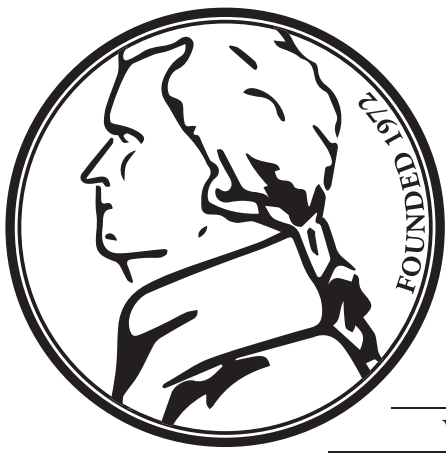


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Lone Pine State Park is offering B.A.R.K Ranger Hikes on select Saturdays throughout the summer and fall. The next hike is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., with additional dates planned later in the season. During the guided hike, participants and their dogs will explore the park while learning practical tips for recreating responsibly with pets.

"Dogs are a major influence on both the environment and other park goers," said Jocelyn Schlachta, program specialist at Lone Pine State Park. "Learning how to minimize potentially negative impacts through the B.A.R.K. Ranger program allows park-goers and their dogs to safely recreate outside while coexisting with local flora and fauna. It's a win-win."

The B.A.R.K Ranger program, originally developed by the National Park Service, encourages responsible pet ownership on public lands. Much like the popular Junior Ranger Program, B.A.R.K. teaches visitors how to be good stewards of parks and trails while enjoying them with their dogs. The name is an acronym that reminds pet owners to **B**ag your pet's waste, **A**lways keep your pet on a leash, **R**espect wildlife, and **K**now where you can go. By following these simple steps, dog owners help to protect wildlife, preserve natural resources, and help ensure the trails remain safe and enjoyable for all.

Participants who complete the program will receive an official Lone Pine State Park dog tag and can enter a photo contest for a chance to have their pet featured on Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks social media as an ambassador for responsible outdoor recreation. For more information and to register, email Jocelyn.schlachta@mt.gov

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Art on the Green, Friday, July 31st, 11am-7:30pm, Saturday, August 1st, 10am-7:30pm and Sunday, August 2nd 10am-5pm, on the grounds of North Idaho College, CdA. Please join us at our annual event, a highlight of the summer in Coeur d'Alene for over 57 years. Art on the Green's all-volunteer team will again bring together artists, musicians and performers for 3 days of free entertainment on 2 stages, handcrafted works of art for purchase, a Beer Garden, Food Court, an outdoor Juried Art Show and a Children's Art Garden for children of all ages to enjoy.



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Why Dot Cakes Are the Perfect Dessert for America's 250th Birthday

For America's 250th birthday, I had visions of creating something historically significant. Perhaps a colonial recipe. Maybe a dessert inspired by early American kitchens.

Then reality arrived carrying a deadline.

Instead, I found myself making the internet's latest obsession: The Viral Dot Cake.

The funny thing is that the more I learned about the trend, the more appropriate it seemed. Dot Cakes aren't fancy. They're layers of cake, frosting and colorful sprinkles. They're cheerful, nostalgic and designed to be shared. In a year filled with grand celebrations, perhaps that's exactly the kind of dessert we need.

Sometimes the things that bring people together are surprisingly simple. Here's the funny part: The internet's favorite dessert isn't an elaborate goldleaf freckled showpiece or a complicated bakery creation requiring trips to three stores and a monastery.

It's basically birthday cake. Like the kind of cake that we remember from childhood. Colorful, affordable, nostalgic and easy to share, Dot Cake captures something we often forget: Joy doesn't have to be expensive or complicated.

The original viral Dot Cakes are typically made in small cups or jars with layers of cake and frosting topped with a thick blanket of colorful nonpareils. For

Independence Day, I gave mine a patriotic twist by tinting the cake batter red and blue and topping each cake with nonpareils or dots.

The beauty of Dot Cakes is that they're more about fun than perfection. Use a homemade cake or a boxed mix. Make frosting or open a can. The goal is a familiar birthday-cake flavor, plenty of frosting and a festive sprinkle topping that makes people smile.

PATRIOTIC DOT CAKES

Yield: 4 (9-ounce) cakes

Total Time: 40 minutes plus cooling

1 white cake mix, plus ingredients called for on package

Red and blue gel food coloring

1 batch frosting (recipe follows) or 1 container prepared frosting

1 cup nonpareil sprinkles, aka dots

4 clear jars, cups or ramekins (8- to 10-ounce size)



The Dot Cake gets a red, white and blue makeover just in time for Independence Day.

QUICK & EASY FROSTING

8 ounces cream cheese, softened

3 tablespoons butter, softened

1 (7-ounce) container marshmallow creme

Preheat oven to 325 F. Prepare a half-sheet pan (13 inch by 18 inch by 1 inch) with non-stick spray and line it with parchment. Alternatively, use a 9 by 13 cake pan.

Prepare cake batter according to

package directions. For thin red and blue layers, divide the batter between two bowls. Tint one bowl red and the other blue using gel food coloring.

Spread the colored batters side by side in the sheet pan and bake for 20 minutes.

Alternatively, simply bake the cake according to package directions in a 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake until done and cooled completely.

To make the frosting, beat cream cheese, butter and marshmallow creme with an electric mixer until smooth and fluffy. Refrigerate. This frosting firms up beautifully when cold.

To Assemble:

Using a round cutter slightly smaller than your serving cups, cut cake rounds. Place one round in the bottom of each cup. Add a layer of frosting. Repeat with additional cake and frosting layers as desired.

Finish with a smooth layer of frosting on top. Use an offset spatula to get a perfectly smooth surface. Pour sprinkles onto a plate and gently turn each cake upside down and press the tops of the cakes into the sprinkles until completely covered.

Refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to overnight before serving.

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Three artists will be selected — one for a fish species, one for a wildlife species and one for our iconic parachuting beaver — and each will receive \$1,000 for the use of their artwork.

Submissions are due by Aug. 31st, and winners will be selected and notified in September.

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Crazy For You Comes Dancing into the Kroc Center Theater in August!

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Crazy for You is a high-energy Broadway musical that blends classic songs, comedy, and show-stopping dance numbers into a feel-good theatrical experience.

Originally premiering on Broadway in 1992, the show is a romantic comedy inspired by the 1930 Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*, but reimagined with a new book by Ken Ludwig. Abe McKinney, who is playing Bobby Child, added, "The second I read the script I fell in love with it. It's quick, witty, and hilarious while still keeping that timeless romantic feel."

With music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, you can expect famous tunes "I Got Rhythm," "Embraceable You," and "Nice Work If You Can Get It" to name a few. A mix of old-fashioned Broadway charm, lavish choreography, and screwball romantic comedy, *Crazy for You* is often described as a "love letter to the golden age of musical theatre."



Cowboy Trio - Sam (Ian Sadler), Mingo (Abel Siemens) and Moose (Larry Starrh)

With all of the choreography required in the show, *Crazy for You* needed to be placed in the hands (and feet) of a multi-faceted director. Paisley Siemens, local director/choreographer/instructor is helping the production, with choreography assistance from Makayla Kaufman. Paisley's recent directing/choreography work includes *Seussical* (CYT North Idaho) and the tap dancing rats in Aspire's *Shrek the Musical*, among others. Siemens shared "*Crazy for You* has been such a great challenge because of how much tap dancing is needed to bring the production to life. It's been an amazing show to choreograph because not only is tap my favorite style of dance but our cast is full of trained tap dancers, along with really hard-working and enthusiastic people who have embraced all the aspects of this show that make it so fun!"



Polly Baker (Aubrey Babbitt) & Bobby Child (Abe McKinney)

Aubrey Babbitt, who plays Polly Baker in the show, echoes Paisley's sentiment, "The passion that everyone puts into their craft is incredible and the results of this hard work speaks for itself!"

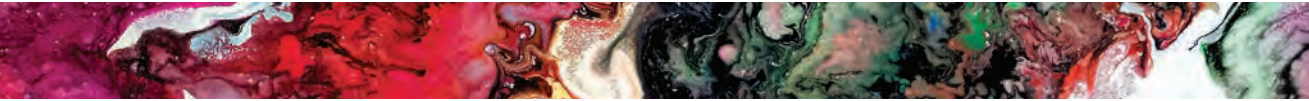
Other creatives working on the production are Resident Music Director, Presley DuPuis and Intern Director, Elias Underhill. Aspire's wrapping up Season 9 with *Crazy for You*, and it promises to leave audiences grinning from ear to ear. Don't miss it!

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9 Person applying a mail stick-on

16 Understands

20 Actress Palicki of "Friday Night Lights"

21 Popcorn personage Redenbacher

22 Out of the wind, nautically

23 Start of a riddle

25 Watson of "Little Women"

26 Was bested

27 Rug threads

28 Emo of zany comedy

30 Crafty plans

34 Arnaz of "I Love Lucy"

35 Have in mind

36 King, in Paris

37 Riddle, part 2

41 Unhappy

44 Almonds, e.g.

45 See 63-Across

46 Jamaican music genre

47 Alpine climber's tool

49 Extra NFL periods

51 Actress Long of "Missing"

53 Nobelist Bohr

54 Riddle, part 3

60 "The Taking of — 123" (2009 film)

61 Check casher, e.g.

62 Pre-2001 space station

63 With 45-Across, informed on the latest

67 Lacking living organisms

69 Shampoo brand

71 Vidal — (shampoo brand)

73 Some till bills

74 Helium, e.g.

76 Dot in the ocean

78 Fife sound

79 Riddle, part 4

82 Pong producer

86 Tart's cousin

87 Capote, to his pals

88 "The First 48" network

89 Ricky Martin's old boy band

91 "Sir," in colonial India

95 "Hey there, tiger!"

97 Wee child

98 End of the riddle

102 Yoga chants

103 Loosen up

104 Tolkien trilogy initials

105 To some degree

109 Popular rum brand

111 Swindling guy

113 Really ruin

114 Scraped (out)

115 Riddle's answer

120 Give for a while

121 Determines the sum of

122 Thief's activity

123 Uno + dos

124 Some tax cheats

125 Lays out for proofing

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1 Cries loudly

2 Like a one-off committee

3 Fail suddenly

4 Purring baby

5 Precept

6 "Warzone" singer Yoko

7 Wildebeest

8 Narcissist's love

9 People crying loudly

10 Maple fluid

11 Greed for wealth

12 Russian-built fighter jets

13 Arafat's gp., once

14 Formed a secret union?

15 Ginger's trait

16 Scottish Celt

17 Suburb of Phoenix

18 Pertaining to time

19 Ocean coasts

24 "White Flag" singer of 2003

29 Have in mind

31 Tailless feline breed

32 Aussie bird

33 New Jersey's — Hall University

35 Smaller than large

38 Lens aperture setting

39 Russo of "The Intern"

40 Hi-tech movie effects

41 Hold to one's decision

42 Novelist Chinua

43 Buy and sell

48 Eldest of the Musketeers

50 Suddenly lose patience

52 Warts and all

55 Pal, in Peru

56 Song line

57 Kin of "Oy!"

58 Beautiful, in Bologna

59 Poetic Muse

63 Old Glory's land, informally

64 Really strong

65 City in Spain or Ohio

66 A short round of tennis

68 Al who drew the Yokums

70 For fear that

72 To the extent that

75 Bern's land, to the French

77 Australia Zoo owner Irwin

79 Not as messy

80 Harvest

81 "The Flight Attendant" star Kaley

82 Bandoleer, informally

83 Drink infusing device

84 Cutoff cry from a film director

85 Long to undo

90 Out with one's sweetie

92 Hint-providing columnist

93 "My thoughts exactly"

94 Alternatives to GIFs or JPEGs

96 Hulk Hogan's 1980s org.

99 Isaac of sci-fi

100 Actress Drescher

101 Sings in the Alps, perhaps

106 Perez of film

107 Quaint reply of denial

108 Canoodles, in Cambridge

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111 Street rep

112 Hawk's home

116 Plato's "H"

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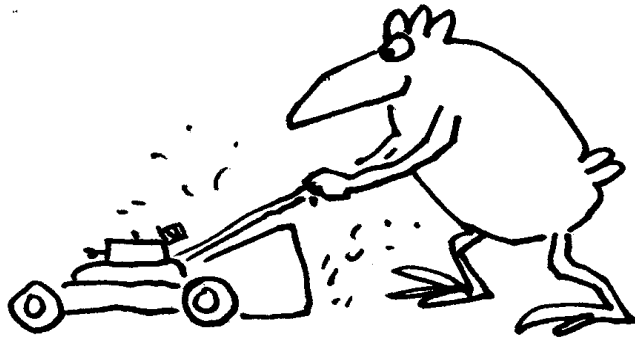


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4. Let soften for a few minutes or run under warm water for a few seconds before removing from popsicle molds.

Ingredient Notes

Choice of sweetener: Agave, honey, or even maple syrup are all viable options, so feel free to use any of those. Since we're using fruit, the popsicles will have a good bit of natural sweetness, so you can leave out the additional sweetener altogether if you'd like.

Choice of berries: We put cherries and raspberries in our pops. Since cherries can be slightly annoying to pit, we'd endorse using strawberries as an alternative there. These would also be great with peaches, nectarines, blueberries, blackberries, or any other summer fruit of your choice.

Lime juice: be sure to use freshly squeezed lime juice in this recipe, not the stuff that comes in a bottle. It makes a big difference in the freshness and flavor!

Expert Tips/ FAQs

The key to perfect homemade popsicles is a great popsicle mold. We use a stainless steel mold and it has never failed us. The easiest way to remove these pops is to run the mold under warm-ish water for just a few seconds.

Agave, honey, or even maple syrup will work well in this recipe. If you want, you can also leave out the added sugar altogether. They're still naturally sweet!

We think that cherries are underutilized, like a lot of other pitted fruit, so don't let those pits scare you! You can use a cherry pitter, or you can also rip those pits right out with your hands. Since everything's going into the blender, they don't have to look nice.

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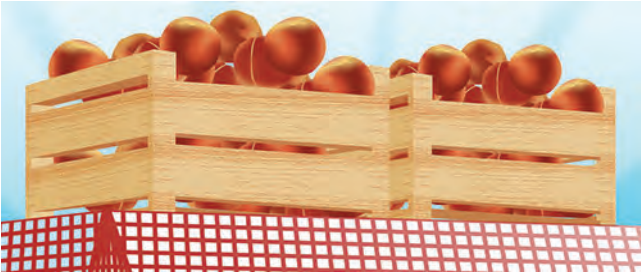
Recent research reveals that plants, despite lacking brains or nervous systems, possess a surprising ability to “talk” via chemical signals. This fascinating discovery sheds light on a hidden world of plant communication with profound implications for agriculture, ecology and climate resilience. Plants communicate mainly through volatile organic compounds (VOCs)—chemical signals they release into the air—which serve as a sophisticated alarm system, warning other plants about potential threats like herbivores, pathogens or environmental stressors. When a plant detects an attack, it can alert other plants, enabling them to ready defensive chemicals or close their stomata to conserve water and nutrients.

According to National Geographic, this signaling system operates like an “early warning network,” letting plants prepare themselves and the surrounding community for incoming dangers. This highlights the intricate interdependence within plant ecosystems. One well-documented example involves tomato plants. When attacked by pests, tomato plants release VOCs that signal neighboring plants to ramp up their production of defensive chemicals, effectively creating a shared defense strategy. This phenomenon isn't limited to a single plant species—“eavesdropping” plants in the vicinity can also benefit from these warnings, adapting their defenses even if they aren't directly under attack. In addition to defensive strategies, plants use VOCs for environmental adaptation. Certain plants release VOCs to attract the predators of their attackers. A classic example is caterpillar-infested plants emitting signals to draw in parasitic wasps, which lay eggs in the caterpillars and effectively neutralize the threat.

Understanding plant communication could revolutionize agriculture. Farmers could enhance crop resistance to pests and reduce reliance on chemical pesticides. This would contribute to ecological balance by preserving biodiversity and reducing environmental impact. Moreover, plant communication plays a crucial role in maintaining ecosystem health. As Wired notes, this “language of chemical signals” isn't just about individual survival—it's about fostering community resilience in the face of challenges.

Plant communication does have skeptics. Some scientists believe it is simply a passive chemical response and not “communication.” Nonetheless, the discovery of chemical signaling in plants highlights the complexity and interconnectedness of ecosystems. As SciTechDaily notes, understanding these signals could revolutionize how we protect crops and manage natural ecosystems. By unraveling the secrets of plant communication, we gain not only insights into the hidden lives of plants but also tools to build a more sustainable and resilient future.

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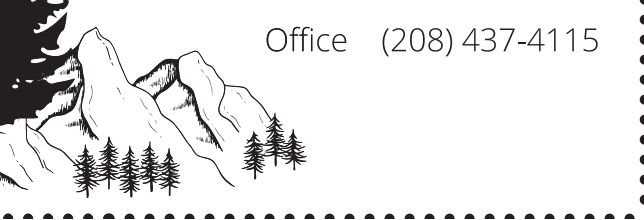
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Summer is in full swing on July 19 and the perfect the day celebrate National Play Day! It's time to unleash your inner child, spark your creativity, and learn why play is an important part of living a happy life.

#NationalPlayDay

Play is one of the most simple, yet rewarding activities you can do. It unlocks curiosity and allows you to explore the world in an engaging way. Besides being fun, play opens a sense of enjoyment that is essential for development and overall well-being. In fact, play can actually help build problem-solving skills to help navigate challenges we face in life.

Benefits of Playing

The next time someone says play is just for kids, tell them they are wrong. Playing is a biological need in our DNA that helps the brain develop. In fact, we become smarter, stronger, and happier each time we play. Some research even suggests we all have the play gene in our bodies called the RT1 gene, or rough and tumble gene. This gene apparently influences how much someone loves physical play. The stronger the gene, the more the person loves playful experiences. Play is a part of our core that has been shaped by evolution over time. Playing:

Improves brain function by building neural connections, boosts imagination and learning, and reduces stress.

Supports a healthy body by promoting physical activity and coordination, encourages mental development and growth, and improves motor skills.

Provides emotional and social benefits by teaching teamwork and compromise, builds self-esteem, and provides a healthy outlet for expression.

Creates a love of learning by teaching problem-solving skills, stimulates innovative ideas, and builds a resilience to adaptability to change.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PLAY DAY

How we play depends on who we are and our age.

For kids, play means learning to be creative and building strength in the mind and body. For adults, it's how we socialize and make friends. In fact, adults who play have a lower stress level because they allow themselves to relax and recharge from the daily grind. We've come up with a few ideas of play for any age to encourage you to make the best of National Play Day:

Ages 2-5:

- Create a dress-up box with hats, scarves, clothes, and accessories. Playing dress-up encourages a child to use their imagination and be creative.
- Make an obstacle course out of pillows, blankets, chairs, and other items in your home. Obstacle courses can promote coordination and balance.
- Fill a container with rice, beans, or macaroni and then hide small objects inside. Let the child look for the the objects and identify what they found.

Ages 6-12:

- Make sock puppets and organization a puppet show. Let the child make the skit up as the go. This allows the child to use their imagination and increase self-esteem when they share their puppet show to an audience.
- Create art projects or simple science projects out of material around your house using glue, paints, magazines, or other household items. Art is a great way to encourage kids to come up with innovative ideas.
- Build a fort using blankets, towels, furniture, or chairs. Building a fort helps encourage problem-solving skills by figuring out the design and how it will stay in place.

Teens and Adults:

- Create yard games, such as a giant checkerboard or have relay races.
- Host a barbeque with family and friends and provide water guns, water balloons, table games for guests to play with.
- Play life-size Jenga or corn-hole.

Playing is time for you to use your imagination. Whether you are a child or an adult, playing is enjoyable and relaxing. Share you day of play with us on social media using the hashtag #NationalPlayDay. Be an inspiration to others by sharing how you and your family celebrate National Play Day!

NATIONAL PLAY DAY HISTORY

National Play Day was created in 2024 by National Day Calendar to encourage everyone to unleash their inner child, spark creativity, and learn why play is an important part of living a happy life. We Celebrate Every Day at National Day Calendar and this new National Day is intended to spread happiness one National Day at a time.



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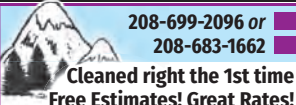
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On July 14, 1918, Quentin Roosevelt, a 20-year-old pilot in the United States Air Service and the fourth son of former President Theodore Roosevelt, was shot down and killed by a German Fokker plane over the Marne River in France.

On July 15, 1953, John Christie, one of England's most notorious killers, was executed. Four months earlier, police and a tenant in West London had discovered the remains of four women, one of whom was Christie's wife, at a house where he'd lived, and he was apprehended and confessed a week later. Detectives soon found additional bodies buried in the yard behind the house as well.

On July 16, 1862, Ida B. Wells, a future educator, investigative journalist and civil rights activist, was born into slavery in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Motivated in part by racism within the women's suffrage movement, she would eventually found and co-found the NAACP, the National Association of Colored Women, and the Alpha Suffrage Club.

On July 17, 1996, a TWA Boeing 747 jetliner headed for Paris exploded over the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew aboard and creating a fireball seen along most of the Long Island coastline. A highly criticized investigation ended two years later with the conclusion that the tragedy had been caused by mechanical failure rather than a suspected bomb or missile.

On July 18 1995, "Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance," a memoir by a law professor by the name of Barack Obama, was published prior to its author's entry into the political realm. Thirteen years later, that largely unknown professor would be elected America's 44th president.

On July 19, 1952, air traffic controllers in Washington, D.C., sighted UFOs flying over the White House and U.S. Capitol. More would appear a week later, but all were dismissed as simply a weather phenomenon.

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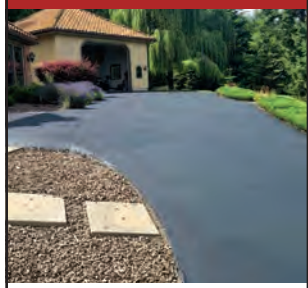
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Bouquet
— Vivian Bogardus
I'll bring to you
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Quart jar,
To show you
How much I
Care.
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Will tell you how,
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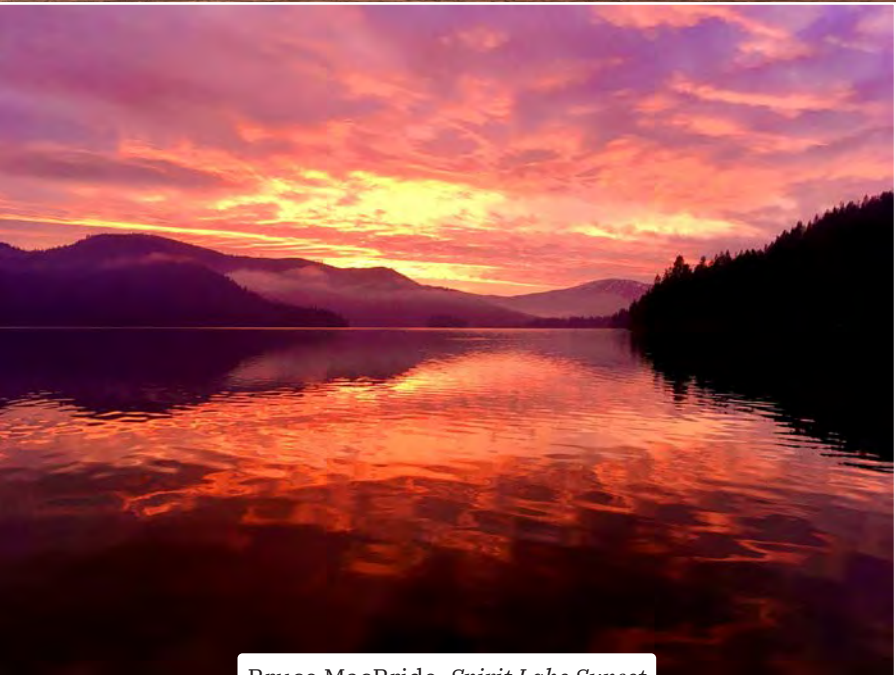
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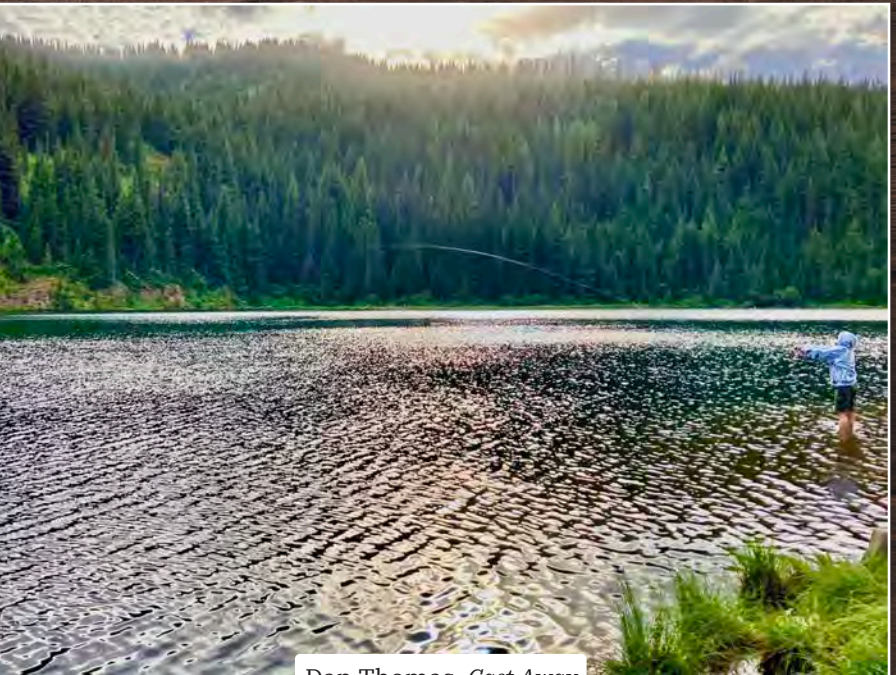
Heather Cowan, *Bull Moose, Cataldo, ID*

My Garden Has A Leek!
— Angelica Cleveland

It's in the watercress pond.
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lings, having much more thyme implanted.
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Lettuce in on that "super salad bowl Sunday," eating
croutons in futons with suits on.
Pull tightly on the string of the green bean and knock
your sprouts out by singing Hail to the Kale.
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Kale! Rock n' Roll!

Celebrating Summertime
— Marilyn Giuliani

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as dots floating freely.
Faces smiling broadly, children's laughter
heard in splash parks clearly.
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— Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks —

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Junior Ranger Programs

Select Tuesdays, June - August • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Young explorers entering grades 3 – 6 are invited to join our summer Junior Ranger programs. Each session combines hands-on activities, outdoor exploration and nature-based learning designed to help kids discover the natural world while having fun.

Upcoming programs include:

July 21 – Trophic Energy Transfer

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Cost is \$4 per student per program. Space is limited and advance registration is required.

To learn more about the programs or to register, email grace.osler@mt.gov or call (406) 755-2706 ext. 4.

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July 26 • 2 – 2:30 p.m.

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Outdoor Movie Night: Disney Nature Bears

Wednesday, July 17 • 7 p.m.

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Register at: forms.cloud.microsoft/g/fuVCKhanKk

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Getting To Know Your Fish And Wildlife Commissioners: A Chat With Region 2'S Jeff Burrows

— Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks —

MISSOULA – In 2023, Gov. Greg Gianforte appointed Jeff Burrows to the Region 2 seat on the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission. He represents the west-central part of the state.

Burrows grew up in the Bitterroot Valley and graduated from Montana Tech in Butte with a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering. He has been married to his wife Jenica for 23 years, and they have two sons, Tyler and Andrew. Burrows has also been a Ravalli County Commissioner since 2012 and part of the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department since 2015.

What inspired you to become a Montana Fish and Wildlife Commissioner?

We live in Montana for the amazing outdoor recreational opportunities and the abundance of fish and wildlife. It is an honor serving on a commission that helps ensure future generations will also be able to enjoy hunting, fishing, trapping and other opportunities that we all cherish.

Can you share a personal experience with Montana's outdoors that shaped your passion for fish and wildlife conservation?

I have so many amazing experiences outdoors, but the most important ones, which also shaped my passion for conservation, are hunting and fishing with my sons and wanting to see those opportunities continue for the next generation.

What unique skills or perspectives do you bring to the commission?

My experience as a Ravalli County Commissioner gives me a unique perspective and helps me better understand the impacts and dynamics of land use, economy, forest management and state and federal policy on fish and wildlife management and vice versa.

What's your favorite Montana species to fish, hunt or observe, and why?

I do not think there is a more rewarding and challenging species to hunt than elk. I also enjoy observing mule deer, and with declining mule deer in some places, I believe we need to ensure we manage for a healthy mule deer population. Like most Montanans, I enjoy catching a variety of our trout species, but the most amazing fish I have caught in Montana is a paddlefish. Pulling a nearly 100-pound fish out of the murky waters of the Missouri River is an amazing experience!

How can the public best engage with you and the commission?

Montanans are passionate about our fish, wildlife and recreation, and every decision by the commission has a public comment opportunity associated. That information that we get from our public is essential. Email communication is the most efficient method to directly reach me, and my email is commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org. All seven of the commissioners' email and phone numbers can be found on the FWP website: fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission/members.

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The Most Underrated Bargain in the Grocery Store

Every grocery store has an aisle filled with ingredients people buy without thinking. Flour. Rice. Pasta. Oats. Then there's the one ingredient many shoppers pass week after week because they're not quite sure what to do with it. That's polenta. And it might be one of the best bargains in the store.

Polenta isn't fancy. In fact, it's one of the oldest comfort foods around. It's simply coarse cornmeal slowly cooked until creamy, but don't let its humble beginnings fool you.

You see, polenta has a marketing problem. It sounds fancy pants, so shoppers assume it's difficult or expensive. In reality, it's just cornmeal wearing its Italian name tag.

If you're wondering whether polenta is just fancy grits, the answer is ... sort of. They're close cousins. Polenta is usually made from yellow corn and has a heartier texture, while grits are made from white corn and cook up a bit smoother.

A single bag costs just a few dollars yet makes many generous servings. Because its flavor is mild, it happily soaks up whatever you pair it with. A spoonful of butter and Parmesan turns it into comfort food. Top it with hearty meat sauce, roasted vegetables, braised meats, mushrooms or today's Italian sausage and peppers, and suddenly an inexpensive pantry staple becomes dinner worthy of a cozy Italian restaurant.

The leftovers are where polenta really shines. Once chilled, it's firm enough to slice. Pan-fry the slices until golden, grill them alongside burgers or chicken, or tuck them beneath a fried egg for breakfast.

If you're pressed for time, fully cooked tube polenta is a handy shortcut. Just don't let convenience empty your wallet. Making it from scratch takes only about 20 minutes and costs a fraction of the price.

CREAMY POLENTA

Yield: 4-6 servings

Total Time: 25 mins.

2 cups water

2 cups whole milk

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/3 cups cornmeal

1 tablespoon butter

4 ounces cream cheese, cubed

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cooked rice, for serving

In a large saucepan, bring the water, milk and salt to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Add the cornmeal in a steady stream, whisking to avoid lumps. Keep stirring on low heat until thickened, about 15 minutes. Switch to a wooden spoon and add the butter, cream cheese and Parmesan. Keep stirring. You can tell it's done when it pulls away from the sides of the pot. Serve immediately.



Creamy polenta provides the perfect bed for savory Italian sausage, peppers and onions.

ITALIAN SAUSAGE & PEPPERS WITH POLENTA

Yield: 4-6 servings

Total Time: 30 mins.

1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, divided

1 pound Italian sausage links

1 large yellow onion, chopped

1 red bell pepper, chopped

2 medium zucchinis, sliced

1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced

1 (15 oz.) can fire-roasted crushed tomatoes

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

In a large skillet, heat 1/2 tablespoon olive oil and brown the sausages. They will cook more later, so they don't need to cook completely now. Set aside and keep warm.

In the same skillet, add remaining oil and saute the onion until softened. Add the bell pepper and zucchini, continuing to cook until both are mostly cooked through. Add the garlic and stir to combine, followed by the tomatoes and Italian seasoning. Let this come to a simmer and return the sausage links to the skillet and let this cook for 10 minutes to marry the flavors and finish the sausages. Serve over polenta.

Sometimes the smartest grocery bargains are the humble, old-fashioned ingredients patiently waiting on the shelf for someone new to discover them.

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Community Calendar

Free Game Time for Seniors, 1pm-4pm every Friday, at Hayden Library, 8385 N. Government Way, Hayden. Friendly competition takes place every Friday afternoon as seniors gather for a variety of tabletop games. Conversation too! Open to the public.

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Pine needles and campfire smoke scent the air. The sunset sends a pale pink glow across the landscape. A stream gurgles nearby while, in the distance, a barred owl calls to its mate. Camping offers many ways to immerse your senses in nature. Unfortunately, too many people race through camping adventures in the same way they run through the grocery store—at high speed trying to fill their carts with a life list of experiences. Glacier: check. Flat-head Lake: check. And so on.

There's nothing wrong with wanting to pack a lot into a camping trip, or visit as many sites as your vacation will allow. But during 35 years of camping throughout the Northern Rockies, I've learned that campgrounds offer a lot more than simply spots to set up a tent or park an RV. Campgrounds themselves can be destinations, offering plenty of the nature, relaxation, recreation, and scenery we seek while vacationing. Listed here are four simple tips for making your next camping trip more enjoyable, meaningful, and memorable.

PUT DOWN ROOTS

Camping remains one of the most popular outdoor activities in Montana. In many places, more people are camping than ever. Glacier National Park reported a record number of visitors during July and August last year, its campgrounds filled with tents and RVs nearly every day. Beat the crowds by arriving at popular campgrounds between 10 a.m. (the usual check-out time) and noon. Then—and here's the real tip—stay put for a few days. Rather than rushing from campground to campground—arriving each evening after a long day of travel and then grubbing for the few remaining spots—put down roots and make one site your base. Use the time ordinarily spent setting up and dismantling camp to fully enjoy the camping experience. Sleep in. Read a book in the shade of a tree. Head to a nearby hiking trail or scenic vista.

Be sure to pick the right campground for your base. A dusty facility next to a highway or a site littered with trash is no place to spend even one day. Look for campgrounds with hiking and bicycling trails, swimming and boating lakes, or fishing and kayaking rivers within walking distance of your tent or RV. And keep in mind that many campgrounds without recreational amenities, especially ones near any type of water, can still be great places to watch birds and other wildlife.

UNPLUG

Bring bug spray and sunscreen, but leave the electronics at home. I'm not being a Luddite. The whole point of camping for me is to leave my regular life—which includes emails, video games, TV, and the Internet—at home. In many campgrounds, RVers keep their generators droning on late into the night so they can watch television. How people choose to recreate is their own business. But if the main reason to camp is to enjoy and appreciate nature, I've learned that almost anything requiring electricity interferes.

As someone who often camps with youngsters, I know that leaving video games and MP3 players at home isn't the easiest sell to kids or grandkids—at first. But without electronics blanketing natural sounds, you and your family will begin to hear the sighing of wind through treetops, the call of nearby loons, or the mournful yips of distant coyotes—sounds kids quickly learn to love.

"Returning to the simpler sensory experience that nature provides can be soothing," says Heather Ristow, education director for the Montana Audubon Conservation Education Center in Billings. "Nature has a restorative effect to calm, soothe, and reset the attention of both kids and adults."

EXPLORE THE GROUNDS

If you pick the right campground, there's no need to drive off each morning to discover new and exciting things to see. You can find plenty of natural wonders simply by meandering around the campground or even staying put at the campsite.

Though they can't compare with what you'd see

backpacking into the wilderness, many Montana campgrounds are packed with delightful natural features. Over the years I've spotted glacier lilies, morel mushrooms, golden eagles, and deer fawns. And because you're not driving from one tourism site to another, there's time to really look at wildlife, wildflowers, trees, and constellations. Bring along a few good field guides to help identify what you see.

Another way of squeezing more from a campground stay is to draw, describe, or photograph what you see. Time abounds to sketch pine cones, write about surrounding sounds and smells, or figure out all the different things your digital camera can do, like taking macro shots of wildflowers or long exposure pictures of the pre-dawn sky.

Dusk and night are wonderful times to enjoy camping. Each evening, I search for the best place near my campsite to watch the sun go down. Even without a good westward view, I'll find a spot to enjoy alpenglow lighting up a distant mountainside or the twilight sky reflecting in a lake. And then things get even better.

Most of our lives are spent indoors during darkness, but camping offers the chance to be outside at night. After the last marshmallow has been toasted and devoured, spend time around the campfire. Talk about what you saw that day, share stories, or play word games by the glow of dying embers.

After dousing the fire, turn off flashlights and soak in the night sounds, gaze at stars, and stare at the moon. You don't need a telescope, but binoculars can definitely enhance the experience of watching a full moon rise or identifying Orion, Draco, Canis Major, and other famous constellations.

COOK, FAMILY STYLE

Camping can be even more fun when preparing and cooking food are part of the experience. Make dinner a time to experience different cooking methods, new foods, and even a little history. "Cooking on camping trips is a great way to involve the whole family. When done right, it can be very rewarding," says Lori Rittel, who grew up cooking outdoors as the daughter of a Montana backcountry outfitter. With her brother John, she also co-authored the outdoor cookbook Cooking Backyard to Backcountry.

Rittel says everyone in the family can help prepare and grill meats and vegetables, cook stews in foil pouches, and bake foil-wrapped potatoes. Kids can roast hotdogs and marshmallows with little assistance. Campfire cooking tools can be as basic as roasting sticks, long tongs, leather gloves, and aluminum foil.

"Kids are like sponges. They want to learn, and they want to be involved," says Rittel. "The best way to get them involved is to give them a task. Start them off by teaching them how to build the fire, or stir ingredients, or husk corn. Then expand the responsibilities from there."

When kids help out, cooking becomes more than just a fun family project. "Children involved in the cooking process are more likely to want to eat the final product, because they helped," says Rittel. "It's a great way to interest young children in foods they might otherwise reject."

Campfire cooking can even provide opportunities to teach kids a bit of pioneer history. "A lot of cooking methods, such as using a Dutch oven, were used long ago before kitchens," says John Rittel. Far too heavy for backpacking, Dutch ovens are ideal for car or RV camping. Made of heavy cast iron with a tightly fitting lid, these simple, portable cooking vessels have been used worldwide for centuries. After food is placed inside, coals are set around the sides and atop the lid to produce heat from all directions, as in a home oven. Campers use Dutch ovens to make stews, roasts, and casseroles as well as for baking biscuits, bread, and even cakes. "With no television or other distractions, you and your family can actually take the time to enjoy the cooking process and then sit down to a fabulous meal around the campfire," Lori Rittel says.

Just two words summarize the advice I have for campers: slow down. Stay in one place for a few days. Spend time hanging around the campsite. Take a few hours to cook dinner. Even if it's just for a weekend, a camping trip can rejuvenate your spirit and restore your soul—but only if you let it.

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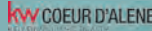


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National Caviar Day July 18th

— National Day Calendar —



On July 18th, National Caviar Day recognizes a seafood delicacy with roe on toast. The day also raises awareness about the survival of the sturgeon.

#NationalCaviarDay

In simple terms, caviar is Sturgeon fish eggs. There are several species of Sturgeon fish. As a result, the caviar produced varies in colors depending on the species. Caviar is full of protein and vitamins making the delicacy a healthy meal.

The United States led distribution at 600 tons per year until around 1900. However, due to the over-harvesting of Sturgeon fish for the caviar, the U.S. banned harvesting for a time to protect the sturgeon fish from becoming extinct. The population has never recovered sufficiently since the ban, resulting in caviar's continued status as a luxury item. Since then, harvesting, import, and export are restricted.

However, since sturgeon don't reach maturity until they are between 6-25 years old, depending on the breed, establishing a farm takes time. Once they reach maturity, aquaculture needed to perfect methods for spawning. According to the North American Sturgeon and Paddlefish Society, by 2012 there were 21 sturgeon farms in the U.S. and Canada.

The day serves both as an awareness of the food source and a celebration of a delicacy.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL CAVIAR DAY

Learn more about the ancient sturgeon and the many species. While you're exploring the vast history of the amazing fish, enjoy some fair trade caviar and post on social media using #NationalCaviarDay.

NATIONAL CAVIAR DAY HISTORY

We were unable to identify the creator of National Caviar Day.

Community Calendar

Pinehurst Days, Friday, July 31st to Sunday, August 2nd, Pinehurst, ID. Join us as we celebrate the USA's 250th birthday with a theme of "Honoring Our Founding Fathers". Vendors will be at BMX park all weekend, plus the Lions Burger Stand, Commacheros Car Show, Fire Hose Hockey, Pinehurst Days Parade at 11am Saturday, the Annual BMX Bike Race and more!

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1. Name the artist that released "If I Could Turn Back Time."
2. Which group started out as the American Breed?
3. Who wrote and released "Puff, The Magic Dragon"?
4. "Up, Up and Away" was used for which company's television commercial?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Time, time, time, see what's become of me, While I looked around for my possibilities."

Answers
1. Cher, in 1989. The video for the song was recorded on the USS Missouri. The Navy had expected Cher to perform wearing a jumpsuit, as that was what had been presented to them. Instead, she came out in a fishnet outfit.
2. Rufus. They've also been known as Smoke, Ask Rufus and Rufus with Chaka Khan.
3. Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul and Mary. He based it on a 1959 poem by a college student, Leonard Lipton. When the song received royalties, Yarrow made sure Lipton got half of them, which he did until Lipton's death in 2022.
4. Trans World Airlines (TWA), in 1968, with slightly changed lyrics.
5. "A Hazy Shade of Winter," by Simon and Garfunkel, in 1966. In 1987, the Bangles released a cover that was used in the soundtrack of "Less Than Zero."

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AKC GOLDEN RETRIEVER puppies: Our girl Sunflower gave birth to her litter of 14 puppies on June 23rd. 7 boys and 7 girls. Pups will be 8 weeks old and ready for homes the week of Aug. 17th. Come with deworming, 1st vaccines and vet check. \$1400 total with a \$300 deposit to reserve. Located in Ione, OR. Delivery options available. Call or text Dan at 541-561-2774

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Pets of the Week: Piper and Archie

— Second Chance Pet Rescue —



Hello everyone! I'm Piper, a 5 year old spayed female Border Collie mix, most likely with Cattle Dog. I am a very sweet girl, never met a stranger. I get along well with other dogs, although I can be a bit bossy. I just like to keep everyone in line! I am reliably housebroken and sleep comfortably in a crate at night. My foster mom says I'd be fine with older kids but I do like to chase cats!



Hello everyone! I'm Archie, a 2 year old neutered male Doodle of some blend. I have non shedding wire hair and weigh right at 60 lbs. I have a very playful nature and love a game of fetch! I love the water and get along great with other dogs. I've never met a stranger and romp well with children, although I can be a little exuberant! I'm a bit of a bull in a china shop in the house, so could use a large yard to burn off energy in, before relaxing inside for the evening and having a nice roomy crate to sleep in at night.

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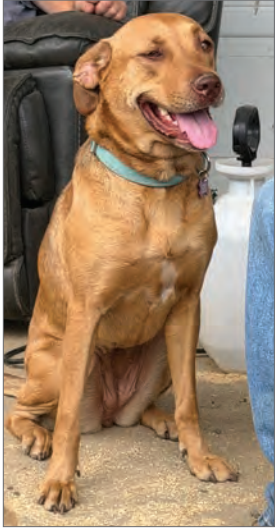
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Pets of the Week: Dreamy and Priscilla

— Luke's Legacy —



Hi everyone! Are you ready for a good time? My name is Dreamy and I'm a Golden Retriever x Anatolian mix. I'm an absolute dream, hence my name. I am a 2-1/2 year old spayed female, current on my vaccinations, deworming, flea and tick treated and microchipped. I'm all ready for my forever home. I love other dogs and especially love people. I was picked up as a stray and never claimed so nothing is known about my past. My foster mom notes that I can jump though. High. I will need a home with either a wireless fence system or someone home with me and then leave me in the house while you're away. I don't want to escape or run away, I just want to come find you. Maybe you're in the front yard and left me in the back? Don't worry, I will find you type of thing. Other than that I am the perfect girl. Am I what you've been dreaming about?



Hey everyone! My name is Priscilla and I am the SWEETEST girl. I am a spayed female mixed breed. I'm current on my vaccinations, dewormed, flea and tick treated as well as microchipped. My foster mom thinks I have a family tree with many branches. I am a beautiful red color. I'm sweet and calm but can get the zoomies where I tuck my butt and run. I get along with all of the other dogs big and small. I have this thing where I look into your eyes and I swear I can see your soul. I quickly get my human people wrapped tightly around my cute paws and hold you there forever. I was a stray that was never claimed. Their loss is your gain!

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Pets of the Week: Spike and Prince

— Better Together Animal Alliance—



Meet Spike! Spike may be a senior guy, but he still has a playful spirit and plenty of love to give. This 9-year-old mixed breed weighs about 56 pounds and is full of personality. He loves giving slobbery kisses and will happily hop around to show just how excited he is to meet new people!

He has shown compatibility with other dogs after a proper introduction. He's looking for someone who can provide the exercise, companionship, and affection he needs to be a wonderful companion. Come by and meet this sweet boy today!



Meet Prince, a handsome 14-year-old gentleman weighing about 11 pounds. Prince is affectionate while still enjoying his independence, making him a wonderful companion for someone looking for a calm and easygoing feline friend.

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BEAGLE PUPPIES: Tricolor Beagle puppies, \$850. They are current on their shots and wormings and are ready for their new homes. Please call Donny or Jackie for more info, 509-941-9977

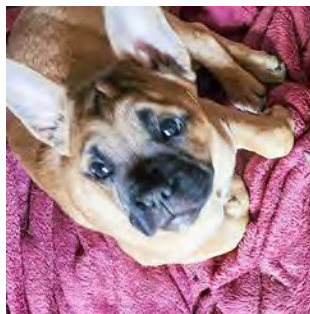
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Pets of the Week: Kittens and Greta

— Companions Animal Center —



Take your pick from dozens of kittens! All are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Companions is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday starting at Noon each day. Stop by and take a look!



Meet Greta, a beautiful 4.5-year-old Treeing Walker Coonhound mix with a nose for adventure, a big voice she LOVES to use and a heart that's learning how to trust again. She knows basic obedience, loves scent work and exploring the world through her nose, and is looking

for a patient, experienced adopter who understands that the best relationships take time to build.



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

Community Calendar

Bubble Palooza, 10am-11:30am Thursday, July 16th, at Tullamore Park, 3673 E. Bogie Dr., Post Falls. A free family-friendly storytime with snacks, children's activities, book giveaways and lots of bubbles presented by Mountain States Early Head Start! All are welcome. Also: Aug 13th, 10am-11:30 am at West Shoshone Park, 903 N. Division St., Pinehurst.

Lake City Playhouse Gala & Auction, 6pm Thursday, July 16th, at 1320 E. Garden Ave., CdA. Running a community theatre is hard—running a non-profit community theatre in a building over 100 years old makes this an uphill battle we face daily. Please join us at our fundraiser gala on July 16th to help us ensure another year of providing entertainment, education, and most importantly, a safe, inviting, and accepting environment to the Northwest. Tickets and details: www.lakecityplayhouse.org

Rathdrum Days 2026, 5:30pm Friday, July 17th to 9:30pm Saturday, July 18th, Lakeland Senior High School and Majestic Park, Rathdrum. Join Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce and Seright's Ace Hardware for Rathdrum Days 2026! Two fun-filled days with something for everyone! Friday: live music, Kid Zone and beer garden. Saturday: family fun with vendors for both food, crafts, and other businesses, Kid Zone McDonald's Big Wheel Races, Doggie Dash, car show, and continuous entertainment on the Main Stage all day long! You won't want to miss a thing!

The Bruce Festival, 9am-7pm Saturday-Sunday, July 18th-19th, at the Bonner County Fairgrounds. Bonners Ferry Highland Games and Primitive Games Competition, bagpipes, Scottish dancing, Scottish food and drink, historical displays, sword fighting, blacksmithing, story telling, music, and more! www.thebrucefestival.com

Day of Hope, 10am-2pm Saturday, July 18th, at Kootenai County Fairgrounds, 4056 N. Gov't Way, CdA. Free community event includes a BBQ, haircuts, games, raffles, family fun and lots of resources. All are welcome!

City-Wide Swap Meet, Saturday July 18th, all throughout St. Maries, private residences, businesses, and community spaces. Shop 'til you drop all throughout the city of St. Maries!

Saturday With the Symphony, 11am Saturday, July 18th, at CdA Library. A free children's program presented by members of the CdA Symphony Orchestra - all ages are welcome! Participants will experience the making of music and a correlating storybook reading. Held every 3rd Saturday.

Rathdrum Days Car Show, 10am-1pm Saturday, July 18th, at Lakeland High School, 7006 W. Hwy 53, Rathdrum. Awesome vehicles, family fun, food vendors, music and entertainment, awards/prizes with free entry for spectators. All cars welcome; no pre-registration required. Note registration fee is \$25. Questions? Email director@rathdrumchamber.com

Dr. Dave's Reptile Safari, 2pm Friday, July 20th, at Post Falls Library. Walk on the wild side while encountering creepy crawlers and reptiles up close. Also: July 29, 11 am, Athol.

Paint with Friends, 9am-11am Thursday, July 24th, at CdA Library. Take a current project to work on with others. Get ideas; help others. Gather in the Nelson Room on the 4th Thursday of each month. All are welcome!

Hayden Days, Friday, July 24 & Saturday, July 25, McIntire Family Park, Hayden. Beginning on Friday at 2:00 p.m., the community kicks off its festivities with live music, dancing, food and craft vendors, and the Hayden Sr. Center Beer Garden. Entertainment includes Alison Joy Williams, Kelly Hughes Band and the Rhythm Dawgs. Saturday features NLFD Pancake Breakfast at 7am. at the Northern Lakes Fire Station, the Hayden Days Parade at 10am along Government Way and Hayden's Got Talent in the afternoon. The Hayden Days car show takes place on Saturday, July 25. Children's games, food, craft vendors and other activities are planned throughout each day. Sponsored by ICCU and Ziply Fiber. For further information call 208-209-1080.

Harvest Market, noon-5pm Saturday, July 25th, at Argonne Library, 4322 N. Argonne Rd., Spokane. All sorts of pretties for Earth-based faiths and more, including altar supplies, carved boxes, gorgeous one of a kind jewelry, elegant and unique embroidered home goods, and small batch, handmade soaps in the most amazing colors and scents! Also have classes and oracle readings, or just come hang out and chat with like minded people! This event is open to the public and is not affiliated with SCLD.

Rain in the Park, Saturday, July 25th, 2pm-2:30pm at McEuen Park, 504 E. Front Ave., CdA. "Rain" will be delivered via hoses near Avista Pavilion by CdA Fire Dept. to those wanting to escape from the heat and have fun doing it. Stop at the engine to talk with firefighters who will be giving out fire hats and stickers to kids. Note this event is emergency call permitting.

Community Day!, 1pm-7pm Sunday, July 26th, at Release Float Retreat, 920 N. Hwy 41, Ste. 7, Post Falls. Tour the float pools! Cold plunges, sauna, red-light therapy, PEMF mats, epsom salt floating, massage chairs—see it all, laugh and have fun at the open house while understanding the benefits of holistic healing. Learn more at: www.releasefloatspa.com

San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers, Tuesday, July 28th, 5pm-6:30pm at CdA Library for all ages. A free concert in the Community Room! Also: Aug 23rd, 2pm, "Sunday Concert with CdA Brass".

Black Bay Park Renovation Celebration, 5pm-6:30pm Tuesday, July 28th, at Black Bay Park, 1200 E. 3rd Ave., Post Falls. Ribbon-cutting ceremony for new boardwalk and community shelter held by Post Falls Park & Rec. Explore trails with a guided walk and finish with complimentary s'mores by the fire..

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