

Wednesday
November 5, 2025

50°
42°

UV 1
Low

AQI 57
Moderate

Chance of Rain
100%

Rainfall
0.20"-0.55"

Wind speed
SW 5-20 mph

Lake Condition:

42°
Calm

Lake level
2124.68'

Wilson Casey
World Record Holder
Comments? TrivGuy.com

- O-Gauge, HO-Gauge, N-Gauge, and G-Gauge are among the standard sizes of ...?
- Which U.S. president was first to address the Russians on Russian television?
- Eisenhower, JFK, LBJ, Nixon
- What were you bitten by if suffering from sodokosis?
- Another human, Snake, Rat, Flea
- In 1940, which company invented the automatic transmission?
- General Motors, VW, Ford, BMW
- What city provided the setting for classic TV's "Murphy Brown"?
- Seattle, New York City, Chicago, Washington, D.C.
- Which of these is not a state capital city?
- Hartford, St. Paul, Miami, Montgomery

ANSWERS:

- Model train tracks, Above ground pools, Torque wrenches
- Eisenhower, JFK, LBJ, Nixon
- Another human, Snake, Rat, Flea
- General Motors, VW, Ford, BMW
- Seattle, New York City, Chicago, Washington, D.C.
- Hartford, St. Paul, Miami, Montgomery

Dan's the man

Gookin wins Coeur d'Alene mayor's race; Miller, Evans easily reelected to City Council

By BILL BULEY
Staff Writer

Longtime Coeur d'Alene City Councilman Dan Gookin ran for mayor on a campaign of providing stronger leadership at City Hall. He'll have the next four years to deliver on that pledge. Gookin received 3,265 votes, 34.1%, in Tuesday's General Election to beat Debbie Loffman, endorsed by the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee, with 2,674 votes, 28%, Mayor Woody McEvers with 2,527 votes, 26.4%, while dentist John Pulsipher was fourth with 1,084 votes, 11.3%. Gookin found a following in his role as a man of the people, opposing tax hikes, vowing to protect neighborhoods and supporting small businesses. He said he appreciated the support and was honored to be elected mayor. "A little numb," he said when contacted late Tuesday night after full results were posted on the Kootenai County Elections site that reported 30,705 total votes were cast countywide, 28% voter turnout. Gookin said he had a tremendous team behind him. "I would not have run if I did not have so many people who were positive, supporting me and helping me through all the weird stuff," he said.

Gookin

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Westlund wins Post Falls mayor's seat

Plew, Lucca lead the way for City Council

By CAROLYN BOSTICK
Staff Writer

POST FALLS — From the ranks of Post Falls City Council, Randy Westlund won the mayoral race Tuesday with 2,532 votes, 39%. Incumbent Ron Jacobson, Scot Haug and Westlund were neck and neck throughout the night as votes came in for the three conservative candidates. Haug received 2,131 votes, 33% and Jacobson received 1,870 votes, coming in at 29%. Haug called it a "very close race" and said he was thankful for all the support over the past 10 months. "The good thing is all of the candidates are very capable and Post Falls will be in good hands," Haug said. Westlund said he feels well-prepared for the job of mayor and is confident in his team's capabilities. "I'm excited about the future," Westlund said.

Westlund

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KCFR levy fails

By CAROLYN BOSTICK
Staff Writer

POST FALLS — With their Kootenai County Fire and Rescue signs held high, Justin Capaul and Mathew Lee made their presence known to drivers by waving on Spokane Street outside the Post Falls Library throughout the afternoon on Election Day. "It's been a lot of honks," Capaul said. "We've had a lot of support and we've been able to tell our story to a lot of people who didn't know how we're funded." Despite their efforts, KCFR's permanent levy override failed at the polls Tuesday, receiving 5,971 yes votes, 62%, to 3,697 no votes, 38%. It required two-thirds voter approval to pass. The \$6 million permanent override levy was a tool which Interim Chief Pete Holley said would have helped the department keep up with population growth and provide stable emergency services. Previously, KCFR asked for a bond to replace a few stations and build a new station in 2021.



From left, Timberlake High School teachers Lindsey Davis-Smith and Stacie Lawler with Lakeland mom Suzanne Gallus wave signs for candidates Tuesday afternoon at Lakeland High School.

DePriest, Erickson win in Hayden

Charlene Phipps elected mayor of Spirit Lake

By STAFF REPORT

Election Day races were held Tuesday across the smaller municipalities of North Idaho, from Athol to Worley. HAYDEN CITY COUNCIL Incumbent Ed DePriest won Hayden City Council Seat 2 with 1,777 votes, 61%, versus Luke Sommer with 1,121 votes, 39%. Earlier on Tuesday, challenger David Erickson had noted he was cautiously optimistic about the race against incumbent Sandy White for Hayden City Council Seat 4. Erickson won with 1,708 votes, 59%, to 1,187 votes, 41%, for White. "Voters made it clear they want steady leadership and responsible growth, and I'm ready to get to work with the council to make that happen," Erickson said. Erickson thanked White for her years of service to Hayden and stated he was humbled and honored by the support and grateful for the chance to serve the city. White stated she had been prayerfully awaiting the results from the race. "I'd like to say thank you to all of the voters in Hayden who took the time to vote for the City Council positions and to participate in our constitutional republic," White said. HAYDEN LAKE CITY COUNCIL For Hayden Lake City Council Seat 2, Incumbent Dan Baker was ousted by Kurt Lyon, 107 votes, 45% to 133 votes, 55%.

Rasmussen claims big win

By DEVIN WEEKS
Staff Writer

Several board seats were up for election Tuesday in the Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Lakeland Joint, Kootenai and Plummer-Worley school districts. COEUR d'ALENE Rick Rasmussen defeated Michael Burns in the race for the Coeur d'Alene School Board Trustee Zone 1 seat, with Rasmussen winning by large margin of 2,394 votes (61.2%) over Burns' 1,518 votes (38.8%), according to Kootenai County Elections results with 100% of precincts reporting. Rasmussen was appointed as an interim board member in July to fill the vacancy left by former trustee Allie Anderton, who resigned from the board in April following a DUI arrest. Rasmussen, a 1984 Coeur d'Alene High

Rasmussen

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Groaner

I had a date last night. It was pretty sweet. Next, I think I'll try a fig!

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