IN THE NEWS

K27 Memorial Dedication Ceremony on May 15

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. This solemn event honors police officers who’ve made the ultimate sacrifice.

This year, on May 15, at 4:30 p.m., the Coeur d'Alene Police Department, along with other community leaders, will assist with the unveiling of the K27 Forever Memorial. This memorial will, in part, honor the sacrifice of Sergeant Greg Moore who died in the line of duty on May 5, 2015.

Coeur d’Alene Mayor Steve Widmyer and the Panhandle Parks Foundation have spent the last three years working with donors throughout the community to fund this special project. Architect Jon Mueller completed the design of the large water feature that is located in McEuen Park.

Sergeant Moore's family will be honored guests at the ceremony. Mayor Steve Widmyer and Chief Lee White are featured speakers.

Atlas Waterfront Project Open House Results Posted

Information obtained from the Atlas Waterfront Project Open House which was held on Wednesday, April 25, have been posted to the Atlas Log. For more information about the Atlas Waterfront project, please visit www.cdaid.org/atlaswaterfront.

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Dr. David Adler Lecture—“Fake News and the Freedom of the Press”

Constitutional author and scholar Dr. David Adler will present his seventh annual lecture, “Fake News and the Freedom of the Press,” at the Coeur d’Alene Public Library Community Room, 702 E. Front Avenue, on Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 208-769-2315.

City Receives 34th Consecutive “Tree City USA” Award

On April 27th, City officials joined with North Idaho College for a joint celebration of Arbor Day! Congratulations to NIC on their “Tree Campus USA” Award. The City of Coeur d’Alene also received the “Tree City USA” Award for the 34th consecutive year. Thank you to the many tree planting volunteers, including NIC staff, students, Urban Forestry Committee members, Dutch Brothers employees, and Bartlett Tree Care.

2018 Arbor Day Seedling Program

Volunteers from Venture High School, local Master Gardeners and other community volunteers recently individually bagged tree seedlings that were presented to 4th graders in Coeur d’Alene, Post Falls and the Lakeland area. This is the 33rd year of the program and over 74,000 seedlings have been given out. Special thanks to John Schwandt of the Arbor Day Organization of North Idaho (ADONI), who has coordinated the seedling efforts since the start of the program.

Tell us a little about your education and experience:

I served five years in the Marine Corps, deploying to Iraq twice. I returned to CDA and wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement because I wanted to serve the citizens of our fine city. I was hired by the police department in 2011 and started on our downtown bike patrol. I spent my early years in patrol, before becoming a member of the Community Action Team and U.S. Marshall’s Service Task Force. I recently made the move to Investigations and am still learning a wide range of new things every day. While working in patrol, I completed my B.A. in criminal justice from American Military University. I am also a firearms instructor and enjoy teaching our officers those valuable skills.

What are your career aspirations, and why did you want to work for the City of Coeur d’Alene?

A few years down the road, I would like to pursue promoting and having a formal role in leading the future of our department. I have always wanted to go to law school and I still hope to make that happen in the future. I wanted to work for the city because this is where I grew up and the community that shaped me. I wanted to be able to serve the people of our city and make a difference in the community.

What are your responsibilities:

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Coffee with a Cop Event

Come join the CDA Police Department for a cup of coffee and conversation, on Thursday, May 24, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., at Anchored Coffee Company, 451 Dalton Avenue, Coeur d’Alene. Patrol and traffic officers, along with detectives, code enforcement and animal control will be in attendance to answer any questions or talk about whatever is on your mind. The PD will also have a couple of cars on display for the kiddies.

“Song Birds” - A Love Your Library Concert

“Song Birds: The Legendary Ladies of Song” is a benefit concert for the Coeur d’Alene Public Library Foundation being held on Saturday, May 19, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Coeur d’Alene Public Library Community Room, and features the musical talents of Ruth Pratt, Laura Sable, and Bill Wiemuth. To purchase tickets, visit www.brownpaperticket.com/event/3355353, or call the Coeur d’Alene Library for more information, 208-769-2315.

Oral History Workshop May 12

Join historian Brandi Burns for a hands-on workshop on conducting oral histories on Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Coeur d’Alene Public Library. Sponsored by the Idaho Historical Society as part of Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month. For more information, call the Coeur d’Alene Public Library, 208-769-2315.

What about your family and interests? My wonderful wife, Mandy, and I chase around four sons. We spend the majority of our time playing basketball, baseball, football, soccer, riding bikes, and just about anything else that will wear them out!!

I currently assigned to the property crimes division. In this assignment, I investigate a multitude of crimes that range from malicious injuries to property, thefts, burglaries, and other miscellaneous cases. We also have an on-call rotation, which means that we get called out to priority cases as they arise.

What does customer service mean to you? I believe the very basis of customer service is listening — everybody simply wishes to be heard. Hearing what they have to say and making an effort to understand things from their perspective tends to make people feel more valued.

I’m born and raised here in CDA and can’t imagine raising a family anywhere else. The variety of activities and landscapes in our region afford us a unique opportunity to enjoy so many different things. Every day can truly be something completely different than the last.