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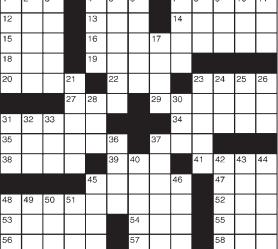
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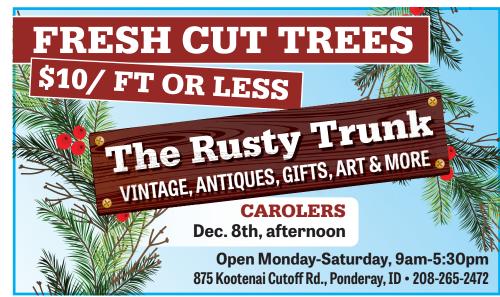
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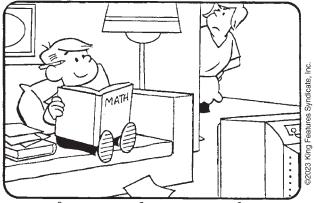
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Over the years, photos, reminders and kitschy magnets have covered my fridge door, along with cartoons and sayings. One snippet by humorist Calvin Trillin, often described as America's funniest food writer, held center stage for years: "The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years, she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found."

I laugh every time I recall the quip. Maybe it's because leftovers feel like a prize when I discover them in the back of the refrigerator. I know I can reheat them with extra dashes of fresh additions; then voila, a family meal is on the table!

If you've combed through recipes for recreating any leftover Thanksgiving turkey and trimmings before, you've no doubt got a plan in mind to gobble them up. But don't forget about those "leftover" Thanksgiving feast dry goods in your pantry, like the big bag of cornmeal you bought for just one batch of cornbread.

Use that cornmeal in this easy-to-make meatless tamale casserole. It's a delicious dish your kids can help prepare by measuring ingredients, beating eggs and greasing the pan while you chop and saute onions and garlic.

Serve this tasty tamale-inspired main course with a lovely, crisp fresh salad, or enjoy it as a side. It makes an ample amount for a family of four with, yes, plenty of leftovers.

MEATLESS TAMALE CASSEROLE Makes 6 servings

- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons oil

- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes (substitute with fire-roasted style, if you prefer)
- 1 4-ounce can diced green chilies
- 1 15-ounce can corn, drained
- 1 cup milk
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups yellow cornmeal
- 1 1/2 cups pitted black olives
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- · Sour cream for serving

To prepare oven and baking dish: Heat oven to 350 F. Grease an 11-1/2-by-8-inch baking dish or 8-cup casserole dish.

To make filling: In a large skillet, saute the onions and garlic in the butter and oil over medium heat until softened, about 10 minutes. Add chili powder, salt, tomatoes, chilies and corn. Stir. Then stir in the milk, eggs, cornmeal and olives. Cook on medium heat for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.



To bake: Put mixture into the baking dish, top with cheese, and bake uncovered for 30 minutes until puffy and deliciously browned on top.

To serve: Cut into squares and top with dollops of sour cream.

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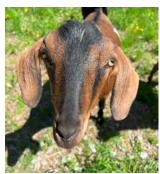


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Hunters Can Thank Landowners Through New Portal On FWP Website

— Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks –

HELENA - In Montana, many landowners allow hunting on their lands with permission or as part of a Fish, Wildlife & Parks access program. Now hunters have a simple way to say thank you for the privilege of access.

Today FWP is launching a portal for hunters to say thank you to landowners who provided access and helped make their hunting season a success.

Hunters can go online, identify a landowner by name and/or block management area and FWP region, provide a note of thanks and even upload a photo. FWP will collect these thank you notes and distribute them to landowners at the end of

"We frequently hear from hunters how grateful they are for the access they get from landowners across the state," said FWP Director Dustin Temple. "Many hunters enjoy incredible access to private lands. We want to help facilitate communicating their gratitude to the landowners who provide that access."

This new online feature is part of the "It's Up To Us" campaign to promote ethical hunting. This campaign is an annual effort with FWP and several partner organizations to encourage hunters to take the initiative to promote good hunter ethics and behavior, particularly on private lands. The campaign website is fwp.mt.gov/ItsUpToUs. Here hunters can find tips on ethical hunting, links to informative video content and the new "Thank a Landowner" portal.

The page also features access to the Hunter Landowner Stewardship projects and links to campaign partners.

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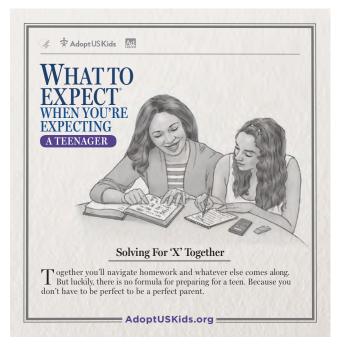
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AKC GERMAN Shepherds. We have three puppies left, two females and one male. Born on 10/21, they will be ready for their forever homes by Christmas. We do have delivery available. All puppies are guaranteed against hip dysplasia. Both sire and dam are OFA certified and are on-site. \$1200 full registration, AKC papers in hand with pedigree. Please call or text 541-561-9673. Text preferred. Hermiston, OR

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like other dogs my size but I don't prefer smaller animals. I'm neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and ready to be your pal!



Pets of the Week: Hugo and Bravery

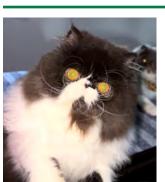
- Companions Animal Center -

Hi there, I'm Bravery. I am a 3-year-old domestic short hair girl. I was found at a dump with my kittens. I went to a foster and was sweet and friendly with their family. Now I'm looking for my forever home, I would like one soon because the shelter environment makes me nervous. I will quickly warm up once

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(3) CHRISTMAS HUSKY puppies ready Dec. 10th. Dewormed, 5-way vaccine, weaned, parents purebred Siberians, no papers, parent photos on request; \$500, \$125 deposit. Additional photo online at nickelsworth.com. lle, text only, 406-2242764, drosehuntington@gmail .com, Priest River



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READY FOR MY FOREVER home! 9 week old AKC Golden Retriever puppies: 1 male, 1 female available, updated on shots, \$750. 208-597-6997,

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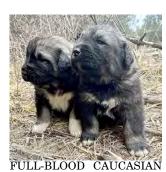
CHRISTMAS MADE EASY this year! Beautiful AKC registerable French bulldogs looking for their forever homes! Ready to go as early as Dec 11th. 2 females, 7 males available, will be vet checked, vaccinated and chipped. Please text or email for photos and more info! 208-704-2295, fortheluvofpups@yahoo.com. Online photos at nickelsworth.com



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SHEPHERD AND livestock guarding dog mix puppies. These will be very smart, athletic, good dogs, ideal for homesteaders. Both parents are mixed shepherd and LGD, asking \$300. Call 208-446-5838, Hayden



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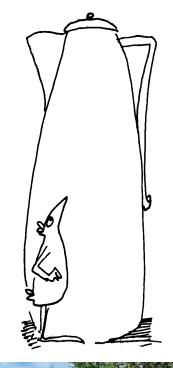
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10 Ways To Get The Most From Your Hunting And Fishing Licenses (And A Bonus) Part 1 of 2

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



Winter schminter, get outdoors and milk the max from your hunting and fishing seasons

December is here, which means some hunters and anglers stash away their guns and rods until spring. But many savvy outdoors people know there's still plenty of things to hunt and fish for during December and throughout winter. And don't forget that 2024 hunting, fishing and trapping licenses are now on sale.

We got folks from our regions to come up with some popular, or overlooked, ways to make your hunting and fishing a 12-month pursuit.

Boise River trout/whitefish fishing

You could don waders, grab a fishing rod and walk from Boise Capital through downtown to the river in minutes, and no one would probably give you a second glance. The river has countless access points along the Greenbelt, fairly easy wading, and as a bonus, Fish and Game stocked several hundred steelhead in the river during November. The river is also a magnet for wintering wildlife from beavers to bald eagles to mule deer. And if you get a little chilly, there's probably a coffee shop nearby. You may have to change out of your waders, but hey, it's Idaho, so maybe not.

Roger Phillips, Idaho Fish and Game Public Information Supervisor

Upper Snake waterfowl hunting

Waterfowl hunting still continues to be good after the still water freezes for those willing to hunt fields or river systems in the Upper Snake Region. If you can find open water, chances are you will find ducks nearby.

James Brower, Regional Communications Manager, Upper Snake Region

Kootenai River burbot fishing

Burbot may be Idaho's most unique fishery, although sturgeon anglers may have a credible counter argument. Considering burbot (AKA ling, lawyers, leopards and eelpout) are the only freshwater cod species in North America, it's a pretty accurate description.

The Kootenai River in the Panhandle is the only waterbody in Idaho where burbot are native. After a successful restoration project between Idaho Fish and Game, the Kootenai Tribe and others, the Fish and Game Commission reopened burbot fishing in 2019. The best angling is during winter, and mid-February through mid-March tends to be the best period, but they start staging in the river in December and you can catch this unique, and tasty, Idaho fish.

Andy Dux, Panhandle Region Fisheries Manager



Owyhees upland/small game hunting

The Owyhee Desert is big, big country that stretches across southern Idaho and has a diversity of wildlife. It's best known for its big game and chukar hunting, but there's a variety of hunting opportunity. The area has cottontail rabbits and jackrabbits. If you're a predator hunter, lots of coyotes roam in the Owyhees. You could spend months exploring and only see a fraction of it. Beware of wet weather, that mud is super slick, and make sure your vehicle can withstand some rough terrain.

Brian Pearson, Regional Communications Manager, Southwest Region

Ice fishing Henry's Lake

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James Brower, Regional Communications Manager, Upper Snake Region

Southwest Idaho duck hunting

Many of the shallow ponds and marshes in Southwest Idaho are beginning to look more like ice-skating rinks that waterfowl honey holes. Early in the winter, you may have some luck stomping through the ice in these places to open up a bit of water, but that quickly goes out the window when an inversion settles in and daytime highs end up near freezing for an extended period of time. At that point, it's time to look to bigger water (think Lake Lowell or C.J. Strike) or moving water (the Snake, Boise, Payette, or even Weiser rivers).

While a boat helps this time of year, there are still viable walk-in opportunities to be had. Just be sure to pack light on the decoys, and don't be afraid to shed some extra weight by leaving the calls at home. Regardless of how good a duck caller you are, the birds have heard enough of your chatter, so you may find less is more.

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Raise the Steaks

5 tips and styles for processing your deer and elk meat a new way

- Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game -



It's hard to beat a perfectly cooked steak, but other methods of preparation can be just as satisfying.

It's hard to beat a well-prepped, perfectly cooked steak – especially after all the time and effort you spent hauling it out of the mountains. But other methods of preparation can be just as satisfying. All it takes is a little bit of work and some kitchen ingenuity.

Now, if you're as devout a steak snob as Ron Swanson then this article probably ain't for you. And it's understandable; that deer or elk lying in your freezer is finite, like an annual birthday cake. There's no quick trips down to the supermarket to replenish your supply when your recipe runs short. So ensuring you make the most of your animal and process it how it fits your menu best is the most important part.

With that said, here are five prep tips and styles to help get the most out of that fall big game harvest.



1. Be your own butcher

At this point in the game, your time in the field, gutting and quartering the animal, might be all the knife-wielding you're willing to spend. Many hunters have their big game animals processed by professional butchers. But processing your own deer or elk can actually be a fun learning experience and a chance to call the shots in how you want your animal cut up.

With a large, sanitary cutting surface, sharp knives and ample patience, prepare your cuts of meat one at a time. Processing a whole hindquarter is more time consuming than folks realize, so don't get caught leaving the rest of the meat out too long at room temperature. Bacteria grows most rapidly between 40 degrees and 140 degrees Fahrenheit, doubling in number in as little as 20 minutes.

Try to keep the on-deck meat in the fridge until you're ready to process it. It's better to take your time on one slab of the animal knowing the rest is kept cool.

 $\emph{HOT TIP:}$ The colder the meat is, the easier it is to cut.



2. Trim, trim, trim

Few things determine a cut of meat's palatability more than sloppy knifework. Deer and elk meat is mostly lean to begin with, but fat and membranous tissue left attached can definitely ruin an appetite, depending on who you ask.

Deer and elk fat is different than beef or pork fat. Typically deer and elk fat tastes gross, but that's just general consensus and one writer's opinion. The goal when processing your deer or elk (or really any red meat for that matter) is to get rid of as much fat, stray hairs and dirt, and membrane as you can. It may feel like you're wasting bits of your hard-earned animal, but with some patience and skillful knifework, you can ensure your freezer will be filled with the best-tasting cuts of meat.



3. Low and slow

Some cuts lend themselves better to roasts than others. While steaks hog all the glory, roasts are an overlooked approach to serving up big game – and perhaps the simplest.

One of the best perks of being your own butcher is determining how much of one cut you set aside, then fill your freezer accordingly. Then when Sunday morning rolls around, all you have to do is pull a roast out of the freezer and pick up only a few ingredients from the store.

Roasts are not only simple, but they can feed a lot of people – or one person for several days. Slow-cooking for longer periods, whether in a crockpot or oven, keeps the meat tender and savory.

With nothing more than a crockpot, a can of stock and some root vegetables, you can have a cheap and easy supper cooking in the background while you go about your day. There is no shortage of roast recipes, including ones for wild game meat specifically. Do some digging and find one that takes the traditional "potatoes and carrots" to a whole other level.

HOT TIP: You'll hear the dish osso buco thrown around a lot these days. Meaning "bone with a hole," making osso buco can be a creative, new way to slow cook the bone-in shanks and impress your friends with your fluency of Italian.

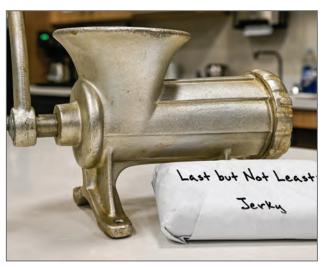


4. Smoke 'em if you got 'em

Setting aside some meat for the smoker is a classic move in many a hunter's playbook. There are tons of ways to smoke wild game meat, but some of the most popular include summer sausage and pepperoni sticks. Both options are delicious, portable foods that can help fuel next year's hunt with this year's hunt.

Of the two, sausage can be a little more difficult with the added step of stuffing the meat into casings. After grinding a mixture of venison and pork then stuffing the casing, you smoke the sausages at low temperature for several hours. These make fantastic appetizers and camp food, and you can freeze them for later use

Pepperoni sticks, also portable, are the perfect pocket snacks next to jerky (more on that next). Like summer sausage, they do require some extra work grinding the meat and incorporating the right amount of spices. You can find pepperoni-size casings at specialty stores, sporting goods stores or online, as well as whole kits for making pepperoni sticks.



5. Last but not least: Jerky

Ever the crowd-favorite, making jerky can be a fairly simple process and doubles as a reward when your stomach starts growling 4 miles from the truck. Jerky easily finds a home in your hunting pack and stays edible for a long time (if frozen).

The key with making jerky lies in the thinness of the meat. You'll want to thinly slice the larger chunks of meat into strips. Then, you soak the slices in a marinade for several hours or overnight, before smoking or drying them.

Drying is most commonly done in a food dehydrator, but smokers or even your oven at its lowest setting with the door open ajar can do the job just fine. The key is just low, low heat for a long, long time.

There are many jerky recipes available in cookbooks or the internet. Remember when making jerky the pieces should be dry, but still supple. Too dry and it will be brittle and crunchy, which is overcooked. Although jerking is a method of preserving, it's still best to store it in the refrigerator or freezer.

FUN FACT: No, the word "jerky" does not get its name from the act of ripping dried meat with your teeth. Instead, the word comes from the Quechuan (Incan) word ch'arki, meaning "dried flesh," and didn't come into the American English vocabulary until 1850.

More tips for processing game meat

- Pay attention to sanitary guidelines and cooking temperatures. Use a meat thermometer to ensure meat has reached the proper temperature when smoking or drying.
- You know what flavors you like and dislike, so learn the basics of a recipe and adjust to suit your tastes. Don't be afraid to experiment.
- If it's your first attempt with a new recipe, start with a small batch. If it doesn't turn out how you like, you can change it for your next batch.
- If you're making patty sausage, cook some as soon as it's done. Put a small, thin patty in an oiled frying pan, cook it a few minutes and taste it, then add more seasoning if needed.
- When freezing, don't put too much meat into one package. Aim for each package to hold enough for one meal.
- Take advantage of prepackaged seasoning mixes. They take a lot of the hassle out of figuring out which spices to use and how much, and many are created for wild game, not domestic meats.
- Get a kitchen scale that will weigh about 10 pounds of meat. It will ensure you get the right ratio of game meat to pork, pork fat, or beef fat.

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Fish your local ponds

Many ponds in Idaho, particularly those at lower elevations, get stocked with catchable trout almost year-round. The beauty of these locations is that they are usually pretty close to home, so bundle up and go drown a worm or an hour or two and, hopefully, you'll bring home some trout. Watching a bobber bounce and make a ripple is fun regardless of the weather.

Roger Phillips, Idaho Fish and Game Public Information Supervisor



Get squirrelly

Need an excuse to get outside and take your .22 or small-gauge shotgun for a hike? Look no further than red squirrel hunting. Going after red squirrels (also known as pine squirrels) is arguably one of the easiest winter hunting pursuits and can be achieved in nearly every part of the state; they're abundant, they're noisy and they're quite tasty. You don't need specialized or expensive gear to hunt them, just a .22 long rifle and/or any shotgun, warm clothes and boots suitable for hiking.

You'll notice the squirrels have changed their tune

a little bit from summer and fall, when they tend to be a little more vocal and active collecting pinecone seeds. During winter, squirrels are still active, but not nearly as vocal, so keep your eyes up as you trudge through the woods.

Another hot tip, if you're not hearing or seeing any squirrel action up in the canopy, cradle your firearm and let out a few loud claps. This can sometimes rattle the squirrels enough to move to another pine bough, which, with a keen eye, can quickly get you on their trail. Don't forget to bring your dog. Nearly any dog loves to chase a squirrel, so they can help you locate them. If the squirrel is focused on the dog, it could help you get a shot.

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Salmon River steelhead fishing at Riggins

The stretch of river between Riggins and Whitebird typically stays ice-free most of the winter, and it's common to see jetboats and driftboats on the water. There's also excellent bank access because U.S. 95 runs along the river for miles, and the river holds a lot of steelhead that are wintering before their final push upstream in the spring. With colder water, the fish tend to slow down, so adjust your tactics accordingly, but rest assured, a lot of steelhead get caught during winter.

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Old-school Idaho trapping

Hardiest among the winter adventurers are the trappers. Many areas in the Upper Snake and elsewhere in Idaho are open for trapping furbearers beginning Oct. 22. Trapping is a challenging way to get outside and test your grit against the elements and knowledge of animal behavior. A trapper education course is required, and you can find classes near you.

James Brower, Regional Communications Manager, Upper Snake Region

Go watch wildlife

OK, you don't need a license for this, so consider it a bonus. Winter wildlife watching is a pretty cool (or cold, depending on the day) way to temporarily leave the guns, hiking boots or waders at home and just go appreciate nature. Drive your favorite backroad and watch for animals. That buck you swear didn't exist in October may be casually feeding in the open in broad daylight. Bring your binoculars and/or spotting scope and observe from a distance so you don't disturb wintering big game. Check out waterfowl coming and going to open water, or spot wintering bald eagles, which are common along many of Idaho's rivers and large lakes and reservoirs. Seeing flock after flock of waterfowl winging in as the sun sets is a wonderful winter experience.

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DEAR VICKY: First of all, wow! Ten years is quite a lifespan for a Holland Lop. It's a testament to how

well you care for him.

While the average lifespan of this rabbit breed is six to eight years, I have heard of H-Lops reaching 10, 12 or even 16 years of age! Care and comfort are really important for rabbits at any age. They need a secure hutch, stable temperatures in summer and winter, fresh water always available, and good nutrition. They also need things to gnaw on so their front teeth don't grow too long, as well as plenty of fresh vegetables.

Introducing a new rabbit to the mix can be risky. They might not take to each other, and fighting with another rabbit can cause stress, which can be deadly.

It sounds like Brownie is doing really well for his age. I recommend checking in with his vet if you notice any changes in his behavior or ability to get around. It sounds like you're a little concerned that he isn't moving around as much. Contacting the vet within 48 hours is a good rule for any changes in behavior, diet or activity for rabbits and other small

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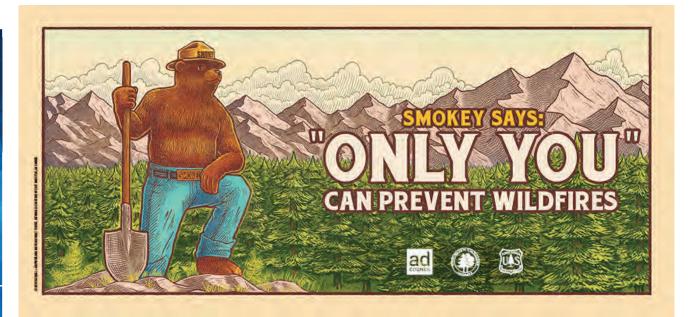
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By Terry and Kim Kovel

Playing Cards

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This novelty pitcher made by Royal Bayreuth about 1930 has a body that looks like it's made of playing cards and has a smiling devil figure for a handle. It sold for \$250 at a Potter & Potter auction.

In the past, playing cards were seen as sinful, whether they were associated with gambling, divination or merely idle frivolity. (Do those friendly games, magic tricks or solitaire sessions sound less innocent now?)

In 1890, Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer published a book on the history of playing cards called "The Devil's Picture-Books," after a Puritan name for cards. According to one anecdote in the book. Columbus's sailors brought decks of cards with them on their voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, but threw them overboard out of superstitious fear during bad weather. After the ships landed safely, the crew made themselves new cards out of tree leaves. Later, even the Puritans approved of some card games if they had educational themes. Seeing playing cards as a sin doesn't eliminate their appeal. In some cases, it may even contribute.

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Can you resist anything but temptation? Buyers couldn't resist this Royal Bayreuth pitcher with a devil and playing cards

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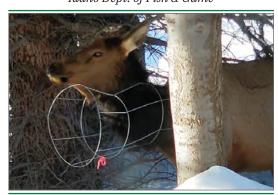
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Every year, wildlife becomes entangled in home, farm and garden items

No matter the year, wildlife, especially elk, deer and moose can become entangled in items left around homes and farmyards around Idaho. These entanglements tend to happen more frequently during the winter months but can happen anytime when wildlife is attracted to neighborhood yards and farms. As the calendar moves quickly towards the winter months this is a great time for Idaho residents to inspect their properties for items that could entangle wildlife. If potential entanglement items are found, we ask property owners to remove and securely store them in an area that wildlife cannot access.

Entanglements happen every year

In the winter of 2022-2023, numerous instances of wildlife entanglements occurred in the Wood River Valley, in southcentral Idaho. One of the most common entanglements was wire tomato cages around the necks of elk. Tomato cages are particularly troublesome because removal typically will not occur without human intervention.

The Wood River Valley also saw wildlife entangled with 5-gallon buckets, a plastic sled, Christmas lights, and lead ropes/horse halters.

October 2022 a bull elk died after becoming entangled in a yard swing south of Ketchum.

Common items recently found entangled in wildlife include swing sets, hammocks, lawn decorations, tennis court nets, Christmas wreaths, clotheslines, food containers, barbed wire, bailing twine, and haystack tarps.

Drain decorative ponds in winter

Decorative ponds are often built to add curbside appeal to residential areas. However, if the pond is not drained before winter, the pond can become a hazard to wildlife. Every year, moose, elk and deer fall through ice and become trapped in decorative ponds, particularly in the Wood River Valley. In the winter of 2022 - 2023 a moose calf succumbed to hypothermia and exhaustion after falling through ice in an upper Wood River Valley decorative pond.



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Many homes have large daylight window wells to provide a safe escape route for occupants in case of emergency. Elk and moose have become trapped in window wells. When winter snow gets deep, the area under the eaves of the house is often the easiest place for wildlife to walk, which is also where window wells are located. To keep wildlife from falling into the window well, while keeping a safe escape route for occupants, it's suggested to lean boards, like a 2"x 4", diagonally across the opening from the lawn to the side of the house. The goal of doing this is to encourage the animal to walk around, and not over, the window well.



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Celebrate the New Year With Inspired Cocktail Creations

Let's pay homage to the holiday spirit by crafting some seasonal spirits of our own. We're going to explore infusing vodka with fruits and herbs.

Undoubtedly, you've seen flavored vodkas on liquor store shelves, but have you ever thought of making your own infused vodka? Not only is it very inexpensive, but say goodbye to artificial flavorings and colors and hello to absolute control over the ingredients.

It's surprisingly easy to do. All you need is a large, wide-mouth glass jar with an airtight lid (not plastic, unless you're making plastic-flavored vodka!), a fine mesh strainer, cheese cloth or coffee filters, and a funnel. Save empty vodka bottles to refill with your infused creations later. Of course, you'll need vodka and ingredients to infuse, but we'll get to that in a moment.

First, I'd like to share how to make cheap vodka taste more like top shelf vodka. There is no sense in paying for top shelf vodka for our purpose. The secret is filtering vodka with a charcoal-activated water filter, like a Brita or PUR brand filter pitcher. Just designate a new filter exclusively for vodka, because you won't want to use it for water after you use it for vodka. Activate the new filter, as per manufacturer instructions, then drain the water. Proceed by pouring

the vodka through the filter just as you would water. You'll want to run it through several times. I find seven times is the charm.

Will this method fool a sophisticated palate into thinking it's top shelf? Nope. Will it improve the results when infused or mixed in a cocktail? Absolutely.

How to Infuse Vodka — Into a clean glass jar with a lid, place your infusion ingredients, top off with vodka and close lid. Shaking the jar daily, infuse for 12 hours to 7 days. Different ingredients require different amounts of time to infuse, and then there's adjustment to your personal taste.

I have guidelines below, but taste your infusion every day until you're satisfied with your results. It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it.

When you're happy with the flavor, strain the infusion material out and



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Cheers to a happy New Year!

decant into a clean bottle or jar. Enjoy immediately or store in a cool, dark place for up to 12 months.

To sweeten your infusions, simply add simple syrup. But please don't buy it! Make it. It's called simple syrup for a reason. In a saucepan, simmer equal parts sugar and water until the sugar has dissolved.

Here are some ideas to get you started.

BERRY VODKA

- 1 to 2 cups berries strawberries, blackberries or raspberries, or a combination
- 3 to 4 cups of vodka

Wash berries and roughly chop. Add to vodka and infuse for three to seven days. Sweeten to taste.

CITRUS VODKA

2 cups lemons, limes, oranges or grapefruit, or a combination 2 cups vodka

Wash and slice fruit, then add to vodka. Infuse for three to seven days. Sweeten to taste.

CRANBERRY LIME VODKA

1 cup chopped cranberries Juice and zest of one lime 3 cups vodka

Add fruit to vodka. Infuse for one to two days. Sweeten to taste. (Pictured.)

HERBED VODKA

1 or 2 large sprigs of basil or another favorite herb (dill, mint, sage, tarragon, etc.) 3 cups of vodka

Combine the herbs with vodka for two to seven days, tasting frequently. Serve with tonic or soda or make into martinis or the best bloody mary ever.

As this year winds down, let's raise a glass to a New Year filled with fresh starts and new beginnings. Cheers!

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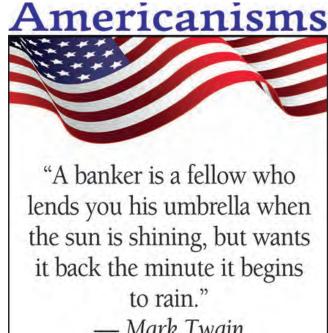
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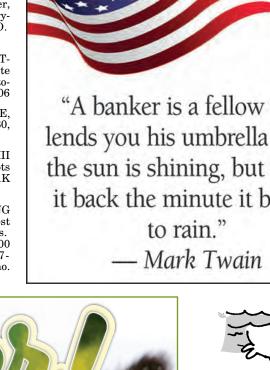
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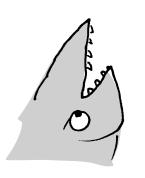
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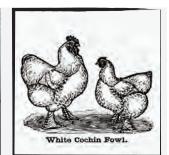
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National Cocoa Day

December 13th — National Day Calendar —



December 13th ushers in a celebration worthy of the winter holidays with National Cocoa Day. What better way to warm up after a cold day outside?

We make hot cocoa with cocoa powder, heated milk or water, and sugar. However, Americans often use hot chocolate and hot cocoa interchangeably, sometimes causing a bit of confusion. There is a difference between the two beverages. We make hot chocolate by using ground chocolate containing cocoa butter. We mix it with hot milk, and it is drinking chocolate.

Hot chocolate is also known as drinking chocolate.

We make hot cocoa from cocoa powder. We produce a paste called chocolate liquor through the fermentation, drying, roasting, and grinding process of cocoa beans. Through another method, they separate cocoa butter, leaving cocoa powder. We use this cocoa powder to make hot cocoa. The result has very little fat and calories.

Cocoa History

The Mayans are credited with creating the first chocolate beverage around 2000 years ago. Culturally, cocoa became an essential part of the Aztec civilization by 1400 AD. After the drink found its way from Mexico through the New World, Europeans popularized the chocolate drink. However, it has undergone multiple changes since then. Until the 19th century, drinkers used hot chocolate medicinally to treat ailments such as stomach diseases.

In the United States, an instant form of the drink is popular. Mixed with hot water or milk, the packet contains mostly cocoa powder, sugar, and dry milk. We also like to add marshmallows or whipped cream. It makes the chocolatey drink creamier and sweeter. What better way to celebrate National Cocoa Day?

Health Benefits

The health benefits of drinking hot cocoa abound. Cocoa contains significant amounts of antioxidants that may help prevent cancer. They have also shown that the cocoa bean helps with digestion. The flavonoids found in cocoa also have a positive effect on arterial health.

Chocolate lovers enjoy both drinking cocoa and hot cocoa in a variety of combinations. Some top the hot drink with whipped cream or marshmallows. Sprinkle a dash of cinnamon or peppermint to make the chocolate extra special. For an added caffeinated boost, some hot cocoa drinkers add a little bit of instant coffee. The coffee and chocolate flavors combine for a delicious mocha marriage.

How To Observe National Cocoa Day

Host a cocoa bar after a day outdoors in the snow. A cup of hot cocoa after sledding or building a snowman warms us right up. When we gather around the table and sip our steaming cup, let the conversation

Try some of these delicious toppings:

- Whipped cream
- Cinnamon and sugar
- Marshmallow
- Candy canes
- Caramel
- · Toffee bits
- · Coconut
- · Peppermint patties
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- Candy sprinkles
- · Cinnamon cereal
- · Mini chocolate chips
- · Chopped nuts

Ambitious hot cocoa fans are making hot cocoa bombs to give to friends and family. They fill these chocolate spheres with cocoa, marshmallows, and many of the ingredients listed above for a delightful hot cocoa treat. What's your favorite way to enjoy hot cocoa? Share your celebration using #National-CocoaDay to post on social media.

National Cocoa Day History

Undeterred by our research, National Day Calendar® continues seeking the origins of this toasty holiday.

Hot Cocoa FAQ

Q. Can I use hot cocoa mix to make a dessert?

A. Yes. While we first think of hot cocoa when we open that container, there are other ways to use it. Use cocoa mix in baking to add a chocolatey flavor to cookies, breads, and cakes. Another way to enjoy that cocoa flavor is by mixing it into your ice cream and topping it with marshmallows.

Q. What other beverages can I use cocoa mix in?

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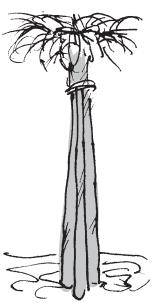
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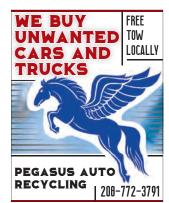


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December 13th

— National Day Calendar —



December 13th commemorates the National Guard Birthday. On December 13th, 1636, the Massachusetts General Court established an official militia for the first time in the American Colonies.

A component of the United States Army, the National Guard is primarily composed of citizen-soldiers who hold down full-time, civilian jobs, attend school, or as is often the case, both. At the same time, they are available to provide support and protection for the states' civilians or be called for military operations at a national level.

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National Guard Mission

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From before the American Revolution to Hurricane Katrina and beyond, the National Guard has provided support and protection for its citizens.

How To Observe National Guard Birthday

While not recognized as a Federal Holiday, National Guard members across the country celebrate the birth of the oldest military organization in the United States with galas, balls, and birthday parties. Since the National Guard is an integral part of each state, commonwealth, and territory, we all have a reason to celebrate this birthday! Take time to recognize a National Guard soldier or airman you know.

Use #NationalGuardBirthday to post on social

National Guard Birthday History

On December 13 of 1636, a direct declaration by the Massachusetts General Court established an official militia for the first time in the American Colonies. The resolution required all able-bodied men from age 16 to 60 to join. While less-organized militia existed, this legal document brought them together under a formal enterprise. We know this organization today as the National Guard.

The Massachusetts Bay Colony established three regiments designated East, South, and North. Older than the United States itself, the National Guard maintains these roots in Massachusetts. The regiments include the 101st Engineer Battalion (formerly East Regiment), the 101st Field Artillery (South Regiment), and the 181st Infantry, and the 182nd Infantry Regiment (North Regiment).

After the United States formed and the country grew, each state established a militia. However, Congress did not make the name National Guard official until 1933. When Congress amended the National Defense Act, they made the National Guard a separate component of the United States Army. While some states used the term National Guard before this time, individual state militia had various titles. Two examples include the Mississippi State Guard and the Indiana Legion.

After World War II, the newly established United States Air Force established the Air National Guard.

Today, approximately 350,000 men and women serve in the National Guard and the Air National Guard, 39% of the Army's operational force.

National Guard FAQ

O. Does the National Guard have a full-time component?

A. Yes. The National Guard includes full-time personnel, though the majority of National Guard members serve part-time unless they are deployed on active duty.

Q. What kinds of jobs does the National Guard offer?

A. National Guard offers several military occupational specialties (MOS) that members can train for including infantry, aviation, engineer, military intelligence, transportation, finance, among several

Q. Is there an age limit to join the National Guard?

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DEAR DARIA: Your instinct is spot on, and you should trust it more. That's the wrong way to train

a den for your puppy, a safe spot. Again, not a place to punish him.

Furthermore, puppies need to pee and poo more frequently than adult dogs -- about four times daily at Stor's aga, but separtimes more It's up to you

ly at Star's age, but sometimes more. It's up to you to make sure their elimination schedule is adequate and that you are there to supervise them. Star couldn't wait for you to get home, so he went in the hallway. That's on you, not on Star.

a puppy. It's aggressive, negative and doesn't teach

Young puppies are learning machines, picking up habits quickly -- both good and bad. They need to

be constantly supervised to keep them safe and to

correct them (not punish them) on the spot so they learn what they can and can't do in the household. When they're not supervised, I recommend placing

them in a properly sized kennel crate. Think of it as

the puppy anything -- except to be afraid.

Clean up the mess (spray with an odor eliminator) and continue your training schedule with Star. And keep following your instincts about the best way to train and correct him.

Readers, have you dealt with a similar situation? Tell us about it at ask@pawscorner.com.

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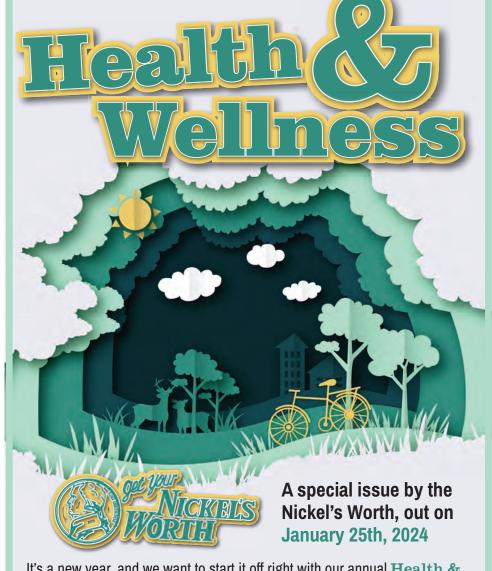
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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Advertising Premiums

Toys have been used as advertising premiums for more than 100 years, from the cloth dolls that first appeared in the 19th century and baseball cards initially issued by tobacco companies to Cracker Jack prizes and more recent toys in cereal boxes or kids' fast-food meals.

This "Log Cabin Express" toy, which sold for \$150 at an online auction on AntiqueAdvertising.com, is an unusual case: the tin can of Log Cabin syrup didn't come with a toy, it became the toy! The rolling platform was the premium. It attaches to the empty tin to turn it into a pull toy. The tin was already eye-catching with its cabin shape and colorful lithographs. One side is marked as "Table Size," suggesting consumers "Serve From The Can." Long before today's environmental concerns and zero-waste movements, this company encouraged reusing its packaging. After all, why make a brightly colored figural tin if it's only going to be thrown away?

I have too many antiques and vintage objects from the early 1900s and middle 1800s that have been left to me from family. My children (all married with children) have no desire for any of my antiques or vintage collection, which includes dishes, silverware, toys, books, blanket boxes (1800s) and multiple objects that are collectors' dreams. How do I find buyers who will want them?

Many people face this dilemma. My biggest piece of advice is, first and foremost, don't just donate everything or have a big garage sale! You could be letting valuable items (and money) slip through your fingers. Going through your collection will take time and effort, as well as help from some experts in furniture, toys and other collectibles. Your first step is looking over the Kovels guide to downsizing, located in the "How to Buy or Sell" section of Kovels.com. Good luck!



There's finding a toy in your food packaging, and then there's making a toy from the packaging. Towle's Log Cabin brand provided a rolling platform to turn their iconic syrup tin into a pull

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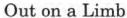
Toy, tractor, John Deere No. 4520, gunmetal gray metal, 1/16 scale, Columbus Ohio Collector Edition, original box, \$345.

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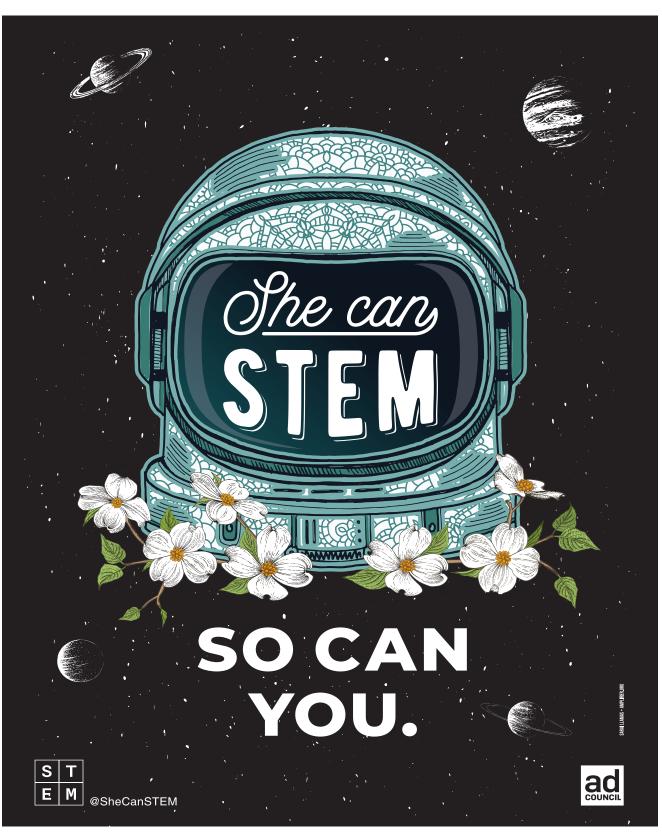
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December 12th — National Day Calendar –



Gingerbread House Day

Gingerbread House Day on December 12th recognizes a family tradition for many around the country.

A favorite food of an Armenian monk, Gregory of Nicopolis, brought gingerbread to Europe around 992 AD and taught French Christians to bake it. Since gingerbread was often used in religious ceremonies, monks baked to be sturdy to molded into images of saints.

We can thank the Brothers' Grimm for a gingerbread house, though. Through their tale of Hansel and Gretel, they introduce an evil witch who lives in a house made of gingerbread. It didn't take long for the German gingerbread guilds to pick up the idea. Soon, they put gingerbread houses to a more festive use making snowy cottages made from the spicysweet treat.

Today, we can spend the day baking, cutting, and building to our heart's delight. Kits take some steps out of the process so we can get right down to constructing our winter wonderlands.

How To Observe Gingerbread House Day

Gather the family together, bake up some gingerbread, and start building and decorating your very own gingerbread house. Give the recipe below a try.

Gingerbread House Recipe at www.foodnetwork. com/recipes/gingerbread-house-recipe-1963254.

Other ways to celebrate include:

- · Reading Hansel and Gretel.
- · Hosting a house-building party.
- · Touring gingerbread displays.

Use #GingerbreadHouseDay to post on social media.

Gingerbread House Day History

National Day Calendar® continues researching the origins of this cookie engineering day.

Gingerbread FAQ

Q. How do I glue the walls of the house together?

A. Use Royal Icing for the best results. This type of icing will dry and become hard ensuring your creation stands for the entire holiday season. (That is, if everyone in your household doesn't gobble it up first.)

Q. What is the world's largest gingerbread house?

A. According to Guinness World Records, the Texas A&M Traditions Club in Bryan, Texas built the world's largest gingerbread house in 2013. The team raised money for charity by charging admission fees to tour the life-size house with working gingerbread doors. Another record-breaker in the category of gingerbread is Jon Lovitch of New York. Each year he builds a gingerbread village which is displayed at the New York Hall of Science. In 2017, Guinness World Records certified his village as the largest with 1,251 buildings.

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Heart Is Deconditioned to Exercise After Airbag Injury

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 69-year-old who used to walk up 75 to 90 flights of steps several days a week as exercise. After a steering wheel airbag went off and damaged my heart, I am afraid my ability to do that stopped. After years of medication, I am now on a pacemaker, which definitely

Could the exercise have weakened my heart to such a degree that it could be viewed as overdoing it, therefore exacerbating my condition? -- Anon.

ANSWER: In general, exercise does not harm the heart. On the contrary, exercise is almost always good for the heart. However, there are exceptions. In healthy people, there is an optimal amount of exercise, and extreme levels of exercise (on the order of running more than 10 miles a day every day) begin to decrease the benefit that a person gets from exercise. (This remains controversial, but I am convinced from the data.)

In people with severe heart disease (the kind with blockages in the arteries), overdoing exercise can lead to a heart attack, but this is an exception. For every person who gets harmed by overexercising, there must be a hundred who don't get adequate exercise.

The fact that you have improved a lot on the pacemaker suggests that at least part of your problem wasn't with the pump function of your heart, nor

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Once a pacemaker is in, that problem is immediately alleviated, but the heart may still be deconditioned ("out of shape"). Regular exercise will help the problem.

Your cardiologist can better answer the question for you and also give you advice on how to build up your exercise tolerance over time.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Colds and flus seem to linger in my lungs and nose for a week or more after all other symptoms have passed. If my phlegm and mucus are clear or white, and I feel healthy otherwise, am I still considered infectious? -- S.C.

ANSWER: The color of sputum and mucus is not a reliable indicator of whether an infection is caused by bacteria or viruses, nor of whether you are still infectious. Colds and flus like COVID are caused by viruses. A person is most infectious starting from a day or two before they get symptoms up until a day or two after symptoms start. Most people are no longer infectious after five to seven days of having symptoms, but unfortunately, that's not always 100% certain.

Part of the body's response to infection is to make a great deal of mucus to wash the infection away. This can lead to us feeling very uncomfortable with copious sneezing, runny noses and productive cough. In some people, this tendency is more prolonged. It sounds like you might be one of those people in whom the body's response to infection causes more symptoms than the infection itself.

We can test pretty well for COVID infectiousness with at-home testing, but those home tests don't exist for the flu or other viruses. Following the same advice for COVID -- staying home for at least 24 hours after a fever has gone, or remaining in isolation for at least five days without a fever -- will minimize your infectiousness to others.

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 ToYour-GoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Freezer-Friendly Feast: **Big Batch Bolognese Sauce for Less-Stress Holidays**

The whirlwind of the holiday season is fast approaching. Making delicious, homemade meals ahead and storing them in your freezer is an excellent way to relieve some holiday stress and limit unplanned drive-thru meals.

This week, I'm sharing my recipe for Big Batch Bolognese Sauce. It's a slow-cooked, rich, meaty and versatile sauce that's delicious. It's made with ground beef, veggies, tomatoes, wine and milk. Yes, milk. Milk gives Bolognese its distinctive creaminess.

Bolognese freezes beautifully and can be divided and used to make many different dishes. Bolognese goes in pasta, lasagna, deep dish pizzas, baked potatoes and my favorite -- served over spaghetti squash.

BIG BATCH BOLOGNESE SAUCE

Yield: 18-20 (1 cup) servings

Total Time: 4 hours

3 tablespoons olive oil

5 cups chopped onions 2 cups chopped carrots

1 1/2 cups chopped celery

3 tablespoons butter

6 cloves garlic, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste 5 pounds ground beef

2 tablespoons Italian seasoning

1 (15 ounce) can tomato paste

2 cups red or white wine (or beef broth)

2 (28 ounce) cans Italian-style diced tomatoes

2 cups whole milk

3 bay leaves

1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large Dutch oven or stock pot, over medium heat, saute onions, carrots and celery until they're softened and begin to caramelize. Then add the butter and garlic, and saute until fragrant. Lightly season with salt and pepper. We're adding Parmesan later, so go easy on the salt for now. Remove the veggies and keep them

In the same pot, turn up the heat to medium-high. Brown the beef in three to four batches, breaking it into small pieces and seasoning lightly. After each batch, use a slotted spoon to remove the cooked beef, and drain as much fat as possible. You want the beef to brown and hopefully leave behind some browned bits (fond) in the pan.



Delicious Bolognese freezes beautifully.

After the last batch of beef, return the veggies and cooked beef to the pot. Add the Italian seasoning and tomato paste, stirring to coat every morsel with tomato goodness. Let it cook, stirring occasionally, for at least 5 minutes to caramelize the tomato paste. This step adds tremendous depth of flavor.

Now add the wine to deglaze the

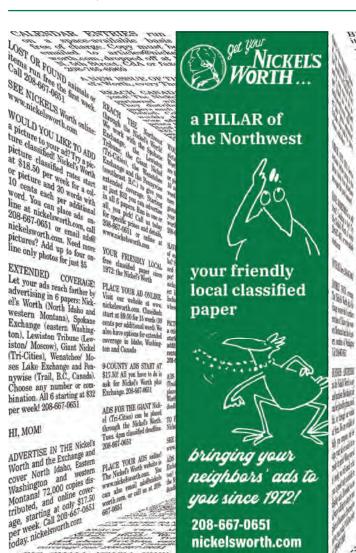
pot, scraping up all those lovely browned bits from the bottom. When most of the wine has evaporated, about 3 minutes, add the diced tomatoes, milk and bay leaves. Stir and bring to a boil. Then reduce the heat to a gentle simmer, cover and cook, stirring occasionally for at least 2 hours, but preferably 4 hours. The longer, the better.

To serve, remove the bay leaves and add the Parmesan cheese, stirring to combine. Meanwhile, cook your pasta according to the package directions. This sauce pairs wonderfully with a wide pasta like tagliatelle or pappardelle, but you can use whatever you have on hand. Don't forget to top it with more Parmesan. And if you have some of that wine left from the recipe, enjoy it with your

Now let's talk about how to make the most of this sauce. To freeze it, the most crucial step is to cool it completely to refrigerator temperature before preparing it for freezing. Portion it into zip-top freezer bags. For the best flavor, use it within three months, but it's safe to eat for a year.

Yes, making this recipe takes some time, but most of it is hands-off. Once it's done and waiting in your freezer, you can have a hearty, homemade dinner ready in the time it takes to boil pasta. Enjoy!

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