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Orofino Chamber of Commerce announces new Executive Director

The Orofino Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the hiring of the new Executive Director, Jordyn Howell.

Jordyn is an Orofino High School graduate, and she then went to the University of Idaho and graduated with her degree in Marketing. She said that she is "very excited for this opportunity to be able to give back to a community that took care of me, and to be a part of all the traditions that I grew up going to."

Please help welcome Jordyn to the Chamber!



Jordyn Howell

Conservation Officers seek assistance regarding bull elk shot and left to waste near Orofino

By Jennifer Bruns, Regional Communications Manager

A local landowner reported hearing a shot off of Harmony Heights Loop Road near Orofino, ID on Tuesday, Oct. 1 around 9 p.m. The landowner discovered a wounded bull elk in the field early the next morning. There currently is no open hunting season for elk in that area. A county deputy came to dispatch the elk and Ida-

ho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG) Conservation Officers determined that the elk was shot with a rifle in the spine.

Anyone with any information about the incident is encouraged to call IDFG Sr. Conservation Officer John McLain at (208) 827-1488 or call the Citizens Against Poaching (CAP) hotline 1-800-632-5999. Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward.



Volunteers found a range of discarded items along the riverbank.

BLM, partners host cleanup day on Clearwater River

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cottonwood Field Office hosted the annual Clearwater River Cleanup Day on Sept. 14. The BLM partnered with the National Guard's Idaho Youth Challenge Academy (IDYCA) from Pierce, and the Clearwater Management Council (CMC), a multi-agency and multi-county group that cooperatively monitors

and manages the environmental, social and recreational aspects of the river.

The event was one of thousands of volunteer days held in recognition of the 26th annual National Public Lands Day, including six that BLM hosted in Idaho. Last year, nearly 114,000 volunteers participated in National Public Lands Day events, contributing

453,000 hours of service valued at \$11 million on nearly 1,200 sites across the United States.

Ten cadets from the Academy joined BLM staff and other volunteers to scour a 5-mile stretch of the river from the Cherry Lane access point to Gibbs Eddy. This is

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Regional Hospitals join Northwest Hospital Alliance

By Andrea Nagel, Communications Specialist

On Friday, Sept. 27, three new hospitals joined the Northwest Hospital Alliance. Syringa Hospital and Clinics in Grangeville, Clearwater Valley Hospital in Orofino, and St. Mary's Hospital in Cottonwood, are the newest members of the Alliance.

"For the past 28 years we have built relationships and a mutual trust between the five northern hospitals. We have improved the health in our individual communities by working together," said Sheryl Rickard, CEO of Bonner General Health in Sandpoint. "As the new board chairperson, I am excited to welcome three new hospital members to the Hospital Alliance. We recognize the importance of strong, respectful relationships with the hospitals in our area and expanding that to three additional hospitals is exciting. All of us recognize the wisdom of partnering with other hospitals to improve quality of care and

reduce health care costs in Idaho. We believe that we are stronger together."

The Northwest Hospital Alliance serves as a collaborative network to assist our members in offering high quality, cost effective health care in our communities.

The Alliance is organized to ensure each hospital's autonomy, while providing support to address changes in the healthcare environment. The cornerstone of the network relationship is the preservation of community hospital sustainability and economic strength. Each member hospital maintains its organizational structure and the identity and image that has made it visible in the local community. Each member is represented on the board.

"We like each other, and know how important it is for the people who live in our region for us to work together," said Jon Ness, CEO of Kootenai Health.

With the additional three members, the Northwest Hospital Alliance now includes eight hospitals, with room to grow in the future. This network of hospitals is devoted to improving the health status of our communities by providing a collaborative approach to regional health care delivery and preserving the economic strength of local providers. Healthcare in rural communities is absolutely essential component of quality of life for rural residents.

The Northwest Hospital Alliance role is to facilitate and coordinate strategies, synergies, relationships, products and services that will improve delivery, access and quality, while controlling the cost of healthcare in our member communities.

The Northwest Hospital Alliance also welcomes Preston Becker, as the new CEO for member hospital. Boundary Community Hospital in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. He takes the helm as Craig Johnson retires.

You can learn more about the Northwest Hospital Alliance at northwesthospitalalliance.org.

About the Alliance

The Northwest Hospital Alliance includes eight hospitals: Benawah Community Hospital (St. Maries), Bonner General Health (Sandpoint), Boundary Community Hospital (Bonners Ferry),

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Shania Rales to perform at CVHC Foundation's Taste of the Clearwater



Shania Rales

Tickets are still available for the Clearwater valley Hospital Foundation's Taste of the Clearwater event happening this Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Big Eddy from 3 - 7 p.m. Tickets are for sale at PIFCU or LCCU in Orofino and include six tastes of local beer, wine and appetizers, live and silent auction fun, an opportunity to take in the beautiful fall weather at a picturesque location (fire pits and propane heaters will be on hand to help keep attendees warm) and entertainment by local favorite, Shania Rales. Many people are familiar with Shania Rales as she is from Orofino and has been singing since she was 10 years old. "My mom is my biggest inspiration for playing music. I play locally around town and have been working on original songs," says Rales. "We are very excited to have Shania play at this event for

the second year in a row," says Ashley Steinbruecker, Foundation Director. "She has an incredible voice and her style of music fits in perfectly with the vibe of this event." Rales says her musical influences include Matchbox Twenty, The Script, One Republic and John Mayer. You can expect to hear songs by each of those artists and many more at the Taste of the Clearwater.

The Taste of the Clearwater will feature six local vendors including Ronatta's and Augie's (Orofino), Moscow Brewing Company (Moscow), Jovinea Cellars (Lenore), Parejas Cellars (Clarkston), Lindsay Creek Vineyards (Lewiston), Hardware Brewing Co. (Kendrick) and food by Superior Events (Grangeville) to offer selections of their beer.

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wine and food.

"Dress in some cozy fall attire, grab your friends and come join us at this super fun event in a beautiful setting!" says Lenne Bonner, CEO and Taste of the Clearwater Committee member. "The proceeds of this event will go towards programs, services and equipment for Clearwater Valley Hospital and Clinics that may not have received funding otherwise. We really appreciate everyone who comes out to support these events and are very grateful for our sponsors as well."

Thank you to our Platinum Sponsors, Life Flight Network, our Gold Sponsors, Pathologists' Regional Laboratory, our Silver Sponsors, Kootenai Health and PIFCU, and our Bronze Sponsors, Edward Jones, DEBCO and Simmons NADL.

If you would like to be a sponsor or donate an item for the live or silent auction please contact Ashley Steinbruecker at ashley.steinbruecker@smh-cvhc.org or 208-476-8033.

Eaves enters plea of 'not guilty' at Oct. 8 arraignment

By Elizabeth Morgan

An arraignment in District Court was held Oct. 8 for Herman "Les" Eaves, at Clearwater County Courthouse with the Honorable Gregory FitzMaurice presiding.

Due to a conflict of interest with the prosecutor of Clearwater County, Nez Perce Prosecutor Jessica Uhrig will be handling this case and attended via conference call.

The complaint filed April 23, 2019, alleges one count of grand theft by embezzlement, in excess of \$1,000, the complaint specifically alleges over \$30,000 to have been taken from Clearwater County Ambulance Service (CCAS) between Jan. 1, 2015 and July 31, 2018.

Eaves entered a plea of "not guilty," and a jury trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. FitzMaurice asked that a status conference take place Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

Eaves is represented by Public Attorney William Fitzgerald, and remains free without bail.

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