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Building the area prep football slate / B1

Thursday
July 9, 2026

84°
57°

UV 8 AQI 40
Very High Good

Chance of Rain 0%

Wind speed SW 5-20 mph

Lake Condition:

70°
Calm

Lake level 2128.00'



• Whose quotes included, "I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him?"
Galileo, Franklin, Einstein, Nixon

• Which celebrity's grandfather was a governor of Utah?
Matt Damon, Burt Reynolds, Johnny Depp, Bruce Dern

• In 1977, what baseball team introduced the "high five?"
Yankees, Braves, Red Sox, Dodgers

• What city's main boulevard is the Champs Elysee?
Paris, Lisbon, Berlin, Rome

• When were women first admitted to the Naval Academy?
1968, 1976, 1985, 1990

• To an Australian, what's a jumbuck?
Wolf, Sheep, Hat, \$5 bill
ANSWERS: Galileo, Bruce Dern, Dodgers, Paris (France), 1976, Sheep

Ghastly Groaner

Jonathan: Hey Sam, what do you think of Cooper?
Sam: He's a barrel of laughs.

— David Burkle, Post Falls

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

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The future of travel

Residents weigh in during final open house for Rathdrum Prairie Transportation Study

By CAROLYN BOSTICK
Staff Writer

COEUR d'ALENE — How will travel across the Rathdrum Prairie look in the future?

Kootenai County residents came out in force Wednesday night to voice their opinions on the final four transportation alternatives and their combinations being considered by the Idaho Transportation Department.

Eric Knutson said he's lived in the area since 1972 and has been following the Rathdrum Prairie Area Transportation Study since open houses began to talk about the future of roads and highways across the prairie.

"I've been following since the first meeting in Post Falls

and there's probably only two that I'm OK with, H and D," Knutson said.

Having grown up in Dalton Gardens, Knutson said he's seen his share of changes to the local roadways and he hopes to make his thoughts known so future changes are ones that he can comfortably weather.

For Post Falls resident Susan Vendetti, public input is crucial for every resident to weigh in before decisions are solidified.

"We need to be concerned about our community. Whether it affects me personally, it'll affect all those in the community," Vendetti said.



CAROLYN BOSTICK/Press

Wendy Smith, Eric Knutson and Rhonda Davis pore over roadway alternative combination N-H at the final open house for the Rathdrum Prairie Area Transportation Study. The event took place Wednesday at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds.

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2026 Music at McEuen concert series launches



JACK DeWITT/Press

The crowd bubbles with excitement as they wait for The Rhythm Dawgs to take the stage at the Music at McEuen free concert series Wednesday.

Cancer Fund primed to surpass \$20 million

'The Showcase' fundraiser slated July 24-25

By CAROLYN BOSTICK
Staff Writer

COEUR d'ALENE — After 12 years in action, the Community Cancer Fund is primed to surpass \$20 million in cancer resources invested into the region.

Community Cancer Fund Executive Director Jon Neill said the organization's focus has been to help those who are financially challenged in the fight against cancer.

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Cd'A man wins new home in Really BIG Raffle

Bill Hughes of Coeur d'Alene was the big winner Wednesday night.

Hughes won the grand prize in the North Idaho College Foundation's 33rd annual Really BIG Raffle: a newly built home worth \$575,000.

The winning ticket, lucky No. 2500, for the new Post Falls home in the North Place community was pulled during a drawing that was streamed live online. This year marked the 33rd anniversary of the Really BIG Raffle fundraiser and the 33rd consecutive ticket sellout. All 5,000 tickets were purchased by June 17.

Title sponsor Greenstone Homes and six additional sponsors supported this year's raffle. Their support, coupled with the investments of raffle ticket buyers, directly support the NIC Foundation's mission to enhance student success and educational excellence throughout North Idaho College.

"The continued success of the Really BIG Raffle is a reflection of generous individuals investing in the dreams of students," said North Idaho College Foundation



Photo courtesy of North Idaho College Foundation

Fundraising and Events Coordinator Kaelynn Woodward-Kuhl hands one of the winning raffle tickets to Rayelle Anderson, executive director of the North Idaho College Foundation, in the 33rd annual Really BIG Raffle drawing Wednesday.

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Idaho's Liberty Bell replica will hit the road

Route will cross state's 44 counties this fall

By CLARK CORBIN
Idaho Capital Sun

Idaho's newly restored replica of the Liberty Bell returned to the Idaho State Capitol in Boise on Saturday to participate in America250 celebrations.

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