

Lee Rozen takes lead at Daily News

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Lee Rozen has been hired as the managing editor of the *Moscow-Pullman Daily News*.

Assistant managing editor of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* from 2005-2009, Rozen has 20 years of management experience under his belt. He led a staff of 42 including seven managers and two teams of reporters.

"I'm really looking forward to this," Rozen, 61, said. "This is going to be an exciting adventure. I'm going to be coming into a place that's already working at a high level, and I look forward to taking it only higher."

Rozen has been in the area since Sunday exploring the community and meeting with newspaper staff.

"I have a deep caring about ... the people who work for me and the community," he said. "I grew up in a small community and would really enjoy that connection with the people and the place ... that you don't get with metro journalism."

Rozen started at the PI in 1996 as manager of new media before moving to general manager of the PI's website in 1999.

He also worked as a reporter and editor at The Columbian in Vancouver, Wash., from 1971-1984. Rozen has spent his time recently as a communications consultant in Bothell, Wash., working pro bono for a nonprofit corporation Midnight Writer.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the School of Communications at the University of Washington.

"Lee has what we need, a passion for independent journalism and broad range of experience in print and online," said Nathan Alford, editor and publisher of the Daily News and the Lewiston Tribune. "He has an impressive track record and blend of skills to lead our newspaper in an exciting direction."

"He understands what makes community journalism tick," he added. "It's all about good people and a respect and appreciation for our communities. He has a vision for the many good years ahead for the Daily News."

Rozen's first day at the *Daily News* will be June 28. He and his wife Sydney have started planning their move from Brier, Wash. He has two children, a son Geoff of Seattle and a daughter Amanda of Salem, Ore.

He succeeds former Daily News managing editor Doug Bauer, who moved on to take the managing editor position at the Lewiston Tribune in May.