

New WHS principal embraces dual roles

By Kathleen Elynn
Wallowa County Chieftain

A new high school principal will greet Wallowa High School students this year. David Howe, 55, formerly of Council, Idaho, has accepted the dual job of high school principal and athletic director for the district. Howe replaces Rebecca Nordvedt, who has taken the position of assistant superintendent at Wallowa County ESD.

Multiple jobs won't bother Howe, who over his career has served as a business education teacher, athletic director, boys basketball coach, junior high football coach and assistant principal.

Howe's career took him from Plummer/Worley School District on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, to Council High in Idaho, to a year in Nysa, Ore., and back to Council High.

Now he brings more than 20 years of experience to Wallowa. He said his career has made him flexible and increased his confidence in his ability to deal with any problem that might come up.

"After being an assistant principal I was looking for a job where I could be in charge myself," Howe said. "There are challenges in any job and I'm looking forward to those challenges."

One of the challenges Howe will face is maintaining the stability of the district's finances as the PERS issue looms.

In the last two years the district has stabilized the spending of reserves and now, Superintendent Bret Uptmor said, "I want my revenues and expenditures to match."

Howe's degree in business education and economics and master's degree in educational leadership should help in that regard.

But what sold Uptmor on Howe and distinguished him from among seven applicants



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Wallowa High School Principal and Athletic Director David Howe.

for the job was the way Howe fit the "wish list" the staff had given their superintendent.

"We have a good staff that works well together," Uptmor said. "They wanted someone who would maintain that continuity in our staff and David brought that. He also understood small schools, high schools and the people we deal with."

Uptmor said he feels very comfortable with his choice and, for his part, Howe has been "everywhere for board meetings, talking with the former principal, talking to folks at the coffee shop ... that's where I get my overview of what's valuable to the community."

Howe seems to be making a good impression. A group of five staff members showed up to help him and his wife Bobbi move into their new home.

"That has put the zip back in my step," Howe said. "Everyone in the community I've met has been over-the-top wel-

coming." Next up is his relationship with students, Howe said, and that's something he's keen to start developing.

"One of my stipulations was that the athletic director position was attached to the principal job," he said. "I want and need contact with students. I'm looking forward to this year getting started so I get to know them."

He's getting to know them already, following the progress of football camp this week.

His hope for the coming year is to create an atmosphere where parents have more "buy in" on what staff and administrators are dedicated to doing — he hopes they have a real part in their child's education.

"I'd like the community to know that I want them to feel free to participate and be a part of this school," Howe said. "We'd like to see parents in our high school volunteering for different things."

the four distinctions and have demonstrated dedication to enriching student outcomes through innovative learning opportunities are then invited to join Colleges of Distinction.

The annual selection process also includes a review of each institution's freshman experience, general education program, strategic plan, and alumni success and satisfaction measures.

"Colleges of Distinction is

more than an annual ranking of colleges and universities," said Tyson Schritter, executive editor for Colleges of Distinction.

"We only include colleges that offer every student a holistic and valuable experience, and have earned solid reputations for serving their students and nurturing success. Like EOU, our member schools provide the affirming undergraduate experience every student deserves."

FOR THE RECORD

Dispatch log:

Monday, Aug. 1

12:26 a.m.: Horse on Highway 82 in rural Joseph.
10:15 a.m.: Criminal mischief reported in Joseph.
12:09 p.m.: Traffic stop in rural Enterprise.
12:38 p.m.: 911 report of a dog inside a hot car in Enterprise.
2:51 p.m.: Civil dispute in Enterprise.
3:05 p.m.: 911 call reporting a found small dog in Joseph.
3:59 p.m.: Traffic complaint in rural Joseph.
5:56 p.m.: 911 traffic complaint in Joseph.
6:23 p.m.: Harassment complaint in Joseph.
9:15 p.m.: Domestic incident reported in Enterprise.
9:56 p.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

7:04 a.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in Enterprise.
9:15 a.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in Enterprise.
12:15 p.m.: Four horses out in Enterprise.
1:51 p.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance at Wallowa Lake.
3:06 p.m.: Loose livestock complaint in rural Wallowa.
4:41 p.m.: Mountain bike reported stolen in rural Joseph.
4:48 p.m.: Harassment complaint in Enterprise.
6:43 p.m.: 911 call reporting cattle on Highway 3. This area is open range.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

8:45 a.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise. Warning issued.
10:58 a.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph. Warning issued.
12:03 p.m.: Baltimore Leon Carper, 35, of Lostine was arrested by WCSO on charges of possession of a prohibited firearm, possession of meth and theft by deception. Carper was transported to Umatilla County Jail.
12:21 p.m.: Civil dispute in rural Enterprise.
1:59 p.m.: EPD arrested Arthur Ray Haskins, 57, of Joseph on a Wallowa County circuit court warrant. Haskins is charged with probation violation on an original charge of driving while suspended.
3:06 p.m.: Theft complaint in Lostine.
5:22 p.m.: Loose cattle on Highway 82 in rural Joseph.
6:01 p.m.: Trespassing complaint in Enterprise.
7:57 p.m.: Fallen tree in Enterprise.
8:13 p.m.: Civil dispute in Wallowa.

Thursday, Aug. 4

3:11 a.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance at Wallowa Lake.
7:14 a.m.: Ambulance transport to Grande Ronde Hospital.
8:30 a.m.: Traffic stop in

Enterprise.
8:45 a.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
10:11 a.m.: Theft reported in rural Joseph.
11:06 a.m.: Hit & run reported in Enterprise.
1:05 p.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance at Wallowa Lake.
1:09 p.m.: Hit & run reported in Joseph.
3:57 p.m.: 911 non-injury accident reported in Joseph.
9:44 p.m.: Harassment reported in Wallowa.
9:53 p.m.: 911 traffic complaint in rural Enterprise.

Friday, Aug. 5

6:07 a.m.: Game violation in rural Enterprise.
10:40 a.m.: 911 complaint of livestock on Highway 3 in rural Enterprise. This area is open range.
10:59 a.m.: 911 call reporting a disturbance at Wallowa Lake.
7:07 p.m.: Possible harassment reported in rural Enterprise.
7:36 p.m.: 911 reporting a structure fire in Wallowa.

Saturday, Aug. 6

9:01 a.m.: Loose livestock in Enterprise.
9:08 a.m.: 911 call for ambulance at the lake.
10:22 a.m.: Loose cattle in rural Lostine.
4:18 p.m.: Possible missing hiker reported at Wallowa Lake Tram. Hiker located.
7:39 p.m.: 911 reporting a possible accident on Imnaha Highway.

Sunday, Aug. 7

2:47 a.m.: 911 call for ambulance in rural Joseph.
3:13 a.m.: 911 call for ambulance in Wallowa.
4:47 p.m.: Dead deer reported on Highway 82, MP 67.

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Meanwhile, people are left to cope with more insurers leaving the market, and two new health "co-ops" set up by the law have already folded. There's a better way to give everyone access to quality, affordable health care. Our plan would replace Obamacare with a new one that provides consumers more choices, lowers costs, focuses on curing deadly diseases like cancer, and strengthens and preserves Medicare.

Our "Better Way" plan upholds our constitutional rights and makes government more accountable and transparent to the people. We have ideas to boost our national security, combat terrorism and ensure our troops and veterans have what they need. And we propose reforming the nation's tax code to make it simpler and fairer for Oregon families and small businesses.

I'd encourage you to go read the entire plan, with hundreds of ideas to solve problems in our communities, on my website at <https://walden.house.gov/abetterway>. There, you can let me know what you think of these ideas or offer some of your own. Together, there's a better way to get Oregon and America back on track.

Greg Walden represents Oregon's Second Congressional District.

Thank You

On behalf of the Zollman and Borgerding families we would like to extend our gratitude to all that shared in the celebration of Katie Borgerding Zollman life event. We are forever grateful for all the support and love we have received before and after losing Katie. We appreciate all the donations to the Katie Borgerding Zollman Scholarship Fund set up to carry on Katie's mission of making sure every student, regardless of GPA, maximizes their potential. Katie always strove to go the extra mile for the student who struggled academically and her scholarship fund will work to continue that tradition.

If you want more information about the scholarship please send an email to katieborgerdingzollman@verizon.net.

An extra special thank you to all the volunteers who made Katie's day of celebration as beautiful and perfect as possible.

EOU named 'College of Distinction'

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Eastern Oregon University in La Grande recently was named among the nation's "Colleges of Distinction" in the new 2016-17 Colleges of Distinction Guidebook, scheduled for publication in September.

"Eastern Oregon University is once again honored to receive national recognition as a 'College of Distinction,'" said Sarah Witte, EOU provost. "We have a proud history of providing access, opportunity and inclusive excellence to traditional and adult learners on campus and at a distance."

To be included, schools must demonstrate results across four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes.

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- The Wallowa terrane and plate tectonics
- Coral fringed volcanic islands
- Great extinction of life

Fossil Site Field Trip

Friday, August 19th • 9am

Field trip the next day to see the most fossiliferous site* in Oregon. Meet at Wallowology at 9am. Limit 20 people. Pre-register at 541-263-1663 or come into Wallowology. *Fossil collecting not allowed.

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Enterprise City Park - Sunday, Aug. 21 Noon-2pm
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