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Sandy High grad helps build new high school

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Jordan Frost visited his first job site in a playpen.

Today, the 22-year-old 2008 Sandy High School grad is finishing his electrician training and working on the new high school his children will one day attend.

“He’s had a tool belt on since he was 3,” says Frost’s mom, Melissa. “He always knew what he wanted to do.”

From watching his dad in his playpen, Frost graduated to gathering wood blocks on a site. And when he was old enough, he officially came to work for his dad’s company, North River Electrical Construction.

“A lot of parents and kids don’t work well together, but he’s just cake to work with,” says Frost’s dad, Steve. “If I needed a hand, he was there.”

When the family’s house burnt down in 2000, only one wall remained, and the family “lost everything” of its grandfather’s homestead in Boring. Frost helped his family rebuild the house over 10 months, and by Christmas Eve, they were moved back in.

Then, in 2008, the family’s driveway flooded. Frost took charge, calling up friends for help and clearing debris from the driveway.

With family roots here, and a passion for the outdoors, Frost plans to stick around the Boring area. “I’m not a Portland person,” he says. “I like the woods, the wilderness, the whole small-town feeling.”

As a Sandy High student, Frost loved his shop, metal and auto classes. He surveys the new high school, excited to see the “big labs” for future students. Frost also played golf for four years in high school and built a black 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle with his dad.

“It made him realize he could work on anything,” Steve says.

After high school, Frost entered a four-year electrician program through the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee with a full-ride scholarship. He will complete the program in the spring of 2012.

“I learn something new every day,” Frost says of his work with Berg Electric on the new high school. “You’re always doing something different, and you get challenged with a new task.”

The high school construction crew has included as many as 250 people, Frost says. One of them is a family friend and foreman electrician, Chris Berck.

While Frost’s dad introduced him to the electrician trade, Berck got Steve into the trade about 25 years ago. Berck has known Frost since he was born.

Both Berck and Berg Electric General Foreman Slade Smith call Frost an experienced apprentice and self-starter who takes pride in his work.

To his parents and younger brother Keegan, Frost is building a legacy for years to come.

“He’s just a natural — there’s no doubt about it,” Steve says. “I look forward to the day I can have him back. He’ll be an integral part of the company, and always have a home at the company.”



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Jordan Frost, 22, is working on the new high school and completing his electrician training.

