



The Osprey leaving North Idaho for South America

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*If you have questions or
comments, we'd love to hear
from you!*



September Calendar of Events

- 1 - 29 Farmers Market** Fresh veggies, homemade goodies, crafts, flowers, entertainment every Sat. 9:00 -1:00 and Wed. 3:00 -5:30
- 3- 27 Panida Events** panida.org 208 263-9191
 - 2-4 The Kids Are All Right—film
 - 9-Pato Banton Reggae Concert-Transitions in Progress benefit.
 - 10-JJ Gray & Mofro concert opening with Hot Buttered Rum
 - 15-17 - The Girl Who Played With Fire—Swedish film
 - 18- Musical Road Trip: Concert with three different groups.
 - 23,25- The Secret in Their Eyes—Oscar for best foreign language
 - 24 - The Beatles Tribute Band
 - 24 Barbara's Bench Benefit concert- Local artists
- 2 Sandpoint-at the North End of the Long Bridge** Sandpoint Centennial 2 hour film at the library. 208 263-2344
- 2-24 Winery Music** Live music at Pend Oreille Winery Friday nights 5 to 7:00 pm POWine.com 208 265-8545
- 4-5 Fall Fest** Summer finale at Schweitzer. Live music and many events. Fun for the whole family. Schweitzer.com
- 4-5 Funky Junk Antique Show** Funky vintage, retro & antique items as well as handcrafted mixed w/ food & lots of laughs. FunkyJunkAntiqueShow.com
- 6-27 Open Mic Blues Jam** Eichardt's host a Mon. night open mic blues jam. 8:00 to ? 208 263-4005
- 7 Summer Sounds at Park Place** Free, weekly, open air concert Sat. noon to 2:00 at 1st and Cedar. 208 265-5678
- 10 Wine Tasting & Art Reception with Dan Hall** TRoss Hall collection at Elkins Resort at Priest Lake 208 443-2432.
- 12 Celebration For Conservation** held at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch. BBQ, horse drawn wagon rides, live music. 208 290-2828
- 21-25 WaCanId Ride** Individual and team 340 mile bicycle ride through Washington, Canada and Idaho. WaCanId.org
- 25 Oktoberfest** Traditional autumn celebration, sponsored by the Downtown Sandpoint Business Association 208 255-1876
- 30 Yappy Hour hosted by Laughing Dog Brewery** Supports the Animal Shelter. All dogs must be in control of their humans at all times. 4:00 - 7:00 pm 210 601-8361.

Ask the Expert

How Can My Home Be Safe When I Leave For An Extended Period of Time?

Many folks purchase a home with the intention of moving in a year or so....or use the home for seasonal living. "How can I feel comfortable leaving my home vacant for extended periods of time?" With Sandpoint being a seasonal, resort community, this question is often asked.

Neighbors, friends and relatives are often called upon for the task of looking after a vacant home, but, even though they mean well, things can fall through the cracks. And, how do you feel about calling your friend or relative in the middle of the night?

With North Idaho having unpredictable winters, it is good to have someone whose job it is to know winterizing and be there to minimize the risk of something going awry.

A professional home care service will look for details that few of us even think about and is able to contact one of the professionals on your list of preferences to remedy the situation. Some items that need winter monitoring could include possible ice build up on the roof, winterizing of water systems, checking heat systems, looking for tree limb damage after windstorms and making sure roads/driveways are cleared if a fire truck needs entrance. You may not be aware that some insurance policies will not cover damages if a home is left vacant for more than 30 days.



Much of the year, the grounds need maintaining, plants outside or inside need watering and someone needs to be in attendance for those unexpected life events. Wouldn't it be nice to come back to your Idaho home with windows washed, fresh linens, and a stocked pantry? It can be done.

Jan Griffitts
CONSIDER IT DONE 208 265-4380



NEW Home!!

Featured Property

Real Estate Opportunity



CEDARS AT SANDCREEK Unique, architecturally designed, quality home with the added benefit of a private community park with trails and access to year round SANDCREEK. Conveniently located on the outskirts of Sandpoint and at the base of Schweitzer Ski Mountain, the land has a relaxing country feel. Move right into this brand new 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1341 SF home or choose from several house plans designed by well respected local Architect, John Saylor. Offered at \$205,000

In The Spotlight

North Idaho and the Magnificent Osprey

Home alone, I walked down our sloped driveway when the peacefulness of nature was suddenly broken by a WHOP sound! I whipped around expecting to dodge some creature or person only to see a large fish. It had hit the asphalt and slid several feet down the driveway, leaving a trail of sticky skin and slime. Looking up, I quickly discovered one of Idaho's largest raptors, an Osprey, circling above, eyeing me and wondering how to retrieve his fallen lunch.

Our house sits across from the Pend Oreille River, so I often see Osprey cruising the area, sitting on manmade platforms or perched in a tree with a keen eye focused on the waters below. Idaho's Fish and Game department constructed the platforms in coordination with utility companies, hoping to deter the birds from nesting atop utility poles. The old owl decoys which proved ineffective can still be seen from time to time in their frozen poses.

North Idaho currently serves as a collection area in a 4-year conservation program called "Wings Over Water" designed to reintroduce Osprey along the Missouri National Recreation River in South Dakota and Nebraska. The cooperative efforts between the University of Idaho's Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and the utility companies are careful to always leave at least one chick in the nest when capturing birds for relocation.

After spending winters in South and Central America, the Osprey return to the Pacific Northwest in April to begin building their nests which can measure 3' in diameter by 2' deep. Nests are mostly comprised of sticks, grasses and algae, although biologists have found shoes, oars, brooms, boat pieces, rakes and even a Barbie doll in nests.

Raising chicks is a shared process as both male and female Osprey build the nest together while the male gathers food and helps to incubate the eggs until hatchlings emerge in five to six weeks.

With a 6' wingspan, flexible shoulder joints and excellent underwater vision, their feet first dive into the water often reaps bounty. Although reversible toes and special barbed footpads help Osprey to hold their slippery prey, I know of at least one fish that escaped the great predator's grasp only to become a boost to my daisies.



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Buyer/Seller Tips

To Wait Or Not To Wait?

At today's rates, a \$200,000 home could come with a \$983.88 mortgage payment. If that same home has its price fall to \$175,000 next year and interest rates go up to 5.25%, the mortgage payment will be \$966.37. Nobody knows for sure what home prices or rates are going to do (rates have to go up sometime), but many folks forget to look at the long term price one may pay to not be in their dream home NOW. What is the REAL savings?

CONVENTIONAL

30 Year 4.25%
15 Year 3.75%

FHA-VA

30 Year 4.25

RD / USDA

30 Year 4.25% with IHFA
4.375% with Investors

All of the programs are based upon a \$200,000 purchase price with credit scores > 740. Conventional quotes are with 20% down, FHA is your standard 3.5% down and RD & VA are 100% financing.