

City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

### H2Only Program Aimed at Pollution Prevention

The City of Coeur d'Alene's Streets and Engineering Department recently partnered with the Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission, Kootenai Environmental Alliance, The Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and students from Sorensen and Winton Elementary Schools to help spread a message about keeping our lakes and waterways clean.

Sorensen student Francesca Drake came up with the concept she called H2Only to tell people that only water should go down city storm drains. Student artists painted murals on local storm drains near each school. The murals are expected to last through the summer.



Photo Credit: CDA Press

The students learned about local landscapes, the environment and the impact pollution can have on the community. Kim Harrington, Assistant Project Manager in the Streets and Engineering Department said, "The schools have been so great in helping us to get a pollution prevention message out to the kids. It adds not only a splash of art, but it draws attention to the storm drains."

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### SCOTT BENNETT NETWORK SPECIALIST MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Network Specialist Scott Bennett to learn more about his role with the City.

## Tell us a little bit about your background and experience:

Growing up, I played the typical youth sports and enjoyed many hobby sports along the way, up through college. I graduated from Cal Poly State University and began

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### 25th Annual Mayor's Awards in the Arts Event

The Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is seeking nominations for the 25th Annual Mayor's Awards in the Arts. Please find the link to

the Guidelines and a 2021 Nomination Form below. Please note that the nominations must be submitted by August 31, 2021. The Mayor's Awards in the Arts is an annual event (although postponed last year) and will be held this vear in October. Please consider nominating a deserving individual, student. business or



organization for this award. For questions regarding nominations, please contact Ali Shute, Mayor's Awards in the Arts Subcommittee Chair at ali@artsandculturecda.org.

Click <u>here</u> for the guidelines and nomination form.

Click here for the student guidelines and nomination form.

### Welcome Baby Dewey!



Sometime in the morning of June 10th, a baby Osprey hatched in the North nesting box in McEuen Park. "We have quite a following of people who watch the osprey cameras, and they're across States," the United said Renata McLeod, city clerk. "One person caught it

breaking out of the shell and then everybody started discussions from there saying how exciting it was and then they started saying let's name it baby Dewey." my career at a biotech company where I was able to focus on information technology. This is where I spent many years on the forefront of networking and related technologies, in order to compete in the fast-paced biotech industry.

# What kind of training do you need to be a Network Specialist?

A college degree from a school that adheres to a "Learn by Doing" approach to education established a great foundation for becoming a Network Specialist, however, nothing has prepared for this position like the hands-on experience working with critical network infrastructure that users and organizations depend on.

#### What does a Network Specialist do?

Network specialists perform a wide variety of tasks including troubleshooting, maintaining, and enhancing networks in order to ensure that they remain functional, secure, and robust for users and their devices. I enjoy analyzing and mapping out networks to identify ways of increasing efficiency and resiliency in order to create a seamless user experience, as well as implementing new hardware and software networking technologies to help IT be more productive.

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### Coeur d'Alene Library's Music on Mondays

Enjoy live music every Monday this summer on the McEuen side of the library at 6pm. Bring chairs and snacks while you enjoy some of the area's best musicians.



July's lineup includes:

July 12: Kathy Kolton & the Reluctants – Folk

July 19: Lake City String Quartet – Classical & Pop

July 26: Coeurimba – Marimba/African

# Congrats to Ironman Daniel Haley of the Coeur d'Alene Police Department

Police Officer Dan Haley finished the Ironman in 12 hours, four minutes and 55 seconds. "It was a fantastic course to run on, and all the volunteers were amazing," Haley said, grinning ear to ear. "It is a fantastic feeling to represent the city of Coeur d'Alene and the Coeur d'Alene Police Department."



Photo Credit: CDA Press

### **Our Gem Lake Survey**

Share your knowledge and perceptions of Coeur d'Alene Lake by taking this <u>12-question survey</u> from the Our Gem Collaborative. Insights from the survey will shape outreach and education efforts moving forward. The survey closes Aug. 9, 2021. Prize drawings will be held throughout the summer for those who share their email upon completing the survey. For more details, go to <u>uidaho.edu/ourgem</u>.

# What do you enjoy most about your job?

I'm happy being a part of a team and working with people that all show dedication to the city's pursuit of excellence. Furthermore, I enjoy the mix of working on and off-site which gives me an opportunity to meet others in various departments and gain an understanding of how the city networks may best serve them.

# What about your family and interests?

I am happily married and blessed with a beautiful wife and children that I enjoy many outdoor activities with. Some of these include camping, hiking, mountain biking, dirt biking, and competition swimming. We are looking forward to experiencing the four seasons and trying out some of the winter sports that North Idaho has to offer as well.

# What do you love most about Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho?

I love the close vicinity of so many outdoor activities and things to do in and around Coeur d'Alene. As the seasons change, I'm hoping to explore the splendor of this part of our great country. I've also been grateful for how welcoming and friendly everyone has been to my family and me in North Idaho!

