

Hope for
a hydro
plant
worker
/ C1



ISP seeks
info on
fatal
pedestrian
crash / A2

RARE LAND
OPPORTUNITY

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HOMESERVICES

JACKLIN REAL ESTATE

79.41 ACRES
IN SCENIC HAYDEN

NKA E Rookery Rd
Hayden, ID 83835
\$5,500,000

208-964-9090

Darren Ducote, Associate Broker

Ideal for estate, ranch, or development. Contact Darren Ducote for details.

A member of the franchise system of BHI Affiliates, LLC. 1927 W Riverstone Dr, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

COEUR d'ALENE

PRESS

S E R V I N G K O O T E N A I C O U N T Y S I N C E 1 8 9 2

www.cdapress.com



Coeur
d'Alene
falls in
state 6A
football
semifinals
/ B1

Saturday
November 15, 2025



53°
42°

UV 1 Low AQI 48 Good

Chance of Rain 20%

Rainfall 0.0"-0.01"

Wind speed
S 5-10 mph

Lake level 2124'

BRIEFLY

Schweitzer
delays
opening

SANDPOINT — Skiers and snowboarders will have to wait a week longer than expected to head up to Schweitzer, after the Sandpoint ski resort announced its opening date was being pushed back to Nov. 28.

Tom Chasse, chief operations officer at Schweitzer, said the amount of rain and high nighttime temperatures have limited snow buildup on the mountain. The mountain was originally set to open Nov. 21, but Chasse called the delay a short-term setback.

"Snowmaking requires sustained temperatures in the upper teens and low relative humidity," Chasse said. "We have yet to see that come through the region."



Groaner

Where do alarm clocks hang out on Saturday night? The snooze bar!

Send your groaners to Devin Weeks, dweeks@cdapress.com. Keep 'em clean, and don't be mean!

© Copyright 2025 The Press

Vol. 132, No. 273
4 sections
\$1.00

cdapress.com



Cd'A Fire Chief
Tom Greif to retire

Coeur d'Alene Fire Chief Tom Greif will retire in April, the city of Coeur d'Alene announced Friday.

"Serving the City of Coeur d'Alene for 28 years and Kootenai County for the past 33 years has been the honor of a lifetime," Greif said in a press release. "I've been surrounded by some of the most amazing and dedicated professionals that a community could ever wish for ... this community will



Greif

1997, steadily rising through the ranks "thanks to his professionalism, extensive experience with the EMS system, and deep commitment

always be my home, and I'll forever be proud to have worn the badge here."

Greif began his career with the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department in 1997, steadily rising through the ranks "thanks to his professionalism, extensive experience with the EMS system, and deep commitment

to public safety," the city said in a press release.

His promotion to fire chief in 2022 marked a new chapter in his career, during which he has led the department through critical upgrades in equipment, an updated five-year master plan, and strong partnerships with surrounding agencies that continue to benefit the department and the city of Coeur d'Alene, the release said.

See GREIF, A4

CDA seeks savings
with 'Separation
Incentive Program'

Eligible employees have opportunity to take buyout

By BILL BULEY
Staff Writer

A Voluntary Separation Incentive Program is hoped to help the city of Coeur d'Alene save money.

"I think this is a move in the right direction to do something to bring our budget under control in the coming years," City Councilor Christie Wood said.

See INCENTIVE, A4



HAILEY HILL/Press

Justin Mannion was all smiles as he assisted Elks Lodge 1254 prepare hundreds of dictionaries Friday, which will be distributed to area third graders.

A WAY WITH WORDS

Elks Lodge 1254, STEP students join forces
ahead of annual dictionary distribution

By HAILEY HILL
Staff Writer

COEUR d'ALENE — As Elks Lodge 1254 members began unboxing hundreds of dictionaries to prepare for distribution Friday, Secondary Transition Education Program student Justin Mannion couldn't help but express his shock at the number of books.

"That might be too many books," Mannion said. "I don't know if we'll get through them all

in one day, but we'll see."

Even so, Mannion and his classmates made quick work of placing stickers and inserting bookmarks and red ribbons inside each dictionary.

"They're fast; we can't keep up with them sometimes," said Elks member and past Exalted Ruler Karen Magner with a laugh.

A total of 755 dictionaries will be gifted to third graders within the Coeur d'Alene School District

See BOOKS, A4

Economist:
Workers
in 'bunker
mode'

Sam Wolkenhauer says country's financial state is weakening

By CAROLYN BOSTICK
Staff Writer

COEUR d'ALENE — Sam Wolkenhauer said Friday the government shutdown has put a pause on employment numbers and other pieces of crucial economic data.

The Idaho Department of Labor economist spoke to the Coeur d'Alene Rotary Club at The Coeur d'Alene Resort about the weakening of the economy in 2025, using language to indicate pessimism without creating feelings of panic.

Growth this year was solid until March, but then significant movement across the board stopped, he said.

"Nothing's happening," Wolkenhauer said.



Wolkenhauer

See ECONOMY, A4

'Votes for Women' kerchief finds home

Suffrage-era artifact to join display at Idaho Capitol

By KAYE THORNBRUGH
Staff Writer

COEUR d'ALENE — Votes for women.

It's a simple concept, but that wasn't always the case.

An artifact from an era when a woman's right to vote was not absolute will soon find a place in Idaho's Capitol.

The piece of history is part of the political memorabilia collection of Donna Montgomery. It came to light last spring, after Becky Funk, president of the

See KERCHIEF, A5



A suffrage-era artifact will be displayed in Idaho's Capitol.

KAYE THORNBRUGH/
Press

NEVER BE LEFT IN THE DARK

Power outages can strike anytime. Protect your home and family with a reliable whole house generator for the chilly months ahead.

Call us today for a free estimate!



ACI NORTHWEST INC.
HEATING COOLING ELECTRICAL GENERATORS

208-772-9571 // ACINW.COM