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Pinkerton called the entire interview process “one of the best processes I’ve been through. I was able to connect with the community and hear their feedback on issues that were critical to them. It was a great honor to meet with the teachers and staff and honor the work they’ve done and share the ideas I have.”

Pinkerton has never served as a superintendent, but board members knew going in that the probability of finding a candidate with experience as both an elementary principal and a district superintendent was very unlikely.

“Going into this we knew that whoever we looked at there was going to be a learning curve,” said Board Member Adrian Harguess.

So, what the board looked for was a willingness and ability

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“I love the kiddos and want to see them engaged,” she said. “I will seek out and find something special about every student.”

It is her intention to be both accessible and visible in the community. She said she “expects to be at every football game,” and to fully participate in the community.

“Parent communication needs to be two-way. I’ve always had an open door. I wel-

come people and I listen.”

She was under no illusion that the dual job would be easy, especially given the financial difficulties PERS payments will soon place on the district.

“This is no Pollyanna job,” she said. “I’m aware of the big issues and I’m aware we need process and priorities. I see this as a joint effort and I see the superintendent as being the one who seeks resources and answers request from the board. Your district has done a phenom-

nal job with their budget.”

She described her leadership style as “visionary” and was anxious to share her ideas and special training and help the district improve their math and science scores.

“I’m 100 percent committed. I am about systems and systems running smoothly.”

She said she has deep respect for teachers.

“They’re working in the trenches. It can be exhausting. By celebrating the teachers every day we build morale.”

ty to learn on the job and background experience that showed they could make up the deficit.

Pinkerton impressed them on all fronts, the board agreed.

Harguess began the discussion Monday night by recommending Pinkerton on the basis of consistency at her current job, elementary experience and excellent communication skills.

Board member Nils Christoffersen agreed with Harguess and further commented on the strength her references spoke to and her ideas, energy and ambition.

School Board Chairperson Keli Christman agreed, adding that Pinkerton had the skill set to learn what she didn’t know and adding, “I love that she’s focused on elementary students.”

Board member Kate Fent, who was given the job of interviewing all of the references the candidates offered, said she “genuinely tried to get (Pinker-

ton’s references) to say something bad,” but that they all raved about Pinkerton and said if they were looking to hire for a superintendent/principal they would “snap her up.”

“All said, she would go 110 percent to get it right,” Fent said.

Board member Mike Wiedeman spoke of her excellent rapport with past mentors and her willingness to reach out to them for continued support as she learned her superintendent role.

“I think she’s the logical and good choice for our community,” he said.

During a telephone interview Tuesday morning, Pinkerton said she was “absolutely going to accept” the job offer.

“I’m honored to have been selected,” she said. “I look forward to serving the Enterprise School District.”

The man who conducted the search, George Murdock of NorthWest Leadership Associates conducted the search for the district. He has 40 years of experience in public education and is now county commissioner for Umatilla County, and he has offered to be of whatever assistance he could going forward.

Pinkerton said she felt “extremely blessed” to have that support. She said that with her excellent mentors, George Murdock and the school board all assisting her, she expects she is “going to learn quickly.”



Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain

**Bronze Antler Bed and Breakfast** already has at least five bike-friendly services in place and earned the right to display the bike friendly sign. They've opted for a slightly larger sign than the free sign.

Local businesses urged to become bicycle friendly

More than 500 businesses already on Travel Oregon’s list

By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Business owners from across the county got the lowdown last month on how to become an official “bike friendly” business.

Those who earn the official designation are given special recognition through Travel Oregon’s marketing channels, including TravelOregon.com and RideOregonRide.com. All participating businesses also receive a welcome packet with bike friendly toolkit, stickers, window clings and the option to purchase a customized bike friendly sign that will alert bicycle tourists that the business has qualified

for the program.

It’s the first program of its kind in the nation and Travel Oregon undertook the task because bicycle travelers in Oregon spend \$400 million annually — approximately \$1.1 million per day — and they wanted Oregon businesses to have the opportunity to position themselves in the marketplace at the top of the list for bike tourism.

To qualify as “bike friendly,” businesses must agree to provide at least five bike-related services, from free water (from a hose) to protected, overnight bike storage.

The list of possible services is long and even farms can take part in the program and attract bike riders to their roadside stands. Golf courses, bed and breakfast providers, holistic pet food markets, lavender farms, cafes, grocery stores and more already are on the list. Here in Wallowa County, Bronze Antler Bed and Breakfast of Joseph was among the first to earn certification.

“It’s the right time to get behind this program,” said Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce Director Vicki Searles.

Mountain View Motel and RV Park owner Scott Hathorn III already serves bicyclists and said he planned to formally join the program.

“Bike riders love it here,” he said. “They love to get set up in the campground and have a party.”

Several attendees agreed that Wallowa County seemed to have the trifecta of attractions for cyclists: agritourism opportunities that allowed them to connect to the land; bike friendly roads and businesses to facilitate their vacations; and natural resources and historical sites galore.

All the information needed to begin the process of certification is available online at Industry.TravelOregon.com/BFB.

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  - Recipe measurement (abbr.)
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  - Say suddenly
  - Carbon isotope ration (abbr.)
  - Frasier Crane’s brother
  - Framework over oil well
  - Edible mollusk
  - Handy
  - Japanese banjo
  - Microwave
  - Double-reed instrument
  - Coated
  - Leaseholders
  - Master of business
  - Herb
  - Blood clot
  - Route
  - Reach a higher position
  - American state
  - Erases
  - Expunge
  - Waits around idly
  - Came into
  - Nikolai \_\_, Bolshevik theorist
  - 007’s creator
  - Dravidian language
  - Central nervous system
  - Male child
  - Born of
  - A period of history
  - A major division of geological time
  - Doctor of Education

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- Prods
  - Tempest
  - Miserable
  - Excited
  - Temindung Airport
  - Provides shade from the sun
  - Generators
  - Newspapers
  - Unaccompanied flights
  - Bahrain dinar
  - Romanian currency
  - Between northeast and east
  - London Southend Airport
  - Cucumber
  - Lovable pig
  - Woman (French)
  - Defensive nuclear weapon
  - Clutch
  - Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
  - Records electrical activity
  - Car mechanics group
  - Speaking
  - A formal permission
  - Exploiter
  - Affixed
  - External genitals
  - Deity
  - Eat these with soup
  - Swerved
  - Connects two pipes
  - Challenger
  - Ranch (Spanish)
  - Righted
  - Fatty-fleshed fish
  - Prosecutes alleged criminals
  - Swiss river



**Church Directory**

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church**

100 NE 3rd St, Enterprise  
NE 3rd & Main St

**541-426-3439**  
Worship Service  
Sunday 9:30am

**St. Katherine's Catholic Church**

Fr. Roger Fernando  
301 E. Garfield Enterprise  
**Mass Schedule**  
Mon-Thurs 8:00am, Fri 7:30am  
Saturdays 5:30pm Sundays 10:30am  
(541)426-4008  
stkatherinecenterprise.org  
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**Summit Church**

Gospel Centered Community  
Service time: 10:30 am  
Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise  
Pastor Mark Garland  
www.summitchurchoregon.org

**Joseph United Methodist Church**

3rd & Lake St. • Joseph  
Pastor Cherie Johnson  
Phone: 541-432-3102  
**Sunday Worship Service**  
10:00 am  
JosephUMC.org

**Faith Lutheran Church**

409 W. Main  
Enterprise, Oregon  
**Worship 2nd & 4th Sundays - 2 pm**  
**Bible Study Tuesdays before the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11 am**  
LCMS  
(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

**Enterprise Christian Church**

207 East Main - (541) 426-3449

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Pastor Terry Tollefson  
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**Sunday School: 10am**  
**Worship Service: 11am**  
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Discussion Group 9:30 AM  
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Blog: dancingforth.blogspot.com  
**541.398.0597**  
Hwy 82, Lostine  
Stephen Kliever, Minister

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606 West Hwy 82  
Wallowa, Oregon  
541-886-8445  
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**Worship Service • 10:45**  
Pastor Tim Barton  
wallowaassemblyofgod.com

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305 Wagner (near the Cemetery)  
P.O. Box N, Enterprise, OR 97828  
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