

Joker's breakdown of 2012 local elections:

I've had some time to decompress after Tuesday's election and I have come to some hard truths about North Idaho.

I am glad Dan English lost. He needs to get his old job back as the county clerk. Seriously. Cliff Hayes and his elections department have gotten progressively worse at getting the results to the people on elections night. Hayes is proving to be incompetent. Hayes has been bungling elections, getting into fights with the courts over who can fire and hire people. Hayes has focused on budgets and the like instead of worrying about his basic job duties. I can tell you that Dan English never performed so badly. Let's start the campaign for English right now.

Larry Spencer's days as a political force are really over. Poor Larry, he was grasping at straws with his endorsement of Dan English. I had hoped Larry would decide to help the Democrats here – but sadly he couldn't find them.

I am sad Phil Hart is gone. Sure we have a lot of crazy talking politicians like Vito and Vick. But we don't have anybody doing crazy. Ed Morse has some mighty big shoes to fill. Ed better bring his A-game to entertain us. Phil needs to go out in a blaze of glory.

NIC Trustees meetings will be must-see TV. Ron Nilson and Christie Wood are sure to have some great back and forth – the real show will be newcomer Todd Banducci who nobody knows, but everybody is whispering about behind the scenes.

People are generally happy with our county government. Maybe the city of Coeur d'Alene should take a long hard look in the mirror.

I feel very bad for all the Republicans who are heartbroken Obama was re-elected. They really believed Mitt was going to win – mostly because they live in an echo chamber and they only watch Fox News. 2016 is right around the corner and if you start saying Jeb Bush is going to be a great president – you will feel a whole lot better.

The Democrats here are still pathetic and weak. They didn't get one candidate elected. They keep getting bullied by Bob Nonini and Kathy Sims who are totally capable of losing.

The Luna Law voting results are a sign that there are a lot of moderate people out there to be found by the Democrats. Will they? Of course not! Now before the liberals on the blog start howling about Demographics – stop. You sound like

the Republicans who use minority demographics as the excuse for Romney losing. Elections are won and lost by candidates and their campaigns. Blaming the people who didn't vote for you is the worst kind of delusion.
