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— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



From tags sales to general season closures, here's a partial list of what's happening in January

From tags sales to season closures, there's a lot happening in Idaho during January that you should be aware of. Staying in the loop can be the difference between applying for that coveted controlled hunt tag and watching from the sidelines.

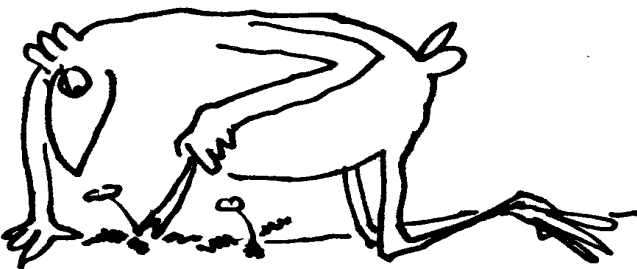
Be sure to stay up to date on all Fish and Game happenings. Here are some important dates you should know to help you plan.

January 2024

**Waterfowl Hunters: There are several migratory game bird hunting seasons that close during the month of January. Please see the 2023-2024 seasons and rules booklet for a full list of specific waterfowl closures.*

- 1/1 – New Year's Day Public Holiday (Fish and Game Offices Closed)
- 1/1 – First day of the 2024 hunting/fishing season. Make sure to purchase a 2024 license.
- 1/1 – OPEN: Spring steelhead season
- 1/1 – Antler gathering closure in Southeast and Upper Snake regions starts (learn more at idfg.idaho.gov/article/antler-gathering-closure-se-and-upper-snake-starts-jan-1)
- 1/15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Public Holiday (Fish and Game Offices Closed)
- 1/15 – Spring black bear controlled hunt application period starts
- 1/24-1/25 – January Commission Meeting in Boise
- 1/31 – CLOSED: Forest grouse season in Area 1
- 1/31 – CLOSED: California and Bobwhite quail season
- 1/31 – CLOSED: Chukar and gray partridge season

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January 10th
 — National Day Calendar —



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Chocolate comes from the seed of the tropical Theobroma cacao tree. Cacao, which has been cultivated for at least three millennia, is grown in Mexico, Central America, and Northern South America. The earliest known documentation of the use of cacao seeds is around 1100 BC. The cacao tree seed has an intensely bitter taste and must be fermented to develop the flavor.

Once the seeds have been fermented, the beans are then dried, cleaned, and roasted. After roasting, the shell is removed to produce cacao nibs. The cacao nibs are then ground into a cocoa mass which is pure chocolate in rough form. Usually, the cocoa mass is liquefied then molded with or without other ingredients. This is called chocolate liquor. The

chocolate liquor may then be processed into two components: cocoa solids and cocoa butter.

Bittersweet chocolate is chocolate liquor to which sugar, cocoa butter, and vanilla have been added. It does have less sugar and more liquor than semi-sweet chocolate. However, the two of them may be interchangeable when baking.

Studies have revealed that there are certain health benefits from eating bittersweet chocolate in moderation, such as lowering blood pressure and helping to protect the heart.

How To Observe Bittersweet Chocolate Day

Bittersweet chocolate offers many ways to celebrate. We can go in so many directions with bittersweet chocolate. Add a little to your baking or sprinkle a little in your morning coffee. Do you like pudding or chocolate chip cookies? This is the chocolate for you. The choice is up to you which delicious chocolate creation you make. However, once you decide, be sure to share your creations, too.

Use #BittersweetChocolateDay to post on social media.

National Bittersweet Chocolate Day History

National Day Calendar continues to research the origins of this delectable day while baking up some terrific treats.

Chocolate FAQ

Q. Are bittersweet chocolate and dark chocolate the same thing?

A. Yes, though the amount of cacao may vary from product to product. Bittersweet chocolate must have a minimum of 35 percent cacao. It is also called semisweet chocolate.

Q. Is the amount of cacao important to a recipe?

A. Yes. More or less cacao can impact the texture so some desserts.

Q. Are there other days that celebrate bittersweet chocolate?

A. Yes. National Dark Chocolate Day is on February 1st.

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ANSWER: While the specifics of basic obedience training for dogs are better detailed through books or by professional trainers, I can list these training requirements here.

- **Housetraining:** The most basic and most important to you and your dog's peace of mind. Teaching a new dog where and when to eliminate, and training yourself to keep a proper schedule, is a crucial initial step.
- **Heel:** Your dog should walk calmly alongside you, and not struggle against the leash, pull you down

- the street or chase after birds, cars or other dogs.
- **Sit:** A well-trained dog will sit on command. When training on the leash, have the dog sit on your left side.
- **Down:** The dog should lie down (on his belly, paws forward) on command.
- **Stay:** In the "sit" or "down" position, the dog should not move until you release him with a verbal command.
- **Come:** At your command, the dog should come to you, or respond to further directional commands (such as tugging the leash right or left to signal a turn).

That's essentially it: five basic commands and housetraining. It doesn't sound like much, but teaching a dog of any age these skills will take at least several weeks, if not months. And they must be taught correctly: no hitting or yelling, maintaining dominance over the dog. Training books provide many more details on effective ways to do this, while a professional trainer can demonstrate additional effective techniques to ease the basic training process.

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Stir Up Muesli for Easy Breakfasts All Week Long

When you travel, which souvenirs end up meaning the most to you -- photos, clothing, impulse items stashed in the side pockets of your luggage? When I pondered the same question and reflected on special trips, I was surprised to discover that the recipes I've jotted down in my journal are the take-homes that really live on for me.

Travel and food -- a great combination! That's what my Australian-born-and-raised neighbor Felicity Britton, a globe-trotting mother of two daughters, and I got excited about in a recent conversation.

She recalled adventurous days in her 20s as a marketer for a major cruise line. The lavish, on-board breakfast buffet included a heaping bowl of creamy-style, cold muesli (oats mixed with yogurt, milk, nuts and fruit, etc.), which was specifically prepared for the tastes of the European guests.

"I loved it," she said. She inquired about the recipe and has prepared variations of it for over 20 year, making it a breakfast staple in her home.

"This must be some travel souvenir," I thought. Well, it is! The basic, healthy ingredients are easy for your kids to stir up in minutes for a week's worth of breakfasts that store nicely in your refrigerator. Your chosen daily add-ins of seasonal fruit make the possibilities endless.

While I enjoy this yogurt and nutty, crunchy muesli with a sprinkle of cinnamon and a drizzle of milk, Felicity likes to spoon a couple of tablespoons of it over a portion of Special K cereal. Her 13-year-old daughter eats it as is for an after-school snack.

Make breakfasts in 2024 a priority for your kids by fueling them for their walk to the bus stop and their morning academics. Stir up the natural ingredients and be surprised, like my family was, at how tasty and filling this healthy oat-based mixture can be. It lasts for a week in your fridge, but I guarantee it will be eaten well before that.

READY-TO-EAT MUESLI Makes (8) 1/2 cup servings

- 1 1/2 cups whole-grain rolled oats
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1 1/2 cups milk (substitute almond milk, if you prefer)
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup loosely chopped hazelnuts
- 1 large red apple, cored and grated



Let your young kids measure the first five ingredients and mix them in a large bowl while you chop the hazelnuts and grate the apple. Add the nuts and apple to the bowl, stir well, and spoon into an airtight container.

Refrigerate for at least 2 hours and serve at breakfast or as a snack. Spoon into a bowl and top with fresh fruit, such as blueberries or raspberries. This muesli keeps well for a week in the refrigerator.

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National Bean Day January 6th

— National Day Calendar —



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This day celebrates the bean in all sizes, shapes, and colors. We've been cultivating beans (legumes) since the early seventh millennium BC. And today, just as throughout the Old and New World history, beans provide a significant source of protein. Not only are beans an exceptionally healthy meal and snack choice, but they supply an excellent source of fiber. They are low in fat and are high in complex carbohydrates, folate, and iron, too.

In one cup of cooked beans, supplies between 9 and 13 grams of fiber. Soluble fiber can help in lowering blood cholesterol.

- There are approximately 40,000 bean varieties in the world.
- Only a fraction of these varieties is mass-produced for regular consumption.

It's All About Beans

- Try a new bean recipe.
- Try beans you've never tasted before.
- Introduce a new variety of bean to your cooking regimen. When you do, be sure to share the recipe.
- Since beans are so beneficial, you'll want to keep friends and family informed of your bean discoveries.
- Use #NationalBeanDay to post on social media.

National Bean Day History

National Day Calendar continues researching the origins of this food holiday while sampling the extensive variety of beans available.

Bean FAQ

Q. Can I grow my own beans?

A. Yes! Beans are a terrific crop to grow and there are enough varieties that one will certainly fit your climate.

Q. What is a pulse?

A. A pulse is a flowering plant grown for food and the dry seed it produces. They are members of the legume family.

Q. What are the benefits of eating beans?

A. Beans are packed with nutrients our bodies need. They are also an excellent source of protein and fiber.



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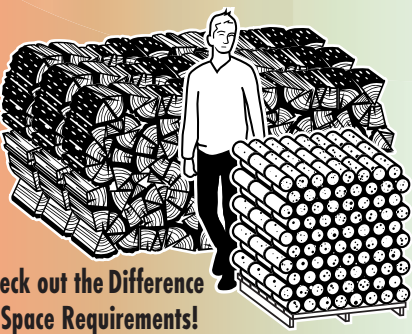
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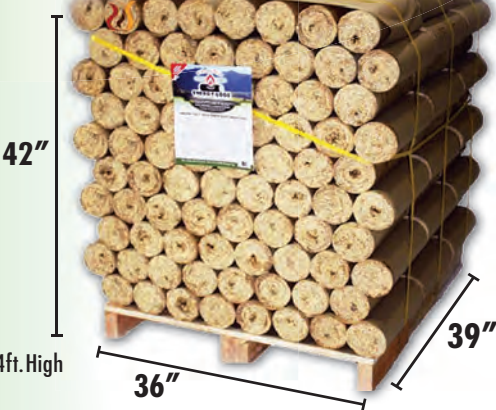
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Health & Wellness Issue	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Spring Business Card Book	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter Sunday	Good Friday					

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Garden Issue	12	13
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 Home Improvement Issue	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6 Summer Business Card Book	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Outdoor Issue	14	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Cutest Pet Voting		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	Fall Business Card Book		
				Hunting Issue		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Columbus Day					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
				Halloween		

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Salute to Veteran's Issue	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Veteran's Day					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Local Shopping Issue	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Winter Business Card Book	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	New Year's Eve			

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Pets of the Week: Lester and Truman

— Companions Animal Center —



Hi, I'm Lester. I am a 6-year-old Poodle mix. Little is known about my past. My friends here think that I may have been on my own for a little while, because of that I still seem like a puppy! I keep my kennel as clean as I can. I can't wait to find my furrever family! I'm neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and ready to be yours!



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

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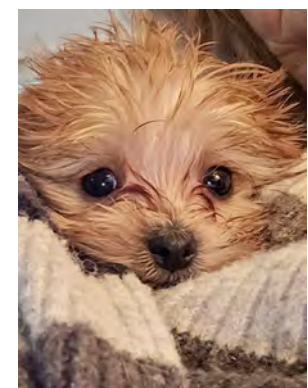


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Pets

SECOND CHANCE PETS, Inc. All dogs spayed or neutered. Josie, 6 month old female Border Collie/ Australian shepherd mix, all white with some black spots, long fluffy coat and tail; Dixie, 2 year female Siberian Husky, stunning, sweet, kind dog; Harley, 2 year old male red/ white Border Collie mix, gorgeous, obedient, athletic, shorter coat, blue eyes; Cookie, 6 year old male Boxer/ Pointer mix, very short fawn coat, calm, obedient, good with kids, cats, dogs; Ruger, 4 year male shorthaired Pointer, liver with tail, obedient, athletic, high energy; Max, 5 year male Australian Cattle Dog, best as an only pet, very protective of rigs, and porches, no kids or cats; Apollo, 3 month old male Australian Cattle Dog/ Border Collie mix, tail docked, short, black and white coat; Durango, 3 year male purebred mini Australian Cattle Dog, short chocolate coat, docked tail, not good with men, excellent with women and children; George, 8 year old neutered male, Australian Cattle Dog/ Border Collie, beautiful red tricolor coat, blue eyes, no tail. You can visit scpr.petfinder.com or email idahocoondog@yahoo.com for information

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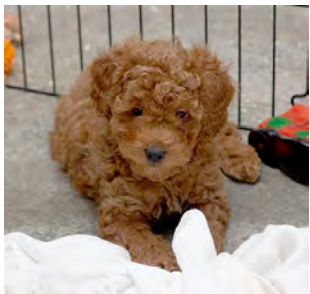
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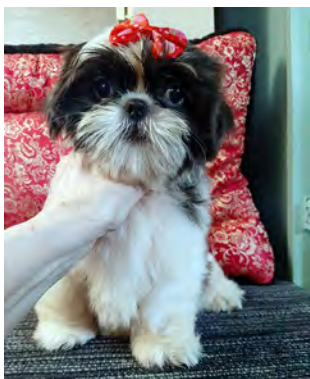
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YORKIE PUPS, MALE AND female born 9/12 are ready now for new homes. They are vaccinated, wormed, and tails are docked. For more information: 509-380-1577, Pasco, WA

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MIXED BREED PUPPIES with equal percentages of Schipperke, mini Aussie and what we believe to be boxer and pitbull. Born December 2nd and will be ready to go January 16th. No shots, 4 female, 2 males, asking \$300 for each. Call or text 406-291-1198, I'm happy to send pictures



AKC BERNESE MOUNTAIN dog puppies ready for their forever homes mid-January. 3 boys, 4 girls. Beautiful markings and wonderful personalities. Puppies come vet checked, first shots, and dewormed. Girls \$2000; boys \$1800. Parents on-site. Madison, 208-217-3571, Clark Fork, www.Scotchmanpeakpuppies.com

AKC YORKIE PUPPY: THIS little female pup is 9 weeks old and ready for her new forever home. She will be ready to go right before Christmas. She has had her tail docked and dewclaws removed. Current shots as well. She would make a great addition to any family and would make an all time great Christmas gift! She is about one pound in weight. Dam is 3.5 pounds and the sire weighs 3 pounds so she will be tiny. She is already potty pad broken, she did it herself. She is so smart! We are located in Fruitland, Idaho and don't want to do much traveling due to weather, but if you are at a distance, we have a highly recommended transporter that does amazing. She is \$3000. For more pictures and information, please text or call 208-230-1707

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AKC BLACK MALE LAB, beautiful 6 month old, up-to-date shots, very intelligent, would make excellent hunting dog, \$350. Text 208-930-3126

UKC AMERICAN PITBULL pups ready 12/23, just in time for Christmas. 4 females, 3 males, blues, blue brindles, and piebald. Purple ribbon, immaculate bloodlines, impeccable temperament. On-line picture at nickelsworth.com. Contact 253-365-8444 for more info and updated photos. Deposit required to hold



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The Top 'Big Fish' Stories Of 2023

Part 1 of 2

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —

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From a 40-pound lake monster in Hayden Lake to a 75-year-old record vindicated by passionate bass fishing sleuths, angler stories covered all manner of strange in 2023. Anglers from all over the state hoisted up some incredible benchmarks last year (and have pictures to show for it).

In total, 2023 had 15 new state records, which included 6 certified-weight records, and 9 new catch-and-release records. Making the cut this year are the following angler trophy stories.

The Panhandle Pike

When Thomas Francis stepped up to the water's shore on March 21, 2023, the furthest thing from his mind was becoming the next state-record Northern pike angler. Francis was planning on going after a Hayden Lake monster that day, but the 40.76-pound lake monster that eventually took the hook was beyond his wildest imagination.

"Pike is what I go after all the time. I spend almost everyday fishing for pike. As soon as the ice is off and until it comes back," Francis said.



There was still some ice on the lake when he showed up that day, so he couldn't cast right up to the shore, only to the edge of the ice.

"When my lure hit the water, I let it sink all the way to the bottom. As soon as my lure hit the bottom, I felt her hit. I fish with 80-pound test line, and she almost immediately started peeling drag, a lot of it," Francis said.

When Francis finally landed her, he knew the fish was going to be a state-record — or at least a close contender. After visiting a few different places to find a certified scale, they finally received a certified weight of 40.76 pounds.

Read Thomas Francis' full fish story, written by Fish and Game Regional Communications Manager TJ Ross, at idfg.idaho.gov/article/new-state-record-northern-pike-caught-north-idaho-4076-pounds.

Community Calendar

American Legion Post #149 Auxiliary Meeting, Saturday, January 6th, 9am, in Athol, Hwy 54 between the railroad tracks. Warm welcome to current and future members. Info., 208-683-2614.

Famous Free Ski School, Saturday, January 6th, begins for children at Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation Area, I-90 exit 0 at ID/ MT state line. See details at <https://skilookout.com/famous-free-ski-school>.

Plant Craft and Swap, Saturday, January 6th and January 13th, 1pm-3pm, at CdA Library, 702 E. Front Ave. A two-part celebration of house plants, make paper ones guaranteed to survive on January 6th. Return January 13th to exchange live plant cuttings and advice. Take rooted cuttings if you'd like to trade, or go without cutting and find something that suits your liking to nurture at home.

Mysterious Record Largemouth Bass Vindicated On 75th Anniversary

One of the most popular stories from 2023 spoke of a 75-year-old state record for a largemouth bass caught by a mysterious individual named "Mrs. W. M. Taylor." You see, Idaho Fish and Game state records go way, way back, but the 10-pound, 15-ounce largemouth bass hauled out of Anderson Lake in Idaho's panhandle sometime in the 1940s was a little murky, but thanks to a team of fishing sleuths and their podcast, the story of the record fish was recently vindicated.

For decades, Mrs. Taylor's record has bewildered Fish and Game staff and anglers alike. The fish had little information about its catch, including no mention of length or girth measurements or even a catch date, making it a bit dubious. Despite the mystery, the fish stayed atop the record list for decades.



In November 2023, Fish and Game's very own Sportfish Coordinator Martin Koenig was contacted by The Big Bass Podcast's Ken Duke, whose show takes a deep dive into legendary fishing stories. Duke discovered that "Mrs. W. M. Taylor" was in fact her husband's name, a dentist in Spokane, Washington, where the family lived. Listing the record using her married (husband's) name may have been the tradition for that era, but it made rectifying the records a bit more difficult.

After some sleuthing through newspaper records and archives, Duke discovered the angler's actual name was Mary Alice Hurt Taylor, who would have been 63 years old when she caught the big bass on Oct. 22, 1948 — nearly 75 years from today.

Fishing may not have been popular recreation for women of her day, which makes Mary's story even more interesting. Mary Taylor wasn't just a casual angler that happened to get lucky one fall day on Anderson Lake. In fact, she had a previous track record as a trophy bass angler. Only four years prior, she took 6th place in the 1944 Field & Stream contest with a 9-pound, 11-ounce largemouth bass caught on Oct. 21 from, you guessed it, the same lake.

Thanks to some clever fish record sleuthing, the plot holes in "Mrs." Taylor's once-convoluted fish tale were filled in, leading Idaho Fish and Game record keepers to update its entry for the state's largest largemouth bass, caught on that legendary day by Mary Alice Taylor.

To read Martin Koenig's full story on this perplexing "who-caught-it?" case, check out this story at idfg.idaho.gov/article/mysterious-state-record-largemouth-vindicated-75th-anniversary

BellaCristo Handbell Concert, Saturday, January 6th, 4pm-5:30pm, at Community United Methodist Church, 1470 W. Hanley Ave., CdA. Enjoy old and new songs played on handbells, chimes, pipe organ, flute and percussion. Sing-a-long too. Freewill donations appreciated.

Drop Spindle for Beginners, Monday, January 8th, 1pm-4:30pm, at Spirit Lake Library, 32575 N. 5th Ave. A 3-week program for ages 10-18 to learn how to spin wool into yarn; then make a simple scarf. Limit of 10 participants, so register by calling 208-623-5353.

Tea and Cookie Exchange, Monday, January 8th, 6pm-7pm, at Pinehurst Library, 107 Main St. Take a batch of cookies and favorite teas to share/ swap with others, store-bought or homemade. Registration required, call 208-682-3483.

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The Top 'Big Fish' Stories Of 2023

Part 2 of 2

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —

One River, Three Records

Idaho's Clearwater River is legendary in its own right as a salmon and steelhead mecca. In the month of October 2023 alone, the river lived up to its reputation and produced not one, but three state records.



On Oct. 6, McCall angler Kyriacos Panayiotou waded out into the cool waters of the Clearwater hoping to hook one of the river's famous monster steelhead.

"The full floating spey line was at approximately 120 to 130 feet when the fly started to swing," Panayiotou recalls. "At around 30 degrees, this beautiful wild steelhead buck boiled to the surface and grabbed the fly with authority. The vintage Hardy Perfect reel could do nothing in slowing down this fish — it's something that I'll never forget."

The fish measured 41 inches long, a full 1.75 inches longer than the previous catch-and-release state record set in 2021. While Kyriacos Panayiotou had to let the huge wild steelhead go, he took home a new Idaho catch-and-release record and a lifetime memory. To read his full story, check out the article by Martin Koenig at idfg.idaho.gov/article/new-catchrelease-record-steelhead-landed.



Then on Oct. 13, Matt Hosking of Lewiston landed a 11.78-pound coho salmon, earning the top spot of the certified-weight state record list, edging out the previous record by a mere half ounce. The hook-jawed monster stretched out at 32.68 inches long. Read the full story at idfg.idaho.gov/article/clearwater-river-sets-new-state-record-coho-salmon.

A few weeks later on Oct. 28, Jase Groesbeck of Kamiah hooked into another big coho salmon. After measuring the fish at 31 inches, he released it back into the Clearwater River and took home a catch-and-release state record.



As if three new state records weren't enough, Fish and Game also received applications for two more record steelhead from the Clearwater River last fall. Mark Mestaz of Boise and Brandon Kruger of Sioux Falls, Iowa, both landed (and released) steelhead over 40 inches.

Despite their impressive catches, their records were turned down because of insufficient evidence documenting their length. These records are getting hard to beat, and anglers need to remember to bring along a tape measure!

A Big Year for Yellowstone... Not That Yellowstone

Back in 2016, Fish and Game separated out records for each of Idaho's four subspecies of cutthroat trout: Bonneville, Yellowstone, Westslope and Lahontan. There have been many catch-and-release records, but a new certified-weight record for Yellowstone cutthroat trout has been lacking.

While ice fishing on New Years Day on Henrys Lake, Spencer Smith of Chubbuck harvested a 2.88-pound Yellowstone cutthroat trout. He earned the first certified weight state record for Yellowstone cutthroat trout and earned extra bragging rights as the first record fish of 2023!

Honorable Mentions

Burbot

Gary Hardesty of Coeur d'Alene was night-fishing the Kootenai River on Feb. 11, hoping to find the elusive burbot. He landed a 16-inch burbot and beat the previous catch-and-release record of 14.3 inches set in 2022 by Laura Lambert.

Tiger Trout

Adding to the fun, Jesse Barger of Mackay set a catch-and-release record tiger trout at 23.5 inches from Lehman Pond, only to be passed up by a 26-incher caught on the same day by Chandra Jensen of Moore. Sounds like a local rivalry is in store for 2024!

Non-Game

In the non-game categories, top catch-and-release records went to Akeley Fahnholz for landing a 14.13-inch peamouth (a native minnow species) from the Snake River, while Jon Urban of Eagle topped the list with a 6-inch redeye shiner caught in the Boise River.

Robert Astin of Hayden set a new certified weight record for tench at 4.28 pounds from Hayden Lake using bowfishing (archery) equipment.

Checking Records in Real-Time

Catch-and-release records are no longer printed in the Idaho Fishing Seasons and Regulations booklets. Instead, the online rulebook will be accessible via a QR code which folks can scan (in the booklet) with their mobile phones that will direct them to Fish and Game's up-to-date table of records. With anglers breaking records left and right, Fish and Game staff are working to keep state record information accessible and current.



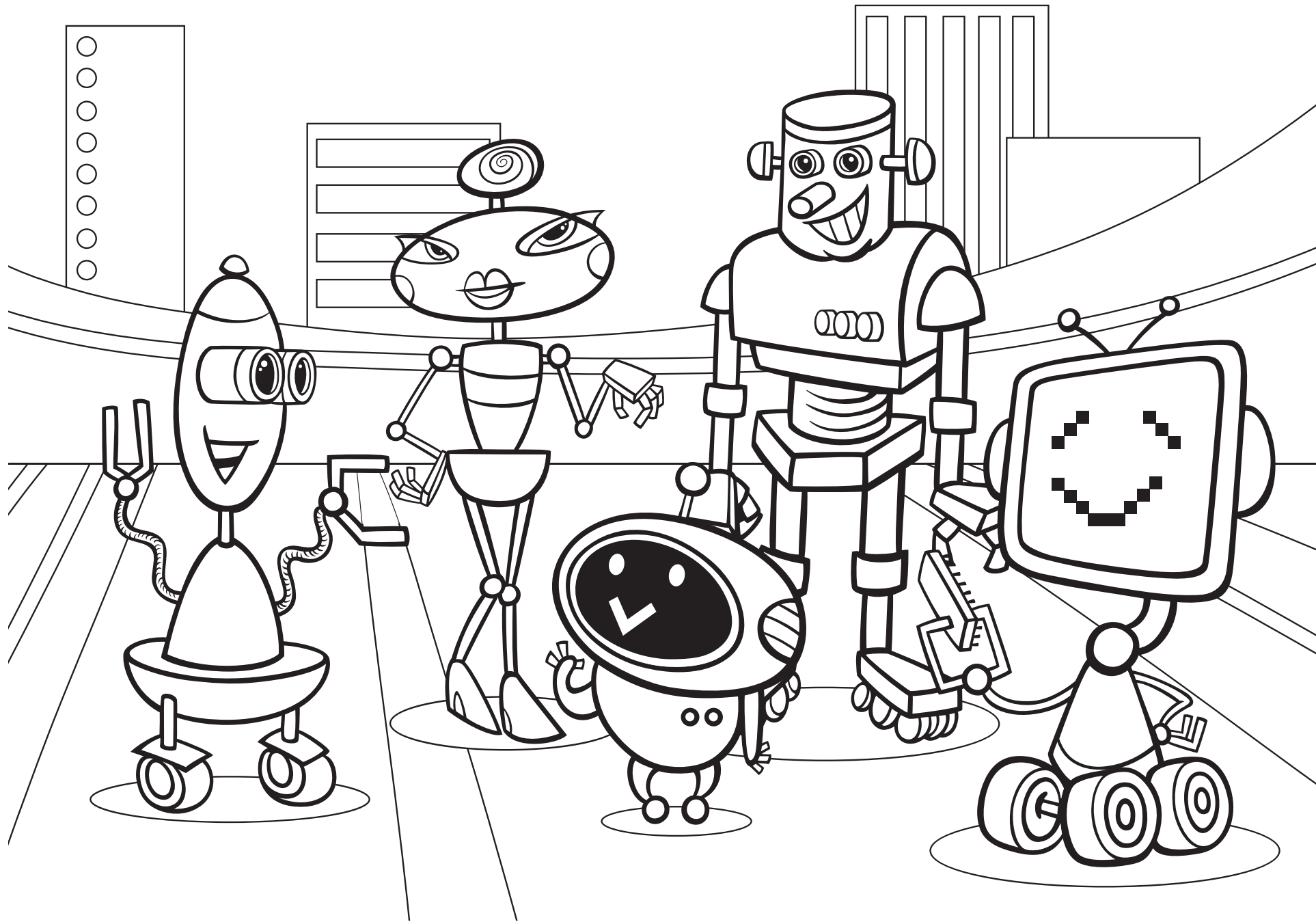
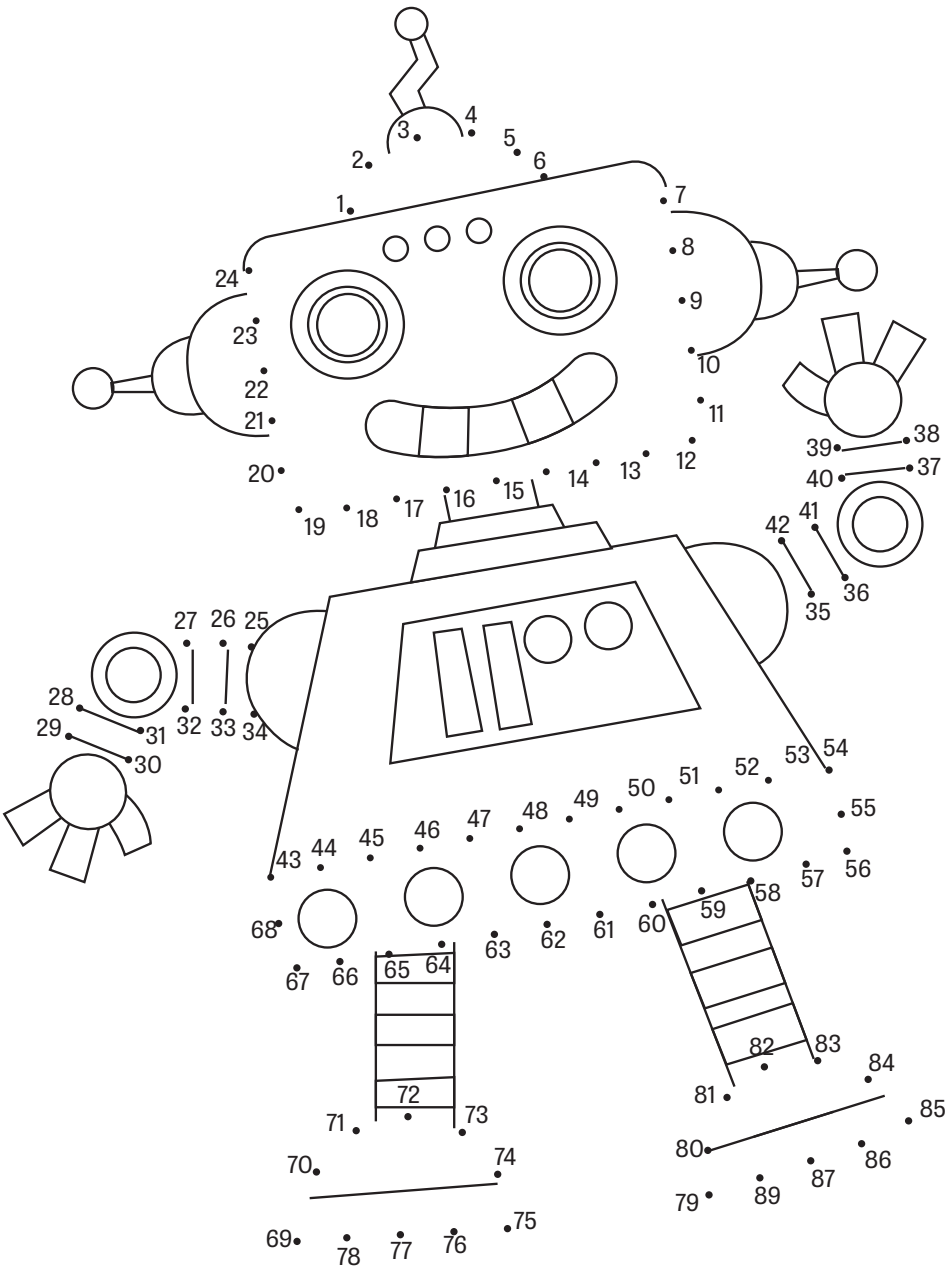
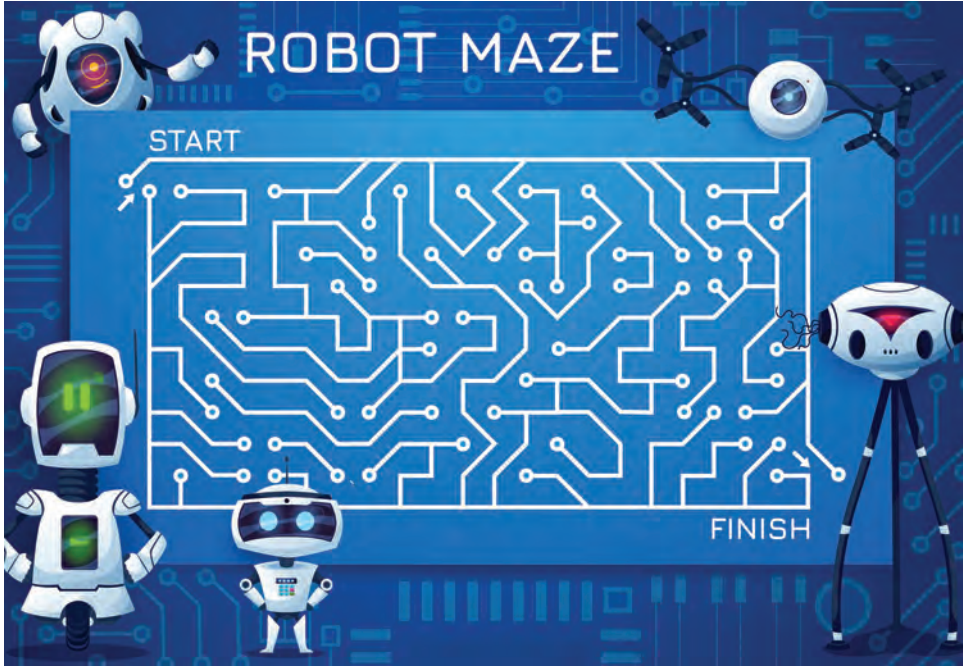
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Harvest Delight: Sweet Potato and Black Bean Chili

As the autumn air turns cool and crisp, it's time to warm your soul with a hearty bowl of Sweet Potato and Black Bean Chili. This recipe not only brings the comfort and flavor of chili to your table, but also bursts with vibrant autumn hues that will make your Halloween party or harvest gathering extra special.

Before the little ghosts and goblins head out for their sweet trick-or-treat adventures, make sure they enjoy a bowl of this nutrient-packed chili to fuel their fun-filled night with a dose of wholesome goodness.

This chili isn't just about fantastic flavor, it's a plant-based nutritional powerhouse that just happens to be vegan. Sweet potatoes bring a dose of vitamin A, fiber and natural sweetness. Black beans contribute plant-based protein and fiber. The colorful array of vegetables provides a variety of vitamins and antioxidants.

This recipe is flexible enough to be easily customized. To make this very kid-friendly, adjust the level of spice to appeal to your family.

This chili comes together quickly, so I advise having all the veggies chopped before you start sauteing the onions.

SWEET POTATO AND BLACK BEAN CHILI

Yield: 4 (1 1/2 cup) servings

Total Time: 35 minutes

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 (1 cup) onion, diced,
- 3 cloves garlic, minced, or more to taste
- 3 (3 cups) sweet potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 3 (1 1/2 cups) carrots, sliced
- 1 (3/4 cup) red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 tablespoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne, optional (adjust to taste)
- 1/2 cup water or vegetable broth
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans
- 1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes with chilies
- Assorted chili toppings: tortilla chips, diced onion, crackers, shredded cheese, sour cream



This plant-based chili is a nutritional powerhouse.

In a Dutch oven or soup pot over medium heat, warm the olive oil. Saute the onions for a minute or two so they get a head start cooking.

Add the garlic, sweet potatoes, carrots and bell pepper to the pan. Cook until the onions are soft, about 5 minutes.

Reduce the heat to medium-low and add all the spices, stirring well to coat all the veggies. Be careful that you don't burn the spices; keep stirring the pot.

As soon as the spices become beautifully fragrant, add the water or broth, beans and the tomatoes. Deglaze the pan by scraping the bottom of the pan, stirring to incorporate. Bring the pot to a boil then reduce heat to low.

Allow your chili to simmer, partially covered, stirring occasionally, over low heat for about 20 minutes, until the flavors marry, and the sweet potatoes and carrots are soft.

Serve in bowls and let your guests top their chili with their favorite toppings.

This chili is such a hit with my family, I always make at least a double batch. It's great for meal prep and easy lunches, and it freezes beautifully.

This vegan chili is absolutely delicious and nutritionally balanced as written. But for those carnivores seeking a meaty twist, consider adding some cooked hamburger crumbles, shredded chicken or pork. Or give Italian sausage a try. Simply brown the sausage separately and mix it in at the end. It's a delightful alternative that elevates this dish to a whole new level.

This Sweet Potato and Black Bean Chili embodies the essence of budget-friendly style. As you prepare for your Halloween or harvest gathering, remember that you don't have to break the bank to create a warm and memorable meal. Enjoy your flavorful, colorful and budget-friendly creation!

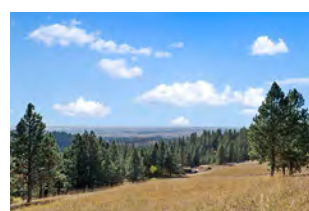
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Habitat Connectivity by Design: How Engineering Shapes Idaho's Streams

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —

Engineers working for the Department of Fish and Game juggle many projects like designing buildings, hatcheries, and fishing access areas. But a few engineers get to design in-stream structures and habitat restoration projects to help fish move through the Idaho landscape.

One of these engineers is Jared Bragg, the engineer from the Anadromous Fish Screen Program in Salmon, Idaho. Jared gets the opportunity to come up with new and exciting solutions to provide better fish passage through the river while also helping restore habitat connectivity.

Jared inspects a bridge that was installed to improve fish passage under a road.

Sometimes fish encounter obstacles like old culverts or rock dams that prevent them from swimming up or down stream. That's where Jared steps in. Along with a team of biologists, land managers, and construction contractors, he designs and installs new bridges, fish screens (to prevent fish from ending up in an irrigation ditch), and passage projects throughout Idaho.

Designing one of these fish passage structures involves multiple phases, starting with a site visit. Jared, along with his biologist and construction colleagues, visits the project site to determine the best location for the structure. During this visit, the design team look for potential challenges, such as tricky terrain and construction access. Jared and the team also talk with landowners and land managers to understand how the project will impact the surrounding area. Replacing this diversion structure will help fish passage, but it will also improve the transport of water to the landowner's hydro-electric facility.

Surveying GPS stations allow Jared to survey whole construction sites by himself. The tripod station is set at a known elevation point, and Jared measures other elevations around the site that he uses to build a 3D model of the landscape.

Using advanced surveying GPS units, Jared conducts detailed surveys, creating a complete digital model of the landscape. Here, he notes the location of the hydroelectric facility, the storage pond, and the diversion. Back at the office, Jared imports the digital landscape into the design software and starts the detailed design process. Working with the digital model, he carefully constructs the fish passage structure.

Back at the office, Jared uses engineering software to build a 3D model of the landscape at the site. After he creates the landscape, he can design the project to fit the site.

As the fish passage structure design nears completion, Jared works closely with contractors and land managers to incorporate changes that optimize its operations. They integrate these modifications into the final design, ensuring that the structure aligns seamlessly with its surroundings.

When the designs are ready, it's time to bring them to life! Jared teams up with construction crews to ensure everything is executed flawlessly and that the structure operates effectively. This hands-on approach ensures that every aspect of the project is considered as the crew builds the structure.

But his work doesn't end there. The final phase involves follow-up and adaptive management. For the next few months Jared and the team monitor the structure, making sure it functions as intended. If any tweaks or adjustments are necessary at this stage, Jared rolls up his sleeves and makes it happen.

Title picture: Jared oversees the installation of a fish screen in the Sawtooth Valley.

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CALCULATING CHARACTERS

ACROSS
1 Pet doc
4 "Come again?"
8 Treats maliciously
14 Tennis player Borg
19 Narcissist's problem
21 Actress Andress
22 Ate, as prey
23 Football Hall of Famer Bronko
24 Arrive on wheels
25 Frankie or Cleo of song
26 Start of a riddle
29 Noise in a comic book gunfight
30 Exotica singer Sumac
31 "The Human Stain" novelist Philip
32 Cure-all
37 Race of people in an H.G. Wells novella
39 Some sorority letters
40 Donations to the destitute
44 Riddle, part 2
48 Like much greasy food

DOWN
49 See 83-Across
50 Corp. leader
51 Skip over, as a vowel
52 World War II film, when tripled
53 Charged bit
55 Place — (be active on eBay, say)
57 Cheap cigar
58 Riddle, part 3
63 Simile middle
66 Chaney of film
67 Song-belting Merman
68 On a pension, maybe: Abbr.
69 Military draft gp.
70 Riddle, part 4
75 ZZ Top album whose name is Spanish for "The Crazy One"
76 Hamm and Farrow
77 Neither's partner
78 Tingly feeling
82 Totally tired
83 With 49-Across, touter of green eggs and ham

ACROSS
84 "Yes" vote
86 Early arcade giant
87 End of the riddle
93 — -Flush (bathroom brand)
94 Architect I.M. —
95 Made angry
96 Florida fruits
97 R&B great Marvin
99 Not at all new
100 Golf club
102 Riddle's answer
111 Stalin-era labor camp
112 Polecat's kin
113 Urge against
114 Muscat native
115 Do over
116 Office squawker
117 Fender dings
118 Mimics a mad mutt
119 Helper of Frankenstein
120 Inventor Whitney

DOWN
5 Drunk
6 Writer Gogol
7 Third-largest city in Israel
8 Ride a wave
9 Eighth-brightest star in the sky
10 Like a hajji's religion
11 Second-largest city in Oklahoma
12 Charles Lamb's alias
13 Bay Area California city
14 Equivalent of A sharp
15 Lee Tracy's "Bombshell" co-star
16 Like praiseful poetry
17 Gossipy Barrett
18 Bakersfield-to-Boise dir.
20 Letters before 39-Across
27 Swiss watch brand
28 Clueless
32 Fizzle sound
33 Sleek, informally
34 Hair removal brand
35 Top squad
36 Mooer's mouthful
38 On the — (fleeing)

ACROSS
39 "— say more?"
41 Actresses Vivien and Janet
42 In — res (mid-plot)
43 Clay pigeons to be shot, informally
45 Three x three
46 Frozen spear
47 Eats away at
53 "Were — it all over again ..."
54 "It can't be!"
55 One of the Three Musketeers
56 Nickname for singer Justin, with "the"
57 Derisive smile
59 One of the three Furies
60 R&R alone
61 "— boy!"
62 Pisa's river
63 Nuclear trials, for short
64 Class of antimicrobial drugs, in the British spelling
65 Actress Sorkin who once hosted "America's Funniest People"

DOWN
71 Like animals that don't roam
72 So-called "fifth taste"
73 Apartment near the super's, perhaps
74 Mesh well
79 Piquancy
80 Ontario tribe
81 Cat's warning
83 Pittsburgh footballers
84 "Chances —"
85 "Catch my drift, bro?"
86 Pie-mode link
88 1974 CIA parody film
89 More lacteal
90 Not cardinal, as a number
91 Plundering
92 Writer Sabato
98 Patronage
99 "— Loompa"
101 Half-diameters
102 Journalist Brit
103 Zing
104 Lucy Liu's "Kill Bill" role
105 Insect traps
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107 Mongrel mutt
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109 Shrine figure
110 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
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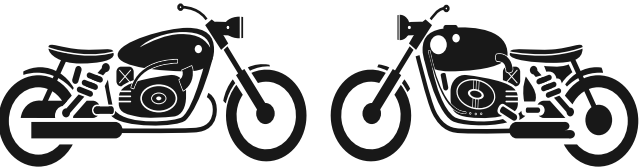
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Dear EarthTalk: How are AI and robotics combining to revolutionize recycling? – B.C., New York, NY

A survey conducted by the Carton Council of North America in 2018 showed that 94 percent of Americans support recycling. That same year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reported that the recycling rate was only 32.1 percent. Why is this the case?

Local governments are responsible for creating recycling programs. Cities that have invested in recycling infrastructure, education and incentive programs, like San Francisco and Los Angeles, claim recycling rates of over 70 percent. Contrarily, cities with smaller budgets and staff and contamination issues have eliminated curbside recycling altogether. (Chesapeake, VA Pembroke Pines, FL are two examples.)

The adoption of single-stream recycling, where various recyclables are placed in a single container, has significantly increased household participation. But it has also contributed to a 25 percent contamination rate of recycled material. Contamination occurs when non-recyclable items are mixed with recyclables, making it challenging or impossible to sort and safely process these materials. Common contaminants include non-recyclable plastics (bubble wrap, trash bags, cling wrap, etc.) and food residue.

Contamination is more than a mere inconvenience. In 2016, China received over 16 million tons of plastic, paper and metals from the U.S., 30 percent of which was contaminated and later dumped in the

Chinese countryside and waterways. In 2017, China passed the National Sword Policy, banning the importation of materials that the U.S. had previously sent in for recycling. As a result, U.S. recycling facilities have had to make substantial improvements in the quality of their recyclables.

How does AI play a role in improving recycling? The 1990s saw the introduction of optical sensing and computational intelligence to distinguish between various types of plastic and paper. These systems typically achieved 80 to 95 percent purity, with human workers tasked to manually remove contaminants. Enter artificial intelligence! Recycling requires rapid identification of objects with diverse shapes, sizes and orientations on conveyor belts. AI-driven systems demonstrate near-100-percent accuracy by relying on image analysis of attributes, including color, opacity and form. A vast dataset of recyclable material images, collected globally and meticulously annotated, are regularly updated to improve reliability.

One company, AMP Robotics, has pioneered in the AI-recycling industry since 2014. Equipped with a powerful network, their 1,800 pound 'pick-and-place' robots are twice as efficient as human employees, identifying and sorting 80 items per minute. Now recycling facilities equipped with artificial intelligence robots are able to sort greater quantities of trash while reducing operating costs.

Perhaps we can even stop contamination at the point of disposal, right at home. CleanRobotics has created a receptacle named TrashBot that uses imaging, AI algorithms, and robotics to detect and sort waste as it is being thrown away. This prevents contamination and makes the sorting process easier down the line.

CONTACTS: TrashBot uses AI to sort recyclables, <https://techcrunch.com/2022/08/12/trash-bot-uses-ai-to-sort-recyclables/>; Rise of the Recycling Robots, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kenrickcai/2020/11/12/rise-of-the-recycling-robots/?sh=6d1f70d565f9>; Why the Current U.S. Recycling Programs Are Inefficient, <https://gwchronicle.com/1783/opinion/why-the-current-u-s-recycling-programs-are-inefficient/>.

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Community Calendar

Community Dinner, Tuesday, January 9th, 4:30pm-6:30pm, at Cup of Grace, 31848 N. 4th Ave., Spirit Lake. Free dinner and all ages are welcome!

Dementia Support Group, Thursday, January 11th, 5pm, at The Renaissance at Coeur d'Alene Assisted Living Community, 2994 W. Avante Loop, CdA, for caregivers/ loved ones. Presented by Alzheimer's Association, Community Educator Jerri Pleticha, RN. Will discuss the 10 common signs of dementia. Light appetizers will be served. RSVP to 208-664-6116.

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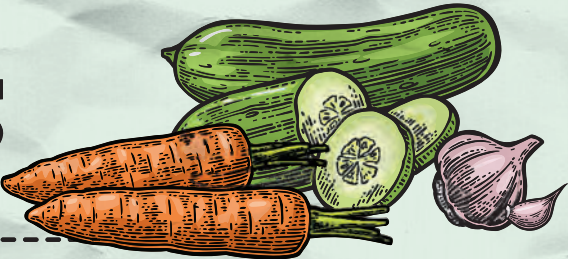
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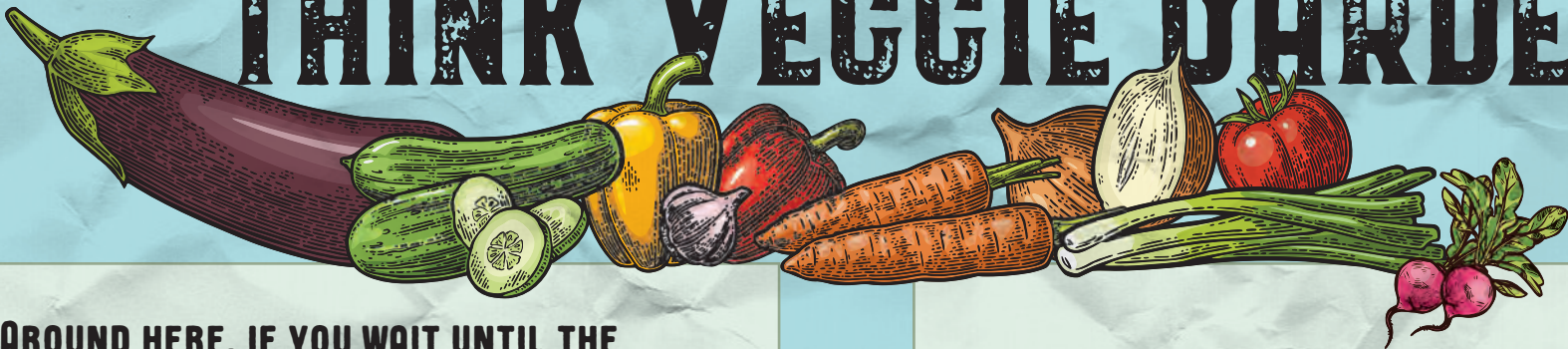
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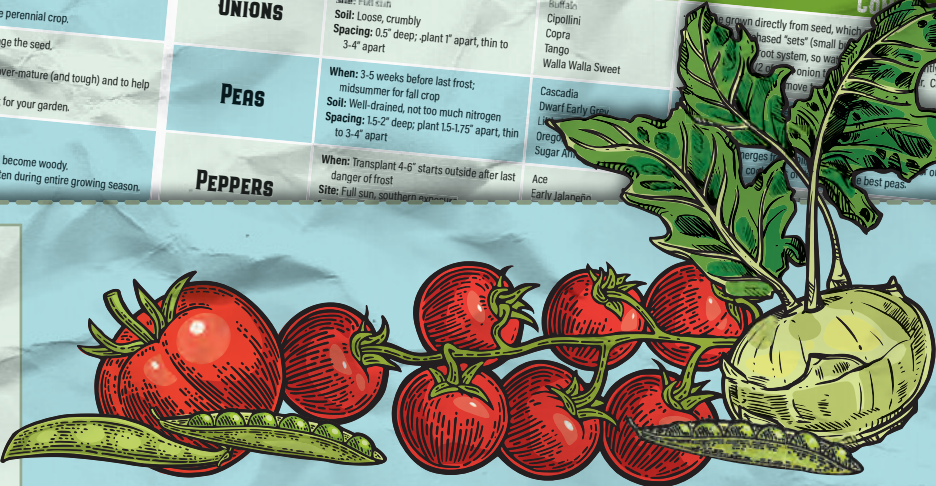
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VEGETABLE	PLANTING	VARIETIES	COMMENTS
ASPARAGUS	When: Start inside and transplant after last frost; or start with purchased root crowns Site: Full sun Soil: Moist, well-drained, well-fertilized	Jersey Giant Jersey Supreme Mary Washington	Plants will take 2-3 years to reach their full producing potential. Don't harvest at all the first year, and only harvest for approximately 2 weeks the second. Production and harvest window will increase over the years. A perennial, asparagus will produce for years to come. Perennial, allow shoots to mature to "fern" stage to ensure perennial crop. Seeds overnight before planting as that can damage the seed. Plants small amounts of water frequently. By 3-4 days, this will prevent the beans from getting over-mature (and tough) and to help its producing. Plants need plenty of support, so pick a variety that will work for your garden. Plants will allow roots to better develop. In cool weather. Keep soil evenly moist. When 2" or less in diameter, any larger and they can become woody. Greens are edible. Greens can be harvested and eaten during entire growing season.
ONIONS	When: 2 weeks before last frost Site: Full sun Soil: Loose, crumbly Spacing: 0.5" deep; plant 1" apart, thin to 3-4" apart	Buffalo Cipollini Copra Tango Walla Walla Sweet	Onions are grown directly from seed, which is the best method for keeping them healthy. Onions are also available as "sets" (small bulbs) or "seedlings" (small plants with roots). Onions are a cool-season crop, so they can be planted in the fall or early spring. Onions are a long-term crop, so they can be planted in the fall or early spring. Onions are a long-term crop, so they can be planted in the fall or early spring.
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One of the best ways to enhance a space is by adding house plants. The busy holidays cause many of us to neglect some of our regular routines, including houseplant care. National Houseplant Appreciation Day on January 10th serves as a reminder to give your houseplants a little extra attention to keep them thriving.

Those with green thumbs know that having houseplants come with several benefits, some of them are even backed by science.

Houseplant Benefits

- **Boost productivity** - Some studies have shown that indoor plants may improve productivity and performance in the workplace and in school.
- **Reduce anxiety** - Caring for plants provides therapeutic benefits. Similar to outdoor gardening, indoor gardening may help to ease the symptoms of depression, anxiety, and dementia.
- **Reduce air pollutants** - In 1989, NASA published a study that showed plants may improve the air quality for indoor spaces. Since we all know from elementary science that plants consume carbon dioxide and produce oxygen, this study makes sense. The more plants you have the more effective they are at improving air quality. Specific plant species are more effective than others, too. For example, Boston ferns, spider plants, ficus, rubber trees, and bamboo palms clean the air more effectively than other plants.
- **Improved humidity** - Especially in dryer climates and in the winter months, when plants release moisture into the air they improve the humidity in a room. Humidity enhances a home's comfort level, and we also breathe easier when the humidity in our homes is balanced. Also, plants are prettier than humidifiers.

Houseplants offer much to be appreciated, as you can see. Beyond these benefits, houseplants bring the outdoors inside where it can be enjoyed all year

long. They fill our homes with color.

You don't have to have a green thumb to care for houseplants, either. Start with forgiving plants such as pathos, philodendron, sansevieria, or spider plant. These plants will bounce back if you forget to water them and won't whine if you accidentally overwater them.

How To Observe Houseplant Appreciation Day

During National Houseplant Appreciation Day, give your plants some love. Check their soil, make sure their roots are happy, and maybe talk to them. We also suggest:

- Adding to your plant collection.
- Pruning overgrown plants and offering the cuttings for trade.
- Joining a plant group. These groups help plant lovers to troubleshoot plant problems. They also offer plant swaps for cuttings and full-sized plants.
- Buying a plant for the first time. Be sure to select plants that are not harmful to pets and children.
- Taking a class. You can learn how to care for plants, access resources, and improve your understanding of horticulture.
- Sharing photos of your plant collection.

Be sure to join the conversation by using #HouseplantAppreciationDay on social media.

National Houseplant Appreciation Day History

The Gardening Network founded National Houseplant Appreciation Day in 2012 to help keep houseplants thriving through the winter months. The day also honors all the benefits of growing houseplants.

Houseplant FAQ

- Q.** Do houseplants require a lot of care?
A. Most houseplants do not require a lot of care. They primarily need water, light, and occasional fertilizer. As they grow, they may require pruning or repotting.
- Q.** Are succulents easier to grow?
A. Many succulents are easy to grow. Overwatering is usually an issue for succulents. The key is to let the soil dry out between waterings and then give them a good drink of water. The soil shouldn't always be wet. Light requirements vary but succulents flourish when they are warm and receive consistent light. So place your succulent near a well-lit window or under a lamp that is on at least 6 hours per day.
- Q.** I have a lot of plants. Is there a good way to organize them?
A. Plant lovers know that organizing plants can be tricky. It's important to make sure all the plants receive the right amount of light and are easy to access for care. One way to do this is by placing the plants on a tiered rack. A baker's rack is ideally suited to this purpose.



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State of Deer and Elk: Counting herds, and how hunters help through mandatory hunter reports Part 1 of 2

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



Biologists use a variety of methods to know the health of the herds, and hunters play an important role

Deer and elk live throughout Idaho in habitats ranging from desert to mixed conifer forests, and a big part of a wildlife manager's job is to estimate how many are out there.

What role do hunters play in that? More than you might realize. If each deer and elk hunter spends a few moments filling out a mandatory hunter report, they make a valuable contribution to wildlife management that can lead to more hunting opportunity, but more on that later.

Counting herds around the state

When we think of counting deer and elk populations, the first thing that comes to mind is biologists flying in helicopters and getting a bird's-eye view of deer and elk herds when animals are concentrated on winter range.

But many hunters assume surveys happen every year in each of Fish and Game's 99 game management units, which unfortunately is impossible.

Aerial surveys take a lot of time, personnel and resources. Fish and Game doesn't own helicopters, and renting them costs tens of thousands of dollars for each deer or elk survey.

Because of that, Fish and Game must rotate their survey resources around the state, and most deer and elk populations typically get an aerial survey about every 5 to 6 years, and there are different kinds of surveys.

More than just the number of animals

There are actually two kinds of aerial surveys Fish and Game conducts: abundance surveys and composition surveys.

An "abundance" survey is designed to estimate how many animals are in a wintering population. To be accurate and consistent, Fish and Game biologists use a strict protocol that standardizes observer training, flight speed and altitude, and flight pattern.

Biologists also know they can't see every animal due to vegetation cover and animal behavior, so there's a correction made that's been developed through research that calculates how many animals likely went undetected.

A "composition" survey is a little different. Biologists count a minimum number of animals, say 500 to 1,000 deer or elk in a geographic area, and carefully track how many are male or female, and adult or young.

What do biologists do with the data?

Knowing how many deer and elk are in a population is useful to understanding how the herds are currently fairing, and what the long-term trends are.

The herd's gender and age composition helps biologists understand if there is a healthy mix of animals with enough adults to produce the next generation, as well as enough young to replace the adults that may be harvested or lost to other types of mortality.

Composition surveys also help a wildlife manager know if they're meeting management goals for certain game management units, for example, a controlled hunt unit where the expectation is to increase the number of older buck and bulls.



What role do hunters play in tracking deer and elk populations?

More than you might expect. Because there can be years between surveys, mandatory hunter reports help managers understand what may be happening in between aerial surveys.

Changes in what hunters harvest may reflect changes in the deer and elk populations, so if harvest changes dramatically in a season or two, it helps managers understand that something may have changed since the last survey, or that another survey is needed.

In recent years, only about 60 percent of hunters filled out their mandatory hunter reports, which meant biologists had to fill in those blanks with expensive telephone surveys, or use statistical estimates to round out the data, neither of which is as accurate as hunters taking a few minutes to fill out a report.

It's a simple way hunters can do their part to help manage deer and elk.

So why ask about the number of antler points? Fair question. That's another way of knowing the ballpark age of the bull or buck and another piece of information for the wildlife manager to assess if the current harvest is likely to be sustainable, or if more harvest could be allowed.

It's also important to know if a hunter didn't harvest, and even if they didn't hunt, so everyone who bought a deer, elk or pronghorn tag needs to fill out a harvest report.

Community Calendar

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— National Day Calendar —



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National Clean Off Your Desk Day History

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How better data means better hunting

The more accurate hunter reports are that Fish and Game receives, the better biologists understand what's happening to deer and elk herds on the ground, and the quicker they can react with any needed management changes.

When biologists receive fewer hunter reports, they have to rely on estimates while also trying to filter out statistical biases.

For example, successful hunters tend to report at a higher rate than unsuccessful hunters, which means if you take the success rate of the 60 percent who reported and apply it to the 40 percent who did not report, you would likely end up with a higher harvest estimate than what actually occurred. That could lead managers to believe a herd was over harvested, and result in more conservative hunting seasons.



Biologists can correct some of those statistical inaccuracies, but with more hunters reporting, there's less need for estimates. And if wildlife managers are unsure of the data, they err on the side of caution when proposing upcoming hunting seasons, particularly the number of tags available for controlled hunts.

Aerial surveys backed by hunter reports have for decades been the mainstay of data used by biologists across most of Idaho, but in thickly wooded portions of northern Idaho, aerial surveys are not as effective. In those places, hunter reports are the best tool wildlife managers have to gauge the health of the herd, so good data is even more critical.

Taking a snapshot of deer and elk

Fish and Game biologists and researchers started experimenting with remote cameras to estimate elk populations back in 2014, and that ground-breaking research has been used to estimate the state-wide wolf population for the last four years.

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A simultaneous camera survey and aerial survey in winter of 2019 in a portion of southern Idaho came to almost identical numbers.

Fish and Game's staff is currently applying their camera expertise to estimate deer and elk populations in portions of the Clearwater, Panhandle, Southeast and Magic Valley regions.

So far, it's looking promising, and wildlife managers are hopeful it can be another way to estimate deer and elk populations more frequently without the time and expense of flying, but there's more research to be done to fine tune it.



In the meantime, hunter reports remain the yardstick for managing white-tailed deer and elk herds in thick, woody areas where aerial surveys are not as effective.

While aerial surveys and hunter reports remain go-to methods for estimating deer and elk populations, they work in correlation with other information, such as survival of radio-collared animals and other methods of tracking wildlife.

They're all part of the tools for effective wildlife management, and hunters will continue to be a vital part of it.

Learn more about the State of Deer and Elk

See more about The State of Deer and Elk, including how Fish and Game tracks different deer and elk populations by understanding their movements and migrations at idfg.idaho.gov/press/state-deer-and-elk-movements-and-migrations-help-define-wildlife-populations-around-state.

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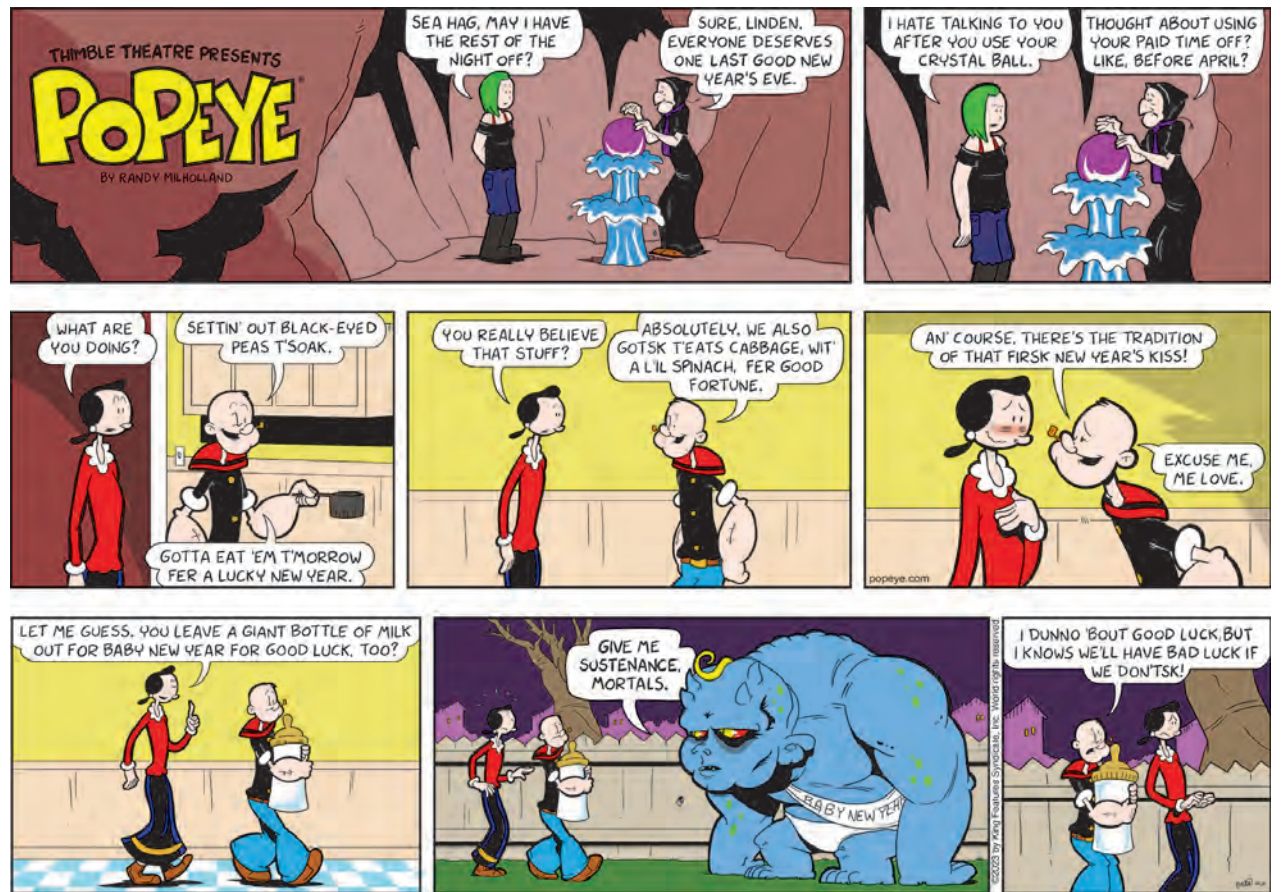
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Warming up around a campfire, fire pit or grill to roast marshmallows for tasty s'mores is a great way to begin the practice of doing simple things that make big memories with family and friends in 2024. Plan the get-together soon with a challenge to create a new recipe. To get you started, here are some tasty twists and combinations inspired by recipes from Hershey:

PEANUT BUTTER S'MORES:

Spread a thin layer of peanut butter on half of a graham cracker and top with a piece from a milk-chocolate bar, a toasted marshmallow and half of a graham cracker. Vary by adding banana slices.

APRICOT COCONUT S'MORES:

Spread a thick layer of apricot jam on half of a cinnamon graham cracker, and top with half of a milk-chocolate bar and a sprinkle of toasted coconut.

Top with a piece from a milk-chocolate bar, a toasted marshmallow and half of another cinnamon graham cracker.

BLACK FOREST S'MORES:

Spread a thin layer of cherry pie filling on half of a chocolate graham cracker topped with a piece from a dark-chocolate bar.

Extra Idea: Make s'mores indoors in the microwave. On a small saucer, place a piece of a milk-chocolate bar on top of half of a graham cracker. Add one large marshmallow or several mini marshmallows.

Cook in your microwave on high for about 10-15 seconds, or until marshmallows puff and grow.

An adult should remove the plate from the microwave, top with the other half of the graham cracker and gently press down on the gooey marshmallow. Let cool a bit so that the snack isn't too hot.

Note: If you don't have a microwave, a toaster oven works fine, too. Cook the layered cracker, chocolate and marshmallow on the tray at 350 F until the marshmallow begins to brown. Remove and top with the other cracker half. Six s'mores will fit on most trays.



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Application Period Starts January 2nd For Smith River Permits

— Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks —

Changes coming for the 2024 season

HELENA – Floaters hoping for a Smith River permit can apply Jan. 2 through Feb. 15. However, a few changes are coming this year that applicants should be aware of.

Celebrated for its spectacular scenery, remote location and excellent trout fishing, the Smith River is one of Montana's most sought-after outdoor recreation experiences. Permits are required to float the 59-mile section of river between Camp Baker and Eden Bridge and are issued each year through a lottery. Parties of up to 15 people can float with one permit. A person applying for a Smith River permit must be a minimum of 12 years of age at the time they submit their permit application.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks staff will remove pit toilets at the float-in campsites along the Smith River during the spring of 2024. All float parties, private and commercial, will be required to pack out their human waste from the Smith River corridor. This requirement is similar to many other river systems in the West and necessary to keep the corridor pristine for visitors now and for decades to come. The rules implementing this pack-out system were passed by the Montana Parks Board in late 2023.

Floaters will need to pack portable toilet systems. To see a list of FWP-approved, portable, hard-sided toilets that will be allowed, click here. Alternative waste disposal systems, including bag systems, such as Clean Waste and RESTOP2, will not be allowed.

Floaters can clean and sanitize their portable toilet system with a SCAT (Sanitizing Containers with Alternative Technology) machine, which has been installed at the Eden Bridge take-out.

"Removal of the pit toilets will not only help reduce impacts to natural and cultural resources, but also allow more time for the river rangers to focus on other duties, such as public safety and recreation ecology projects like noxious weed control and stabilizing erosion at boat camp landings," said Colin Maas, FWP Recreation Manager for the Smith River.

2024 is the first year applicants can buy a bonus point for the Smith River Permit. A bonus point is essentially an extra chance you can purchase for the permit drawing. These points accumulate year after year if you are unsuccessful in the drawing. Residents can purchase a bonus point for \$5; non-residents can purchase a bonus point for \$50. The bonus point is applied to your application the year it is purchased. You can apply for a permit through FWP's online licensing system. For more information on bonus points, click here.

Finally, starting in 2024, the number of permits available for nonresidents may not exceed 10 percent of the available permits. This new law was passed as part of House Bill 846 in the 2023 Legislative Session.

Community Calendar

Safety Fest of the Great Northwest, Tuesday, January 23rd, 8am, open registration for free safety training, certifications, workshops and health classes for the public, held at NIC's Workforce Training Center in Post Falls. Details at <https://www.nic.edu/safetyfest/>

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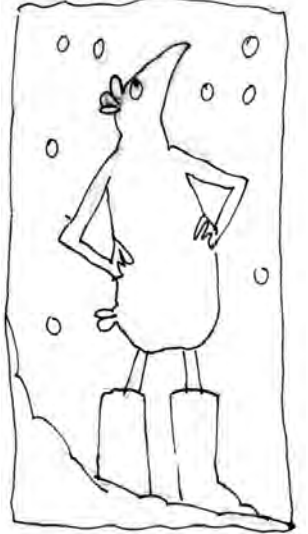
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— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



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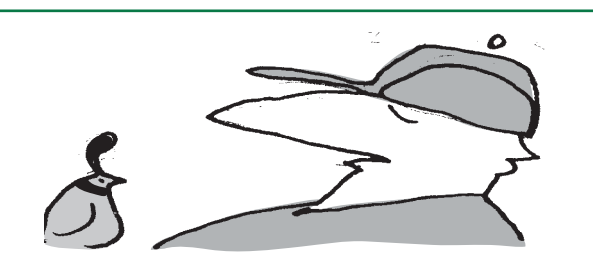
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