asked about casting more authentic-aged actors (Scarlet Hunt starring as Alice just turned sixteen this week), Wood shared, "Going into it, I had a very clear vision of what I wanted. We live in a time when we're casting adults as teens; it's not believable. Adults just have too much life experience and that comes through on stage. So I think when we're doing a coming-of-age show—with first love, first loss, all these huge first-time emotions—it gets lost if you cast too old."

Lake City Playhouse has a long history of putting incredible talent of all ages on its stage, and you know you're in for a treat when the director can't stop gushing about her actors. "Scarlet is an old soul, but not only that, she performs brilliantly, like someone whose done this dozens of times... Luke [Odenthal] plays Alfred and the White Rabbit and the idea of chasing time, the firsts and lasts. You really sympathize with him. And his choices, he's so quiet about them but then he makes these bold choices. He's just rad!... Malachi Burrow (a local singer/songwriter) as the Caterpillar will blow people away, just blow them out of the water!... Kynzie [Washington] is always beautiful on stage but as the Cat, she's the calm in the storm, just beautiful... Then there's Imani [Jacob] who just walked in and auditioned. She's so kind and so beautiful and so talented—never mind all the other stuff; she's so talented."



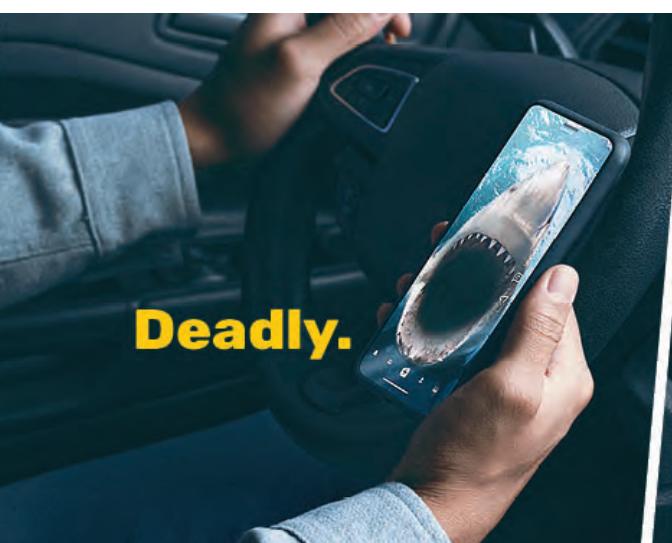
Scarlet Hunt as Alice singing above Kynzie Washington (bottom left) and Malachi Burrow (bottom right)

As any theater-lover can tell you, "This show couldn't be what this show is without the people working on it. It's just a dream team!" Wood bragged. Crystal Bain is the show's choreographer, bringing movement that is "super modern, with everyone flowing into each other. It's so cool!" Local favorite Scott Michaelsen joins as the show's music director. Zoe Evans, who just won Broadway's Best for costuming *Rent* last year, is teaming up with Lincoln Wood on costumes. Actress and photographer Joleena Long is doing the set, with long time LCP veteran Jeremy Wittington designing the show's lights.

LCP has posted a few clips of their rehearsal process, and the vocals alone have me so excited to get my tickets, and you should, too. Bring some tissues and settle in to experience this musical "love letter to letting go and moving forward."

There's a line I heard when I sat in on one of the rehearsals that I feel perfectly sums up the heart of this show. Toward the end, one of the characters remarks caustically how glad they are that it's finally done. Alice smiles, rather sadly, and replies back, "No, never done." She's right—the story continues, love continues, life continues.

You can buy your tickets to this gorgeous, poignant Wonderland retelling at: www.lakecityplayhouse.org. The show opens Friday, January 30th and runs through Sunday, February 15th, with matinee and evening performances available. Lake City Playhouse is located at 1320 East Garden Avenue in Coeur d'Alene.



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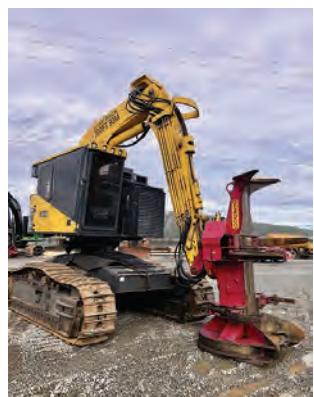


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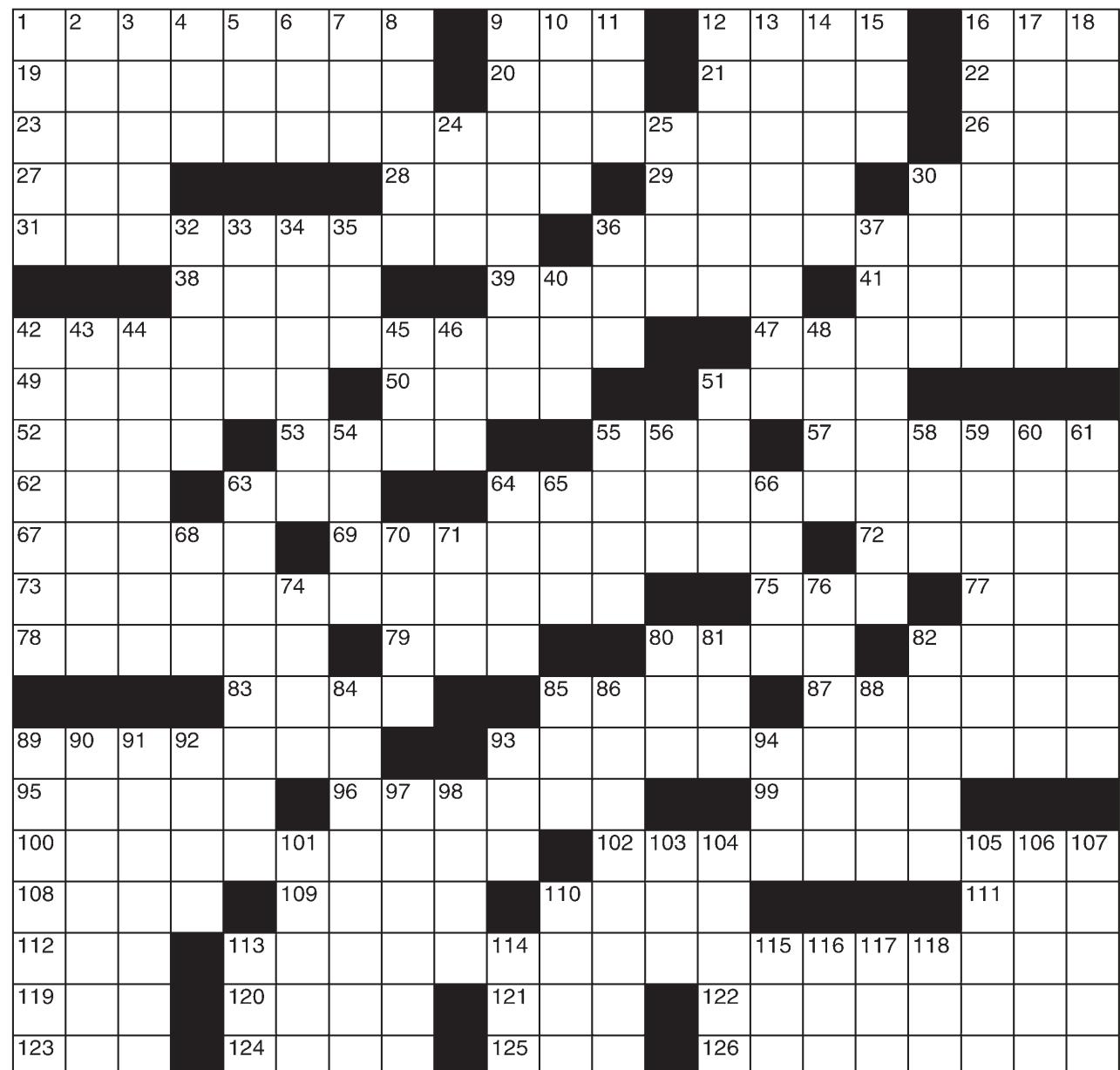
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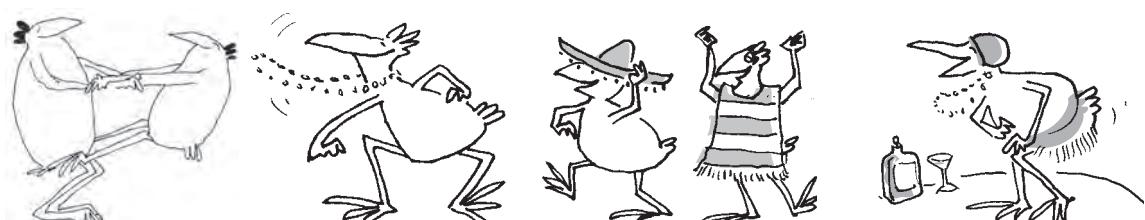
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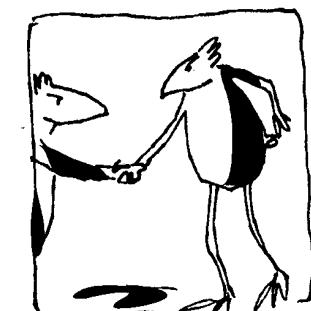
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FLOKI IS A TWO YEAR neutered male purebred Catahoula leopard dog. He came in to rescue as a puppy, was adopted and then returned and now has been here over a year! He is a beautiful dog. Kind and very smart. He's very typical of his breed. He is housebroken, obedient and quiet. Read all about him and see more photos at ID06.petfinder.com or call 208-666-6025, Second Chance Pets CdA

AKC FRENCH BULLDOG puppies: AKC registered French Bulldogs looking for their forever homes! Available 1/11/26, will go home with their 1st round of vaccinations and check-ups. 1 female and 3 males born on 11/14/25. We have loved getting to know these sweet puppies and having them as a part of our family for the past couple of months! Asking \$4500. If you have any questions or want more pics (I have plenty), please message me at 406-691-9055. I live in Provo, Utah, but my parents live in western Montana, so if you are in either of those areas, we could make arrangements for meetups

BOXER MALE: FOUR YEAR old male Boxer. Not neutered, great for stud. Great with kids, lovely, playful and loyal. \$550 OBO, cash only. In Yakima, WA. Serious inquiries only please. Call or text 509-969-5788



BERNESE MOUNTAIN Dog: 2 year old male would be excellent for stud services. AKC registered and up to date on shots. Call for information, 208-984-9228

SILVER VALLEY CAT Wranglers: Several nice adult cats plus kittens available now. We are always in need of foster homes and volunteers. Text or call 208-446-7131. Facebook.com/Silver ValleyCatWranglers

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I HAVE FOUR FEMALE and two male Pugs ready for their forever homes! We are asking \$500. They are playful, friendly and loving pets! Please contact us at 541-561-8815

Pets of the Week: Axe and Max

—Better Together Animal Alliance—



Meet Axe! Axe is an outgoing, playful, and energetic boy who's ready to meet his new family! If you're looking for a fun-loving companion who's always up for a game of fetch or a splash in the water, Axe is your guy. He could chase a ball for hours and absolutely loves for summertime adventures like swimming and running around outside. With proper, slow introductions, Axe has the potential to get along with other dogs, though his history with cats is unknown. While he's a ball of energy outdoors, Axe has a soft and cuddly side, too. After a full day



Meet Max! This jet black, big-boned beauty is an absolute treasure. At eleven years old, he's met 'em all: cats, dogs, kids; and he loves each and every one of them! No matter what you need, whether it's a long conversation, a good cuddle, or just a friendly face at the end of a long day, he'll be your shadow through all of it. He'll even hunt down those pesky mice for you, if you've got any. Swing by BTAA today to say 'hello' to Max, and he'll say it right back!



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Learn more at www.BetterTogetherAnimalAlliance.org

Community Calendar

Kindergarten Bootcamp, Thursday, January 15th, 11am, at Spirit Lake Library, 32575 N. 5th Ave For ages 4-5 and their parents or care-providers. Hands-on experiences are based on developmental stages is the focus. Questions? Call 208-772-5612.

Bridal Tour And Special Event Fair, Saturday, January 17th, 10am-3pm, two Post Falls locations: Trailhead Event Center, 12361 W. Parkway Drive; and Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center, 405 N. William Street. Meet vendors to do planning all in one day. Free admission!

Warning Signs for Caretakers, Saturday, January 17th, 4:30pm-5:30pm, at Athol Library, 32575 N. 5th Avenue. Memory Caretakers Distinctive Memory Care hosts a class for caretakers, discussing warning signs and behaviors of dementia, along with sustaining healthy minds/ bodies.

USAF Clarinet Quartet, 3pm Sunday, January 18th, at Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center, 405 N. William St., Post Falls. Reserve free seats at: <https://thejacklincenter.org/events-2/>

Herbal Allies: Homemade Natural Remedies, noon-1pm Tuesday, Jan. 20th, for ages 13+ at CdA Library. Local naturopathic medical doctor Casey Carr will explain how gardens can grow herbs to create homemade remedies, from tea blends to elixirs.

Veterans Appreciation Breakfast, Wednesday, January 21st, 8am-9:30am, at Legends Park Assisted Living, 1820 N. Legends Pkwy, CdA. Each month veterans and their families are invited to enjoy a full breakfast including eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, coffee and juices. Free of charge! Please RSVP to 208-699-6015. Offered every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Paws to Read, Wednesday, January 21st, 10:30am-noon, at CdA Library, 702 E. Front Ave. Provides young readers a chance to read story books to the listening ears of a therapy dog. All ages are welcome in the children's library.

2nd Harvest Mobile Market, Wednesday, January 21st, 11am-1pm, at Christian Life Fellowship, 1063 C St., Plummer. Up to 250 families in need will receive fresh and non-perishable food items at this drive-through event. No appointment needed.

Advanced Care Planning Workshop, Wednesday, January 21st, 1pm-2:30pm, for veterans at Coeur d'Alene VA Clinic, 915 W. Emma Ave., Room CDA-159. In case of serious injury or illness, create advance directive documents such as "Durable Power of Attorney" and a Living Will. Gain understanding of

healthcare decisions and share concerns with other veterans. Provided by I CARE/U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs. Register by calling 509-434-7983.

Intro to Beekeeping, 5pm-6pm Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at St. Maries Library, 32575 N. 5th Ave. Hank Ausmus will inform participants about basic equipment, honeybee biology, techniques to improve hive quality, disease/ mite prevention, honey production and over-wintering. More info, 208-416-1003.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up by City of Post Falls, Saturday Jan. 24th. By appointment only. Call 208-457-1820 (Republic Services). All decorations must be removed and pieces no longer than 7 feet. Tree only; no garbage pick-up.

Western Territory Staff Songsters, Saturday, January 24th, 6pm, presents a free concert at Kroc Center Community Wing, 1765 W. Golf Course Rd., CdA. An inspiring gospel group entertains, featuring renowned vocalist Barbara Allen and voices from Salvation Army churches. All are welcome!

2nd Harvest Mobile Market, Tuesday, January 27th, 11am-1pm, at Hayden Library, 8385 N. Government Way. Up to 250 families in need will receive fresh and non-perishable food items at this drive-through event. No appointment needed.

Breakfast With Your Sheriff, Wednesday, January 28th, 9am-11am, at Country Boy Cafe, 6160 E. Hwy 54, Athol. A complimentary breakfast will be provided by Reliable Towing so guests can talk with Sheriff Norris and members of his administration about issues affecting Kootenai County communities. All are welcome!

Musical: "Alice By Heart," various showtimes, Friday Jan. 31st through Sunday Feb. 15th, at Lake City Playhouse, 1320 E. Garden Ave., CdA. When reality and fiction intersect, the pursuit of time becomes unavoidable for everyone; however, it is how we utilize the present moment that truly counts. *Alice by Heart* explores the beautiful madness of *Alice in Wonderland*, and the effects of WW2 on those trapped in London during the Blitz. Tickets at: www.lakecityplayhouse.org

Cabin Fever Market, 10am-3pm, Saturday, January 31st. Presented by Kootenai County Farmers' Markets at Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Bldgs 1-3, 4056 N. Gov't Way, CdA. Warm up while shopping from over 50 local farmers & artisans with seasonal products and handmade gifts. FREE admission and parking! Also: Feb 28 & March 28.

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Pets



SALE! HALF PRICE FOR quality purebred pups. Little Penelope pug or little mister Pugsly pug are waiting to join your happy family. Humor, entertainment, love and companionship. Healthy, happy, easy keepers, come for your newest best friend. Was \$1500, now \$750. 208-446-3832

POCKET/ XL BULLY: NEED a perfect Christmas gift? I have 4 adorable pups going on 4 months. These babies are waiting for their forever homes. Asking \$500. For more info contact Vivianna at 509-975-4111. Located in the Tri-Cities area



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BASSET MIX PUPPIES, last two! \$200. Also mom needs a home, \$100. 208-208-8821

F1B MINI COCKAPOOS, jet black color. Up to date on vaccines and dewormed, pre-spoiled. \$1100, delivery options available. For more information, 208-935-5919

AKC SHIH TZU MALE. First shot and dewormed, \$1800. Yakima, WA. 509-961-0154



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FOUR FRENCHIES AND two Pugs: 4 Frenchies, 2 Pugs, and also 3 Pug/Frenchie mixes. They have their shots and dewormers. For more info, call 509-578-9099

YORKIE PUPPY LOOKING for a new home. Male, born 8/31/2025. He has all his shots and dewormed. Very playful and likes to cuddle. Great around other dogs. For more info: 509-380-1577

Pets of the Week: Peanut and Jena

— Priest River Animal Rescue —



Peanut began her journey caring for five kittens beneath a porch before being rescued and placed in foster care. As a mother, she was gentle, nurturing, and protective. Now spayed and ready for adoption, Peanut is a reserved cat who takes time to trust people. She doesn't seek constant attention, but her quiet affection emerges once comfortable. Life's hardships have made her cautious, so she needs a patient adopter who values trust and gentle reassurance. In a caring home, Peanut's loyal and loving nature will shine, making her a wonderful companion for someone who appreciates her independence.



Jena thrives in tranquil spaces, quietly observing her surroundings and finding comfort in soft light and gentle routines. She enjoys peaceful companionship, never demanding attention but showing affection through subtle gestures, such as a soft brush or a delicate purr. Jena's favorite toys move slowly, reflecting her thoughtful and playful side. Her calming presence brings serenity and warmth to any home. For those who value quiet, gentle companionship, Jena is an ideal match—her sweet nature and preference for calm environments make her the perfect addition to a peaceful household.



Phone: 208-448-0699 | Email: pranimalhouse@hotmail.com
Website: pranimalrescue.org | Address: 5538 Highway 2, Priest River, Idaho

Our hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00am to 4:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome to see the adoptable animals. We have a wonderful Critters Thrift Store full of hidden treasures.

Community Calendar

Family Paint and Sip, Friday, January 23rd, 9am and 11am, at CdA Library, 702 E. Front Ave. Gather in the Community Room for a paint party complete with hot cocoa, snacks, music and watercolor paints. Step-by-step instructions provided and led by librarian. Geared to ages 4-10. Read more at <https://cdalibrary.org/events/>.

Stop the Bleed Training, Tuesday, January 27th, 4pm-6pm, for all ages at CdA Library, 702 E Front. Presented by Medical Reserve Corps of North Idaho and Panhandle Health District. Learn how to save lives by knowing how to stop severe bleeding with techniques such as pressure, packing and applying a tourniquet. Register at <https://cdalibrary.libcal.com/event/15733561>.

11th Annual Seed Swap, 1pm-3pm Saturday, Jan. 31st, at CdA Library, 702 E. Front Ave. Take extra seeds (home-saved or purchased) to share, and learn about seed-saving from regional experts and which varieties are well-adapted for North Idaho growing conditions. No seeds to share? That's OK too.

Medicare Basics & Resources, 1pm-2:30pm, Tuesday, February 3rd, Coeur d'Alene Public Library, 702 E. Front Ave., CdA, 208-769-2315. Need help with Medicare choices? SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors) provides FREE unbiased information via in-person workshops (no registration needed). Classes focus on the annual enrollment period, using the Medicare Plan Finder & changes to Medicare. FREE guidance for Medicare choices are provided by SHIBA. More info - 208-666-6131 or email stephanie.wood@doi.idaho.gov. Whether you're on a Medicare plan, or just heading into the maze of plans & coverages, SHIBA counselors will guide you through. The program is a service of Idaho Department of Insurance. SHIBA Region 1 is located at 2005 Ironwood Parkway, Ste. 143, CdA. Phone: 800-247-4422.

Free Sunday Matinee Contra Dance, 2pm-4pm Sunday, Feb. 1st, at CdA Public Library, 702 E Front Ave, co-hosted with the Spokane Folklore Society. Penn Fix will teach easy to learn dances that include circle, squares and contras. The Huckleberry String Band with Arvid Lundin will provide live fiddle music. All are welcome: singles, couples, and families. Free; donations appreciated. For more info, contact adultprogramming@cdalibrary.org and myspokanefolklore@gmail.com

Outdoor Idaho: The Health of Our Lakes, 2pm, Saturday, February 7th, Coeur d'Alene Library, 702 E. Front Ave., CdA. This thought-provoking event, hosted by Kootenai Environmental Alliance, follows scientists and lake managers for an investigation into increasing levels of cyanobacteria or blue-green algae in our lakes. Green Screen Series & Eco Film Forum is a FREE monthly presentation which focuses on local environmental issues.

Craft & Culture Fair, 9am-3pm, Saturday, February 7th. Presented by Sons of Norway CdA at Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 N. 5th St., CdA. Norwegian food, music, demonstrations, presentations, and specialty crafts. FREE admission and parking! Explore the multi-cultural heritage of our community.

Cupid's Arrow Craft Show, 10am-3pm, Saturday, February 7th, by Rathdrum Craft & Farmers Market at Rathdrum Lions Club, 16114 N. Meyer Road. Also: March 14, "Hello Spring Craft Fair"; March 28, "April Fools' Day Craft Show".

History Hour Lecture: Farragut Through the Years, 5:30pm, Wednesday, February 11th, Coeur d'Alene Library, Park Ranger Errin Bair will take attendees on a captivating journey through time from colossal forces of glaciers and Ice Age floods to frontier days and the steamboat Mary Moody. Then onto World War II's need for Farragut Naval Training Station, followed by Scouting events of the 60s & 70s attended by thousands, & the creation of Farragut State Park. It'll be a fun journey for all w/FREE admission! Monthly lecture series are provided by Museum of North Idaho.

Annual Craft Fair, 10am-4pm, Saturday-Sunday, April 11th-12th, presented by Hayden Lake Eagle Riders #4080 at Hayden Lake Eagles Lodge, 1520 W. Wyoming Ave., Hayden. Vendors offering great food and craft products with proceeds benefiting Seven 12 Ranch Rescue & Northwest Expedition Academy.

Musical: "Dream Roles and Miscasts," Friday-Sunday, Feb. 13th-15th, presented by Aspire Community Theater at the Kroc Center, 1765 W Golf Course Rd. CdA. Every performer has a character they'd love to play or a song they ache to sing. Sometimes those roles and songs aren't within a performer's reach—either the character is written for the opposite gender, or the performer is typecast another way. *Dream Roles & Miscasts* is going to shake that concept up!

CPR/AED First Aid Class, Saturday, February 21st, 9am-1pm, at Spirit Lake Fire Station, 32182 6th Avenue. For adults and children, learn how to help save lives with basic first aid skills. Email admin@spiritlakefire.com or call Ann at 208-623-5800 to reserve a spot.

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

Tech Help Tuesdays, 11am-1pm, Harrison Library, 111 S. Coeur d'Alene Ave., Harrison. Get tech help on Tuesdays, or any day of the week! Become a savvy Internet searcher, find books in library catalog, download content onto e-reader, and much more. Info., 208-689-3976.

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Pets



(6) KITTENS! BORN 12/1/25, available 1/26/26. 2 gray long hair, 2 seal point (1 long, 1 short hair), 2 creamy apricots. Dad is Ragdoll, mom is polydactyl, so are some of the kittens! Eating wet and dry food, litter training started. Mom and dad on site. \$500. Additional pics online, nickelsworth.com. 509-924-3485

(3) MALE AND (1) FEMALE Pug puppies, 3 months old. Vaccinated and dewormed, located in Richland, WA. \$650. For more info, call/ text 509-274-0860



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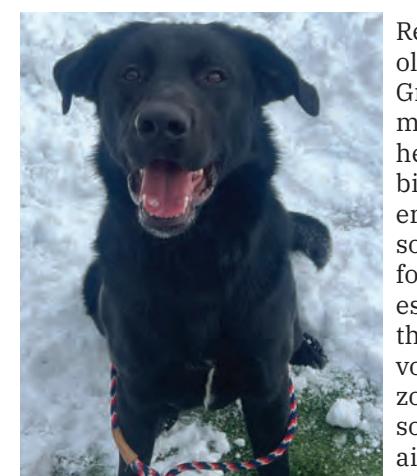


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