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by Barbara Nimke

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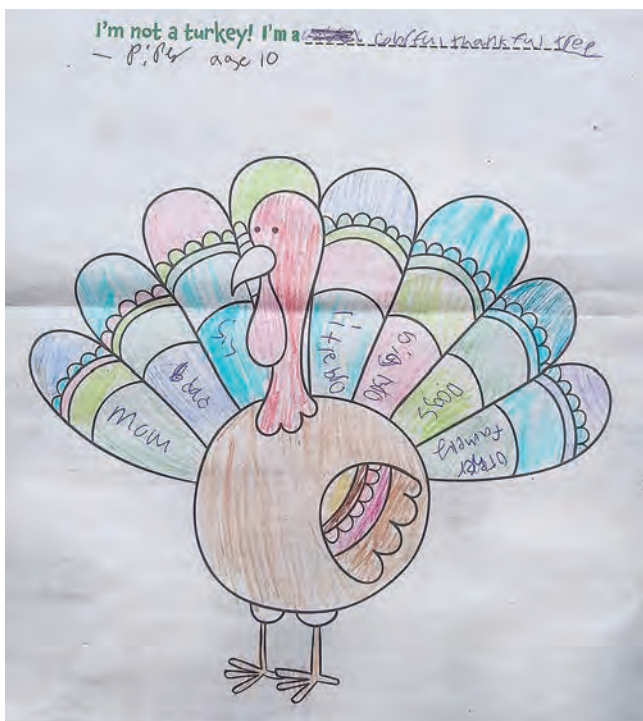
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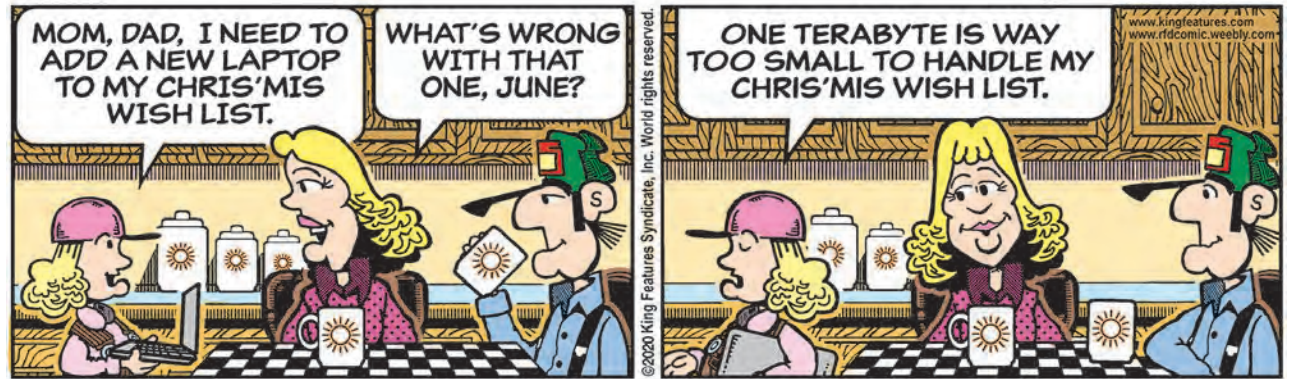
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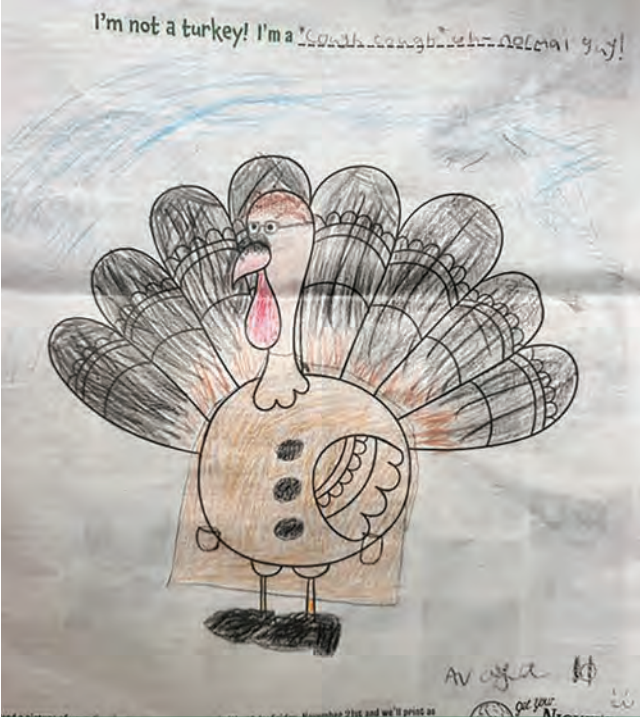
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Servings: 6

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- 1/2 cup diced onions
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  - salt, to taste
  - pepper, to taste
  - 1 tablespoon fresh sage
  - 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
  - 2 cups cubed fresh bread, crust removed
  - 1 apple, diced
  - gravy, for serving
1. Preheat oven to 375 F.
  2. Butterfly roast.
  3. In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil and butter. Add celery, carrots and onions; cook until softened, about 5 minutes.
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  5. In large bowl, combine bread, vegetable mixture, liquid ingredients, apples, sage and rosemary. Gently toss until bread absorbs most of the liquid.
  6. Cut three pieces of butcher's twine about 4 inches longer than the longest side of butterflied roast. Lay string on cutting board horizontally and lay roast on top of string to cover.
  7. Place half of the stuffing mixture onto butterflied pork loin and press down firmly. Roll roast up and tie with butcher's twine to hold it together, taking care not to tie too tightly, and press any stuffing that comes loose back into ends of roast.
  8. Place stuffed and tied roast, fat cap up, on rack over baking sheet. Season liberally with salt and pepper; roast until meat thermometer inserted into roast registers 140 F, 75-90 minutes.
  9. Place remaining stuffing in a small ovenproof casserole dish and cover with foil. After roasting 30 minutes, place extra stuffing in oven to cook alongside roast.
  10. Remove foil from extra stuffing and remove roast from oven. Let rest for 10 minutes then remove the extra stuffing from oven.
  11. Cut twine from roast and discard. Cut roast into six thick slices, taking care not to lose stuffing. Serve with extra stuffing and gravy.

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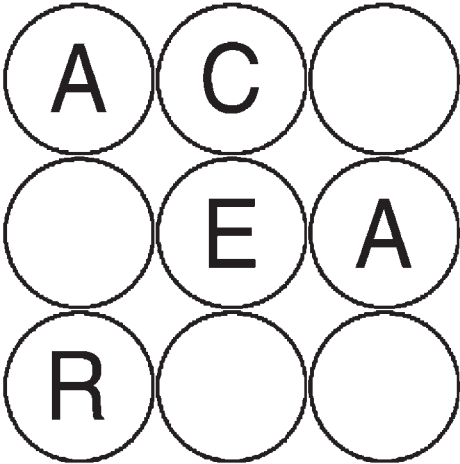
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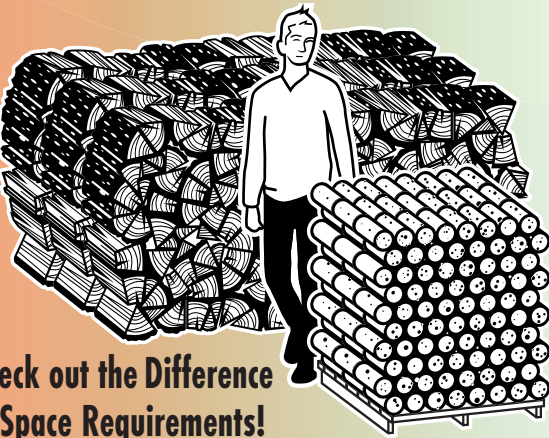
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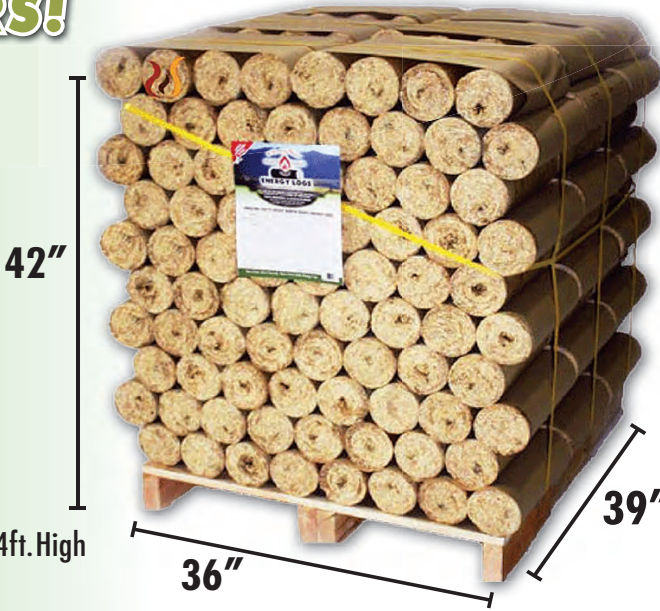


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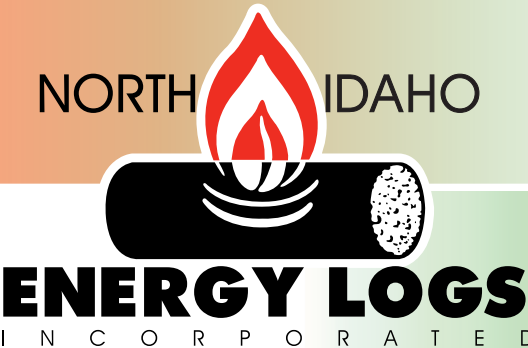
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There's no wrong way to love your Thanksgiving leftovers. But if you want to do something unbelievably right this year, make this.

Meet my twist on mulligatawny soup, a rich, fragrant, Indian-inspired classic flavored with curry, coconut and just enough nostalgia. It's been a family favorite for years, and I credit my British mother (and Britain's long love affair with Indian cuisine) for bringing it into our holiday rotation.

What makes it special is the playful mix of familiar and exotic. You get traditional Thanksgiving flavors like tender turkey, carrots and a hint of clove, but with a bright, unexpected accent of curry and apple. Mulligatawny is usually vegetarian, or sometimes made with chicken or beef, but turkey? Not so much. Until now.

This version is so good, it deserves its own name: Mulliga-Turkey Soup.

Every spoonful is an adventure -- creamy coconut, savory broth, sweet pops of apple. And oh, that apple! When you scoop one up, it's like finding buried treasure. The crisp, tart fruit adds sparkle to every bite.

If you're sensitive to spice, the apple's tartness and a squeeze of lemon can make the curry come through a little bolder. A drizzle of sour cream or Greek yogurt will mellow the heat and make your bowl look restaurant ready.

Sprinkle on fresh cilantro, add a few lemon slices for garnish and serve with warm naan or pita on the side.

One spoonful, and you'll never look at turkey leftovers the same way again.

MULLIGA-TURKEY SOUP

Yield: 8-10 servings

Total time: 45 minutes



Thanksgiving turkey gets a spicy new life in this curry-kissed coconut soup.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3/4 cup yellow onion, diced
- 2 cups carrot, sliced
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 tablespoon garlic, finely diced (more if you love garlic)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/8 teaspoon cloves
- 6 cups turkey stock, or 3 (14 oz.) cans chicken broth
- 2 cups cooked turkey, diced -- more if you have it
- 3 cups cooked rice (white, brown or basmati)
- 1 (14 oz.) can unsweetened coconut cream
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- Cilantro

Plain Greek yogurt, optional garnish

In a large soup pot over medium-high heat, warm the oil until it shimmers. Add the onion and carrot and saute for about 3 minutes, just until they start to soften. Toss in the apple and cook another 2 minutes -- your kitchen should start smelling pretty amazing right about now.

Stir in the garlic, salt and pepper. Sprinkle the flour, curry powder, cumin and cloves over the mixture and stir to coat every bit. Let it cook, stirring often, for 2 to 3 minutes, until the flour smells toasty and the spices bloom into that irresistible, nutty aroma.

Slowly pour in the broth while stirring, scraping up any flavorful bits from the bottom of the pot. Bring to a gentle simmer and cook for about 10 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender.

Now, add the cooked rice, turkey, coconut cream and lemon juice. Stir and let everything get cozy together for another 10 minutes at a gentle simmer. Taste and adjust the seasoning with a little more salt or pepper if needed.

Ladle into bowls and top with a dollop of Greek yogurt or sour cream, a sprinkle of fresh cilantro, and maybe a few lemon slices if you're feeling fancy.

This soup freezes like a dream, which means you can be thankful for your leftovers all over again.

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## Don't Let a Lack of Gear Stop You from Waterfowl Hunting

### Part 1 of 2

— Idaho Fish & Game —



Here's a back-to-basics approach to duck hunting that any hunter can use.

Waterfowl hunting has a reputation for being expensive, but hunters don't need to shell out tons of money on a boat or a truckload of waterfowl gear to be successful. That's especially true in a state with as much public land as Idaho.

Jump shooting is a low-cost option for public land hunts, but it is not the only one. The classic method of hunting over decoys is a good option for public land waterfowl hunters. The excitement that comes with watching ducks work a decoy spread (circling them to see if it is safe to land), the interactive component of calling and close shooting provide an experience that many waterfowl hunters live for.

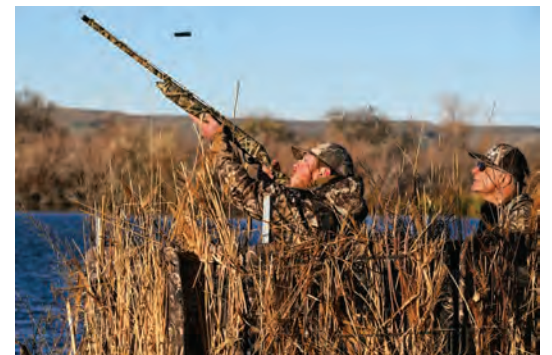
Public land hunters may have to work a little harder to set themselves up for success when hunting over decoys, including dedicating time for scouting, and being willing to put in extra effort to get away from most of the hunting pressure.

But for those who are willing to make the commitment, there are many walk-in public hunting spots scattered throughout the state that can produce good waterfowl hunting – and it doesn't take hundreds of decoys. Idaho waterfowlers can put together a successful hunt with nothing more than what they carry in on their backs, including:

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With a smartphone or a computer, you have everything you need to start looking for a potential waterfowl spot. The first step is finding water, and when walking in with decoys, it pays to think small. Using Fish and Game's Hunt Planner or some sort of GPS mapping tool, hunters should scour smaller rivers and streams for public access points, and search for potentially overlooked pockets of water – creeks, sloughs, ponds, etc. – on all different kinds public property, including those that are more traditionally associated with upland game hunting.

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## Don't Let a Lack of Gear Stop You from Waterfowl Hunting

**Part 2 of 2**

— Idaho Fish & Game —

Once you've compiled a list of potential locations, it's time to get out and see what it looks like from ground level, and more important, whether the ducks like it. Observe your potential spots frequently to see if ducks are using them, both before and throughout the season. While not necessary, a decent pair of binoculars makes spotting far-off ducks a lot easier.

After you confirm ducks are using a location, study it closely to pattern the birds and determine when they are arriving and departing. That might be at first light, but it could be also be mid-morning (which means a couple hours of extra sleep and warmer temperatures), or in the afternoon or early evening.



In any case, you'll want to have your decoys out and be ready to hunt before they start pouring in. Putting in this work ahead of a hunt can minimize the amount of time you are staring at empty skies, and allow you to plan a more efficient and productive hunt.

Hunters shouldn't put all their effort into one location because it does not take much hunting pressure to discourage ducks from using it. This is especially true of smaller waters. Work to find and pattern ducks at several locations, avoid over-pursuing any single spot. Continue to scout various spots throughout the season, and above all else, be adaptable and mobile. For the best results, public land hunters need to be able to adjust their strategy

based on where the birds are, and where other hunters are not.

### Develop your game plan(s)

Once you've tracked down some promising public areas, consider concealment (i.e. is there natural cover, or if you have to build or bring a blind) and be adaptable. Ducks will generally land into the wind, so you will want to set up with the wind at your back if possible. Identify a number of different places you can set up at each location depending on the wind direction.

Think about where you might want to position your decoys. Keep in mind that your decoys should be within effective shotgun range (somewhere around 40 yards). If you are hunting without a dog, you will also want to make sure that the water is shallow enough for you to safely wade, both to set out your decoys, and to retrieve downed birds.



If it's a spot that you're likely to find other hunters, consider making a weekday trip if you can. On weekends or holidays, focus your efforts on your more secluded locations.

Another consideration is weather. Earlier in the season, small waters, such as ponds, sloughs and backwaters may be a good option, but may freeze as the temperatures begin dropping, and you will have to shift your focus elsewhere. This is where scouting for a variety of options pays dividends.

Idaho's varied geography means duck hunting opportunities are different depending where you're located, but most areas have places where a person can hunt waterfowl, and it doesn't require a huge commitment of money and gear to be successful.

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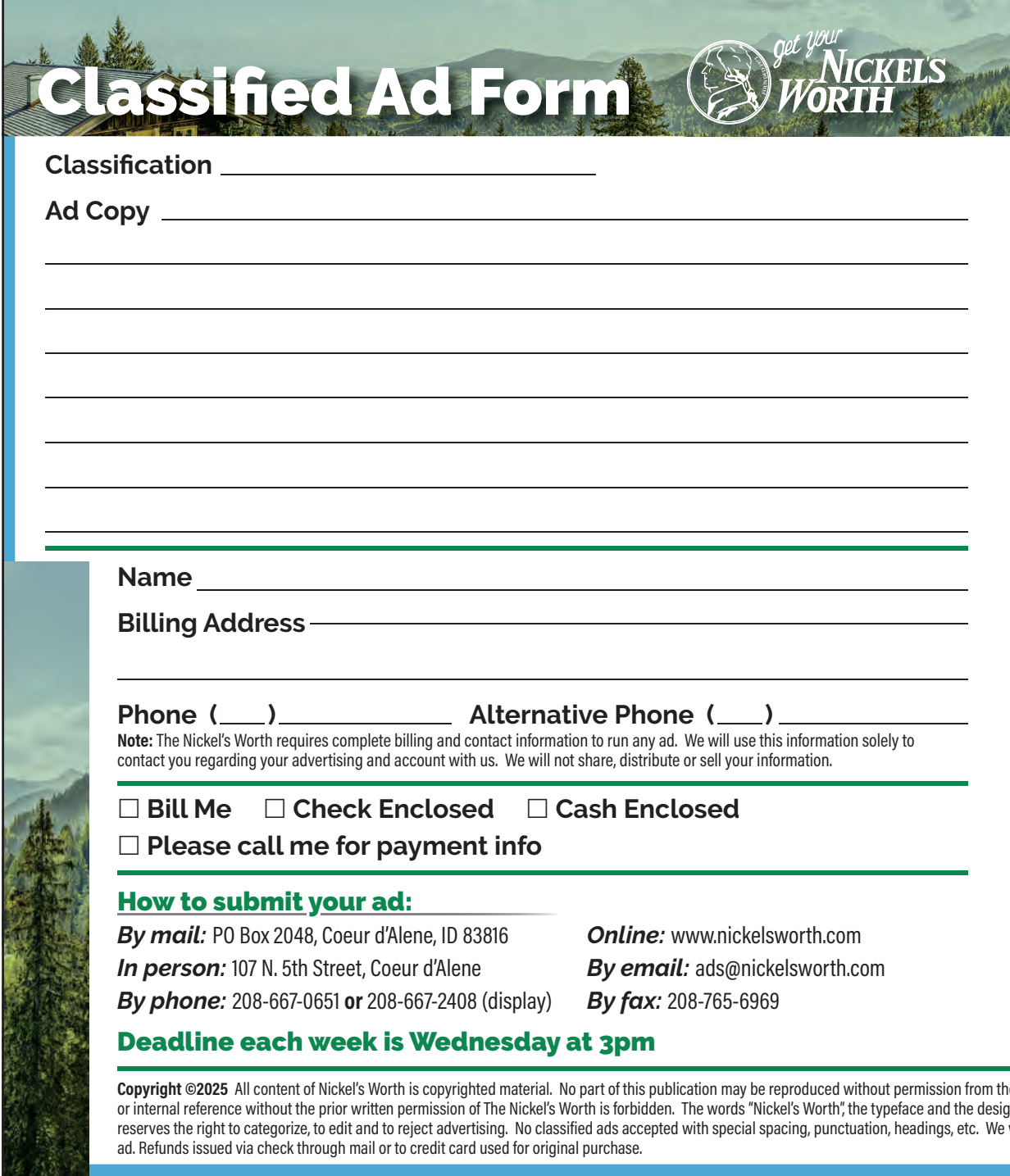
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## Free Thanksgiving Meals in November

— CdA Insider —



Time are hard for hundreds of local families, and there are just as many who might be alone this holiday. Here's a list of generous folks in the Nickel's Worth's reach offering a free community feast this Thanksgiving season so everyone has a place to belong and no one goes without!

**Timbers Roadhouse, 10am-6pm Wed. 11/26**, at 36179 E. Canyon Rd., Cataldo. A complimentary home-cooked meal featuring holiday favorites will be served. Stop in with family, friends, or yourself. All are welcome! For parties of 4 or more, reservations are recommended; call 208-682-3279.

**Burger Dock, 4pm-6pm Wed. 11/26**, at 200 N. 4th St. CdA. Community members are welcome to enjoy a free meal: freshly made burger, special sweet potato fries and a pumpkin pie milkshake. Available for dine-in only while supplies last.

**Three Mile Cafe, 10am-2pm Thanksgiving Day, 11/27**, at 51031 US-95, Bonners Ferry.

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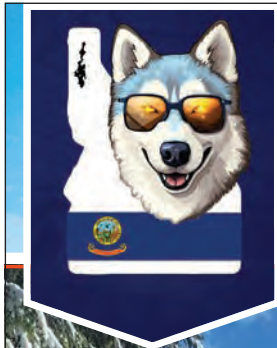
**Tipsy Pine, 3pm Thanksgiving Day, 11/27**, at 8166 N Government Way, Hayden. Meat is provided; please bring a side or dessert to share if you're able!

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*Do you know of a place not listed offering a free Thanksgiving meal this year? Please email details to [articles@nickelsworth.com](mailto:articles@nickelsworth.com) so we can make sure every person is provided for this year!*



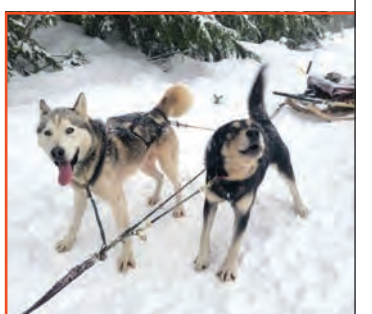
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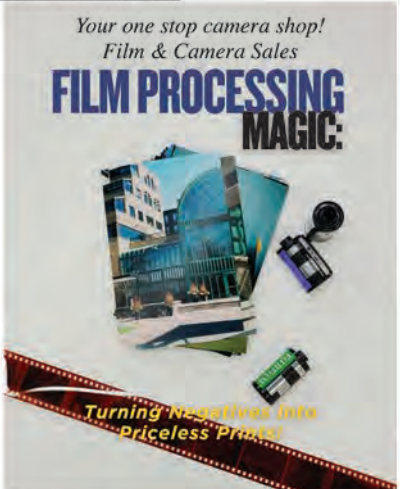
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## National Day of Listening Day After Thanksgiving

— National Day Calendar —



On the day after Thanksgiving, National Day of Listening encourages you to gather your family and friends and record family history and stories for preservation. The program, created by StoryCorps, reminds us of the value our stories hold.

“...every life matters equally, every voice matters equally, every story matters equally...” David Isay, founder of StoryCorps

Have you ever wondered what Grandma’s favorite memory is or how your father got that scar on his brow? What’s the story behind a friend’s nickname? Recording stories and sharing them gives breath to them. When we gather with family and friends, we often reminisce. And while not all memories are pleasant, they hold a power over us that needs to be released. Telling them and sharing them lets our friends and families learn some of the lessons, some of our culture and heritage. Our stories connect us, and hearing others’ stories opens our eyes to the broader world.

We’re made of many experiences and the experi-  
ences of those who’ve gone before us. Spend the day  
listening to their stories. Record them. Share them.  
Interview someone close to you or someone new to  
you. Let them become an indelible part of your life.

### How To Observe #NationalDayOfListening

Interview a friend or family member and record  
the interview.

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There is no format requirement for recording the  
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### National Day Of Listening History

In 2008, the non-profit organization, StoryCorps,  
launched the National Day of Listening to encourage  
families to set aside the day after Thanksgiving as a  
time to share and record the history of their family,  
friends, and community.

### Listening FAQ

Q. Why is listening important?

A. We listen for a variety of reasons and the way we  
listen changes based on those reasons.

### Reasons We Listen

- Informational - We listen to gain information, knowledge, or understanding about a topic or someone’s background.
- Critical - We listen to evaluate, compare, or judge. We use this type of listening when someone is trying to convince us of something like a sales pitch, job interview, political debate.
- Empathetic - We listen to provide comfort to the speaker, usually someone who has experienced a loss or trauma.
- Enjoyment - We listen to the stories our family tells, television shows, radio programs, and music because it entertains or brings us joy.

Q. How do I make sure I’m listening?

A. There are several ways to engage in active listening.

- Eliminate distractions. Shut the door, turn off the TV or radio, and put down their phone.
- Make eye contact. Don’t stare into their eyes; that’s creepy. Look toward their face and let your eyes meet as you hear their words. Eye contact conveys to the speaker that they have your attention.
- Nod, tilt your head, make facial expressions when appropriate. If you’re paying attention, these actions will happen naturally. nod when you understand or agree smile when the speaker tells a funny experience tilting your head to show interest
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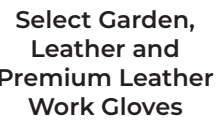
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## About 1 million Fingerling Kokanee Will Be Ready For Spring Stocking Thanks to newer captive broodstock program

— Idaho Fish & Game —



This is the first batch of kokanee fingerlings produced by adults that were raised in hatcheries.

A million fingerling kokanee are headed to Idaho waters in 2026 thanks to Idaho Fish and Game's new captive broodstock program aimed at supplementing eggs taken from "wild" fish. It's the first batch produced by Idaho Fish and Game's newest hatchery project aimed at providing stability to the annual number of kokanee fingerlings that can be stocked each spring.

Most kokanee caught by anglers were born in hatcheries, but the eggs that produce them are typically taken from adults that were released as fingerlings and survived in the wild before being recaptured for spawning. The survival rate of those adults is driven by natural conditions, which can fluctuate annually.

Fish and Game aims to stock around 7 million kokanee fingerlings each spring, but a bad year for adult survival can affect how many fingerlings are available in the future because there's fewer to adults to spawn and produce the next generation. While Fish and Game can't change natural conditions, hatchery production can buffer some of the ups and downs.

"Kokanee fishing is really popular and important to a lot of anglers, so we're doing our best to meet

their expectations," said Joe Kozfkay, Fish and Game's state fisheries manager. "We face a lot of uncontrollable natural variables that can make that challenging, but raising broodstock will improve our response to some of that natural variability."

### Starting a broodstock from scratch

The new captive broodstock program didn't happen overnight. To start it, eggs taken from adult fish in the North Fork Payette River north of McCall were sent to Cabinet Gorge Fish Hatchery in the Panhandle. The eggs were hatched, and the fry reared for a year. Then about 15,000 of them were transferred to the Grace Fish Hatchery in the Southeast Region and reared two more years to spawning age.

In September, the first crop of adult kokanee spawners yielded over 1.6 million eggs, which were then shipped to Mackay Fish Hatchery in the Upper Snake Region, where they will be reared until next spring. With normal attrition of eggs and young fish, Fish and Game expects about a million fingerlings will be available to stock in the spring.



"Wild-origin kokanee and their eggs will still be used to meet most of our kokanee management goals, but the kokanee broodstock project demonstrates it will be a valuable tool to supplement our annual egg supply," Southeast Fish Hatchery Complex Manager Bryan Grant said.

Fortunately for anglers, this year isn't a one-and-done study. The next three generations of captive spawners are currently being raised in hatcheries. Given the positive results of the first crop, fisheries managers and hatchery staff are hopeful for greater success in 2026 as hatcheries continue to dial in their captive kokanee spawning techniques.

## Community Calendar

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Small businesses feed our communities. They keep our main streets thriving and employ nearly half of the American workforce. Supporting small businesses means you're supporting your local economy, local business, tax base, schools, and infrastructure. Your holiday shopping will put food on the tables of people you know.

You will be doing your community some good, and you will also be finding quality gifts. Small businesses take pride in their work. They've worked hard for their dream, and it shows in their craftsmanship.

### HOW TO OBSERVE #SmallBusinessSaturday

Keep these tips in mind when shopping this holiday:

- Check your holiday shopping list for those who would like handcrafted items and buy locally.

Americanisms

"It ain't what they call you, it's  
what you answer to."  
— W.C. Fields

## Tools & Building Materials

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- Handcrafted means a lot of things. For example, woodworking to sewing, pottery to quilting, welding to jewelry, baked goods to preserves and so much more!
- Small businesses may specialize in one area or they may offer a variety of services. Don't hesitate to walk in and explore the store. You may be surprised to find what they offer, and discover the one thing you've been looking for.
- Who has a hard-to-shop-for family member? We all do, right? Ask the shop owner for help. They often have ideas you've never considered that will fill your empty stocking.

Explore your community while supporting small businesses. While finding your amazing gifts, give a shout-out to your favorite small business, too! Be sure to use #SmallBusinessSaturday to post on social media.

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY HISTORY

American Express founded Small Business Saturday in 2010 to get more customers into small businesses the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

### Small Business FAQ

Q. What kinds of small businesses can I shop locally?

A. Small businesses come in every shape and form, and you might be surprised by the selections available. Nearly every community has a diverse collection of businesses though some are more common than others.

Q. Is it too late to request a custom piece for the holiday season?

A. If you want to give a custom gift, it's important to contact the craftsperson as soon as possible. Many businesses that create custom gifts start booking orders well before Halloween. They often know how many orders they can fill in a set time frame.

Q. What kinds of gifts are custom made?

A. Custom gifts come in a variety of forms, and they are often offered by small businesses. Craftspeople often customize gifts with names, colors, or styles. They design large pieces to fit the decor, personal needs, or preferences. If you have an idea for a custom piece, contact someone local to work out the details.

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## Pets



**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

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

**SHOSHONE PET RESCUE!** Darrin, young male black Shepherd/ Husky; Justice, senior male German Shepherd; Jean Luc, senior male Pomeranian; TukTuk, young medium sized mixed breed male; Corky, 2 year Shepherd mix male puppy; Russo, 7 month male Husky mix puppy; Topsy, 6 month female Lab/ Pitbull/ Hound mix puppy; Mavis, 2 year female 80 lb. black Lab mix; Megan, 7 month female 50 lb. Retriever mix. More info at [www.spr.petfinder.com](http://www.spr.petfinder.com) or call 208-512-3401



**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 [nickelsworth.com](http://nickelsworth.com). \$100. Text 406-334-3002, Noxon, MT

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**MALE PUG PUPPY.** SEVEN weeks old, vaccinated and dewormed. Located in Pasco, \$800. For more info, call/ text 509-840-9721



**(3) MINI GOLDENDOODLE** puppies! 5 weeks old. 2 girls and 1 boy. Great personalities. Smart. Playful. Estimated weight 20 lbs. Want to find them nice homes for the holidays! Please call or text for more info! 208-610-6812, Sandpoint, ID

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## Pets of the Week: Aramis and Milo

— Priest River Animal Rescue —



When he seeks companionship, he'll curl up beside you or nuzzle your hand, always emphasizing mutual respect. For those who appreciate his boundaries, Aramis is a loyal, delightful companion whose genuine affection makes every moment together truly special.

Aramis is a confident, independent soul who values his space and decisions. Beneath his spirited exterior lies a deeply affectionate heart, offering love freely and on his own terms. He keeps watch from his favorite perch, communicates with unique chirps and meows, and occasionally shows his playful side with toys.



Thanks to Cheri's sponsorship, Milo's adoption fee is waived for an approved home. Milo is a mature, neutered male mixed-breed dog, aged 5-8, found wandering in Spokane. Energetic and playful, he loves dogs but should be in a cat-free home. Milo can be protective of his toys, so older children are best. He enjoys walks, responds to positive reinforcement, and knows basic commands. If you want an active, affectionate companion, complete our online application to meet Milo and see if he's the perfect fit for your family.



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**FRENCH BULLDOGS.** (3) females and 1 male, full AKC, 11 weeks old. They have 2 vaccinations and are dewormed. \$2300. Located in Pasco, WA. For more info, call/ text 509-840-9721



**F1 CAVAPOO PUPPIES** born 09/05/25, current shots, vet checked, leash and crate trained, \$1500 each. Plains, MT. Call or text 406-242-0634

**FEMALE FRENCH Bulldog.** 11 weeks old, full AKC registration, located in Pasco. \$2000. For more info, call/ text 509-840-9721

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

**PUREBRED PUG PUPPIES.** Come with first set of shots and dewormed. 5090-728-3246

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**MALE FRENCH BULLDOG.** 3 months old, full AKC registration, vaccinated and dewormed, located in Pasco, WA. \$2300. For more info, please call/ text 509-840-9721

**POMERANIAN PUPS:** Males and 1 female available for their forever homes. Vet checked, vaccinated and wormed, parents on site, born July 28th. Located in Granger, WA. \$400. Call/ text 509-830-5239 or 509-830-5136

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**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

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Pets

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50 Aroma detector  
52 Stain-fighting toothpaste, e.g.  
54 "Year One" director Harold  
55 Gun, in slang  
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58 "Three's Company" co-star Suzanne

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81 Picnic pest  
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# Pets



**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, on-line pics at nickelsworth.com

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## Pets of the Week: Clyde and Charko

— Second Chance Pet Rescue —



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## Community Calendar

**Free Christmas Choral Concert and 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'Alene. Directed by Sheila Wayman, accompanied by Ruth Clark.

**Steak Night for Veterans,** 5pm-7pm Wed., Dec 3rd, at Wallace Elks Lodge #331, 419 Cedar Street. 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.

**Ballet/Theatre: "The Nutcracker Prince,"** 4pm Fridays, 1pm Saturdays, Dec. 5th-Dec. 13th, at the Historic Rex Theater, 7222 Main St., Bonners Ferry. This will be the first Christmas stage play at the Historic Rex Theater in nearly 90 years! www.rextheatergroup.com

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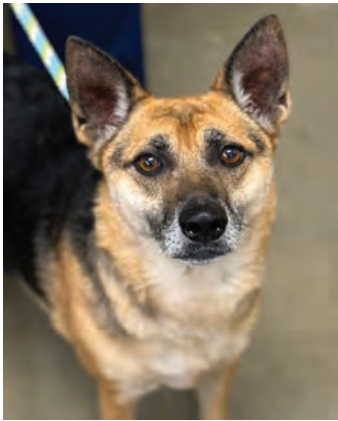
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# Pets of the Week: Happy and Black Kittens

— Companions Animal Center —



**Happy: Seven Year Old Female German Shepherd mix.** Happy is a petite German Shepherd mix with a huge heart and an even bigger love for play-time! At 7 years old, this senior gal still has plenty of pep in her step. She loves to play fetch, wrestle with her people, and share her goofy side once she

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**10 Week Old Black Beauties.** Take your pick! These adorable babies are ready to find their forever homes. All animals are

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# Pets of the Week: Rachel and Axle

— Better Together Animal Alliance —



Meet Rachel! This 5-month old girl is best friends with her sister, Phoebe, and we would ideally like to find them a home

together. These girls are still coming out of their shells so we are still getting to know them. These girls' favorite activities include napping together and playing together, wherever one goes, the other usually isn't far behind. They like people of all ages and get along with other cats but we do not know their history with dogs. Stop by the Care Center today to meet Rachel (and potentially her shadow, Phoebe!) **Quick Facts:** Bonded pair, low energy, indoor/ outdoor



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

of fun, he loves nothing more than curling up under a blanket to get cozy. He'd thrive in an active, outdoorsy household that can keep up with his zest for life-and return the love he's so eager to give. To help set him up for success, Axle's adoption includes free access to Method K9's online training subscription, featuring their Basic and Intermediate Foundation courses. It's an incredible resource to help him settle in smoothly and build a strong bond with his new family. **Quick Facts:** Active, playful, and outgoing, enjoys playing fetch and swimming, loves to cuddle under blankets, best as an only dog, or with slow, supervised introductions to other dogs



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— University of Idaho —

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- Insect Responses to Changes in Climate: Erika Eidson, Idaho Dept. of Lands
- Identification and Management of Insects and Diseases that Attack Seed Orchards and Tree Seedlings: Andrew Nelson, University of Idaho
- Bronze Birch Borer Biology and Management in Forests and Landscapes: Danielle Malesky, USDA Forest Service
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## December

— National Day Calendar —



December Holidays and History – December ushers in winter holidays such as Christmas, Kwanza, and Chanukah. It is also a time when families gather in the warmth of their homes. Throughout the month, our thoughts and actions turn toward charity and peace. During the twelfth and final month of the year, December inspires a flurry of activity both in the business world and our personal lives. Sales, shopping, family gatherings, school holidays, baking, and seasonal changes remind us of the the past while we look to our futures.

But December is not so somber, peaceful, and busy as to have no fun at all. Holidays like Ugly Sweater Day, Answer the Phone Like Buddy the Elf Day, and National Ding-A-Ling Day add a bit of whimsy.

### December History Overview

The name December comes from the Latin word ‘decem’ meaning ten. On the Roman Calendar, December was the 10th month. However, Numa Pompilius adjusted the calendar when January and February were added. December became the twelfth month, and the calendar more accurately reflected the length of a year on Earth.

During December, the winter solstice tips the Northern hemisphere its furthest distance from the sun. Through most of the month, its inhabitants lose about 2 minutes of sunlight per day until the winter solstice. The winter solstice marks the start of winter and the shortest day on the calendar. However, from that day forward, the days will slowly lengthen. They may not be warmer, but the Earth is tilting on

## Community Calendar

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*Hot cocoa and cold toes remind me of Christmas.*  
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### December Holidays and Traditions Overview

December is a big baking month for many. In the United States, families, churches, schools, and organizations bake cookies to exchange. They are often part of the gift-giving and ugly sweater parties that occur right before or during Christmas, Kwanza, and Chanukah.

Winter sports are in high gear throughout December. Whether indoor or outdoor, fans tune in or fill arenas. While hockey, football, and basketball seasons bring thrills each year, skiing and snowmobiling keep the outdoors busy.

Beyond sports, the December holidays also offer lots of ways to celebrate our free time. National Crossword Puzzle Day is just one way to spend some quiet time. Plenty of baking and food days bring celebrations to the kitchen, too. In fact, there are 29 food-related days in December in addition to the popular beverage holidays. We can even celebrate our laundry with National Sock Day.

### Birth Stone and Flower

Those born in December claim three icy cool birthstones. Tanzanite, found only in Tanzania, is a deep glacial purple. Blue Zircon (not to be confused with cubic zirconia) is the oldest mineral on Earth and comes in a variety of colors. However, for those born in December, the icy blue zircon is beautiful. Finally, turquoise, with its distinct color and veins, comes in a variety of shades. Prevalent throughout the Southwestern United States, turquoise also added value and meaning to clothing, ceremonies, and more.

The fragrant narcissus usually blooms in spring. However, for December birthdays, some species bloom in winter. The paperwhite is one, making the narcissus the ideal birthday flower for December. Among its several meanings, narcissus also means hope. During winter, hope is a thing often looked for through the cold, ice, and snow.

In Greek mythology, Narcissus is well known as the attractive young hunter obsessed with his good looks. His obsession later got the best of him when he looked at his reflection in a pond, and upon closer inspection, fell and drowned.

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## National Native American Heritage Day

November 29th, changes annually

— National Day Calendar —



National Native American Heritage Day on the day after Thanksgiving honors American Indians across the nation. The day celebrates the vibrant cultures, traditions, and heritages while recognizing Native Americans' many contributions.

The day encourages listening to Native American voices and fostering pride in the vibrant and layered heritage embedded deep within our society.

In the United States today, Native Americans contribute to society daily. Whether through art or government, their insight and perspective elevate an art form or a district. They serve in the military, the medical, and legal fields. Their knowledge wins battles large and small.

### HOW TO OBSERVE #NativeAmericanHeritageDay

To celebrate Native American Heritage Day, try any of the following:

- Read a story about or by a Native American.
- Visit one of many Native American museums, heritage centers, or historical sights.
- Try a delicious Native American recipe. Pemmican Algonquin Wild Nut Soup Posole with Red Chile
- Watch a movie or documentary about or by a Native American.
- Participate in or watch a game of Lacrosse.
- Attend one of many seminars, performances, or events honoring Native American culture across the country.

Use #NativeAmericanHeritageDay to post on social media.

### NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY DAY HISTORY

Riding horseback from state to state in 1914, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, sought endorsement from 24 states to support a national day recognizing and honoring Native Americans. He presented these endorsements to the White House the following year. At the time, the U.S. government didn't proclaim a national day. However, the state of New York declared the second Saturday in May as American Indian Day.

In 1986, the 99th Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the President to proclaim November 23-30, 1986, as American Indian Week. President Ronald Reagan declared the first American Indian week that year and each year following his presidency. President George H.W. Bush continued the proclamations until 1990, when he approved a joint resolution to declare November as National American Indian Heritage Month. This tradition has continued annually. In 2008 the Native American Heritage Day Act was enacted by Congress and signed by President George W. Bush on October 8, 2008.

### Native American FAQ

Q. How many Native American tribes remain today?

A. There are 574 federally recognized tribes in the United States. There are additional tribes recognized only at the state level. In addition, hundreds of other tribes continue to go through the process of federal recognition.

Q. What is a reservation?

A. A tribal reservation is a section of land reserved for the tribe. In some instances, this was land set aside by the tribe before relinquishing their remaining land to the government. In other instances, the government designated the land through government actions.

Q. Do only Native Americans live on reservations?

A. No. Some non-natives live and own land on reservations. And, not all Native Americans choose to live on a reservation.

Q. What foods do we eat today come from Native American culture?

A. Across the United States, Native American culture is as diverse as any other, including Native American food. Many foods cultivated by Native Americans are incorporated into the food tradition of the United States, such as pumpkin and corn. However, some dishes are quintessentially Native American.

### Native American Dishes

Frybread - Native Americans developed this delicious bread out of necessity. Unable to obtain traditional foods such as beans, corn, and wild rice, Native Americans utilized the foods made available to them by the government. Try frybread sprinkled with powdered sugar, cinnamon, or honey. Another way to enjoy fry bread is an Indian Taco, topped with ground beef, lettuce, tomatoes, and cheese.

Wild Rice - Unlike white rice, wild rice is native to North America and was a staple food for indigenous people. Today it's still served in various dishes, including soups or combined with mushrooms, nuts, berries, and herbs.

Succotash - This stew usually contains corn, squash, and beans and dates back to the 17th century. While recipes evolved, they include these primary three ingredients. The result is a hearty, flavorful stew packed with nutrients.



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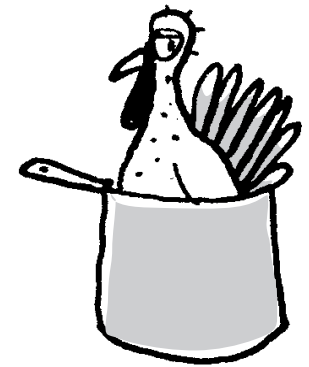
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# Restoring Scenic Bay: The Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club's Lake Enhancement Project Scheduled May '26

— Christine Sandahl, with contributions from Susan Drumheller —



Photo by Kevin Elmore

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

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

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

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

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

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



Underwater Photos by Kevin Elmore

## The Work Ahead

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

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

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

- LPOIC will provide lunches for participants

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

- Specific dates will be published in April.

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

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

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



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

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

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

## Donations ensure:

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

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

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

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## Thank you to the following:



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



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