

POSITION: Council OKs offer to potential chief

Continued from Page A1

"It's the best interview process I've ever been part of," Enterprise Police Officer George Kohlhepp said he was looking forward to getting to work rebuilding the force under a new chief. "I'm just going to be happy to have a chief and go back to work and build a department we can all be proud of," he said. Harvey said he anticipated this result after the interview process closed and the panel discussed the process. He had nothing but praise for the panel and the city. "I think the city showed their willingness to invest in a professional, objective process — which I always believe serves the commu-

nity best," he said. "The panel was a good representation of several sectors of the community and they were excellent to work with." The offer made to Episcopo is conditional based on a background check and medical and psych exam. In the meet-and-greet event Oct. 1 at Community Connections, Episcopo introduced his wife, Suzanne, and spoke about his long career, which included four years with SWAT, extensive management training, and attendance at the FBI National Academy in 2014 — a training offered to only 1 percent of law enforcement officers, he said. What he learned over the years was "there is no need to reinvent the wheel," he said. "Every problem is something that someone has

already dealt with and there will be someone to advise you and give you the information you need." He also identified what he thought was the most important job in the department: Training. As for life in an isolated and decidedly rural location, Episcopo assured the public that he and his wife have been looking for just such a place to settle with his horse and the two family dogs. "We've always talked about coming to a place like this," he said. "A small, tight-knit community where people enjoy where they live." When they saw the advertisement for a police chief and then Googled Wallowa County, "We looked at each other and

said, this is somewhere we want to go check out," he said. Visiting the county and meeting Wallowa County residents "wowed" them, he said. They found the community to be exactly as advertised. A conditional offer to a candidate is by no means the end of the matter, warned City Administrator Michele Young, who said that even if everything went well it could be months before Episcopo was on the job. Should Episcopo decline the offer, the process would have to be repeated with another round of candidates. "It takes a long time to hire a chief," cautioned Wallowa County Sheriff Steve Rogers.



Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain
Enterprise Police Officer George Kohlhepp sees the light at the end of the tunnel after months of shouldering the responsibilities of a police chief.

Criminal mischief, missing laptop

Dispatch Log

Sept. 28
8:07 a.m. Community Corrections home visit in Wallowa.
8:28 a.m. 911 hang-up call from Joseph.
10:35 a.m. False alarm at Joseph business.
10:52 a.m. Enterprise false alarm.
11:18 a.m. Deer hit, Hwy 82 MP 66.
1:06 p.m. Enterprise theft reported.
2:34 p.m. Reported criminal activity in Enterprise.
2:44 p.m. Enterprise public assist.
4:03 p.m. Joseph theft complaint.
8:20 p.m. 911 request for ambulance in Wallowa.
10:06 p.m. 911 call for ambulance in Enterprise.
Sept. 29
4:18 a.m. Criminal mischief in Enterprise.
7:58 p.m. Community Corrections contact with Wallowa subject.
8:14 a.m. 911 for ambulance in Joseph.
8:16 a.m. Joseph public assist.
8:40 a.m. Deer hit on Hwy 82 near Lostine.
10:16 a.m. Downed wire in Enterprise.
10:41 a.m. Rural Wallowa abandoned vehicle, owner advised.
11:33 a.m. Community Corrections home visit. Two subjects arrested for felon in possession of firearms. Truman Lloyd Chamberlin, 19, Enterprise, Jon Jerome Tye, 27, Enterprise. Both subjects transported to Union County Jail.
3:09 p.m. Rural Lostine traffic hazard reported.
3:32 p.m. Joseph follow-up investigation.
4:05 p.m. 911 trespassing complaint.
5:27 p.m. Report of possible scam from Wallowa.
6:28 p.m. Rural Imnaha animal complaint.
10:09 p.m. 911 call from Lostine.
10:25 p.m. Rural Lostine disturbance.
Sept. 30
2:31 a.m. Enterprise 911 ambulance call.
12:31 p.m. Lost lap top computer in Joseph/Wallowa Lake area.
12:48 p.m. Rural Enterprise reported theft.
1:15 p.m. Non-emergency 911 from rural Enterprise.
2:29 p.m. Tree on cable line in Lostine.
3:55 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
4:11 p.m. Report of suspicious vehicle driving around Joseph — unfounded.
4:18 p.m. Cattle loose on Imnaha Hwy. Open range.
5:10 p.m. After routine Enterprise traffic stop, vehicle towed and operator cited for driving without insurance.
6:41 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
7:19 p.m. Enterprise public assist.
7:33 p.m. Advised of controlled burning in Wallowa.
9:06 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
9:32 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
Oct. 1
10:32 a.m. Enterprise traffic stop resulted in vehicle impound for no insurance.
11:27 a.m. Rural Joseph

FOR THE RECORD

trespass complaint.
12:13 p.m. Found kids bike in Enterprise.
1:46 p.m. Rural Enterprise agency assist.
3:48 p.m. Vehicle impounded — Enterprise.
6:28 p.m. 911 call reporting upper Imnaha fire. USFS burning on Harle Butte.
5:29 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
7:33 p.m. Vehicle disabled after hitting deer. Owner will get it later from rural Wallowa.
9:23 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
Oct. 2
9:20 a.m. Report of two dead deer on Hwy 82 rural Wallowa.
11:27 a.m. Report of abandoned vehicle on Hwy 82, rural Wallowa County.
12:09 p.m. 911 for ambulance, rural Lostine.
12:14 p.m. Medium size shorthair brown dog found in rural Joseph. Owner located.
1:56 p.m. WCSO arrested Daniel Wade Marriott, 59,

Wallowa, for parole violation. Original charge of robbery 1.
2:03 p.m. Joseph parking complaint.
2:43 p.m. Found older male cow dog, black and white, missing one leg in rural Enterprise. Owner located.
3:25 p.m. Complaint of dog chasing deer in Enterprise. Owner contacted.
3:25 p.m. Fire reported in rural Imnaha. Fire dispatch advised.
7:25 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
9:18 p.m. Vehicle hit deer in rural Wallowa. No injuries, deer needed dispatched.
9:23 p.m. Rural Enterprise traffic complaint.
Oct. 3
12:28 a.m. Wallowa burglary reported. Deputy responded.
9:03 a.m. Rural Enterprise trespass complaint.
3:52 p.m. Rural Joseph ambulance request.
5:05 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
5:24 p.m. Black and white female dog with patches, long tail, pink/camo collar reported lost in Enterprise.

Owner found.
6:20 p.m. Information of hunters shooting from paved road in rural Enterprise. OSP advised.
6:48 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
8:14 p.m. Report of campfire on Five Dollar Ridge Rd. Notified fire dispatch.
9:48 p.m. Joseph public assist.
Oct. 4
9:27 a.m. Wallowa 911 call requesting ambulance.
10:42 a.m. Injured deer reported on Hwy 82, three miles west of Wallowa.
2:44 p.m. Loose injured dog, brown, with chain collar, unknown breed reported in Enterprise.
3:25 p.m. Enterprise 911 ambulance request.
4:50 p.m. Enterprise 911 ambulance request.

5:46 p.m. Follow-up investigation, Joseph.
5:52 p.m. Enterprise 911 ambulance request.
7:02 p.m. Enterprise 911 traffic complaint.
7:51 p.m. Enterprise traffic

stop.
9:01 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
Oct. 5
2:23 a.m. Lostine 911 call. No one on line. Deputy responded, non-emergency.

Eagle Cap Excursion Train
Beside the Grande Ronde and Wallowa Rivers
Every Saturday in October
Departs from Elgin at 10 a.m.
800.323.7330
eaglecaptrainrides.com
For trip descriptions or to book online.

Tires LES SCHWAB
www.LesSchwab.com
802 NW 1st • Enterprise • 541.426.3139

See Philip Ruud at Wallowa Valley Eye Care (Dr. Baileys Office) October 14th
519 W. North St. Enterprise, OR 97828
Call 800-678-3155 for appointment
Ruud's HEARING AID SERVICE

WHEATLAND INSURANCE CENTER, INC.
301 W. Main, Enterprise • 541.426.3177
BIRTH
A daughter, Kayloni Marie Harrod, was born September 20, 2015, in Enterprise to David Harrod and Cheyenne Sievers of Wallowa. Grandparents are Hollie and Howard Sievers.

Now Accepting New Patients!
Call Today for An Appointment 541.426.7900
Dr. Kirsten Caine
Dr. Emily Sheahan
Nurse Practitioner Traci Frye
Mountain View Medical Clinic
New Enterprise Location!
603 Medical Parkway
Adjacent to the hospital
Wallowa Memorial Hospital
We treat you like family
Wallowa Memorial Hospital is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Wallowa County **HEALTH LINE**

Wallowa Valley Eye Care
519 W. North Street, Enterprise
541.426.3413
Mon-Thurs 9 to Noon/1-5pm; Fri. 9-1

MOTIVATIONS Fitness Center
Keyless Entry
Free Weights • Women's Center
Tanning
202 W. Main Street • Enterprise
541-426-0313

Marcys SKIN CARE
Specializing in Anti-Aging Skin Therapy
Customized Facials
Waxing Services, Brow Sculpting
Body Polish-Back Facials
High-Performance Products
541-398-0759 | Located @ beecrowbee 01 Main Joseph

Wallowa County **Health Department**
758 NW 1st Street, Enterprise, OR (541) 426-4848
We offer services to all ages and income levels including: WIC, family planning, immunizations, flu shots, restaurant and hotel licensing, community tobacco prevention and education, chronic disease prevention. We provide equal opportunity programs.

Introducing Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Adrian Davis
Dr. Davis will be based in La Grande; he will see patients at Wallowa Memorial Hospital four days per month, starting in November
• Sports medicine, orthopedic trauma, hip/knee osteoarthritis
• Dr. Davis served as physician for the USA Rugby Team, and several other professional Pittsburgh sports teams
• Education: medical school at Indiana University; orthopedic surgery residency at St. Louis University; sports medicine fellowship at Alleghany General Hospital
Ask your physician for a referral today!
Wallowa Memorial Hospital
We treat you like family
601 Medical Parkway, Enterprise, OR 97828 • 541-426-3111 • www.wchcd.org
Wallowa Memorial Hospital is an equal opportunity employer and provider.