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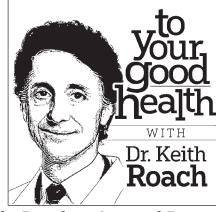
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Tylenol and an arthritis sleeve only provide minimum relief. Should I request to see a neurologist, or is there another type of doctor to seek out for a diagnosis? This has become life-altering, and I'm hoping it will eventually be healed. -- B.F.

ANSWER: I suspect that the bruising on your forearm was caused by bleeding from the puncture site of the artery in your wrist. (This type of line is used to measure blood pressure accurately and instantaneously.) The hematoma (blood collection) inside the wrist might be compressing the median nerve in your carpal tunnel, which causes a neuropathy very much like carpal tunnel syndrome.

If I am right, then the condition should improve as your body absorbs the blood, which takes pressure off the nerve. However, there are case reports of permanent damage to the nerve from complications of an arterial puncture. In general, if the nerve compression is serious enough to cause weakness, it needs to be acted upon urgently.

The doctors who performed your procedure need to know about this complication, and a neurologist is exactly the right person to see. A simple nerve test could confirm my suspicion or disprove it by finding

a different cause if your symptoms persist.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm an active 60-year-old who took a soccer ball to the groin some time back. After a few months, I noticed a change in my sexual organ. Narrowing and bending of my organ developed, and it seems to be getting worse.

My general doctor seems to think it's Peyronie's disease. After researching this, I started taking vitamin E and COq10 supplements. I scheduled a urologist exam but was hoping for some insight on this. -- G.

ANSWER: I suspect your general doctor is correct, and an evaluation by a urologist is certainly indicated. Peyronie's disease is often triggered by trauma in a person who is genetically susceptible to the condition. (Your trauma was very clear, but it isn't always clear in everyone what the trauma might have been.)

The diagnosis is made by an examination showing a bend in the penis, along with plaque that can be felt during an examination in most cases. Some men, but not all, will have pain.

In men who are in the active phase of the disease (where the curvature is getting worse), urologists will often prescribe pentoxifylline for three to six months in hopes of stabilizing the condition and preventing the curve from worsening.

Vitamin E was not found to be superior to a placebo treatment. CoQ10 was found to have a benefit in a small trial, and since it is very safe, this was a reasonable treatment for you to try.

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In men with more severe disease that does not respond to the previous options, surgical treatment can be considered. This should be done in men whose sexual function is affected by the disease and in cases where medical treatments have failed to improve their symptoms adequately.

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

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DISGUISE A TURKEY



I'm not a turkey! I'm **John Cena**Owen, age 9

Community Calendar

Theater: "Little Women", 2pm and 7:30pm on various days, Nov. 21st–Dec. 7th, at Lake City Playhouse, 1320 E. Garden Ave., CdA. Come see this timeless classic come to life on Coeur d'Alene's oldest stage. Tickets available at: www.lakecityplayhouse. org

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F&G and Private Lands: Part 3

Depredation hunts: Idaho Fish and Game's most misunderstood hunts

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Depredation hunts are intended to stop animals when they are in the act of depredating

Most hunters think of Idaho deer and elk hunts occurring in the fall when they get to pursue their favorite quarry across Idaho's vast backcountry and additional hunting access provided on private lands ranging from corporate timberlands to rural farms and ranches.

Many of the traditional, general and controlled hunts fall hunts are influenced by depredation problems and geared toward reducing landowner conflicts and providing additional public hunting opportunities. There are other hunts that often cause confusion, such as "depredation hunts," which are strategic hunts solely intended to reduce damage to private lands caused by big game animals.

Fish and Game manages for healthy and abundant big game herds, but those animals don't recognize property boundaries, and many of Idaho's big game herds spend at least part of their year on private lands. Those visits often occur during seasonal migrations, or in winter when forage on public land is covered with snow.

Idahoans value wildlife, and that includes landowners who appreciate and accept elk and deer on their property, often even when they cause some inconveniences and damage to their crops. But when those animals cause unacceptable damage, Fish and Game uses a variety of tools to reduce, or eliminate, conflicts.

Fish and Game tries to maintain support for big game on private lands in many ways, including using nonlethal techniques, which you can read about in part 2 (see it at idfg.idaho.gov/article/part-2-depredation-prevention-can-keep-landowners-content-and-big-game-herds-abundant).

Fish and Game also uses strategic hunts to prevent or reduce big game damage to private lands. These hunting methods can include Landowner Permission Hunts, Depredation Hunts, and kill permits issued directly to the landowner. Each is a little different, but all are intended to reduce damages and maintain support for abundant big game herds. The meat is always utilized from these hunts, either by the hunter, landowner, or it is professionally processed and donated to food banks.

What are Landowner Permission Hunts?

Landowner Permission Hunts, or LPH hunts, are a form of depredation hunt that is used primarily on private lands with chronic depredations and during times of year when the animals are likely to be causing damage. That's why some hunts run before or after traditional fall hunts. Simply put, you can't hunt the animals that are causing problems if they're not there, so these hunts take place when the animals are likely to be in the act of depredating agriculture.

How are LPH tags distributed?

Vouchers are distributed to landowners on an as-needed basis when an active depredation event has been verified by Fish and Game staff. In some cases, a portion of the vouchers are distributed proactively to landowners with chronic depredation issues. The remaining vouchers are provided to landowners in response to verified depredations.

Who decides who gets a LPH tag voucher?

That's up to the discretion of the landowner who is having the depredation, and any hunter who is

eligible to possess an Idaho hunting license (resident or nonresident) for the current calendar year can participate if approved by the landowner.

How many LPH tags are available each year?

That depends. The numbers listed in the LPH bro-(idfg.idaho.gov/sites/default/files/seasonsrules-big-game-2025-lph.pdf) represent the maximum number of tags allowed. If depredations are low, the number of tags available will be lower because the intent of the hunt is to manage the depredation, not provide maximum hunting opportunity.

Can an LPH tag be used outside of private property?

Sometimes. Each hunt has a legal boundary, and some hunt areas are restricted to private land. Hunters may hunt anywhere within the legal hunt area boundaries assuming they have permission on private land.

If it's to stop depredations on private land, why aren't LPH hunts restricted to private land?

Animals may come onto private lands to feed at night (outside of legal hunting hours), then return to public land, or other private lands, during the day. Because the goal is to eliminate or reduce wildlife depredations, hunters may need to access those animals on public land.

Where can I find out more about LPH hunts?

Each year, Fish and Game has a supplemental Season and Rules booklet outlining LPH hunts on their website (see link to LPH brochure above).

How do Depredation Hunts differ from LPH hunts?

Depredation hunts are initiated in response to active depredation when it's happening. Typically, they're in response to short-term, or new, situations caused by relatively few animals. They are held on short notice, usually involve relatively small areas, and typically, landowners can distribute half the tags and Fish and Game distributes the rest based on a list of hunters who earlier applied to participate. These strategic hunts can often remove specific animals causing problems, or drive the rest of the herd away from the private land.

Hunters apply for these hunts between May and June each year not knowing when, or if, a depredation hunt will be needed, or if they will be called to participate. Essentially, they are "on call" if a problem arises. Most regions issue only a handful of depredation permits each year.

What are kill permits?

Sometimes organizing a depredation hunt is infeasible due to timing and/or logistics, and the Fish and Game Director has the option of issuing "kill permits" directly to a landowner. As implied, these are not hunting tags in a traditional sense, they are permits to allow the landowner, or their designee, to kill a specific number and species of animal on their property that are causing damage. These may be used if individual animals, or small herds, are consistently causing problems, and removing an individual, or a few, animals can help solve the problem.

If depredation problems persist, a landowner can file a claim for depredation reimbursement, which you can read about in Part 4.

What are agency-led removals?

These are rare, but needed when specific depredation problems can't be effectively resolved by other types of hunts. An example might be where animals have a safe haven where a nearby landowner allows no hunting, and elk use that property as refuge during the day and then feed on neighboring properties at night. Because public hunting after hours is illegal and comes with a variety of public safety concerns, trained Fish and Game staff, or agents from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services, can quickly and safely remove offending animals.



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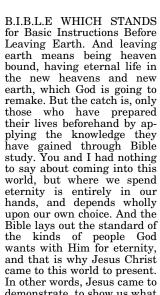
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to say about coming into this demonstrate, to show us what God's ways are really like, as portrayed in the 4 gospels: Matthew to John. The Bible says that Satan is the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4), and as such, Satan being the god of this world means, Satan has set up his educational agenda to prevent people from knowing what God is really like, which is why Je-sus Christ came to this world, to prove Satan wrong. So, my question is, who is it that is keeping you from Bible study, Christ or Satan? Tim, 208-217-8942



Learn How To Apply For Nonresident Disabled American Veteran Deer/Elk Tags For 2026

- Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game -



Nonresident Disabled American Veterans applying for tags in the Nonresident Tag Drawing for 2026 general season deer and elk hunts will have opportunities in two drawings.

Those eligible for DAV privileges, which require a service-connected disability rating of 40% or greater, will be eligible to apply for 500 discounted deer tags, and 300 discounted elk tags for 2026.

To apply, nonresident disabled veterans must buy a hunting license, which is discounted to \$31.75, but there is no additional application fees.

Tags available to DAV hunters:

- The 500 DAV deer tags are valid statewide, but the hunter must select a DAV Regular Deer tag, or DAV White-tailed Deer tag
- The 300 DAV elk tags will be limited to uncapped elk zones
- · Nonresident disabled veterans can also enter the general Nonresident Tag Drawing, so DAV hunters can submit a total of four applications: DAV elk, non-DAV elk, DAV deer, and non-DAV deer

All DAV deer and elk tags will be available at the discounted prices. If successful in a non-DAV drawing, the DAV hunter will pay the full nonresident tag prices. If a DAV hunter is successful in both the DAV drawing and the Nonresident Tag Drawing for the same species, the person will have to pick a single tag for that species.

Group applications are allowed for the DAV drawing for up to four hunters, but all applicants must be DAV eligible to apply for the discounted tags.

Application period for the Nonresident Tag Drawing (including DAV) is Dec. 5-15, 2025. Results will be announced in early January 2026.

The 2026 Nonresident General Tags brochure shows the hunt numbers for each unit and zone that can be applied for (similar to controlled hunt numbers). The brochure also denotes capped and uncapped zones for DAV applicants. Hunters can get all other hunt details in the Big Game Seasons and Rules brochure.

Required Documentation for DAV Reduced Fees

To receive DAV reduced fees, veterans must provide a copy of their official VA Disability Percentage Rating letter, and the letter must verify a service-connected disability rating of 40% or greater.

The letter is also called a "Benefits Summary Percentage Letter," and typically is one page. The letter may bear any date prior to license application.

Documentation for the resident DAV license will be required only for the initial application and will not be required for subsequent applications. Please do not provide the multi-page medical determination report your physician sends to the VA Case Manager for adjustments.

- · How to get your VA Disability Percentage Rating letter: You may get a copy of your letter by calling: (800) 827-1000 or your local VA office, or by online access at: www.ebenefits.va.gov using your premium account login (all recently separated personnel are required to have a premium account; if you don't have an account, you will need to set one up to access your letter).
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– CdA Insider –



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American Legion Post #143, 1pm-4pm Sat. 11/22, at 1138 E. Poleline Ave., Post Falls. Open to all in the community, stop in at the banquet hall for turkey with all of the traditional fixins' including pie! RSVP appreciated, but not necessary. Call 208-773-9054.

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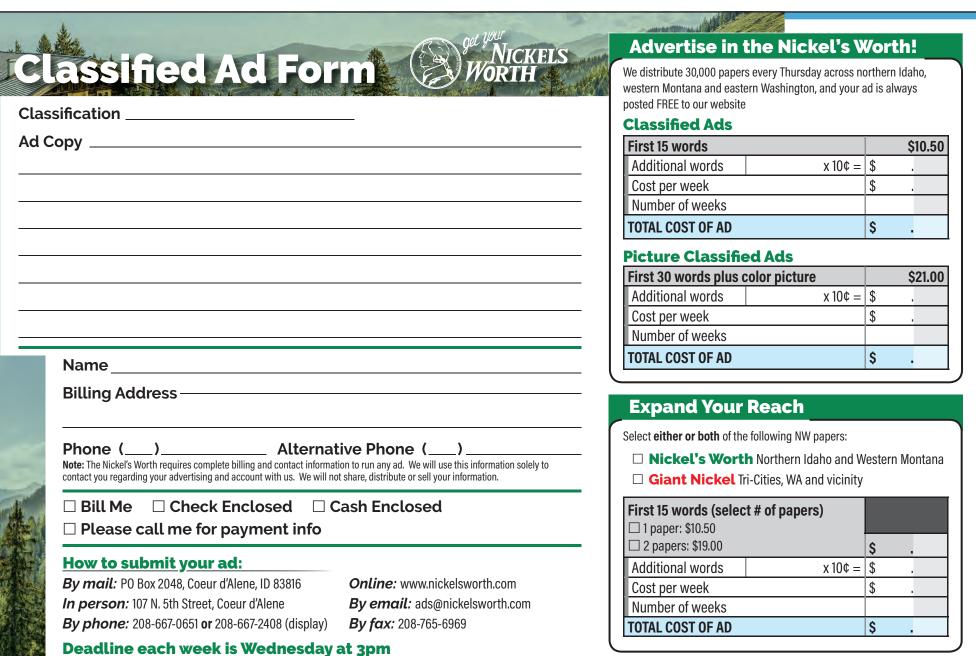
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National Cashew Day November 23rd

— National Day Calendar -



A favorite snacking and party nut is recognized each year on November 23rd during National Cashew Day.

The cashew nut is a seed harvested from the cashew tree. The tree originated in Northeastern Brazil. However, it is now widely grown in tropical climates for its cashew apples and nuts.

With leathery leaves arranged spirally, the evergreen cashew tree grows as tall as 32 feet high and often has an irregularly shaped trunk. The flowers are small, starting out pale green then turning reddish, with each one having five slender, acute petals.

The largest cashew tree in the world covers about 81,000 sq. ft. and is located in Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil.

Cashew Facts

- · The cashew tree has a fruit called the "cashew apple." Its fragile skin makes it unsuitable for transport.
- Latin Americans make a fruit drink from the cashew apple.
- The Cashew causes fewer allergic reactions than other nuts or peanuts.
- · Although native to northeast Brazil, the Portuguese took the cashew plant to Goa, India, between 1560 and 1565. From Goa, it spread throughout Southeast Asia and, eventually,
- We often see peanuts, pecans, walnuts, and other nuts sold in the shell. Due to the toxic nature of the cashew nut's shell, this is not possible.
- Speaking of the shell, the Cashew is not a true nut. They do not develop a hard wall around the seed as hazelnuts or walnuts do. Cashews instead have a lining around the seed that is filled with a caustic fluid.

- This nut is an excellent source of antioxidants.
- It's also a source of dietary trace minerals: copper, manganese, magnesium, and phosphorous.
- · Cashew oil is a dark yellow oil for cooking or salad dressing pressed from cashew nuts.
- Many parts of the plant are used for medicinal purposes.

There are so many ways to enjoy this fabulous nut. How will you be celebrating?

How To Observe #NationalCashewDay

Cashews inspire several ways to celebrate. You can begin by breaking out the cookbook. Whether you make cookies, bars or another baked good, you won't go wrong. You can also top your salads and soups with cashews. But that's only the beginning. May we suggest these other ideas to help you celebrate the day?

- Bundle up cashews to give as gifts for the holidays. Friends and family will thank you.
- Top your pasta dishes with chopped cashews. They will add texture and crunch to your meal.
- · Roast cashews with a variety of seasonings. You can make them savory or sweet, whichever you
- Add chopped cashews to your ice cream sundae. Drizzle a little caramel on top and you will think you're dreaming.

What are your favorite ways to enjoy cashews? Use #NationalCashewDay to post on social media.

National Cashew Day History

National Day Calendar® continues researching the origins of this snack food holiday.

Cashew FAQ

Q. How long do cashew trees live?

A. On average, a cashew tree can live up to 60 years, but some live even longer. According to Guinness World Records, the world's largest cashew tree is estimated to be over 100 years old.

Q. How many years does it take for cashew trees to reach maturity and begin producing nuts?

A. A cashew tree begins producing around three years after its planted, but peak, harvestable production may take up to 8 years.

Q. Can you make milk from cashews?

A. Those with lactose intolerance, milk allergies, or are vegetarian or vegan rely on nut milk for nutrition. Some people prefer the flavor, too. Cashew milk is another option to add to the growing list of available nut and grain milks out there. You can even make it at home.

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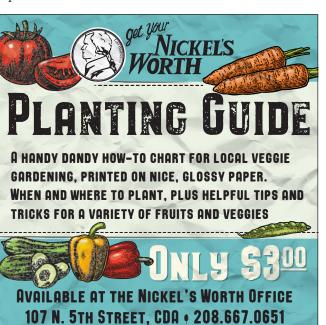
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Hunter Check Station Totals On Par With Last Season In West-Central **Montana**

— Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks —

MISSOULA - After the first two weekends of big game season, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks hunter check stations near Anaconda, Bonner and Darby in west-central Montana are collectively reporting elk and deer harvest totals and hunter numbers on par with this point in the 2024 season.

Overall, west-central Montana's three regularly held wildlife check stations saw 3,897 hunter stops collectively during the first two weekends of the season, compared to 4,008 during the same period last year. Those hunters checked 151 elk, compared to 154 last year. They also reported 51 mule deer, compared to 45 in 2024 and 123 white-tailed deer, compared to 134.

The weather was unseasonably mild during the start to the second weekend of the season, with no snow accumulations in the higher elevations. Valley temperatures were in the upper 60s in many parts of the region on Saturday, turning colder on Sunday.

FWP uses data from US Department of Agriculture Snotel Sites to track high elevation snow depth trends during hunting season. On opening weekend those sites each had three to four inches of snow. and by the close of the second weekend of the season, all sites reported the same or less snow.

"Total hunters and total harvest reported at the Bonner check station slowed slightly from opening weekend, which is typical after the opener and before the deer rut begins," said Lee Tafelmeyer, FWP biologist in the Blackfoot Valley. "We talked to many hunters that reported seeing deer and elk in the woods and enjoyed their hunts over the weekend. We were busy checking animals, and we appreciate the help of all the University of Montana student volunteers that help collect wildlife data each weekend."

The station near Darby reported the same trend of a slower second weekend as hunters wait for the deer rut, colder temperatures, and more snow to help bump harvest. The station also reported checking a few nice mule deer bucks out of Bitterroot Hunting District 270.

CWD sampling locations

Hunters can help with chronic wasting disease (CWD) management by submitting samples from harvested deer, elk, and moose for testing. In west-central Montana, the wildlife check stations near Bonner, Darby and Anaconda are all collecting CWD samples, as well as specific CWD sampling locations in Drummond (Friday 10am-2pm; Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10a.m.-dark), and at the Missoula FWP office (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5p.m.). For a complete list of stations and hours across the state, visit fwp.mt.gov/cwd. Hunter can also take samples themselves and mail them to the wildlife lab for testing.

Although CWD testing is voluntary, samples from hunter-harvested deer, elk and moose are critical to FWP's understanding of this fatal disease. Most big game hunting districts around west-central Montana are Priority Surveillance Areas for CWD, which are areas where FWP is making a concerted effort to gather more samples. All sampling is offered for free to hunters. Hunters play a key role in understanding CWD by providing data and in minimizing the spread by disposing of wildlife parts properly. Read more: fwp.mt.gov/cwd.

All hunters must stop at check stations

FWP reminds hunters they must stop at all wildlife check stations that they pass, even if they have not harvested any animals. Although wildlife check stations sample a relatively small portion of the overall effort and harvest, they capture important trends and biological information, and by stopping you are helping with wildlife management in Montana.

For more hunting season reminders and to track hunter success, stay tuned to the FWP weekly check station reports over the next four weeks. The general big game season runs through Sunday, Nov. 30.



Region 2 (West-Central Montana) Hunter Check Station Results

Cumulative Totals for First Two Weekends of the Season | Oct. 25-26 + Nov. 1-2, 2025

Station	Year	No. of Hunters	Elk	Mule deer	White- tailed deer	Black bear	Moose	Sheep	Goat	Wolf	Total animals	% Hunters w/ game	Snow depth (in.
Darby	2025	1,836	118	19	20	2	0	0	0	0	159	8.7	4
(includes	2024	1,955	103	18	30	2	2	0	0	- 1	156	8.0	3
some from	2023	1,731	103	12	34	0	0	0	0	0	149	8.6	4
Big Hole Valley)	2022 2021	1,595 1,516	105 59	18 16	29 17	3	0	0	0	1	156 94	9.8 6.2	7
Anaconda	2025	367	15	9	.1	0	0	0	0	- 0	25	6.8	0
	2024	361	17	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	31	8.6	7
	2023	407	14	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	22	5.4	E
	2022	355	22	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	31	8.7	7
	2021	429	15	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	21	4.9	C
Bonner	2025	1,694	18	23	102	3	0	0	0	0	146	8.6	3
	2024	1,692	34	18	99	1	0	0	0	0	152	9.0	1
	2023	1,392	17	15	76	0	0	0	0	0	108	7.8	9
	2022	1,414	20	14	101	3	0	0	0	0	138	9.8	3
	2021	1,442	18	11	67	3	0	0	0	0	99	6.9	C
All	2025	3,897	151	51	123	5	0	0	- 0	- 0	330	8.5	
Stations	2024	4,008	154	45	134	3	2	0	0	1	339	8.5	
through	2023	3,530	134	31	113	1	0	0	0	0	279	7.9	
1st week	2022	3,364	147	39	131	6	0	0	0	2	325	9.7	
	2021	3,387	92	30	86	4	0	1	0	1	214	6.3	

Snote! sites: Saddle Mountain (Bitterroot/Darby station), Peterson Meadows (Upper Clark Fork/Anaconda station), & Copper Camp

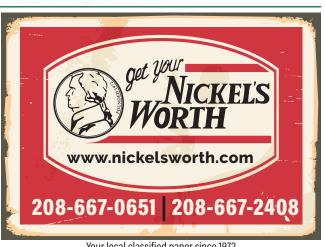
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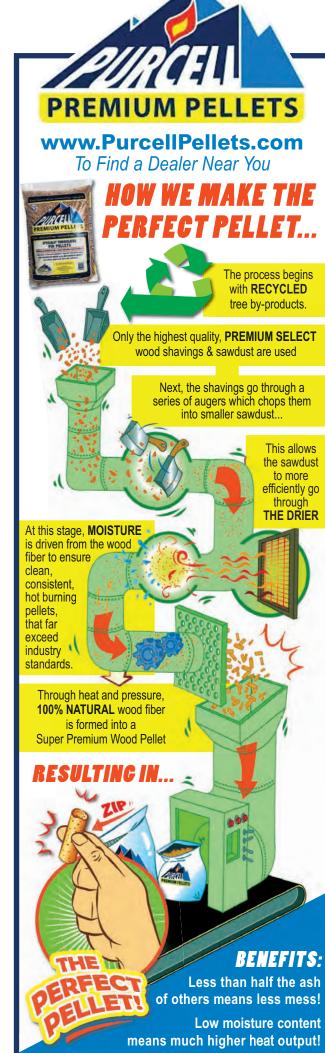
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Late Fall And Winter Can Be Productive For Stream Fishing

- Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game -



Dress for the weather and catch some trout and whitefish

People may see anglers wading streams during frigid weather and wonder "what are they doing?" The short answer is probably catching fish.

Late-fall and winter fishing are often overlooked on Idaho's rivers and streams because many people don't want to deal with the cold, but trout and whitefish remain fairly active. In fact, late-season fishing has some advantages because many streams are at their lowest levels and fish are concentrated. Many rivers are also nearly empty of anglers, so you get your pick of prime fishing spots.

Find the right river or stream

Spring-fed rivers and streams, and those fed by dam releases often fish well during winter months because temperatures tend to be slightly warmer and more stable.

Rainbow trout are a favorite winter quarry, and where you find them, you will often find whitefish. Whitefish school up in the fall and typically spawn in November, so where you catch one, you're likely to find more. (Read more about catching whitefish idfg.idaho.gov/press/anglers-dont-overlookcatching-whitefish-idahos-rivers-and-streams.) You will find trout and whitefish in similar places you find them other times of year, but in late season, they often favor deeper, slower water, although you can still catch them in riffles as well.

Also remember that while fish remain active during winter, they're still cold-blooded, and they may be a little sluggish. They're unlikely to aggressively chase food, but they will take it, or a good imitation of it, when it's placed in front of them.

Tweak your techniques

Winter fishing doesn't require any special tactics, just figure out where the fish are and what they're likely to be feeding on. Drifting bait or fly fishing with nymphs are often your best tactics. If you see dimples on the water, it may be fish rising to feed on insects, which will likely be tiny midges or mayflies, and fish will rise to a well-presented dry fly.

Try different sections of the river and try to figure out where fish are holding and feeding. After you catch a fish, seek out similar water, but remember, fish may move around during the day. But where you find them one day during winter, they're likely to

remain nearby, so keep those places in mind when you return.

Fly anglers should not overlook streamers. They can look like a big, easy meal when presented slowly, but don't expect trout to vigorously chase them like during summer. Even dead drifting a streamer can be effective.

Fish spook easily in low, clear water, so be stealthy. Walk softly, don't immediately wade into the middle of a fishing hole, and wear drab colors. Repeatedly cast into likely looking water before moving on. You may be surprised that you can catch multiple fish in a fairly small area, so cast and drift (or slowly retrieve) your bait or fly numerous times before moving to the next spot.

To find places to fish, check Fish and Game's Fishing Planner. While many of Idaho's waters are open to fishing year round, some are limited to catchand-release fishing during winter, so double check the regulations.



Here are late-season fishing tips:

- Sleep in: There's rarely a need to be there at first light. You will usually have better fishing late morning to early afternoon when the water warms a few degrees.
- Stay close to home: Winter is a good time to explore your local trout fisheries, or rediscover
- Plan short trips: There's no getting around the effects of cold weather, and eventually it will take its toll. Plan to fish for an hour or two and call it good. If you can last longer, consider it a bonus.
- Bring hand warmers: Your hands are most likely to get wet, and they can easily get chilled. A hand warmer will quickly rewarm them. An extra pair of gloves is also a good idea because one pair usually gets wet.
- Think about traction: Rocks are slippery when wet, and more slippery when icy. Wading boots with cleats are a good option. It's also good to have a set of dry clothes in your vehicle in case you take an unexpected plunge.
- Keep your feet warm: Probably goes without saying, but you may be wading in water that's barely above freezing, so wear thick socks or two pairs. If your feet get cold, you will be uncomfortable. You can also use chemically heated insoles in your boots or waders.
- See it as adventure: Things will look and feel different, but the trip will be rewarding if you appreciate those differences. Catching a few fish never hurts, either.



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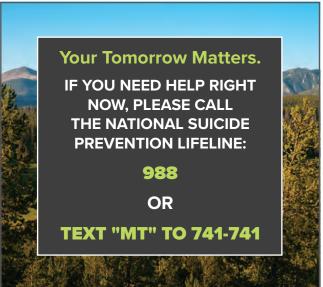
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You don't have to spend a paycheck on side dishes. You don't have to spend three days prepping. And you absolutely don't need a sous-chef to pull off a beautiful, abundant Thanksgiving table.

What you do need is a handful of sides that are inexpensive, unfussy and wonderfully reliable -- the kind that come together quickly, don't require fancy ingredients, yet still make everyone at the table feel cared for.

This year, consider this your pre-holiday pep talk from me: Keep it simple, keep it affordable and let your sides work smarter, not harder.

We're leaning on some frozen vegetables that are budget friendly, with minimal prep and oven temps that play nicely together. In fact, all three roasted vegetable sides below cook at the same temperature and for the same amount of time.

If you're hosting a small gathering, you can roast 1 pound of each recipe (half) all together on one sheet pan, giving you three colorful, delicious sides for the time and effort of one.

HONEY GLAZED CARROTS

Yield: 6-8 servings

Total time: 35 minutes

2 pounds carrots

1/4 cup honey or brown sugar

2 garlic cloves, minced

2 tablespoons melted butter

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper



Affordable, colorful and ready in minutes -- Thanksgiving made simple.

Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment. Slice carrots on a diagonal into 1/2-inch pieces. In a mixing bowl, stir together honey, garlic, butter, oil and spices and toss the carrots to coat. Spread on a sheet pan; roast 20 minutes, tossing halfway. Serve warm.

To make Honey Glazed Cauliflower, substitute 2 pounds of frozen and thawed cauliflower for the carrots in the recipe (or fresh cauliflower cut into small florets and blanched).

ROASTED GARLIC GREEN **BEANS**

Yield: 6-8 servings

Total time: 25 minutes

2 pounds frozen green beans, thawed and well-drained

1/4 cup olive oil

2 cloves garlic, minced

Salt and pepper, to taste

Heat oven to 425 F and line a sheet pan with parchment. In a large bowl, toss the green beans with olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper. Spread in a single layer and roast 15-20 minutes, until tender-crisp and lightly golden around the edges. Taste and adjust seasoning. Serve warm.

One more! Garlic Sauteed Spinach transforms bundles of fresh spinach into an easy, healthy, flavorful side dish in just 10 minutes.

GARLIC SAUTEED SPINACH

Yield: 4 servings

Total time: 10 minutes

1 (12 to 16 ounce) bag fresh spinach

2 tablespoons olive oil

3 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high. Add garlic and saute for 30 seconds -- don't let it brown. Add all the spinach at once. Toss with tongs to coat in garlic and oil. Cover for 1 minute to steam, stir, repeat until wilted, about 5 minutes. Season and serve immediately.

Thanksgiving isn't a performance; it's a gathering. Simplify where you can. Let these budget-friendly sides lighten your load. Go forth and feast. You've

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Winter Blessing, 2pm Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel in the upstairs conference area, 37914 S. Nukwalgw Rd., Worley. A celebration of Native American traditions with live dance competitions, including Horse Tail and Short Fringe styles. Also storytelling, complimentary fry bread and huckleberry jam. All are welcome to this

Kids' Movie at the Library, Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 2pm, at CdA Library, 702 E. Front Ave. Enjoy free popcorn while watching "Fantastic Mr. Fox" (PG-13) on the big screen of the Community Room. This is an adventure story about a wily fox trying to outsmart three mean-spirited farmers and is based on the classic book.

Papa's Holiday Lights, through end of 2025, dusk-10pm. off Exit 2 from I-90 across from Flying J. Come enjoy popcorn and amazing lights synchronized to local FM radio station 90.5. Free to the public!

Free Thanksgiving Meal, noon Thanksgiving Day, 11/27. Call to sign up and reserve your meal by the 25th 208-667-4628. Doors open at 11am

noon-3pm Thanksgiving Meal, Thanksgiving Day, at The Altar Church, 901 E Best Ave., CdA

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with first set of shots and dewormed. 5090-728-3246

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HALF OFF EARLY Holiday Special: Purebred fawn Pug puppies, adorably entertaining, brings out all your smiles. Sweetest little clowns, especially in the dark days of winter. Happy and healthy, small and compact easy keepers, waiting for your loving cuddles. Health guaranteed. Were \$1500, now \$750 for your own lifetime best friend. First shots, wormed and puppy kit, 208-446-3832

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Lost & Found

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Pets

PUREBRED LONGHAIRED male Chihuahua puppy! Chocolate tri-color! Will be ready in time for Christmas! Ready 12/17/2025! \$700, text 509-380-8007, Post Falls



BERNESE Mountain Dogs: 2 year old male (would be excellent for stud services) and 4 month old female. Both are AKC registered and up to date on shots. Call for information, 208-984-9228

MOBILE DOG GROOMING by Shannon. Need your furry family member groomed? No stress trying to load your dog into the car. No kennel time at the groomer. Just me and your pup. I'm self contained; no need to hook up to water or power. Servicing Hayden, Rathdrum, Post Falls, and surrounding areas. Call to set up your appointment. 208-714-5541

WHITE PUG PUPPY and Chihuahua puppies. 6 month old female white Pug puppy, \$800; very playful and energetic. 7 week old male longhaired Chihuahua puppy, \$500; will be very small. 6 month old male shorthaired Chihuahua puppy, \$400; very sweet and friendly, will be small. Text 509-416-3392, Tri-Cities



OUR CURRENT LITTER OF adorable Cavapoo puppies is available and ready to find their forever homes. These charming companions are known for their playful nature and affectionate personalities. We are dedicated to ensuring each puppy is healthy, well socialized, and prepared for a happy life with their new family. Please reach out to us for more information on adopting one of these delightful puppies. 5 males and 3 females, \$1500. Call or text 816-896-9985, Stevensville, MT

MALE CHOCOLATE French Bulldog, full AKC, 9 weeks old, located in Pasco, WA. \$2300. For more info, call/ text 509-840-9721

POCKET/ XL BULLY: Looking for your next loyal companion or show-stopping familv addition? We've got just what you need. Our stunning Pocket/ XL Bullies are ready to find their forever homes and they're turning heads already. These pups are 12 weeks old, full of personality, and bred for both beauty and temperament. Whether you are after compact muscle or XL presence, we've got the perfect match. Only 5 pups remain, 4 handsome males and 1 gorgeous female, each with a unique charm and playful spirit. Raised with love and care, they're socialized, healthy, and ready to thrive in your home. These Bullies are more than pets; they're family. Asking \$1500 each, a fair price for quality you can see and feel. Don't wait too long; with looks like these, they won't last. Message now to meet your new best friend and secure one before they're gone. Reach out to Vivianna at 509-975-4111



BEAUTIFUL, KIND, registered Moyen female Poodle. Spayed, up to date on all shots, 4 years old. Parents' genetic clear for hip, eyes and heart. Must go to a family with kids, acreage or large fenced backyard. She is perfect for 4H agility and show. Extremely intelligent. \$300. 208-770-7786. I live in Montana, can deliver to Helena, 4 hours from CdA

GOLDEN RETRIEVER IN Toppenish, WA. 1 female, vaccinated and ready to go now. Discount price at \$850. 509-901-6167



FRENCH BULLDOG SHIBA Inu mix puppy. Athletic, affectionate, intelligent, funny, and gentle; safe around small children, cats, other animals. No Frenchy health issues. Wormed, neutered, and vaccinated. 208-217-0177, online pics at nickelsworth.com





(8) WEEK OLD AKC Labs ready for their forever families! 2 chocolate males still available, \$1200. Please text 208-518-9540 for information. Athol, ID. Online pics at nickelsworth.com

BOXER MALE: FULLY grown 4 year old Boxer, very healthy, not neutered, great for stud breeding, fawn. \$650, cash only, meet in person. Only serious buyers please. Call or text 509-969-5788, Yakima, WA

Pets of the Week: Ana and Daliyah

— Second Chance Pet Rescue —



Hi! My name is Ana and I'm a 3 year old spayed female GSD looking for a home. My ideal new owners would NOT have chickens. Ana is a member of the food of the month club with KFC and really loves the flavor. Next, while away from home my owners would keep me securely inside the house where I can lounge and watch TV. I'm great inside and not destructive. I'm passed that stage in my life. I am also a pro at using a dog door. If

I'm not left inside while you are away, I need hot wire along the bottom and top of a 6 foot chain link fence or along the bottom of a 6 foot wood or vinyl fence.....although I haven't ever dug out so you may be fine without it. Next, I am a GSD so I require lots of head rubs and love. I get along with other dogs and I just want to love someone forever. Can you be my forever? Maybe we could just go through the drive through at KFC!



Meet Dalivah, a brave and beautiful soul who's ready to adventure into her new life with you! At 11 months old (1 month in rescue) she has been through something in her short life that takes her a few days to trust new people. She is 64#s and a Lab mix, mostly Lab. At this time because of this, her ideal home will be possibly a retired

person or couple. One where the kids are grown or a work at home situation. Something where her life won't be drastically changed all the time. She needs someone with some patience who will just let her be and let things be her idea. You have a friend for life. She loves other dogs and is very playful. She's a stick with you type of dog and not a wanderer. She would love to have someone to sit on the couch with and relax or follow you around the house. Let's set this girl up for success. You won't regret taking a chance on her. She's worth it!!!!!

Please email Idahocoondog@yahoo.com or log on to www.scpr.petfinder.com for more info and an adoption application.

Community Calendar

Annual CdA Lighting Ceremony Parade, 5pm Friday, Nov. 28th, in downtown CdA. For the 33rd year, Coeur d'Alene Downtown Association presents the holiday parade on Sherman Avenue, beginning at 8th and Sherman, then traveling to the intersection of Gov't Way and Northwest Blvd. Marching bands, dancing, music, and festive floats lead the way to the lawn of The CdA Resort for carols and a countdown to an unforgettable fireworks display, compliments of Hagadone Corporation as 1.5 million lights sparkle in downtown CdA.

Holiday Concert, 2pm Sunday, Nov. 30th, at CdA Libary, 702 E Front Ave. A local brass quintet, CdA Brass, will provide the joyful sounds of holiday classics, toe-tapping tunes, and singalongs for all ages. Light refreshments.

Free Christmas Choral Concert & Raffle, 2pm Tuesday, 7pm Friday, Dec. 2nd and Dec. 5th, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 N. Fifth St., CdA. Presented by The 3Cs Coeur d'Aleers. Directed by Sheila Wayman, accompanied by Ruth Clark. Donations accepted to benefit 3Cs (cancer and community charities)

Steak Night for Veterans, 5pm-7pm Wed., Dec

3rd, at Wallace Elks Lodge #331, 419 Cedar Street. Veterans are invited to enjoy sizzling steaks, hearty sides and good company. All veterans eat free every 1st Wednesday of the month! Veterans also eat free on Burger Night every Friday. Also, Silver Valley Cares will be at a table with meal vouchers, resources, and support for those struggling with food supplies.

44th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Thursday, Dec 4th, 4:30pm-7:30pm, at Hospice of North Idaho, 2290 W. Prairie Ave., CdA. There will be (2) ceremonies - 4:30pm and 6pm - providing a special time to reflect on love shared through words of comfort, calming music, and a meaningful luminary walk (optional) around the campus. Each family attending will receive a complimentary keepsake ornament to take home in honor of their loved one. Reserve one of the time slots for this free indoor/outdoor event at https://hospiceofnorthidaho.org/

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.

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BOXER DOODLES. FIVE months old, purebred parents. Two black/ white males, \$50 each. 209-605-5923, North Idaho



CAUCASIAN SHEPHERD puppies, only 2 left! 6 of 8 have found their new homes and only these two sweet girls remain. Both are happy and healthy, dewormed, and have received their first round of DAPPV. Unpapered purebred: father is imported from Macedonia and mother is American bred. Pups born 8/20/25 and ready for you now, \$1000 OBO. Bring one or both home today! 208-818-1964, Sandpoint, ID

CHOCOLATE LAB, MALE, born April 10th, 2025, papered, vaccines up to date, chipped, beautiful, loving, housebroken, obedient. Call to talk. 208-266-1546 or 209-499-3013

AKC GOLDEN RETRIEVER puppies. Boys and girls available, \$1400. Ready for homes November 27th. First shots, deworming and vet check. Parents have good hips and genetic tested. Family raised with children on the farm. Call/ text Dan at 541-561-2774



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Pets



POOCHON PUPPIES, AKC Toy Poodle/ Bichon Frise designer cross. 6-10 lbs. fully grown, non-shedding, affectionate companions. Up to date on wormer, vaccines, and veterinarian health checked. Ready now! \$1500. Licensed and inspected professional breeder with 25 years experience. Additional pics at nickelsworth.com. Rexford, MT, 608-498-5788. www.koocanusabichons.com

AUSSIEDOODLE PUPPIES: I have 5 male puppies, from a litter of 11, looking for a forever home. They have re-ceived all their shots and have been dewormed. Parents are both under 30 lbs. and have no health issues. Mes-509-305-5185 for more



GOLDENDOODLE Ready before Christmas! Pa-Embark and health tested! \$1500. Brooke at 209-996-3242, Athol, ID

AKC RED GOLDEN Retriever puppies. 2 males available. Born Oct. 4th and ready to go home Nov. 29th. \$1300. Call or text Charleen at 509-540-2560. www.lilacacres.org for more info. Milton-Freewater,



ANATOLIAN MIXED breed dog needs to be rehomed. Healthy 4 year old neutered male, great with kids and an excellent protector. Needs a new home with no other dogs. Needs lots of room to roam in a loving environment. He's a handsome and loving boy, he just doesn't like other dogs. More pics online at nickels worth.com. \$100. Text 406-334-3002, Noxon, MT

YORKIE PUPPIES: (2) males and 1 female, 10 weeks, ready for their forever homes. Come with 2 shots and deworming. Tails docked and dewclaws removed. Males \$750, female \$900. For more info text 541-571-7747

BEAUTIFUL FRUG Puppies. We have 4 French Bulldog/ Pug puppies born 9/28/25; will be vaccinated, dewormed, and ready in 2 weeks, \$750. 509-378-8177, Pasco, WA

AKC FRENCH BULLDOG, 3 years old, male, very friendly, \$1500. Comes with full AKC, microchip. For more info, please call or text 509-679-3605



UPCOMING XMAS LITTER! Bernese Mountain Dogs. Gorgeous parents pictured above. Call for pricing, 208-984-9228

AKC BICHON FRISE: Adorable fluffy, white, AKC champion Bichon Frise puppies ready for loving homes! They're super sweet, great with kids and the elderly, and hypoallergenic— perfect for any home. They're up to date on shots and will come with a starter kit, puppy food, and their medical records. Full of love, playful energy, and snuggles, they're ready to bring joy to your life. I'm located in Spokane Valley, WA, but I'm open for deliveries with a fee. Call/ text 509-270-2005



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AKC AMERICAN COCKER Spaniels. 1 female, 1 male, born 9/20/25; vaccinated, wormed, tails docked, \$1800. Online pics at nickelsworth. 253-576-5465, Tacoma,

Pets of the Week: Periwinkle and Tamarack

- Priest River Animal Rescue -



Periwinkle may be reserved at first, but her gentle spirit quickly shines as she feels safe. She'll nuzzle your hand, curl up beside you, and purr contentedly. Playtime reveals her adventurous side-batting feather toys and chasing

jingling balls. She loves watching birds and squirrels from the window. Preferring a quiet home, Periwinkle is independent yet enjoys soft cuddles and head scratches. With patience, she blossoms into a devoted companion, offering warmth and calm. Her subtle sweetness and tranquil energy make her an ideal friend for those who appreciate a peaceful feline presence.



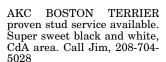
Thanks to Cheri's generous sponsorship, Tamarack's adoption fee is waived for an approved home. Tamarack is a spirited young dog full of energy and curiosity, always ready for adventure and play. He was abandoned in Stevens County but rescued by caring locals who helped him regain trust. Now at the res-

cue center, Tamarack is blossoming, showing his playful side and growing in confidence. He's ready for a loving home that offers kindness, consistency, and love. If you want a joyful, resilient companion with a heart open for a second chance, Tamarack may be your perfect match.



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.



AKC FRENCH BULLDOG puppies: \$3500 registered, \$2000 pet only. Located in Moses Lake. 509-793-4009

JACK RUSSELL PUPPIES, great markings, shots, de-wormed. Ready for new wormed. Ready for new homes, \$550. Text/ call 406-529-2827, Heron, MT



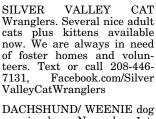
09/05/25, current shots, vet checked, leash and crate trained, \$1500 each. Plains, MT. Call or text 406-242-



BLUE HEELERS, purebred, parents on site. dogs, great loyal family dogs, females \$450, males \$400. Tails docked, first shots. Call Phil, 208-819-0340, Spirit Lake, ID

AKC CHOCOLATE AND black Lab puppies, \$1200, ready to go home in Nov. 20th! Health tested, excellent hunting lines and temperaments. Call or text 509-654-

BEAUTIFUL 8 WEEK OLD Boston Terrier puppies. 2 males, first shot and deworming, parents on site, \$350. Located in Sunnyside,



puppies born November 1st, parents on site. Located Kennewick, WA for visits. Questions? 509-948-4970

PUREBRED PUGS. SABLE and panda born on National Pug Day: Oct 15th. \$1200, text/ call 509-731-6517

AKC WIREHAIRED Pointing Griffons. Champion lines, 5 months old, housebroken and well started hunting. Call 541-805-4607 for info

AKC REGISTERED GIANT Schnauzer puppies ready for homes 11/22/25. Tails docked, dewclaws removed, de-wormed, vaccinated, first vet check. FiNano microchip. Genetic health tested parents. Handled daily, exposed to multiple environments, raised in family home. \$2000 with \$500 deposit to hold. Potty training started. Tara, 500 980 4876



LIVESTOCK GUARDIAN pups! 3 females available. Large breed, excellent LGDs. Dam 50/50 Great Pyrenees Anatolian Shepherd. Šire 3/4 Pyrenean Mastiff, 1/4 Spanish Mastiff. Exposure to small and large livestock, excellent with children, \$750. Call 208-610-1161 for more information, Cocolalla, ID

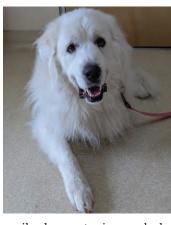
FRENCH BULLDOG Puppy: Male, 13 weeks, updated vaccines. 509-346-0985

BORDERDOODLE born 8/23/25. 1 female and 5 males, had first shots, ready to go, \$250. 541-371-1513

AKC GOLDEN RETRIEVER puppies born 10/21/25, ready for forever homes 12/16/25. Family raised. Will be vet checked and receive first shots. Located in Kingston, ID, \$800-\$1200. Call or text 208-818-6152 for more info

Pets of the Week: Phineas and Margarita

— Better Together Animal Alliance—



Meet Phineas! Phineas is a 3 year old friendly, social boy who gets along wonderfully with both children and adults. He tends to prefer women at first, but with patience and slow introductions, he can form a strong bond with men as well. He has experience around cats and puppies and absolutely loves them! Phineas is de-

scribed as outgoing and playful - he enjoys exploring, has great leash manners, and loves playing in water. If you're looking for a great companion with a big heart (and even bigger fluff!), come by and meet Phineas - he just might be your perfect match!



Meet Margarita! Margarita is a 4 year-old boy who is very shy at first but once he opens up, he's very sweet and affectionate. He is a climber and explorer so he would do well as an outdoorsman or as

an indoor/outdoor friend so he can still get his snuggle time in. We are unsure of how Margarita would do with dogs, but he has gotten along with other cats. If you need a hunter, companion, explorer, and all around sweet boy, stop by today to meet Margarita!



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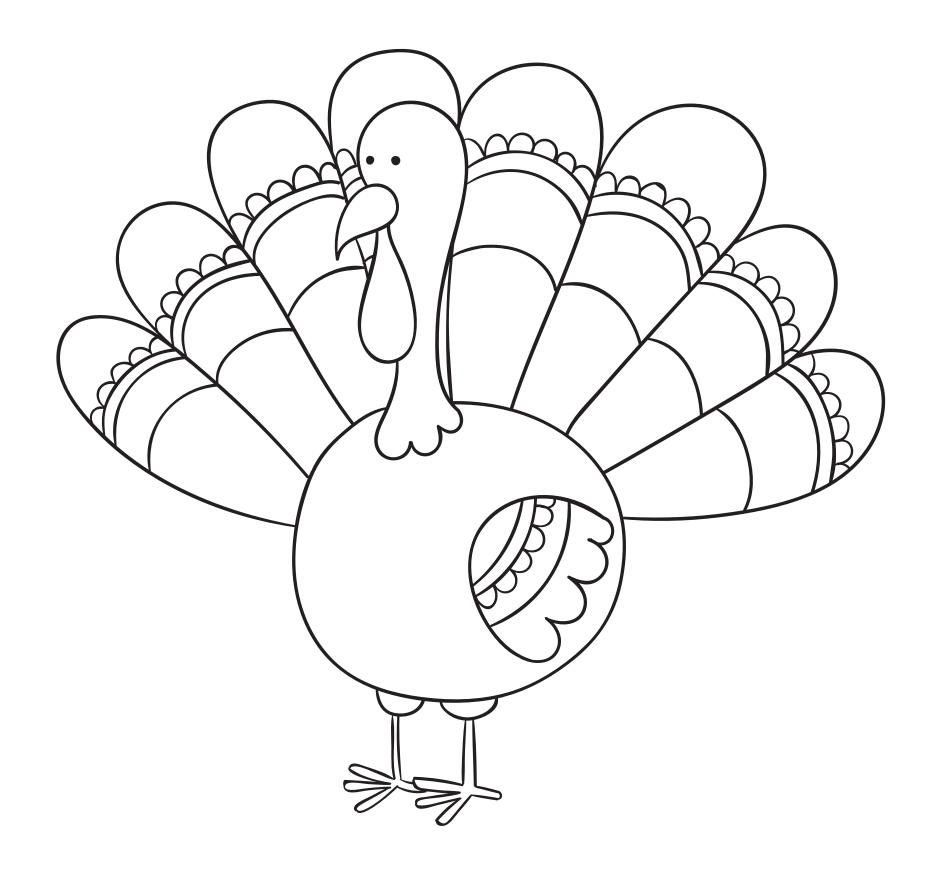
Learn more at www.BetterTogetherAnimalAlliance.org

Disguise a Turkey!

Help the turkey hide so he doesn't become Thanksgiving dinner! Use whatever supplies you have—paint, paper, pompoms, pipe cleaners, or anything handy—to dress him up. You can disguise him as a person, another animal or anything you want, the only limit is your imagination! If you or your parent/guardian want to check on the Internet to see what other people have done, there are a whole bunch of really neat ideas out there.

The only rules are to be creative and have fun!

I'm not a turkey! I'm a _____





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National Cake Day

November 26th

— National Day Calendar –



On November 26th, National Cake Day delivers a scrumptious treat for everyone to enjoy! Slide over pie, this day cake takes center stage as the dessert of choice. On most birthdays, the cake is topped with candles no matter their age. Showers, weddings, retirements and anniversaries, cake serves up a slice or two. Add ice cream, and you have America's top favorite desserts in the same dish!

Whether it's a shapely bundt cake (celebrated on November 15) or the less curvaceous sheet cake, these sweet layered, frosting-covered, or fondant-decorated works of art scream celebration! Made from scratch, a box or picked up from the bakery, a cake sends a sweet message. They also come in many combinations and flavors, too.

No one can know how many. There are countless cake recipes. Some are even bread-like, others rich and elaborate, and many still are centuries old. Of Viking origin, the word cake is derived from Old Norse "kaka." At that time, a cake's texture was more like gingerbread due to the availability of refined ingredients.

Cakes typically contain a combination of flour, sugar, eggs, and butter or oil. Additionally, some variety of liquid, such as milk or water, creates a batter. A leavening agent such as yeast or baking powder helps the cake rise. Flavorful ingredients are often added, for example, chopped nuts, fresh, candied or dried fruit, fruit purees, or extracts. Though we commonly think of cake with frosting or icing, many cakes can be enjoyed with just fruit or other toppings.

How To Observe #NationalCakeDay

Grab the flour and cake pans. Get dusted up and warm the house with love. Decorate and frost them. And then, deliver it to a family gathering. You know you'll wow them with their favorite. Cream cheese frosting, buttercream or icing. What's your favorite? You can look up recipes for:

Black Forest Cake

Lemon Pudding Cake

Pineapple Pudding Cake

German Chocolate Cake

National Cake Day History

While our research did not uncover the source of this day, National Day Calendar® continues researching this food holiday's origins.

Cake FAQ

Q. Why does the cake recipe say to use room-temperature eggs?

A. Cold eggs bring down the temperature of the other ingredients in the cake. For example, if you add cold eggs to a butter and sugar mixture, the butter will firm up into clumps. The eggs and butter (or other ingredients) won't distribute evenly throughout the cake batter affecting the final texture. The cake may also take longer to bake if cold eggs are used.

Q. I forgot to set my eggs out. What's a quick way to warm them?

A. Place the eggs in a bowl of warm (not hot) water for 2-3 minutes.

Q. How do I know if my cake is done in the middle?

A. Nobody wants an underdone or overdone cake. There are several ways to test your cake for

Use a cake tester. This is a handy kitchen tool that looks like a long metal skewer. Insert the tester into the center of the cake and remove it. If it comes out clean, the cake is done. If there is better or undercooked crumbs, let the cake bake a little longer. You can also use a toothpick in the same way.

Test for springiness. A cake will spring back when gently pressed on the top. It will be soft, but not jiggly.

The edges begin to pull away from the sides and a light crust begins to form along the sides.



Horses & Tack

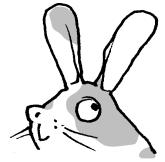
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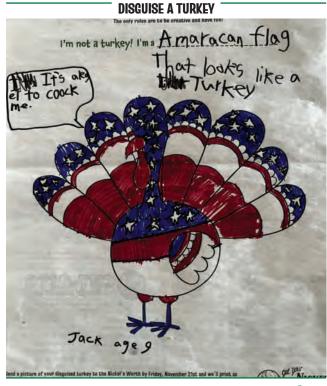


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I'm not a turkey! I'm an American Flag Jake, Age 9 (That looks like a turkey)



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Pumpkin Crumble

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- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin spice
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 box cake mix (yellow, white or spice)
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 3/4 cup chopped white chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups melted butter

Whipped Cream:

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1. Heat oven to 350 F.
- 2. In bowl, mix pumpkin, evaporated milk, brown sugar, eggs, pumpkin spice and cinnamon. Pour into greased 9-by-11-inch baking dish.
- 3. In separate bowl, mix cake mix, pecans and white chocolate chips. Sprinkle over pumpkin mixture. Pour butter evenly over top. Do not mix or stir. Bake 1 hour.
- 4. To make whipped cream: Using hand mixer, whip heavy whipping cream and sugar until thick.
- 5. Serve crumble with whipped cream.

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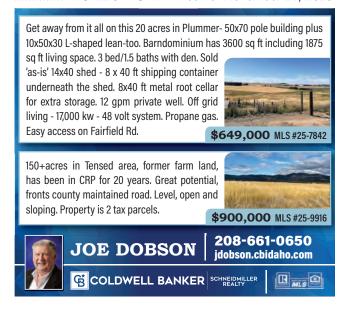
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Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Offers New Hope for Veterans

– Family Features -



For generations, America's veterans have borne not only the visible scars of battle but also the hidden wounds of war. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, traumatic brain injury and anxiety have long haunted those who served, often with devastating effects on their quality of life and their families. While traditional treatments have helped, many veterans continue to suffer in silence – left behind by a system struggling to meet their needs.

However, science is now reopening doors once closed, and therapies previously dismissed are being reconsidered with fresh eyes. Among them are psychedelic-assisted treatments, which have revealed potential in clinical trials to address the most severe mental health conditions afflicting veterans.

The FDA's Role

Currently, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved only one psychedelic-based medication: a ketamine nasal spray to treat depression. However, other compounds are gaining the attention of researchers, clinicians and veterans alike. Psilocybin – the active ingredient in "magic mushrooms" – and a drug similar to LSD have both earned FDA "breakthrough therapy" status for their potential to ease depression and anxiety, sometimes after only a

In 2017, MDMA-assisted therapy was identified as a potential breakthrough treatment option for PTSD; ultimately, the FDA declined to grant full approval. This setback underscored not a failure of science, but the complexity of studying powerful compounds under existing regulatory frameworks. For veterans, it was a disappointment, yet it also spotlighted the urgent need for continued research and funding.

Veterans and Research at the Forefront

One compound has captured national attention: ibogaine, a psychedelic root traditionally used in ceremonies in central and west Africa. Early studies with special-operations veterans have found improvements in PTSD, depression, anxiety and overall functioning – especially for those living with the effects of traumatic brain injury.

Recognizing this potential, DAV (Disabled American Veterans) is championing these new approaches. At its 2025 National Convention, the organization hosted a groundbreaking psychedelics roundtable that brought together researchers, veterans, advocates and even a former NFL player to discuss the potential of psychedelic-assisted therapies.

The century-old organization supports research into these treatments, pointing out that traditional therapies can fail for as many as 60% of those who try them. It's also advocating for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to make psychedelic treatments available once they receive FDA approval.

"We are experiencing a watershed moment in medical research as psychedelic-assisted therapies have revealed true potential in clinical trials to treat severe mental health conditions," said Barry Jesinoski, DAV's National Adjutant. "This glimmer offers veterans contending with not only PTSD but depression, traumatic brain injury, anxiety and more hope in a world where the status quo is failing them."

A New Mission

The promising results of these treatments spurred some states to commit funding toward research into psychedelic therapies or conduct legislative hearings to explore their role in advancing this science. The VA is now conducting studies on MDMA and psilocybin.

While more research is needed to fully understand their risks, benefits and best applications, for DAV, psychedelic medication represents both hope and responsibility. By advocating for rigorous research and ensuring veterans' perspectives are central to the conversation, the organization is working to accelerate progress while safeguarding integrity.

Whether through psilocybin, MDMA, ibogaine or future discoveries, the mission is clear: fund the research, pursue the science and ensure America's veterans are given every chance to heal. Learn more at dav.org.

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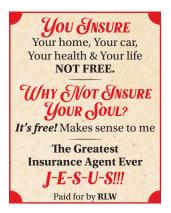


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Lake City Playhouse Presents American Classic "Little Women" opens Nov. 17th

– Monica Thomas -



Every play I've ever been part of has what I call 'heart', that intangible something that makes it special to the audience as well as the cast and crew that puts the show together.

This production of *Little Women* is no exception.

From the very first rehearsal, the group of us who make up the fictitious March family already behaved as if we had been in each other's lives for years, complete with hugs, kisses, laughter, and rapidly creating inside jokes. "Within the first half hour, the girls were already sitting on each other's laps and loving on each other like real sisters," shared Jessica Peterson, the show's director.

This particular production is told as a flashback story by the grown-up female protagonist Josephine March, the character based upon the novel's own author, Louisa May Alcott.

For those unfamiliar with either the novel, the play, or the movies, Little Women follows the lives of the March sisters-Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy-and the events that shape them as they grow up against the background of Massachusetts during and following the Civil War. The cast of characters is rounded out by their mother and father, their beloved housekeeper, their wealthy aunt, their neighbor Laurie, his grandfather, Laurie's tutor, and other friends and family members that make up their New England

The teenaged/young adult version of Josephine (or Jo as she's known throughout the show) is played by Amanda Guinn, who expertly displays the brashness and tomboy attitude that Jo is known for.

Lorelai Provolt plays Meg, the eldest of the sisters, perfectly balancing the character's nurturing love with sisterly sass. The role of the shy and unassuming Beth is beautifully executed by actresses Evelyn Long and Mairead Kahler, playing the younger and older character respectively. Similarly, Stella Jones and Lydia Kirkbride make the perfect pair for the younger and older versions of prim and dramatic Amy, the youngest of the March girls.

Gerry Buchan is the ever-present Josephine March, the adult version of Jo, acting as narrator, steadily guiding the audience on the journey of her family's

And while I wasn't going to mention it initially, my co-workers are urging me to include the fact that I'm in this show, as well, portraying my favorite fictional mother, Marmee.

Joining us are local well-knowns such as Damon Wood, Heather Renz, Vermont Trotter, Luke Odenthal, Chance Turnbull, James Padilla, and a dozen other incredibly talented and well-loved family members. For a full cast list, visit the Lake City Playhouse Facebook Page.

In a world where, despite how easily we can be connected, we have never been more isolated, I feel that the cornerstone message of *Little Women* is particularly important: Family is everything. And even 150 years ago, it was clear that family wasn't just the people who shared blood with one another; family was, and is often, defined by those with whom you choose to love, protect, and adopt into your hearts.

Little Women feels perfect for the Christmas and holiday season. It's simply a cozy story, one that often makes you feel as if you've been wrapped up in a warm blanket and tucked beside a fire with a mug of cocoa. Even though, just like life, there are sorrows and hardships, the March family overcomes each with grace because they do it together, adopting additional family members along the way.

Theater, I've found, is very much this way, particularly the family that is the Lake City Playhouse. The team that is responsible for keeping LCP alive, through its transition from "The Modern" back to its roots, through the Covid closure, through pipe bursts and flooding, is a true, have-your-backthrough-everything family. They fiercely love the Little Theater on Garden (as LCP is fondly called), and more importantly, they love each other and every soul that comes through their doors. Whether patron, actor, aspiring crew member, or kiddo there for the theater's after-school program, if you're part of the Lake City Playhouse, you will be dearly loved and you will know it without a doubt.

So as we head into the holiday giving season, remember these words, penned by Louisa May Alcott, herself: "I do think that families are the most beautiful things in all the world!"

And she's right.

If you're alone this season, it doesn't need to stay so. There are hundreds of churches, American Legions, veteran hang outs, after-school programs, and creative homes just like LCP who are looking to adopt a new family member.

Little Women opens November 21st with varying showtimes through December 7th. If you're interested in getting involved with Lake City Playhouse, or if you just want tickets to the upcoming show, visit: www.lakecityplayhouse.org. It is located is at 1320 E. Garden Ave. in CdA.

Community Calendar

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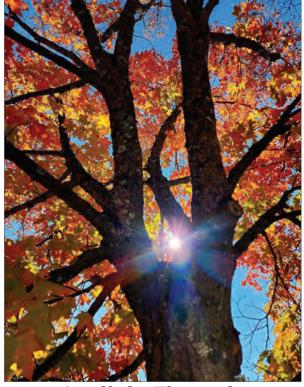
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F&G and Private Lands: Part 4

When the depredation bill comes due, how F&G pays for damages to private lands caused by big game

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



Roughly a third of Idaho's land is privately owned, and many of the state's big game herds spend at least a portion of their year on private land. That's why working with landowners is critical to maintaining abundant and healthy big game herds. Many landowners appreciate wildlife on their property, even if they cause some inconveniences or damage some crops.

Fish and Game is legally obligated to fix problems caused to private lands by big game, and when prevention and mitigation fails to resolve it, the department must pay for damages.

What the law says about payments for depredation

In 1990, the Idaho Legislature established a cooperative program among Idaho Fish and Game, landowners, and sportsmen to limit damage caused by wildlife. The legislation also called for landowners and Fish and Game to cooperate to prevent as much wildlife damage as possible.

When damages cannot be sufficiently reduced, or prevented, landowners can file a claim for compensation for five types of damages:

- Crops (plants grown or stored for profit) damaged by pronghorn, deer, elk, or moose
- Use of privately owned rangeland forage (plants grown for livestock feed) by pronghorn, deer, elk or moose
- Livestock (domestic cattle, sheep, and goats) destroyed by black bears, mountain lions, or delisted (from the Endangered Species Act) grizzly bears
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- Damaged to prepared seedbed ground and irrigation equipment

Landowners are compensated for the damages minus a \$750 deductible, which is waived for landowners who file claims for similar damages in subsequent years at the same location.

If the landowner and Fish and Game cannot agree on the amount of damage, a three-member arbitration panel convenes to make the final decision. Fish and Game pays half the amount of each claim within 45 days of approval, and the full or prorated balance is paid after the fiscal year ends on June 30 depending on available funding remaining. If there's not enough money to pay all claims, the remaining balance in the depredation account is distributed proportionally (i.e., prorated).

Fish and Game has seen an increase in depredation payments over the last decade, peaking in 2019 when nearly \$2.4 million in claims were paid.

During the last 5 years, payments have varied between \$1.3 million and \$2 million, and in four of the last five years, claims exceeded the total money available, so each claimant was paid a prorated percentage of their claim. The increase in claims and prorated payments for wildlife damages has Fish and Game officials concerned because landowners may have less tolerance for wildlife if they're not being fully compensated for their depredation claims.

In 2023, the Idaho Legislature raised the cap on the depredation fund to provide more money to be used to pay claims.

Where the money come from

Depredation payments are funded by the "Access/ Depredation fee" that is added to the first fishing, hunting and trapping license each Idaho resident and nonresident buys each year.

Resident adults pay \$5, nonresident adults pay \$10, and people such as juniors and seniors who are eligible for discounted licenses also get a discount. This fee also provides money for additional sportsmen's access and depredation compensation and prevention.

Hunting is recognized as an effective tool to reduce depredation

Because hunting is often effective in reducing depredations, by law, landowners seeking a claim must have allowed reasonable public access for hunting during the preceding hunting season, or as a response to a current depredation, provided such access does not impact their operations.

Hunters must ask the landowner's permission before entering private property, and all aspects of the trespass law apply.

Fish and Game staff will continue to work with long-time landowners and new ones to find ways to reduce depredations, and they will continue to respond when depredations occur and try to stop them from recurring.

It helps for hunters and nonhunters to understand these challenges and recognize that the solutions, whether temporary or long-term, can happen behind the scenes and nonlethally in many cases, but some may be very visible and attract lots of public attention.

In either case, the important thing is the overall goal: maintaining healthy and abundant big game herds while minimizing the problems abundant big game may cause agriculture operations.

Read more in Part 1: Why private lands are an important part of big game habitat at idfg.idaho.gov/article/part-1-private-lands-are-important-partidahos-big-game-habitat.



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National Espresso Day

Nov 23rd

— National Day Calendar —



Get the pure coffee essence on National Espresso Day! Whether you sip one cup or keep buzzing all day long, November 23rd is the day.

The word espresso in Italian means 'quick in time.' Before the advent of the espresso machine, espresso was simply a coffee expressly made for the person ordering it. It was also made with recently roasted and freshly ground beans. The cup was brewed shortly before serving. In the late 1800s, this practice was commonplace in cafés and restaurants.

While today's espresso maintains the freshness quality, it has undergone a transition in meaning. We've come to know espresso as a highly concentrated brew served in smaller quantities. We may also use espresso as a base for other delicious coffee creations.

We can thank the espresso machine for this modern view of espresso. In 1901, Italian Luigi Bezzera invented the first successful espresso machine. The newer technologies produced a smaller, more concentrated cup more quickly than traditional coffee brewing methods. Additionally, this thicker, more intense brew created a creamy foam on top called the crema. The richer flavors and aromas of an espresso create delicious lattes, mochas, cappuccinos, macchiatos, and many café creations.

Beyond the range of beverages, the intense flavor of espresso lends itself to baking. Where coffee may become lost when blended with other flavors, espresso remains vibrant. Blend it with cream cheese, sugar and flour for a cheesecake. Add it to ladyfingers and make tiramisu. Many desserts call for espressos such as ice cream and crème brûlée.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalEspressoDay

This holiday calls for the perfect cup. Whether you

brew it at home or visit a local cafe, you know how you like it. Will you enjoy your espresso one of these ways?

- Order through the local drive-through and pay it forward (backward?) by also paying for the customer behind you in line.
- Pick up extra espressos for everyone in the office.
- Have espressos delivered to front-line workers at the hospital, fire station, police station, or ambulance bay near you.
- Send a gift card to your favorite teachers for National Espresso Day, letting them know just how much you appreciate them.
- Realize you've never tried baking with espresso and break out the mixer you got for your birthday.
- You're a traditionalist when it comes to espresso. You only drink espresso. You don't add flavors. It's espresso. Don't mess with the espresso.

Enjoy a cup of espresso and use #NationalEspressoDay to post on social media.

NATIONAL ESPRESSO DAY HISTORY

National Day Calendar® continues researching the origins of this caffeinated holiday.

Espresso FAQ

Q. How do you say "espresso"?

A. The word "espresso" is pronounced like this: ess-press-oh.

Q. Can I make espresso at home?

A. Yes. There are a few ways to make espresso at home, including using an espresso machine. If you do not have an espresso machine, you can use a French press. There are a few things to keep in mind when making espresso with a French press:

- 1. Pre-warm your press with hot water.
- 2. Coarsely grind your beans, about 2 tablespoons.
- 3. Use hot, not boiling water to your coffee grounds. Heat the water to just below 212F.
- 4. Add a small amount of hot water to the grounds to allow them to bloom before adding about a full cup of water. You will see a few bubbles.
- 5. Allow the coffee to steep. Four minutes should be sufficient.
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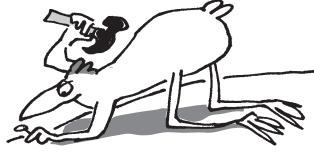


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2026 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp Contest Opens

- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks -



HELENA – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking submissions for the 2026 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp contest.

New this year, the contest is expanding to waterbird (shorebirds, waterfowl, or wetland dependent passerine) species in its natural habitat setting. The artwork should depict a Montana scene.

The 2026 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp contest will be open through Feb. 27. The Wetlands Protection Advisory Council will select the winning art in March.

Details on contest rules and entry information can be found here. The winning artist will receive a \$2,000 cash prize and be featured on promotional materials throughout 2026. The prize is organized by Montana's Outdoor Legacy Foundation, which partners with FWP and Montana Audubon on promoting the Migratory Bird Stamp Program and funding wetland conservation.

The purpose of the Montana Migratory Bird Stamp program is to raise awareness of the importance of wetlands for wildlife and aquatic species, along with agriculture operations and communities. Wetlands provide critical ecosystem functions like flood control, groundwater recharge and water purification. FWP's Migratory Bird Wetland Program helps landowners and other conservation partners develop and fund projects that protect, conserve, enhance or create high-quality wetland habitat.

People who want to support wetland conservation, but do not hunt can still get the 2025 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp sticker sheet by visiting the Montana Audubon website at https://mtaudubon.org/support/. The money collected from the sale of these sticker sheets goes toward FWP's wetland conservation efforts.

The 2026 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp will not be required to hunt migratory birds in Montana. To hunt migratory birds, hunters will need a current Montana migratory bird license and their federal duck stamp, the same as in years past.

Those who purchase a Montana migratory bird license will receive a free collectable sticker sheet showing the winning artwork, information about the Migratory Bird Wetland Program and information about how to make additional contributions. Purchasing a Montana migratory bird license is a great way to support wetland habitat conservation. FWP will work with Montana's Outdoor Legacy Foundation and other partners to provide other ways to help support wetlands conservation. More information will be provided on donation opportunities in the coming months.

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Seat Thirteen A little help goes a long way

– "Hank Carter" –



For the past two years, I've been running an unauthorized operation on my 6am school bus route. The district enforces a strict "zero tolerance" policy on food. They've got a rule for everything.

But they don't know about seat thirteen.

My name's Hank Carter. I'm 57 years old and have been driving Route 12 longer than I can remember-long enough to watch the auto plant close and the dollar stores take its place. I start my engine at 5:45am, when the cold cuts deep enough to feel personal. The radio's always full of political shouting and talk of budget cuts. All I pray for are green lights and kids who look both ways.

Seat thirteen is my trouble spot. It's right behind the emergency exit on the left side. Every bus has one seat that feels haunted. Thirteen is mine.

It started two winters ago. The town was bleak. A new boy got on one morning, hood pulled down so low I could only see his chin. He moved like a ghost, his backpack hanging off one shoulder. When he passed, I caught a whiff of it-that damp smell of clothes dried too slow in a cold house.

He sat in thirteen and just disappeared into himself.

At school, he waited until everyone else had gotten off. When he finally stood, he left behind two perfect, wet outlines where his shoes had leaked melted snow through the holes in their soles.

That night, I couldn't sleep.

The next morning, I showed up to the depot at 5am with a plain brown paper bag. Inside, I packed a chewy granola bar, a small juice box, two hand-warmers, and a pair of thick socks from the discount store. I set it on seat thirteen. On a scrap of paper, I wrote: "For whoever needs it. No questions asked."

When the kids loaded up, I made sure not to check the mirror. I just drove. But when we reached the school, I saw it—the bag was empty, folded neatly, tucked under the seat.

The next day, I did it again. Then again. After a week, a note appeared, written in that shaky, hardpressed handwriting kids have: "Thanks. The socks are warm "

After that, thirteen became our secret.

It didn't go viral online. It spread the real way—quietly.

One Wednesday, the popular girl—the one who always looks like she walked out of a magazinepaused by the seat and slipped in a stick of lip balm.

A week later, the quiet boy from fourth grade, the one who never talks, added a fresh pack of colored pencils.

The night custodian, Sal-a veteran-caught me packing a bag one morning. He didn't say much. Just nodded. The next day, there was a bulk box of cereal on my driver's seat, already portioned into plastic baggies. "I remember being hungry," he said.

In April, the school tried to hand me a "Community Contribution" plaque. I said thank you and left it in my locker. A piece of paper doesn't warm a kid's feet at dawn.

The real reward came in May.

One of the regulars, Jayden—spiky hair, teenage attitude-climbed aboard looking wrecked. Red eyes. He sat in Thirteen, staring at the bag. I saw his hand hover over it, then pull back like it burned.

At the last stop, he stood, grabbed the bag, and walked two rows up.

He tapped a new kid on the shoulder-a smaller boy with a thin jacket and a dirty cast.

"Here," Jayden mumbled, not looking at him. "This is for you."

My hands clenched the wheel until my knuckles went white. My eyes blurred. Sometimes, the bravest thing you'll ever see happens between two neighborhood stops on a Tuesday morning.

By summer, seat thirteen was overflowing-not with kids, but with offerings.

A music teacher left a packet of hot cocoa. A cleaning mom tucked in an unused bus pass.

One morning, I found a note written in elegant cursive: "My son used this seat last month. He's eating breakfast again. Thank you for seeing him."

On the last day of school, the bus buzzed with that end-of-year freedom. Before they all poured out, I stood up.

"Listen up," I said, my voice cracking. "That seat number thirteen—it belongs to all of us. If you need what's in the bag, you take it. If you've got extra, you leave it. That's the rule."

They nodded. They understood.

We start fresh every August. New faces, same route, same old bus. And the bag is always there. I add a note to it now:

"You matter."

People on TV and the internet spend hours yelling about what's wrong with this country-how we're divided, broken, full of hate.

Maybe. But they're not on my bus at 6:15am.

They don't see a high school linebacker quietly drop a five-dollar bill in a paper bag.

They don't see a little girl share her fruit snacks.

They don't see a kid with nothing give something to a kid with less.

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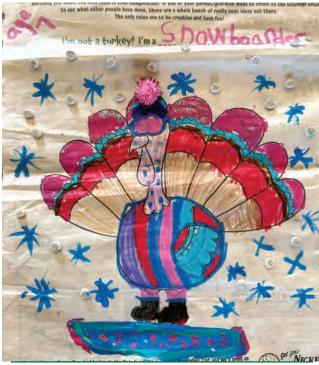
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