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ITD, ISP to  
host free winter  
driving classes

**COEUR d'ALENE** — As snow season approaches, the Idaho Transportation Department and Idaho State Police are offering free winter driving safety classes in North Idaho. The first class of the year is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the ISP District Office in Coeur d'Alene. Courses are taught by state troopers and ITD operators and cover everything from vehicle preparation and proper equipment to crash response, road conditions and snowplow safety. While these classes are open to all, they are especially valuable for new drivers, young drivers with limited winter driving experience and new residents facing their first North Idaho winter, ITD said. Several classes are scheduled Saturdays in Coeur d'Alene through mid-December, with additional sessions being added statewide. Info: [www.itd.idaho.gov](http://www.itd.idaho.gov)



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# In their 'Showgirl' era

'Swifties' celebrate Taylor Swift's new album at Hayden bookstore

By HAILEY HILL  
Staff Writer

**HAYDEN** — Cecilia Daughenbaugh and Christina Duran both remember the first time they heard Taylor Swift's music.

"I heard 'Teardrops on My Guitar' on the radio," Daughenbaugh said. "I remember waiting for the song to end so (the radio host) would say who was singing."

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HAILEY HILL/Press

Fans of Taylor Swift gathered at It's a Love Story in Hayden to celebrate the release of the singer's 12th studio album, "The Life of a Showgirl," Thursday night.



Boys take off from the starting line at the Coeur d'Alene elementary cross-country meet Thursday.

# Race to the finish

Coeur d'Alene elementary schoolers run like the wind at annual cross-country meet

By CAROLYN BOSTICK  
Staff Writer

**COEUR d'ALENE** — The instructions were straightforward. "Tie your shoes, get your name tag and get yourself up to the starting line," a voice boomed to the cohorts of elementary school students participating in the annual Coeur d'Alene cross-country meet. Fourth-grader Cooper Corbeill's small smile said it all as he stood with his family after running his race. "He's the three-time defending champion," his father, Ryan Corbeill, said. "He's a man of few words." Cooper, of Hayden Meadows Elementary

School, summed up his favorite thing about racing in one word: "winning." About 750 students participated in the meet at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds on Thursday, one of whom was fourth grader Noel Clark. With a new silver medal hanging from her neck, the Dalton Elementary student was proud of her placement and surprised herself. "I love running, it's so fun," Noel said. Bryan Elementary running coach Heather Montee said that in the 30 years she's helped with the event, she's always excited when kids are inspired to run.



Photos by CAROLYN BOSTICK/Press

Students from Sorensen Magnet School of the Arts and Humanities sing the national anthem before the Coeur d'Alene elementary cross-country meet Thursday at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds.

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# Early American witches

Genealogists explore ties to turbulent time in 17th century

By DEVIN WEEKS  
Staff Writer

**HAYDEN** — Imagined sorcery, finger pointing, innocent lives ruined and lost. The hysteria of sorcery and alleged witches wrought havoc and misery throughout communities in early America. Most infamous are the witch trials that took place in Salem, Mass., between 1692 and 1693. While more people were executed for witchcraft during this period, nearby Connecticut suffered an era of trials and persecution from 1647 to 1697. "I know we live in some crazy times today, but I think if I lived back then I would have really tried to have leave Connecticut and Massachusetts," Meagan Mize said Thursday, speaking to members of the Kootenai County Genealogical Society. "This was a really good way to get rid of somebody when you didn't like them." The persecution of witchcraft has existed since before the birth of Jesus Christ, Mize said.

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# Forestry Cemetery comes alive

Museum of North Idaho tours blend history, theater

History will come to life this fall as the Museum of North Idaho presents "Forest Cemetery Comes Alive," a walking tour that invites guests to step back in time and meet some of Coeur d'Alene's most fascinating historical figures. But if you want to go, Saturday is your last chance, as about 20 tours, including some at St. Thomas Cemetery, have already sold out. "People love cemetery



BILL BULEY/Press file

Dave Eubanks, wearing a derby hat, talks about Coeur d'Alene's history during a tour of Forest Cemetery with about 20 people on a Friday evening in 2023.

tours," said Britt Thurman, executive director of the Museum of North Idaho.

Visitors will walk through Forest Cemetery, where actors portraying early settlers, community

leaders and colorful characters from the region's past will share their stories in first-person narrative. The immersive experience blends history, theater and a sense of place — making the cemetery itself a stage for remembering those who helped shape North Idaho. "This event is a unique way to connect with our local history," Thurman said. "Instead of reading names on headstones, you'll hear the voices and stories of the people who lived, worked and built the community we know today." This is the fifth season of MNI's cemetery tours,

and they have proven popular, as even summer tours sold out. Guests can expect to meet figures such as Frederick Blackwell, Ed Pulaski, Gladys and Herb Buroker, Patty Duke and more, each brought to life through dramatic interpretation. Saturday's tour is scheduled 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$30 online or \$35 at the door. Forest Cemetery Comes Alive is made possible through community partnership with the city of Coeur d'Alene. Tickets can be reserved in advance at [museumni.org/cemeterytours](http://museumni.org/cemeterytours).