



Baker County Library District

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, Jan 14, 2013, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Riverside Meeting Room, Baker County Public Library

2400 Resort St, Baker City

Gary Dielman, President

7:00	I. CALL TO ORDER	Dielman
	II. Additions/deletions from the agenda (ACTION) <i>Related documents (1): Agenda.</i>	Dielman
	III. Conflicts or potential conflicts of interest	Dielman
	IV. Approval of minutes from previous Board Meeting (ACTION) <i>Related documents (1): Board Meeting Minutes 12/10/12.</i>	Dielman
	V. Open forum for general public comments & communications In the interests of time and to allow as many members of the public an opportunity to speak, the board asks guests to limit remarks to five (5) minutes if speaking on behalf of an individual, or ten (10) minutes if speaking on behalf of a group or organization.	
7:10	VI. PREVIOUS BUSINESS	
	i. OTEC Power Equipment Easement (ACTION) <i>Guest Presenter: Carol Phillips, OTEC Staking Technician</i> <i>Related documents (2): OTEC Right of Way Easement Agreement;</i> <i>Location map.</i>	Phillips
7:30	VI. ANNUAL / RECURRING BUSINESS	
	i. Audit Report FY11-12 <i>Guest Presenter: Kent Bailey, Auditor</i> <i>Related documents (1): To be distributed at meeting.</i>	Bailey
8:00	VIII. NEW BUSINESS None	
8:10	IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS	
	i. Director's Report <i>Related documents: To be distributed at meeting.</i>	Stokes
	ii. Business and Financial Report <i>Related documents: To be distributed at meeting.</i>	Hawes
	X. Agenda items for next regular meeting: Feb 11, 2013	Dielman
8:30	XI. ADJOURNMENT	Dielman

The times of all agenda items except open forum are approximate and are subject to change. Other matters may be discussed as deemed appropriate by the Board. If necessary, Executive Session may be held in accordance with the following. Topics marked with an asterisk* are scheduled for the current meeting's executive session.

ORS 192.660 (1) (d) Labor Negotiations
ORS 192.660 (1) (e) Property

ORS 192.660 (1) (h) Legal Rights
ORS 192.660 (1) (i) Personnel

The Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Monday each month from 7.00 to 9.00p in the Riverside Meeting Room at 2400 Resort Street, Baker City, Oregon.



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VI. Previous Business
i. OTEC Power Equipment Easement (ACTION) Phillips

Ms. Carol Phillips, OTEC Staking Technician, is attending the meeting on request of the Board. She will explain the proposal and be available to answer questions. OTEC has requested placement of a transformer on library premises. Relevant documents include a Right of Way Easement Agreement and illustration.

VII. Annual / Recurring Business
i. Audit Report FY11-12 Bailey

Mr. Kent Bailey, CPA from Guyer & Associates, is attending the meeting to present the FY2011-2012 Audit Report. A bound and printed copy of the audit will be distributed at the meeting.

VIII. New Business

IX. Administrative Reports
i. Director's Report Stokes

General

After the shooting atrocities at Clackamas Mall and Newtown CT, I directed all staff to review FEMA webinar training "[Active Shooter: What you can do](#)". I also met with Baker City Police Chief Security Wyn Lohner on 1/8/13 for a consultation about safety measures and will next be meeting with John Minarich of Alpine Alarm to review security system options. Safety & Security procedures will be included in the District-wide staff training in spring.

Facilities.

Eaves on the main branch are again showing water damage below the gutters on the Madison and Resort St sides of the building. Wet plaster has broken and fallen, leaving growing holes with prominent icicles as snow melts. Sid Johnson & Co will be notified.

The condenser motor on the boiler compressor unit needed replacement in early January. The assessment and repair was done by Cook & Emele.

The PRCF work crew visited Fri, Dec 14 and did excellent work winterizing the grounds. Their January visit was canceled due to lack of available PRCF guard staff. A Quarterly Report from John Watson is included.

Friends.

Four small shopping carts from the Friends are now available to the public. Two are parked at the front entrance and two at the riverside door. The library purchased and installed "Cart Parking" signage and will also be getting plaques that acknowledge the Friends' contribution to place on the carts.

The Friends is trying to put together a Big Read grant application due Feb 5 2013. It has organized a Big Read Planning Committee which is currently gathering public input on



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the book selection. An online survey is open until Sunday 1/20/13. Printed ballots are also being taken at library branches (included in packet).

Personnel

Jerry Darbyshire has been transferred from the Huntington branch to be the Haines library staff, replacing Heidi Hull who retired at the end of December. **Kaitlyn Lofton**, who was the Huntington substitute staff, has been hired as the primary Library Assistant for that branch. Jerry did some extra training with her through December for that purpose. **Tamarack Grammon** has been hired to work 4.5 hours every Sunday. Senior staff Lindy Cloyd had previously worked that shift for 10 years and recently requested the reduction to her schedule. Tamarack will also be called upon to fill substitute shifts as needed.

Professional Development

I am making arrangements to go to the [2013 ALA MidWinter Conference](#) held in Seattle this year from January 25-29, but only for purposes of visiting the Exhibit Hall. Exhibit Hall registration costs \$35; the flight cost is approximately \$300. There will be no lodging costs as I will be staying with family.

The [SDAO 2013 Annual Conference](#) will be held Feb 8-10, Portland OR. Board members are invited to review the program and attend if interested. I do not plan to attend, but will be seeking copies of the program materials.

The [2013 OLA/WLA Joint Conference](#) will be held April 24-26, 2013 in Vancouver, WA. I will be attending along with two staff.

Programs, Events & Services

Technology

On January 3, Sage Library System upgraded to version 2.3 of the integrated library system software Evergreen. This upgrade includes several back-end changes that will make staff's work more efficient. It also features a [child-themed version](#) of the online catalog. This new catalog has not yet been rolled out, as Sage is still working out kinks in the upgrade.

Libraries of Eastern Oregon has received quotes to purchase two genealogy databases, Ancestry and Heritage Quest. A group of LEO libraries hopes to have these resources in place before the end of the fiscal year. BCLD has an existing subscription to Heritage Quest. I am interested in trying Ancestry for a couple of years to see if our users show a preference between these two similar products.

Other

Libraries will be closed Jan 21 2013 in observance of the MLK Jr. federal holiday.

The Board is invited to participate in the annual Staff Bowlstice get-together on Jan 21 at 4:00pm at Elkhorn Lanes. This is our seasonal party. We play two games and award prizes to top scorers.

Three Directors are up for re-election in 2013: Della Steele, Betty Palmer, and Kyra Rohner. The filing deadline is in March, and the election is on May 21.



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Our Business Manager overlooked payment of payroll taxes recently. Christine will explain.

Media Review / Discussion

ii. Business & Financial Report **Hawes**
Review Statement of Income and Expenses
Approve bills / Sign checks

X. Agenda items for next meeting **Stokes**

- Rules of Conduct Policy (Revision)
- Unattended Child Policy (Revision)
- Mandatory Reporting Policy (New)
- 2013-14 Budget Process, Budget Committee Membership
- Board of Directors candidates
- 2012 Statistics
- Janitorial Contract

XI. Adjournment **Dielman**



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<p>Call To Order</p>	<p>Gary Dielman, President called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:10. The meeting was held in the Riverside Meeting Room at the Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort Street, Baker City, Oregon. Present were: Gary Dielman, Betty Palmer, and Della Steele, Directors; Perry Stokes, Library Director; and Christine Hawes, Business Manager.</p>
<p>Agenda Approved</p>	<p>Dielman asked for changes to the agenda. No additions or changes were proposed.</p>
<p>Minutes Approved</p>	<p>Dielman stated that he had one correction to the previous minutes; Page 2 under Governance Policy, the last paragraph of the topic, replacing the last sentence “Dielman tabled the resolution” to read “All agreed to defer consideration to the next meeting.” Rohner-Ingram made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2012 as corrected; Palmer seconded; passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Dielman noted for the record that there were no members of the public present. Stokes had no correspondence to share.</p>
<p>Governance Policy and Resolution 2012-13.004</p>	<p>Stokes projected the proposed by-laws onto a screen. He reviewed the by-laws and Board Governance Policy Draft with the original text shown in black and proposed changes in red. Dielman suggested that since we are governed by public meeting law, a more concise document could include just a brief statement of procedure and cite the ordinance with which every board member should be familiar. Stokes explained that specifying legal duties shows both awareness and commitment. With critical information included in the foundational document, new members and visitors can more easily gain an understanding of the organization rather than needing to refer to multiple other documents. Steele stated that she likes having policy stated to read in front of her. Palmer agreed that a new board member would find the proposed draft much easier to read and follow. Discussion ensued. Rohner-Ingram suggested corrections to the document related to how to properly cite statutes. Stokes made note of changes. Dielman called for a motion. Palmer made a motion to adopt the Board Governance Policy draft as amended with a copy of the Oregon Public Meeting Law attached and ordinance reference included; Rohner-Ingram seconded; passed unanimously. Dielman signed Resolution 2012-13.004 Revising By-Laws to Board Governance Policy.</p>
<p>Library Director Job Description</p>	<p>Stokes stated that the Director Job Description would now be a separate document which he has drafted. A basic description of the position was originally found in the By-Laws. For reference, he had a book of library job</p>



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	<p>descriptions, and a copy of the 1985 Library Director job description updated in 1992 and a copy of the 2007 Director job posting. Dielman said he read through the entire job description and also stated he liked the selection guidelines. Rohner-Ingram agreed that she liked it as written. With no further discussion, Rohner-Ingram made a motion to approve the Job Description for the Library Director as written; Steele seconded; passed unanimously</p>
<p>OLA Passport Program</p>	<p>Stokes told the board that the SAGE Council approved the Passport Program for the region. Stokes said he would like to try it. He suggested monitoring use to see if any problems arise. The OLA committee plans to review the program after a 3-year trial period. Stokes likes the idea of getting a different card to use for this so patrons are easy to identify. Sage will be creating a separate patron profile in our database to help differentiate such accounts. Palmer made a motion to authorize the Baker County Library District to participate in the OLA Passport Program; Rohner-Ingram seconded; passed unanimously.</p>
<p>O TEC Easement Request</p>	<p>Stokes presented the OTEC easement proposal documents. The proposed easement may be in preparation for the underground utility project on Resort Street. A transformer unit would be placed at the edge of the parking area in a landscape strip at the northwest corner of the building. The map and illustration were reviewed. A lengthy discussion continued about concerns including exact location of the unit and whether or not the easement would grant OTEC the right to cut down and/or trim trees on Library property. The board directed Stokes to invite someone from OTEC to come to the next meeting to define what the easement entails and answer questions. Stokes will contact OTEC.</p>
<p>Administrative Reports: Director's Report</p>	<p>Stokes gave the following administrative reports:</p> <p>Artist Contract – A notification of the expired Artist Contract and re-payment due was sent to Phillip Charette via USPS certified mail on 11/29/2012. Payment of \$2,500 or a request for a payment schedule was stipulated as due by January 31, 2013. The confirmation receipt form was returned with Charette's signature dated 12/03/2012.</p> <p>Winter Book Sale – The Friends' book sale opened to the public on Saturday, December 1. The Friends' volunteers helped set up the sale and staff the sales desk the first weekend. The rest of the time, purchases were brought to the library front desk. Total sales numbers were not available. Stokes felt the book sale was slow this year but staff thought it went well. One of the side benefits of the sale is organization of donations and reducing stock</p>



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so the Miners' Jubilee Sale is more manageable.

Personnel – Haines Branch staff, Heidi Hull, has announced her retirement effective December 31. The position will be filled internally. The Bookmobile was in the Twilight Parade on December 1. It was decorated by the Friends and driven by bookmobile driver, Steve Kunze. On the subject of Steve, while off-duty he slipped and fell crossing an icy road and was seriously injured. He will be off work for several months for recuperation. Bookmobile Driver Reb Wilson will be covering Steve's routes and training Branch staff Jerry Darbyshire for the duties as well.

ALA MidWinter Conference – the conference will be held in Seattle, January 25-29. Stokes is considering attending. There will be a huge vendor hall. One vendor of particular interest is Envisionware. The vendor advertises a comprehensive RFID security tag system and public computer management software. RFID is a goal to be able to leave DVDs in the cases on the shelves rather than having to file them behind the counter.

Programs & Events – A Hobbit Party is planned for Friday. The celebration coincides with the release of the movie. Stokes asked the board to be sure to stop in the Children's area and see the amazing Smaug the Dragon hanging in the entrance to the Children's collection. It was designed by Youth Services staff Melissa Shafer and crafted during library Story Time events. The kids have been doing Hobbitats, which are also on display. Stokes said Melissa is to be commended for doing such fantastic work with the children.

Melissa, Courtney, Jim and Perry all plan to dress in Tolkien inspired costumes for the event. Mayor Dorrah and friends will be playing live music at 2:00pm. Movie tickets are being given away as prizes thanks to the support of the Friends of the Library and Eltrym Theatre.

Meeting Room Scheduling – Stokes reported receiving a complaint about schedule procedures recently. There has been some confusion involving a large group with a regularly scheduled class that has squeezed out groups that had a prior reservation of the room. Stokes said better communication and confirmation is needed with regards to groups with recurring events. He is looking at software solutions that may be available.

Sage Library System – The Sage governance committee is looking at becoming a separate non-profit entity. It currently is functional department of the EOU library. Sage is revising the Memorandum of Understanding that is signed by each member institution when it joins the consortium. That MOU was last revised in 2004.

Leo Adler Grant Award -- Stokes announced that the Leo Adler Grant awarded the Library \$15,000 for the teen room improvement project. He had originally asked for \$27,000 which included a media package for the meeting rooms. The goals to update the teen room include making computer



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	<p>workspace more efficient, adding shelving for YA materials, installing new carpeting, and crafting a new entry that will mitigate conversation noise from the room.</p> <p>Stokes asked the directors for feedback on the new agenda and annotated detail. None had any suggestions.</p>
Business Manager's Report	<p>Hawes passed out check packets for signatures and reviewed the financial report passed out with the check packets.</p> <p>Starting with an update on the November tax turnovers, the District received four tax turnovers totaling \$682,475 or 79% of the budgeted revenues. Similarly, last year at this time we had received \$683,474, 80% of the budget. At the time of the November meeting, we knew about two of the tax turnovers and that the US Bank Tax Anticipation Note had been paid in full. The Inter-fund loans have been paid back to the Other Funds totaling \$50,500. Noteworthy checks include Ingram \$5,053 book orders; Visa \$4,488 most of which was DVD/movie orders (\$1,289.30), building fluorescent lights (\$991.91), adult book carts & baskets (\$560) sponsored by the Friends; Pine Eagle Education District reimbursement \$2,800 for Richland library improvements (discussed below); Hobbit programs included teen part \$138.78 and kids project & dragon \$199.91 to-date; Ed Staub \$983.15 heating fuel for Haines and Halfway branches. The current cash balance is \$477,435 after paying tonight's bills totaling \$19,874 and repaying the loan.</p> <p>Palmer asked about the check for \$2,800 for work done at the Richland Branch by Mr. Poppalardo; the invoice attached had no detail. Stokes will contact the Education District for proper reimbursement and request detail for the work.</p> <p>Checks were signed and approved.</p>
Next Meeting Date	<p>The next regular meeting will be January 14, 2013. The audit report will be delivered by Kent Bailey at the January meeting.</p>



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Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Perry Stokes, Secretary to the Board PS/ch
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BAKER COUNTY LIBRARY
Facilities Report/Quarterly Summary
QE 12/31/2012

1. Assess lighting needs and repair/replace lamps and fixtures as needed.
 Completed On-going Not planned

Comments: **Just have a few more ballasts to replace.**

2. Evaluate plumbing needs and make repairs/replacements of fixtures as needed.
 Completed On-going Not planned

Comments: **Replaced faucet in Meeting Room and contractor repaired leaky toilet in Boys Restroom.**

3. Work with prison to provide improvement projects for inmate crew monthly.
 Completed On-going Not planned

Comments: **Trimmed trees and shrubs in Dec.**

4. Clean up and organize storage room.
 Completed On-going Not planned

Comments: **Progress made but more organizing remains.**

5. Spot-clean carpeting as needed using steam cleaner.
 Completed On-going Not planned

Comments: **Meeting Room and North Lobby done in Dec.**

6. Replace damaged acoustic ceiling tiles as needed.
 Completed On-going Not planned

Comments:

7. Empty outside garbage receptacles and keep in good repair.
 Completed On-going Not planned

Comments: **People love using our cans!**

8. Install Baby Changing tables in three restrooms.
 Completed On-going Not planned

Comments: **Second table will be installed next week.**

9. Maintain indoor plants on a regular basis.
_____ Completed ___✓___ On-going _____ Not planned

Comments:

10. Dig out two plugged drains in North parking lot.
___✓___ Completed _____ On-going _____ Not planned

Comments:

ACTIVITIES AT HAINES BRANCH

- Re-lamped light fixtures
- Spackled and repainted holes in meeting room walls

Planned: Contractor to repair can lights with no switch available.

ACTIVITIES AT RICHLAND BRANCH

- Re-lamped fixtures
- Replaced entry fixture
- Replaced faucet in restroom

Planned: Diffuser replacement and ballast repairs.

“BIG READ IN BAKER” BALLOT

Now is your chance to vote for a favorite book candidate for the library’s “Big Read in Baker”. A committee has whittled the National Endowment for the Arts [Big Read book list](#) down from 27 to a “shortlist” of ten selections.

Just review the book options below, Mark your Top Choices (1,2,3, etc) and turn the ballot into library staff.

Voting is open until midnight January 20 2013.

The winning title will be the focus of a community-wide Big Read event being planned for the upcoming year.

The Big Read is a program from the National Endowment of the Arts “designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment.” It provides citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities. More information about the Big Read is available online at neabigread.org.

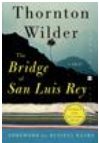
“Big Read in Baker” Book Candidates: Mark your Top Choices (1,2,3, etc) and turn the ballot into library staff.



[My Ántonia](#) by Willa Cather.

The spirited daughter of a Bohemian immigrant family plans to farm the untamed Nebraska land. Willa Cather's tale comes to us through the eyes of Ántonia's childhood friend, Jim Burden.

"The time will come when Willa Cather will be ranked above Hemingway." -Leon Edel



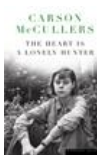
[The Bridge of San Luis Rey](#) by Thornton Wilder.

Thornton Wilder is the only writer to have won Pulitzer Prizes for both fiction and drama. His novel The Bridge of San Luis Rey and his play Our Town ask us to examine how we live our precarious, precious lives, whether in small-town America, eighteenth-century Peru, or anywhere else.



[The Call of the Wild](#) by Jack London.

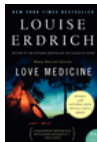
The adventures of an unusual dog, part St. Bernard, part Scotch Shepherd, that was kidnapped and shipped off to Alaska to work on the Klondike Gold Rush. Buck the dog quickly learns how to survive in the wild and also learns the call of the wolf. This story of a struggle for survival is an unforgettable adventure.



[The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter](#) by Carson McCullers.

When she was only twenty-three, Carson McCullers's first novel created a literary sensation. She was very special, one of America's superlative writers who conjures up a vision of existence as terrible as it is real, who takes us on shattering voyages into the depths of the spiritual isolation that underlies the human condition. A teenage outcast, a drunken socialist, a black doctor, and a sad café owner confess their secrets to a deaf-mute, in this dramatic story

of poverty and racism in a 1930s Georgia mill town.



[Love Medicine](#) by Louise Erdrich.

An eclectic range of comic and tragic voices narrate this powerful book about the enduring power of love. Erdrich leads the reader through the interwoven lives of generations of Kashpaws and Lamartines in North Dakota.



[The Maltese Falcon](#) by Dashiell Hammett.

First published in 1930, The Maltese Falcon stands today as one of the classics of both suspense literature and American writing. Detective Sam Spade becomes embroiled with a

More selections on other side...

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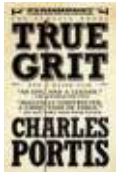
mysterious client, avenges the death of his partner, and chases a priceless treasure in this classic American private-eye novel.



[Sun, Stone, and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories](#) edited by Jorge F. Hernández. This anthology presents a superb selection of the finest Mexican short stories ever written, and offers a glimpse into a diverse and fascinating culture. Authors include Juan Rulfo, Octavio Paz, Rosario Castellanos, and Carlos Fuentes. Through these pages, readers will tour the real and the unreal, the faithfully rendered and the fantastic, as well as the tangible past of Mexican history. They will also travel between urban reflections on everyday life and intimate inventions that set Mexico apart from other landscapes, other cultures, and other literatures.



[The Thief and the Dogs](#) by Naguib Mahfouz. First published in 1961, this novel by a Nobel Prize-winning author tells the story of a man who blames an unjust society for his ill fortune. He reverts to old, thieving habits, and eventually brings himself to destruction in a cruel world. "[Naguib Mahfouz] is not only a Hugo and a Dickens, but also a Galsworthy, a Mann, a Zola, and a Jules Romains." --Edward Said, "The London Review of Books"



[True Grit](#) by Charles Portis. A classic Western, True Grit recounts the backcountry adventure of a one-eyed marshal, "Rooster" Cogburn, and a spirited fourteen-year-old, Mattie Ross, as they seek to avenge the death of Mattie's father. "Like Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn and Thomas Berger's Little Big Man, Charles Portis's True Grit captures the naive elegance of the American voice." --Jonathan Lethem



[A Wizard of Earthsea](#) by [Ursula K. LeGuin](#). Ursula K. Le Guin is one of Oregon's most prominent writers. In the first book of her widely admired fantasy series, only the power of language can restore balance to a dangerous world. "The magic of Earthsea is primal; the lessons of Earthsea remain as potent, as wise, and as necessary as anyone could dream."--Neil Gaiman

More selections on other side...

with choir anthems and carol singing.

Red Riding Hood comes to Unity

UNITY — The Burnt River School's Winter Program will feature the play "Red Riding Hood" produced by the Missoula Children's Theatre.

The play, conceived and written by Michael McGill, will be performed at 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14, at the Burnt River gymnasium.

Santa Claus is also scheduled to make an appearance.

More information is available by calling the school at 541-446-3336.

WEATHER

Today

38 / 19



Partly cloudy with patchy fog

Thursday

37 / 23



Partly sunny with patchy fog

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

that was all right, but his aim, well, it's just not what it was when he a younger man.

Age 95, for instance.

You can tell it sticks in his craw, that shot.

"I didn't make too good of a shot," Galloway said, talking about the cow elk he killed during a damage control hunt Dec. 4 on the Fence Creek Ranch on the Zumwalt Prairie in Wallowa County.

"They had to finish it off for me."

When it comes to filling his freezer with wild meat, whether it's an elk

himself.

That he turned 96 on Oct. 16, and so can be forgiven for not putting the bullet precisely where he wanted, matters not a whit to him.

Galloway downed a whitetail deer in Wallowa County a few years ago with his .357 magnum pistol.

That's a fair sight harder, he figures, than dropping an elk with the Winchester Model 70 .270 caliber rifle he's hunted with for half a century.

Of course the bedroom slippers might have thrown off Galloway's



Callaway

in slippers, a choice of footwear that seemed less than ideal on a cold, wet and muddy day.

Callaway figured his buddy had forgotten his boots.

Hardly an unreasonable assumption.

See Harry / Page 10A

By Chris Counts
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A Baker City man is in custody on charges of sexually assaulting a 6-year-old girl.

A Baker County grand jury issued a secret indictment for the arrest of Leny Chance Warren, 43, of 1555 East St., on two counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of attempted first-degree sodomy, all Class B felonies.

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The Hobbit Hits The Big Screen

Middle Earth moves to the library for a day

By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

J.R.R. Tolkien wrote "The Hobbit" in 1937.

A feature film based on the book releases at midnight Friday.

Those years between book and film span several generations who are all invited to a community party Friday at the Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St.

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Photo by Lisa Britton

Smaug the dragon "welcomes" visitors to the library.



TODAY

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COMING FRIDAY — WHAT'S BREWING AT BARLEY BROWN'S



Local & State

Hawes honored by Oregon Farm Bureau

■ Christine Hawes helped start the annual Field to Fork day

SALEM — Christine Hawes, secretary/treasurer of Baker County Farm Bureau, received the Oregon Farm Bureau's (OFB) Top Hand Award during the OFB's 80th-annual meeting last week in Salem.



Hawes

County Farm Bureau organized and administered, Hawes helped establish the annual Field to Fork program, where fifth-graders spend a day learning about agriculture, and the Baker County Farm Bureau Trap Shoot fundraiser.

Hawes also assists with the annual Summer Ag Institute, where teachers learn how to incorporate agriculture into their classrooms, and she acts as a Farm Bureau ambassador to the community, interacting with legislators and 4-H members alike.

"An effective and dedicated secretary/treasurer is the bedrock of nearly every successful County Farm Bureau," Bushue said in a

press release.

"Christine's work has helped Baker County Farm Bureau thrive in recent years, and it now boasts the youngest county board of directors in the state. We salute Christine for her decades of service to Farm Bureau and for the betterment of Oregon agriculture."



Bushue

The Top Hand Award is given to individuals who have devoted an exemplary amount of time and energy toward furthering the goals of Oregon Farm Bureau.

To be eligible, candidates must be nominated by their County Farm Bureau.

HOBBIT

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"It's a community event celebrating all things Hobbit — a love of family, food, music and literature," said Melissa Shafer, children's librarian. "All Dwarves, trolls, Orcs, wizards and Hobbits are invited — costume or not."

The library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Throughout the day, Shafer will be asking trivia questions about The Hobbit. Those who answer correctly can enter their name in a

Hobbit Party

- FRIDAY, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St.

raffle for movie tickets or books.

The library's decorations were made during six weeks worth of story times on Wednesday and Friday.

There are Hobbitats (Hobbit homes made with moss, soil, cans and seeds) and suspended from the ceiling is a red dragon mod-

eled after Smaug in The Hobbit.

"Come see Smaug — he's awesome. The kids did a great job," Shafer said.

Scott Ungerecht took photos and videos during the story times, and those are posted on the library's facebook page and on YouTube.

The day will also feature treats from Sweet Wife Baking, Bella, Ryder Bros., and The Sycamore Tree.

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., music will be provided by the York's Kitchen Band.

"Come join the fun," Shafer said.

OREGON BRIEFING

Hermiston horse slaughter plant suspect city coordinated with op

PENDLETON (AP) — The group behind horse slaughter facility in Eastern Oregon says the city of Hermiston coordinated with animal groups in its fight to keep the slaughter facility.

The group, United Horsemen, has request maintained by the city and all documents per horse slaughter, including any emails on the

The East Oregonian reports (bit.ly/U2HLY) recommended the group narrow its request to email accounts, including the mayor, city council manager, assistant city manager and city planner.

The city initially requested \$651 for labor costs. Upon appeal, the city dropped the fee.

United Horseman continues to move forward with proposed slaughter facility, but has not yet put land use request to Umatilla County.

Oregon legislative committee to 1 public testimony on Nike tax bill

SALEM (AP) — An Oregon legislative committee will hear public testimony Thursday on a bill to repeal giant Nike.

Gov. John Kitzhaber has called the full Legislature into special session Friday to consider legislation Kitzhaber authority to lock-in a key provision code for Nike.

Nike said it would expand in Oregon if the state would agree that the company's taxes will be calculated based solely on its Oregon sales. But Oregon included the value of in-state payroll when calculating taxes for multi-state corporations like Nike.

The newly created Joint Special Committee on Economic Development will meet on Thursday at 9 a.m.

Father of 11-year-old boy accused of armed robbery attempt arrested

PORTLAND (AP) — Police have arrested the father of the 11-year-old Portland boy who is accused of robbing a woman with a loaded pistol.

Portland police spokesman Sgt. Pete Simpson said a search warrant was issued Tuesday and Joseph was taken into custody. The 34-year-old is the first to be arrested under a city ordinance prohibiting from leaving unsecured firearms where minors can access them.

contests have \$50 cash prizes for the winner. The cards will be sent to military members serving overseas.

In addition to the contest judging, there will be craft vendors, and a visit from Santa Claus, on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the VAOI center. Cookies, coffee and tea will be served, and there will be a raffle.

More information is available by calling Stephanie Ann Kinzel at 541-519-9933 or by email at vaioeventspecialist@hotmail.com.

Borrow an energy meter at the library

Residents can check out from the Baker County Library a device that determines how much electricity various appliances and other items in your home are using.

The "Kill A Watt" energy monitors are available at the library, 2400 Resort St., through Energy Trust of Oregon.

WEATHER

Today

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Slight chance of rain or snow

Tuesday

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Mostly cloudy with areas of fog

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

Powder aplenty makes for a 'phenomenal' ski season opening

By Casey Kellas
The (La Grande) Observer

ANTHONY LAKES — Anthony Lakes ski resort kicked off its 50th year on Saturday, and skiers and snowboarders alike were welcomed by plenty of new snowfall on the mountain.

The opening came two weeks later than it did a year ago, but judging by the general energy around the lodge, everyone was excited for a day on the slopes.

"Couldn't ask for a better day," general manager Peter Johnson said. "It's phenomenal out there."

George Garcia, who has worked in the rental shop for the past five winters, echoed those sentiments.

"It's a superb day. Everyone is really enjoying it. The diehards are finally getting their fix," he said.

Johnson said that the turnout on Saturday was par for the course from previous years, but he added that business has steadily increased over the past five years or so.

There was no special celebration for the 50th anniversary, but

Johnson said he plans on doing something in the future.

Instead, Saturday was all about playing in the snow — 6 inches of fresh powder (followed by 18 more inches overnight into Sunday).

Anthony Lakes has a reputation as one of the best ski resorts in the Northwest, and Saturday it was on full display.

Nat Kavanaugh was snowboarding at Anthony Lakes for just the second time, but he said he has heard a lot about the resort.

"I've heard how good the snow is, and it's amazing. So nice. So far it's living up to what I've heard," said Kavanaugh, who just moved to Eastern Oregon from the Bend area, where he spent a lot of time on the slopes of Mount Bachelor.

But newcomers and old-timers alike were enjoying what Anthony Lakes had to offer Saturday.

Brent Kerns has been skiing at Anthony Lakes for the past 30 years, and there is a reason he keeps coming back.

"Great snow and great people,"

Kerns said. "It's a hell of a mountain for its size. If you can ski here, you can ski any mountain in the United States. It's heaven on earth."

Kerns also likes the atmosphere that Anthony Lakes provides.

"It's the best family area. It's friendly. People watch out for kids up here," he said.

"It's a local resort," Garcia said. "You get to know people. You know everyone's names."

Johnson said that the reason the mountain remains popular 50 years in is that people feel welcome the second they show up.

"You get great customer service," he said. "You come here and are treated as a guest. There's a warm feel and it's affordable. We have a community focus, whereas other resorts are focused on the bottom line."

Anthony Lakes will be open Dec. 15 and 16. The area will be open daily from Dec. 19 through 1 Year's Day, except Christmas. Snow reports are available at anthonylakes.com or by phone at 541-856-3277.

Baker City Council Mulls Uses Of Donated Property

City wants advice on use of Silver property

By Terri Harber
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Baker City's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will host an open house on Wednesday, Dec. 12, regarding proposed redevelopment of the former Silvers

property.

The open house will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

The residential site at 1935 Clifford St. was given to the city by its owner, the late Anthony Silvers, who

wanted the property used in some way to benefit the community.

The Clifford Street property is east of Central Park, on the other side of the Powder River, between Valley and Washington avenues.

Some people want to see it made into a park of some sort.

Some community members are looking for grants to fund the project, for example.

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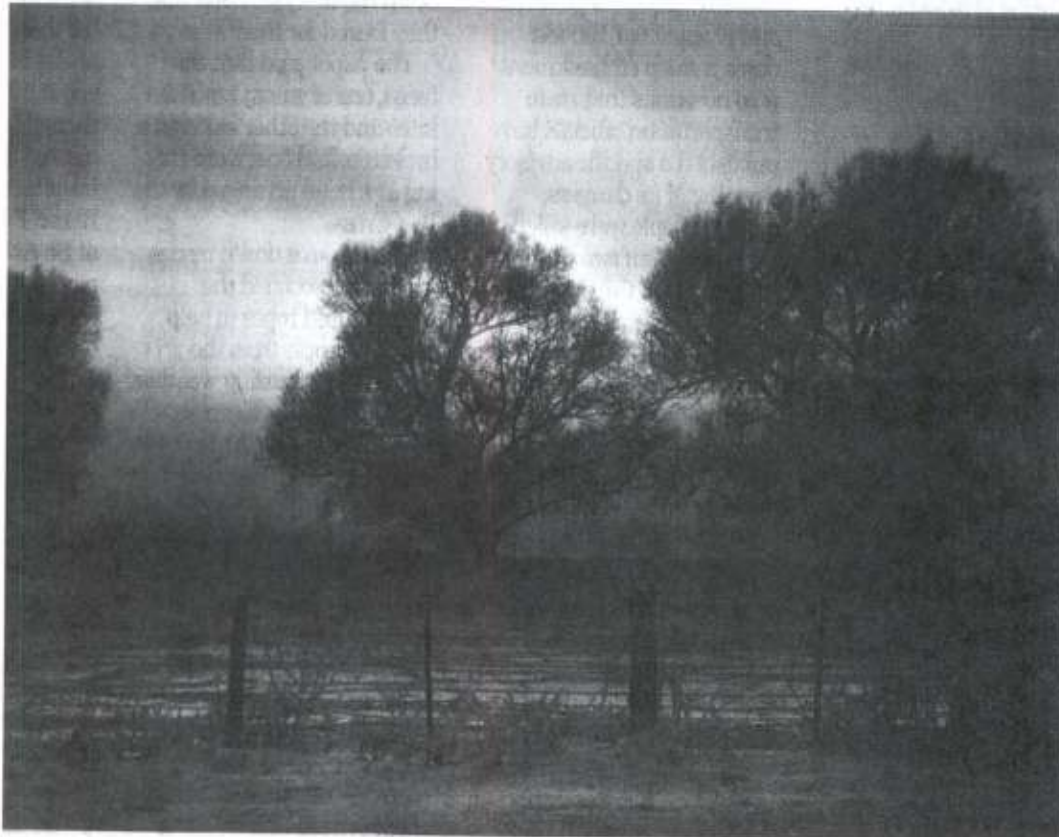
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Farewell To 2012



Kathy Orr / Baker City Herald

of 2012 have been seasonably chilly in Baker County. The last day of the year could in fact be 2012 if the clouds that have cast a pall over Baker Valley recently recede. Clouds act as a sort of insulating blanket, trapping heat (a relative term this time of year, to be sure) from rising. Even a thin overcast can warm the air by as much as 15 to 20 degrees warmer compared with a cloudless night. Full forecast on Page 8B.

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'Ghost Mine' Debuts Jan. 16 on Syfy

Show filmed locally to air

By Jayson Jacoby
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A ghost-themed reality TV show that was made this summer near Sumpter is scheduled to debut Jan. 16.

"Ghost Mine" will air at 7 p.m. PST on the Syfy network.

The network, formerly known as the Sci-Fi Channel, is available in about 98 million homes.

The new show, as its name implies, combines both the ghost hunting for which Syfy is known — the network's roster of programs includes "Ghost Hunters," which airs directly prior to "Ghost Mine" on Jan. 16 — and mining.

The latter topic makes Sumpter a logical choice for the show's setting.

The town, about 28 miles

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Demand for food skyrockets in Linn, Benton

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — Things aren't getting better for poor people in Linn and Benton counties — especially in terms of food needs, according to Mike Gibson, director of Linn Benton Food Share.

The demand for food in the mid-valley is the worst Gibson has seen in his 28 years with the program, which operates under the umbrella of the Community Services Consortium. Individual and business donors, as well as the Oregon Food Bank, have stepped up to help meet the increasing demand, he said.

"From July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, we saw an 11 percent increase in the number of people coming in for food boxes," Gibson said. "In the first four months of our current fiscal year, that's up by 19 percent."

"It's definitely the worst I've seen things in terms

of need," Gibson said. "Fortunately, we have had tremendous community support."

Gibson said the program works with 74 member agencies in the two counties that distributed 47,000 food boxes last year — 5.4 million pounds, up nearly 500,000 pounds from the previous year.

"Those boxes fed about 165,000 people," Gibson said.

Local soup kitchens and shelters served 269,881 meals last fiscal year.

Annette Hobbs has been the director of FISH of Albany for 23 years and echoes Gibson's sentiments.

"It's definitely a banner year in terms of need," Hobbs said. "We average about 365 families and the last two months, we've helped up to 435 families."

Hobbs said that's about 1,200 to 1,400 people per month.

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The small community of Greenhorn "shouldn't be a city."

Fred Warner Jr., Baker County Commission chairman

most often come to stay during the summer. Winter recreationists will go up to ride snowmobiles but are a smaller group.

"They shouldn't be a city," Warner said.

It's considered a historic ghost town because there

manager.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved price changes for Health Department vaccines and for providing containers to dispose of sharp medical implements.

BRIEFING

Big Read committee to meet Jan. 8

Choosing which book everyone in Baker County can enjoy reading together will be the main agenda item at the first meeting of the Big Read Planning Committee set for Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. at the Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St.

The Baker County Friends of the Library hopes to organize a community-wide Big Read event for the upcoming year or early 2014.

The Big Read is a program from the National Endowment of the Arts that provides citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. More information is available by calling Library Director Perry Stokes at 541-523-6419.

Methodist Church services, events planned

Communion will be observed this Sunday, Jan. 6 at the Baker United Methodist Church, 1919 Second St., with services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Pastor Ralph Lawrence's sermon is titled "Suffered, Dead and Buried."

On Tuesday, Jan. 8, the Sunshine Circle meets at 1 p.m. at the church. The Rainbow Circle will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at 1655 Ash St.

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, Susannah Wesley Circle will meet at noon at The Sunridge, and Crap Apple Court Committee will meet that day at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Thursday Activity Club for kids, with adult supervision, is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 10 at 3 p.m. at the church.

City has vacancies on several boards

Baker City is seeking volunteers to serve on any of several boards and commissions.

- Public Works Advisory Committee: one vacancy, three-year term.

- Historic District Design Review Committee: Two vacancies, three-year terms. Special consideration will be given to volunteers with prior experience in building design, downtown business community members, and members of the Baker County Historical Society.

- Baker City Budget Board: Five vacancies, three-year terms.

- Baker City Golf Board: One partial-term vacancy, ending in November 2013.

- Airport Commission: One partial-term vacancy, ending in January 2015.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call Becky Fitzpatrick at City Hall, 541-524-2033 or by email at bfitzpatrick@bakercity.com before Jan. 17. Volunteer application forms are available at www.bakercity.com.

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the wolf will kill livestock, although officials say he has not so far.

The California Cattlemen's Association opposes listing the wolf on California's endangered species list based on a single animal wandering into the state.

"Any time a predator is introduced, or in this case crosses the border, it concerns people especially those in Northern California where this wolf now seems to call his home," said Justin Oldfield, vice president of government relations for the association. "Our goal now is to work with (wildlife agencies) to see how we can manage this predator in California. That would include things such as ... what livestock owners can do to protect their animals."

The lone wolf also has been celebrated by fans such as (at)iamgreenbean who this week sent the message "We are THRILLED to have you" to the Twitter account (at) WolfOR7. The anonymous wolf often tweets about eating ungulates, or asking journalists, "Why the fixation with my love life?"

So beloved is OR-7 in Oregon that a newspaper cartoonist depicted him as a candidate during the 2012 presidential campaign.

Despite the high tech gadgetry hanging from his neck, sightings are rare. Kovacs' department updates a tracking map when OR-7 moves significantly out of an

"If you look at dispersing gray wolves, OR-7 is clearly on the far end of the bell curve in terms of how far he has traveled."

— Karen Kovacs, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

close or stays too long in one area.

"When we believe he's reached a threshold, when he's hanging around in one area too long... we have felt compelled to knock on doors and tell them to be a little more vigilant," Kovacs said.

For the past month, he has been roaming around the northern and eastern edges of Tehama County around Red Bluff as he follows deer migrating from the northern Sierra to lower grazing areas at around 1,500 feet. He has approached I-5 on several occasions, but never crossed the freeway though he has repeatedly crossed less traveled highways.

With a sample size of just one, it's hard to note any breakthroughs in wolf science, though researchers have been amazed at the distances OR-7 has covered. The 3,000 miles recorded are just connecting the dots between GPS coordinates and don't count any meandering in between.

"If you look at dispersing gray wolves, OR-7 is clearly on the far end of the bell

LOCAL BRIEFING

Compassion Center banquet Feb. 2

"Celebrate Compassion, Coming Together for Change" is the theme for this year's banquet for the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center.

The event will start at 6 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center, 1250 Hughes Lane.

Guest speaker, Lt. Will Benson of the Baker County Parole and Probation department, will give his insights as to how that comes together with the Center to change the lives of residents going through the court system.

New to the banquet this year will be the participation of many volunteers from local churches who are coming together to assist the center in this fundraising event.

Reservations are not necessary for the free tri-tip beef dinner, but you can call 541-523-9845 if you would like to reserve a table for 8 to 10 guests. Dinner sponsors are also being sought. Call Cliff Cole, Ministry Director, at 541-519-5056 to become a sponsor.

Watershed Council meeting Jan. 9

The Powder Basin Watershed Council will have its monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Baker School District office, 2090 Fourth St. The public is invited to attend.

Melissa Yzquierdo, BLM Natural Resource Specialist for Wildlife and Botany, will give a presentation on sage grouse in the Powder Basin. Contact the Watershed Council for details: 541-523-7288 or pbwcassist@qwestoffice.

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Hospital auxiliary offers scholarship

St. Alphonsus Auxiliary-Baker City is offering a \$1,500 scholarship for a graduate of a Baker County high school or a current resident of Baker County will be at least a sophomore in college by September 2013. The scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in a health care profession. Applications are available in the lobby of St. Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City or from Peggy Payton, 541-523-6603, or Marilyn Bloom 541-523-2750. Application deadline is April 15.

Halfway Library News

by Linda Bergeron



I had a recent insight while writing, with my fingertips ping over the tops of us by the likes of Cook, Lowell, Gerritsen and in, and the other professionals who turned away from career for which they were mented and became popular authors.

In recent decades adults are writing novels, mysteries and even non-fiction humor, are now not only user doctors and lawyers, also former architects, geologists, coroners, geologists, law enforcement professionals, teachers and experts in the social sciences, professionals, or otherwise well-educated people, are finding a second career, a slower-paced and more satisfying one, or are retired simply not ready to close door on decades of interesting work.

What struck me the most was imagining all of the interesting and sometimes-of-a-kind life experiences they bring with them they face the keyboard or and create characters, scenes, and amazing-but-easy plots. Their inside knowledge and details only bring to a story what others find both enthralling and new.

Here's another: Anne Morgan. Never heard of her? Neither had I. She's related to Russian author Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910) by way of circumstance, interest and genre.

I became impressed with her solid and skillful writing as Tolstoy quite late – in early forties, when I was fiddling long enough to fiddle tackle such a book as *War and Peace*, which explores character and culture during the Napoleonic era in the surrounds of elegant St. Petersburg, Russia. It just struck me that all of Tolstoy's works (novels, short stories and essays) were obviously written in Russian, and perhaps it was the translator who had also accomplished an equally marvelous job.

I discovered that Ms. Morgan (1910-1997) was one of numerous translators of Tolstoy. Who was she? She was an actress, a dancer and even a teacher. She learned Russian – certainly not an easy language for readers of

Guy de Maupassant, a well-known French short story writer of earlier modern days, said of Count Tolstoy, an aristocrat who had turned away from that privileged life, "He possessed that special gift called talent, which consists in the capacity of intense, concentrated attention directed on some object or other ... whereby a man gifted with that capacity sees in the objects on which he directs his attention something new, something that others do not see."

Reading Tolstoy provides an opportunity to see the everyday with fresh eyes, and to delight in seeing the perfect word or phrase applied to an emotion, action or person in turmoil.

Not unlike the curious cat, inquiring minds smile often.

Volunteers at a Library

I began a list of all the possible benefits to spending volunteer time at a library, and realized I could easily fill several pages! A library may seem like a stolid storehouse of dull objects, while in actuality it is continuously in flux – with many incoming new books, others being taken from the shelves and sent elsewhere in Oregon to fill a request, collections being pulled together for a display, items in repair. A library is not dull.

Does a library need volunteers? Yes, always, and the work needed can range from simple to detailed. Books need to be shelved, shelves need dusting, items arranged on a shelf need to be tightened up or shifted. There is considerable variety of need, which suits a 30-minute drop-in or an hour a week. All you really need to know is the alphabet, and if you're good with numbers there is also a place for you.

The library keeps track of volunteer hours – which adds up considerably over a year, especially when you consider all of the library's outlets – the main library and six branches (Haines, Halfway, Huntington, Richland, Sumpster and the bookmobile).

Not only do volunteers help with the workload of this tax-based district, but the skills one acquires as a volunteer can be applicable to other employment, and spending time in the library quickly

through a book, map, audio, film, etc.

Sometimes a person can discover a topic they didn't know existed, or that there was a name for, which fascinates them, which can stimulate curiosity and a desire to learn more about it. Volunteerism increases familiarity. (I've been involved with libraries since high school, and I still make discoveries.)

Volunteering at the library is an opportunity to serve the community – and that's all of the community, all ages and walks of life – from children who are just learning to read, and parents acquainting their kids with the library, to people facing changes in life, and people who just want to bump into friends.

In another era, "priming the pump," had considerable meaning. One literally had to supply the pump with a little water so that it could pump out a lot more water. Similarly, I've found that lacking work or direction one can prime the brain and the world of opportunity by giving of your time, and watch for the return.

Please call or drop into the library to see if you would like to volunteer.

Did You Know?

Author Ray Bradbury achieved most of his education through the discipline of going to the public library several days a week and following a plan of learning he set up for himself?

Idaho Power has provided public libraries with their Kill a Watt Meter, which can be checked out to use at home? Use this device around your home to learn all about how many kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity it takes to keep your appliances and electronics running. Learning about your energy use may help you to finally decide whether or not to replace that old refrigerator or washer, or how worthwhile it may be to unplug electronic equipment.

To use the meter, simply plug it into a standard three-pronged electrical outlet, then plug the appliance or electronic device into the meter. It will measure the power consumption. The meter and related data comes in a handily-carried pouch and circulates for the standard three-week period. Idaho Power has details about its energy efficiency

What is a QR Code?

by Linda Bergeron
of the Hells Canyon Journal

If you read the print copy of magazines or have bought bananas in recent months, you are already acquainted with QR codes.

These are Quick Response codes, developed by the Toyota Corporation, and recognizable on products and in print as square boxes. Each code box is filled with a seemingly random array of black and white, and three corners of the large square are occupied with a smaller square and a black circle within it.

This past summer I spotted this little square on the label of a banana that was advertising a movie with a Disney icon. My first reaction was disgruntled amazement of how far the media will go to advertise the latest thing – on our fresh fruit!

Then, in October at library training our staff was introduced to these codes by our technology director. While highly skilled in electronic technology, this technician – who hunts, gardens and cans a lot of food – admits to not being a large fan of technology, but his laptop, he related, is gathering dust since he has a SmartPhone.

He was shopping in a big box home improvement store, saw a display for a product which he didn't think he really needed, but decided to check out the QR code he saw with his phone. He watched a short video clip demonstrating what the product could do, was impressed, and realized it was something he could really use.

As a consumer, he had a visual demonstration immediately, and many questions answered at his fingertips without having to hunt down a clerk.

In the current issues of *Consumer Reports*, *High*

2012 Census of Agriculture Coming Soon

With all the feasting and merry-making that goes on during the holiday season, this is a great time of year to recognize the 3 million American farmers and ranchers whose work provides that feast. Whether they raise animals, plant fruits and vegetables, or grow Christmas trees, they all stand to benefit from the 2012 Census of Agriculture.

Taken every five years, the census provides the most complete and accurate agricultural information avail-

Country News and *This Old House*. QR codes had a definite presence on the pages. Interestingly enough, there were only three to be found in a current issue of *Time* (one investment firm, and two pharmaceuticals).

Consumer Reports identified the code format at the beginning of an article on product ratings and reliability, explaining, "Use your smart phone to access exclusive buying advice on *Consumer Reports Mobile*. If your phone didn't come with a QR code scanner installed, download one of the code-scanning apps available. Then scan the image of the QR code that appears with each product category on the following pages. Your phone will display the advice you'll need to get the best values. The code at right takes you to the *Consumer Reports Mobile* home."

This Old House brought the codes to the attention of their readers by having 10 on one page as gateways to 10 different product chance-to-win giveaways, with instructions for downloading the free Microsoft Tag reader application. These square codes' format lacked the three corner squares and had a visual zig-zag look to it.

If one goes to google.com to search "QR Codes" the first group of results will let you know that: you can buy them from Pitney-Bowes (a company with a long reach toward business and consumers for many decades); wikipedia already has a hefty 13-page blurb explaining them and the technical standards; google has sample images of them (black-and-white and color); you can get a free QR code generator and online creator; there is a source for QR codes that are "ready to print or add to a t-shirt;" and there is at least one website with an answer

to the question, "What is a QR code and why do you need one?"

Wikipedia's site provides an image of a card, reporting, "QR codes have been used and printed on Chinese train tickets since late 2009." Historically, a subsidiary of the Toyota Corporation in Japan invented the two-dimensional code, a matrix-type barcode, in 1994, "to track vehicles during the manufacturing process, and was originally designed to allow components to be scanned at high speed." QRs are unlike barcodes, which are mechanically scanned with a narrow laser beam. Reportedly, "...the system has become popular outside the [automotive] industry due to its fast readability and large storage capacity compared to standard UPC barcodes. The code consists of black modules (square dots) arranged in a square pattern on a white background. The information encoded can be made up of four standardized [modes] of data (numeric, alphanumeric, byte/binary, Kanji), or through supported extensions." (Kanji is a Japanese alphabet.) Source: www.mashable.com/category/qr-codes/

While browsing online, there was at least one pop-up ad that offered a simplified explanation to the average entrepreneur of our age: "pbSmart Codes is the smart, easy way to build your business in a fast-paced mobile world. Create QR codes on marketing materials that link to custom mobile web pages, then sit back and track your campaign's success."

Just think, now a shopping parent walking with a child in tow in one hand while using a device with the other will be even further distracted from real life.

By law, the information is used strictly for statistical purposes; all individual information is kept confidential. Producers can either mail in their completed form or fill out the census online via a secure website.

mail out census forms in late December 2012 to collect data for the 2012 calendar year. A farm is designated as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. By law, the information is used strictly for statistical purposes; all individual information is kept confidential. Producers can either mail in their completed form or fill out the census online via a secure website.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 19

Community Bus to Baker City, 8:30 a.m. Call 742-RIDE (742-7433) by Tuesday night.

Pine Eagle Health District Board, conference room at Pine Eagle Clinic, 10:00 a.m.

Panhandle Range Club, Halfway VFW Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Family Night at Richland Christian Church, 6:30 p.m.

-12 Holiday Concert, Pine Eagle Charter School gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.

Halfway Lions Club, Halfway Lions Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon, Halfway Library conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 20

Senior Meal at New Bridge Grange, 12:00 noon.

Pine Valley Grange, PV Grange Hall at Pine Valley Fairgrounds, 12:30 p.m.

New Bridge Grange, 7:00 p.m.

Open Adult Volleyball, Pine Eagle School gym, 7:00 p.m. Non-marking, non-outdoor gym shoes required.

Friday, December 21

PEHS Wrestling at Ontario, TBA.

PEHS Basketball at Wallowa Tourney; PEHS girls vs. La Grande JV, 12:00 p.m.; PEHS boys vs. Arlington, 1:30 p.m..

Saturday, December 22

PEHS Basketball at Wallowa Tourney; PEHS girls vs. Sherman County, 2:00 p.m.; PEHS boys vs. Sherman County, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 23

Open Adult Volleyball, Pine Eagle School gym, 7:00 p.m. Non-marking, non-outdoor gym shoes required.

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Richland Christian Church, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Pine Valley Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

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Community Bus to Baker City, 8:30 a.m. Call 742-RIDE (742-7433) by Tuesday night.

Panhandle Range Club, Halfway VFW Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Family Night at Richland Christian Church, 6:30 p.m.

Pine Eagle Valley Grange, 7:00 p.m.

Al-Anon, Halfway Library conference room, 7:30 p.m.

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Santa To Visit Baker Library

Santa Claus will visit the Baker County Public Library in Baker City on Saturday, December 22, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to share their Christmas wishes with Santa, have photographs taken and hear Santa and his elf read a few of their favorite Christmas stories.

Halfway Council Considers

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viewing the dog ordinance. Mayor Farwell expressed dismay that people have been bad about letting dogs run wild around town lately.

"People are talking and complaining, but we are not getting written complaints," said Farwell. "We have a lot of running dogs and we need the public's help. If people won't come in, it is difficult to do anything."

Until changes are made to the dog ordinance, the city needs a formal, written complaint from two separate households to begin to deal with the offender.

Possible Sale of Garbage Service Discussed

Farwell informed the council she had received a phone call from Terry Schmoie, owner of La Rue Sanitary Service. Schmoie told her he is thinking of retiring and selling his business, and wanted to know if the city would be interested in buying La Rue Sanitary.

"I can think of about two positives and 30 negatives," said Farwell in regards to the possibility of the City of Halfway purchasing the business.

The council agreed the big-

gest advantages would be providing some regular employment for people and keeping the garbage service in local hands, but the logistics and expense of actually running the business were a huge drawback. Although the city will likely refuse the offer, the council decided to table the discussion for another month in order to ask questions and get more information before making a final decision.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director, Page Frederickson, had some good news in her report. The radar speed sign borrowed from the Baker County Sheriff's Office has been having the desired effect. Residents on Record Street have reported traffic has slowed significantly as people now realize how fast they are driving as they come into town. The radar speed sign will be moved around town to different locations periodically in an effort to help the public be more aware of their speed.

Frederickson also reported the city is ready for snow plowing. Five individuals have signed up for snow removal duties and new recruits have already received

some training. They will get paid for 40 hours a month, or four inches a month. The council decided that if the city is being placed in a position to be sure to

Announcement

The Council will meet on Monday, December 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Baker County Courthouse. The agenda includes the presentation of the 2013 budget and the presentation of the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget.

Courthouse

The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, December 24, 2012 for the Christmas holidays.

Baker County

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Former Congressman Sentenced for Fraud

Former Oregon Congressman, Wes Cooley, 80, was sentenced to over a year in prison by a federal judge in Los Angeles on December 11 in connection with fraud allegations.

According to reports, Cooley was vice president of an internet auction startup company called Bidbay.com Inc. that led investors to

deal in September 2012 and plead guilty to the single count of filing a false tax return.

In addition to his one year and a day in prison, Cooley was also ordered to pay \$3.5 million in restitution to 400 of the fraud's victims and \$138,000 to the IRS.

Wesley Shadric Cooley represented Oregon's 2nd Con-

The Orchestral Society will perform at the Baker County Courthouse on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The program includes "The Nutcracker" and "The Swan Lake". Tickets are \$10.00. For more information, call 742-7433.

Town & County

Annual Advent Service At Lutheran Church

The community is invited to join the First Lutheran Church congregation and choir for their 41st annual Advent Scripture and Song Service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the church at Third Street and Valley Avenue.

The Advent and Christmas season will be celebrated with candlelighting and scripture readings along with choir anthems and carol singing.

Children To Perform Red Riding Hood, Burnt River

Missoula Children's Theatre will be performing Red Riding Hood at the Burnt River Winter Program Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at 5 p.m. in the Burnt River Gymnasium.

Santa plans on stopping by.

Santa Claus To Visit Library

Santa Claus will visit the Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St. Baker City, on Saturday, Dec. 22, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. All are welcome to share their Christmas wishes with Santa, have photographs taken, and hear Santa and his elf read a few of their favorite Christmas stories.

Hobbit Festival At The Library

Join The Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St. in Baker City, for a grand Hobbit Festival as they celebrate the creative genius of J.R.R. Tolkien.

10-11 a.m. Tolkien Storytime for Tiny Tots

2 - 5 p.m. Live music from York's Kitchen Band

3 p.m. Animated movie and snacks

People will arrive dressed as characters from the Middle Earth dimension created by author J.R.R. Tolkien. Enter to win prizes offered throughout the day, including tickets to the newly released Hobbit film by Peter Jackson.

Burnt River School Board Meeting

There will be a school board meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Burnt River School Cafeteria. Items on the agenda include: Junior High Basketball, Lawrence Company Service Agreement, Board Resolution-In-lieu-of-health insurance and Revised Rental Agreement.

New Hope For Eastern Oregon Animals Seeks Nominations For Board Of Directors

New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals is seeking nominations for its Board of Directors. A 501C3 nonprofit, New Hope was established in 2010 with the mission of improving life for animals through kindness, understanding and respect. It is located in Baker City, Oregon.

Election of Board Members will take place Jan. 30, 2013 at New Hope's Annual Membership Meeting. A maximum of 8 positions are available for filling with terms varying from one to two years. The Board currently consists of 7 members, all of which have indicated they are interested in seeking reelection. Individuals interested in serving on the Board should contact Dick Haines at 541-523-3554 to obtain an application form. The overall goal is to continue a board of diverse skills and experience with an emphasis on leadership and collaboration. Applications are due by Dec. 21.

Two of New Hope's more visible programs include the Powder Pals Dog Training Program and the Baker City Trap, Neuter, Return Program. The Powder Pals Program is a cooperative venture with the Powder River Correctional Facility, Oregon Department of Corrections in which inmates train homeless dogs, ensuring they are more likely to be adopted into a home. The program will be starting its third year of operation in February, 2013.

The Trap, Neuter, Return Program is an ongoing partnership between New Hope and the City of Baker City Police Department, in which feral cats within the city are trapped, neutered, and returned to their trap site. Neutered cats are returned to this colony to prevent other feral cats from moving in, and over time, reduces the feral cat populations.

Web Academy To Hold Board Meeting

The Governing Board will meet for its monthly board meeting, Monday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the North Baker Campus, 2725 Seventh Street, Baker City.

Christmas Contests To Be Held Dec. 13-15 At VAOI Center

A Gingerbread House Contest will be held at the VAOI Event Center, 1901 Main St. in Baker City Dec. 13-15. There is a \$5 entry fee.

The Gingerbread Contest is divided into three age groups: Junior, 6-12; Teen, 13-17; and Adult 17 and over. Awards will be given for first place in each group: 1st Place, \$50 cash; 2nd Place, \$30 cash; and 3rd Place, \$20 cash. Best in show wins \$50 cash.

Donated gingerbread houses will be sold at Silent Auction on Dec. 20.

There will also be a homemade Christmas Card Contest. Entry fee is \$2 per card (no limit) and the winner will receive a \$50 cash prize. This event is for all ages. Cards will be signed and sent to soldiers serving in the military.

A most creative gift wrapping contest is part of the VAOI Center events. Entry fee is \$2 per package (no limit) and the winner will receive a \$50 cash prize. This event is for all ages. Entries may not be professionally wrapped.

Drop off entries for all three contests from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14 at the VAOI Center.

Judging will begin at 3 p.m. on Dec. 15. Santa will also be at the VAOI Center Dec. 15 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., as well as craft vendors.

All proceeds from these contests will go to benefit Veterans Advocacy of Ore-Ida (VAOI) and their continued efforts to help veterans and their families.

For more information or to sign up, contact Event Specialist Stephanie Ann Kinzel at 541-519-9933 or by email at vaioventspecialist@hotmail.com

Senior Menu

Dec. 14-20

Friday
Fish & chips, vegetable, jello with fruit, bread, cake.

Monday
Spaghetti with meat sauce, vegetable, green salad, garlic bread, pudding.

Tuesday
Sauerkraut and sausage, parsnip potatoes, vegetable, carrot raisin salad, bread, sherbet.

Wednesday
Jamaican jerk chicken, seasoned fries, vegetable, coleslaw, bread, pudding.

Thursday
Roasted turkey, dressing and gravy, green beans, pea & onion salad, roll, fruit crisp.

Local Women Receives Invitation To Barron's Winner's Circle

The "Top 100 Women Financial Advisors"—honored this year in Barron's June 4 issue—have been invited to attend an elite gathering of the nation's pre-eminent women financial advisors. Marcy Haines, owner of Vision Wealth Management in Baker City was selected.

This is the Gold Standard in Financial Advisor conferences.

Barron's will lead the event's sessions, along with distinguished members of the "Top 100 Financial Advisors," men and women named in Barron's April 16 issue as the top practitioners in the field. Joining them will be a select group of 400 additional women advisors representing an elite level of performers selected by their firms to attend this marquee event.

This unique conference offers attendees the opportunity to meet and network with the leaders and opinion-shapers of the financial advisory profession. Thus, it is recognized by participating firms as an extraordinary opportunity to enhance the professional development and skills set of their best talent.

Best People. Best Practices.

The Barron's Winner's Circle Top Women Financial Advisors Summit brings together the best in the business. It is designed to facilitate a free-flowing exchange of information, ideas and insights through peer-based communication and an unwavering focus on best practices and winning wealth-management strategies.

Burnt River 1st Quarter Honor Roll 2012-2013

Honor Roll
Anna Pedersen
Seline Wente
Maurice Claussen
Felix Reinhardt
Cody Belveal
Kelsie Kezerle
Aryanna St. Amand
Rowdy Wilson
Tyler Belveal
K'Leigh Payment
Honorable Mention
Cullen McLemore
Kinzi Parret
Baylee Hansen

SWCD Annual Dinner Meeting

The Baker County Association of Conservation Districts will be holding their Annual Dinner Meeting on January 25, 2013 at the Sunridge Inn. There will be a "no-host" social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The theme for the evening is "Pass it on Down!" We will proudly recognize local landowners and partners and showcase their outstanding contributions to the natural resource conservation effort in Baker County. The Cost for the dinner is \$10.00, payable at the SWCD office prior to the event.

The Soil and Water Conservation District is uniquely tasked to work with local landowners and the communities to develop opportunities that sustain and improve our communities, economy, and resources. Baker County is comprised of four Soil and Water Conservation Districts: Baker Valley, Burnt River, Eagle Valley and Keating, thus serving all areas of the county. Each district is able to provide technical, financial and educational resources that meet the needs of the local natural resource concerns. This in turn provides economic sustainability for the rural community while preserving the pristine beauty of Baker County. The SWCDs are able to help local landowners and agriculture producers implement voluntary conservation projects through grants and USDA programs. With care and stewardship by private landowners, Baker County is truly becoming a leader in natural resource conservation efforts.

Please join us for a wonderful evening. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP by January 23, 2013 to the District's office at 523-7121, ext 100.

Movie Event In La Grande Dec. 20 For Virtual School Students

Students attending Oregon Connections Academy and their families will be attending a special field trip to the La Grande Library on Thursday, Dec. 20. The movie starts at 10 a.m. in the Community Room at the Library, 2006 Fourth Street in La Grande.

Participants will watch Disney's "Monsters, Inc." and enjoy refreshments. They will have a chance to browse the library and interact with some of their teachers as well as other

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Haines News: School to Hold Christmas Program Tonight, Dec. 20

Condolences

The community of Haines would like to send special condolences to the family, friends and community of the staff members and children of Sandy



Haines News
Teri Brown-Johnson

Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut who was killed last week and to the family, friends and community of Portland, Ore., of those harmed or killed in the shooting at Clackamas Town Center. Our thoughts and prayers go out to every person who is effected by these tragedies. May God Bless and comfort them all.

Christmas Program

The Haines Elementary School Christmas program will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. The community is invited to attend. Punch and cookies will be served after the program during Santa's debut.

Special thanks to the Mutual Improvement Club for their

donations to the Christmas Hawk Store and for making popcorn balls for the students to enjoy after their Christmas Program. We all appreciate your continuing support throughout the year and hope your holidays are very special. Thanks again.

Craft Day

The Christmas Craft Day will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20. The students and staff will be on Christmas vacation from Friday, Dec. 21 thru Tuesday, Jan. 1, and they will head back to school on Wednesday, Jan. 2. The staff and students would like to wish everyone and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank everyone for all of their support and contributions to the school. The next PTCO meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. They will be working on preparations for their annual Chili feed and raffle to be held on Friday, Feb. 1.

Church

The fourth Advent candle will be lit this Sunday, Dec. 23, at the Haines Methodist Church. The fourth candle marks the joy at the impending Nativity of Jesus and fulfilled hope. The Christ Candle, the fifth Advent candle will be lit at the Christmas Eve

service Monday, Dec. 24, to be held at 3 p.m. This will also give everyone time to go to service and be able to enjoy family time afterwards that evening.

The central location of the Christ Candle reminds us that the incarnation is the heart of the season, giving light to the world. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On Sunday, Dec. 23, at 10:30 a.m. the Bible Message at the Haines Baptist Church will be "Jesus Wasn't Born To Condemn Us, Nor To Give Everything We Want."

On Monday, Dec. 24, the Community is invited to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It's become a blessing and a family tradition for many in Baker Valley as we celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus. During the service, they will sing Christmas Carols.

Library

According to Haines Librarian, Heidi Hull. Here are the Happenings at the Haines Library. "Are you ready for Christmas vacation? It is coming soon! The Library will be hosting a holiday movie festival

on Thursday and Friday afternoons, Dec. 20 and 21, and Saturday morning, Dec. 22. The holiday movies that will be playing are "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "The Polar Express" and "The Muppets' Christmas Carol." We encourage all children to bring pillows and blankets, and enjoy our movies. Books! Books!

"We have new adult non-fiction books! We have new adult fiction including mysteries, science fiction and fantasy books! We have Christian Fiction and westerns! Our bookshelves are over-flowing!

"If you enjoy reading book series, we have some exciting news for you! Every few weeks, we will be featuring a new author and a series that he/she was written. This month, our second featured author is Vince Flynn and his action-packed thriller series, starring Mitch Rapp, an American counter-terrorism operative. Stop by the library and check them out!

"Our StoryTime time has changed! Dotty is now reading from 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday morning. Come and join Dotty as she reads

about Mother Goose, horse princesses, trucks, a dinosaurs!

"The Haines Library is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (staffed by a volunteer - please call ahead to see if the library is open), and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon."

Everyone is reminded to keep flues cleaned and please be careful when thawing air pipes. Do not go off and leave your heaters running like space heaters. Be sure to check up on your neighbors and seeing that they are okay.

This weather has been a little on the wild side and it looks like Baker County may have "White Christmas." It looks like though no one will need to be dreaming of one this year.

If you would like to share news, please email dtbcj4@cas.cadeaccess.com or call 541-856-3793 by Sunday evening or Monday mornings. Thank you to everyone who shares in the news for Haines. Have a Merry Christmas!

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Soroptimist International Of Baker County Offers The Women's Opportunity & Fellowship Awards

The Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Awards are cash awards given to motivated women who are the primary financial supporters of their families. The recipients of the awards seek to improve their lives by gaining additional skills, training or education, but do not have the resources to do so. These cash awards are meant to offset any costs associated with the recipient's efforts to attain higher education, including tuition, books, supplies, child care or transportation costs. SIBC recipient award amount is \$750.00. The application deadline is January 1, 2013.

Pine & Eagle Valley News: Santa To Visit School

This week has given us snow, and yes, it has covered all those things I said I was going to pick up. Too late now, I'll find them in the Spring



warm and friendly inside.
Snow Park Permits
The snow park permits, annual and three day are now available at the Halfway Motel.
Birthdays
This weeks birthdays start with Donna Hammar who

Dec. 24, at 7 p.m.
The Richland Christian Church will also have a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.
Birth
Alaina Gotzman, of Richland, traveled to Des Moines, Iowa last week in

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Cash Basis

Baker County Library District Profit & Loss Budget Performance July 2012 through January 2013

	Jul '12 - Jan 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4000 - Current Year Tax Levy				
4001 - Current Tax Levy	553,332.25	604,200.00	-50,867.75	91.6%
4006 - Local Option Levy	216,214.64	242,238.00	-26,023.36	89.3%
Total 4000 - Current Year Tax Levy	769,546.89	846,438.00	-76,891.11	90.9%
4005 - Prior Year Taxes				
4011 - Levy 1st year prior	11,891.87			
4012 - Levy 2nd year prior	8,377.50			
4013 - Levy 3rd year prior	4,756.96			
4014 - Levy 4th year prior	4,504.05			
4015 - Levy 5th year prior	145.10			
4016 - Levy 6th year prior	22.30			
4017 - Levy 7+ prior years	14.09			
4005 - Prior Year Taxes - Other	0.00	35,000.00	-35,000.00	0.0%
Total 4005 - Prior Year Taxes	29,711.87	35,000.00	-5,288.13	84.9%
4020 - Other Taxes/Bond Priors-LandSale	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.0%
4060 - State Resource Sharing	5,838.00	6,000.00	-162.00	97.3%
4100 - Fines and Fees	8,737.10	13,000.00	-4,262.90	67.2%
4200 - Interest Income	509.62	9,000.00	-8,490.38	5.7%
4300 - Other Revenues				
4301.1 - VocRehab Reimb/ODHS	5,361.36	5,000.00	361.36	107.2%
4302 - Donations	150.00	200.00	-50.00	75.0%
4303 - Program Support	222.25			
4307 - E-Rate Refunds	1,338.96	6,500.00	-5,161.04	20.6%
4309 - Other Revenues - Miscellaneous	280.44			
Total 4300 - Other Revenues	7,353.01	11,700.00	-4,346.99	62.8%
4310 - Technology Mgr Contract Income	924.00	2,700.00	-1,776.00	34.2%
4500 - Transfer Income	0.00	2,060.00	-2,060.00	0.0%
4999 - Beginning Cash				
4999.1 - Checking cash on hand	0.00	19,273.00	-19,273.00	0.0%
4999.2 - LGIP cash on hand	219,342.56	200,000.00	19,342.56	109.7%
Total 4999 - Beginning Cash	219,342.56	219,273.00	69.56	100.0%
Total Income	1,041,963.05	1,146,371.00	-104,407.95	90.9%
Gross Profit	1,041,963.05	1,146,371.00	-104,407.95	90.9%
Expense				
5000 - Personal Services				
5001 - District salaries				
5100 - Baker Branch				
5102 - PS-Library Director	40,946.56	68,014.00	-27,067.44	60.2%
5104 - SD-Administrative Assistant	10,643.51	18,670.00	-8,026.49	57.0%
5105 - CH-Business Manager	11,601.67	20,290.00	-8,688.33	57.2%

Tax Turnovers Recd

11/02/13 \$104,066.91

12/12 None

11/01/12 \$106,663.05

11/07/12 \$118,913.27

11/15/12 \$139,525.87

11/23/12 \$267,367.91

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5120 · CW-Lib Asst/Supplies Mgr, ILL	21,385.44	36,786.00	-15,400.56	58.1%
5123 · AD-Lib Asst/Window, Media	5,042.47	10,369.00	-5,326.53	48.6%
5124 · CA-Lib Asst/Shelver, VolIntr Mgr	9,470.23	15,806.00	-6,335.77	59.9%
5125 · LC-Lib Asst/Catalog Specialist	17,713.40	30,384.00	-12,670.60	58.3%
5126 · MS-Lib Asst/Childrens Services	13,798.12	24,440.00	-10,641.88	56.5%
5128 · SM-Lib Asst/Public Services	8,280.75	14,960.00	-6,679.25	55.4%
5129 · SB-Lib Asst/Periodicals Mgr	17,593.98	30,264.00	-12,670.02	58.1%
5131 · DP-Reference Services	17,306.84	27,628.00	-10,321.16	62.6%
5132 · HS-Lib Asst/Processing	6,220.94	10,701.00	-4,480.06	58.1%
5133 · CS Lib Asst/Media Processing	10,148.94	16,952.00	-6,803.06	59.9%
5139 · Student/Public Services	0.00			
5140 · Vacation Substitutes	4,352.85	7,845.00	-3,492.15	55.5%
5150 · Bookmobile/Maintenance				
5150.3 · SK-Bookmobile Driver	3,479.80	7,824.00	-4,344.20	44.5%
5150.5 · RW-Bookmobile Driver	3,845.90	7,451.00	-3,605.10	51.6%
Total 5150 · Bookmobile/Maintenance	7,325.70	15,275.00	-7,949.30	48.0%
5152 · JW-Technology Manager	27,293.80	46,949.00	-19,655.20	58.1%
5173 · Facilities Maintenance	1,371.48	6,101.00	-4,729.52	22.5%
Total 5100 · Baker Branch	230,496.68	401,434.00	-170,937.32	57.4%
5200 · Branch Attendants				
5202 · Haines	6,939.05	11,736.00	-4,796.95	59.1%
5203 · Halfway	7,714.46	11,736.00	-4,021.54	65.7%
5204 · Richland	6,832.42	11,456.00	-4,623.58	59.6%
5205 · Huntington	5,966.59	10,686.00	-4,719.41	55.8%
5206 · Sumpter	7,233.78	11,736.00	-4,502.22	61.6%
5209 · Branch Training	936.71	1,500.00	-563.29	62.4%
Total 5200 · Branch Attendants	35,623.01	58,850.00	-23,226.99	60.5%
Total 5001 · District salaries	266,119.69	460,284.00	-194,164.31	57.8%
5300 · Special Contracts				
5153 · JW-Tech Contracts				
5153.2 · Or Trail Library District	0.00	1,700.00	-1,700.00	0.0%
Total 5153 · JW-Tech Contracts	0.00	1,700.00	-1,700.00	0.0%
5160 · Jobs Plus/Vocation Programs	5,970.80	2,076.00	3,894.80	287.6%
Total 5300 · Special Contracts	5,970.80	3,776.00	2,194.80	158.1%
5400 · Payroll Taxes & Benefits				
5401 · Group Insurance				
5401.1 · Health Insurance	36,084.14	73,294.00	-37,209.86	49.2%
5401.2 · Insurance benefit	3,376.17	4,288.00	-911.83	78.7%
5401.3 · Group Insurance Liability	6,629.81			
Total 5401 · Group Insurance	46,090.12	77,582.00	-31,491.88	59.4%

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5403 · Life Insurance	691.20	900.00	-208.80	76.8%
5404 · PERS	34,487.53	47,309.00	-12,821.47	72.9%
5405 · S.S. Employer Portion	20,535.11	35,480.00	-14,944.89	57.9%
5406 · SUTA Employer Portion	259.05	459.00	-199.95	56.4%
5407 · Workmans Comp	2,030.92	2,110.00	-79.08	96.3%
Total 5400 · Payroll Taxes & Benefits	104,093.93	163,840.00	-59,746.07	63.5%
6560 · Payroll Expenses	205.05			
Total 5000 · Personal Services	376,389.47	627,900.00	-251,510.53	
6000 · Materials and Services				
6100 · Books & Periodicals				
6110 · Adult Books	17,917.89	33,766.00	-15,848.11	53.1%
6120 · Childrens & Juvenile Books	8,609.35	12,000.00	-3,390.65	71.7%
6130 · Reference Books	3,458.86	7,500.00	-4,041.14	46.1%
6134 · Electronic Subscriptions	9,596.00	9,000.00	596.00	106.6%
6140 · Periodicals	6,348.51	12,000.00	-5,651.49	52.9%
6150 · Audio	2,751.40	6,000.00	-3,248.60	45.9%
6160 · Video/DVD	6,757.47	6,000.00	757.47	112.6%
6170 · Bindery	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
6171 · Music	190.72	500.00	-309.28	38.1%
Total 6100 · Books & Periodicals	55,630.20	87,766.00	-32,135.80	63.4%
6200 · OPAC Services				
6201 · SAGE Network	10,000.00	10,500.00	-500.00	95.2% OK
6204 · OCLC/ILL Referall	132.34	600.00	-467.66	22.1%
Total 6200 · OPAC Services	10,132.34	11,100.00	-967.66	91.3%
6300 · Building Eq. & Supplies				
6310 · Building & Grounds Maintenance				
6311 · Branch building expenses	5,361.17	5,000.00	361.17	107.2%
6312 · Snow Removal	398.50	2,000.00	-1,601.50	19.9%
6310 · Building & Grounds Maintenance - Other	7,270.65	20,000.00	-12,729.35	36.4%
Total 6310 · Building & Grounds Maintenance	13,030.32	27,000.00	-13,969.68	48.3%
6320 · Janitorial Supplies				
6321 · Cleaning contract	6,020.00	10,500.00	-4,480.00	57.3%
6322 · Supplies	1,166.34	2,000.00	-833.66	58.3%
Total 6320 · Janitorial Supplies	7,186.34	12,500.00	-5,313.66	57.5%
6340 · Equipment Maint. & Supplies	2,580.76	3,800.00	-1,219.24	67.9%
6345 · Computer Maintenance				
6345.1 · Computer - Maintenance	3,214.61	5,000.00	-1,785.39	64.3%
6345.2 · Software subscriptions	1,910.23	5,000.00	-3,089.77	38.2%
6345.3 · Comp Tech - Branch Travel	1,446.27	2,000.00	-553.73	72.3%
6345.4 · Computer - Hardware	4,635.61	5,000.00	-364.39	92.7%

59.9% OK
 $\frac{7 \text{ mo} = \text{Jan}}{12 \text{ mo FY}} = 59\%$
 Friends Reimb Historic books (\$270.40)
 VISA - Total \$3011.16
 Boks = 168.85
 DVD = 1093.2
 *Includes check \$2800 for Richland improv. check is being held pending reply.
 Friends Reimburse Shipping carts (\$587.00)
 Challenging Sm. Cts (\$49.80)
 photo frame (\$99.00)
 * 107.2%
 in total/OK 48.3%
 Alpine Alarm \$600 Annual Contract
 VISA - Bldg \$549.27
 1000 Bulbs.com bldg lights
 VISA - computer \$164.42
 privacy screens for computer room

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	Jul '12 - Jan 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Total 6345 · Computer Maintenance	11,206.72	17,000.00	-5,793.28	65.9%
Total 6300 · Building Eq. & Supplies	34,004.14	60,300.00	-26,295.86	56.4%
6400 · Bookmobile Operations				
6410 · Bookmobile Fuel	1,855.20	4,000.00	-2,144.80	46.4%
6420 · Bookmobile Maintenance	2,085.20	3,500.00	-1,414.80	59.6%
Total 6400 · Bookmobile Operations	3,940.40	7,500.00	-3,559.60	52.5%
6600 · Corporate Costs				
6610 · Insurance				
6612 · Boiler	1,068.00	1,100.00	-32.00	97.1%
6613 · SDAO Liability	0.00	10,100.00	-10,100.00	0.0%
6614 · Flood Insurance	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00	0.0%
Total 6610 · Insurance	1,068.00	12,450.00	-11,382.00	8.6%
6620 · Travel & Training	1,995.07	3,000.00	-1,004.93	66.5%
6621 · Special Contracts Travel	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
6630 · Election	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.0%
6640 · Auditor	0.00	7,250.00	-7,250.00	0.0%
6641 · Bookkeeping Supplies & Services	45.49	900.00	-854.51	5.1%
6660 · Association dues	613.15	2,100.00	-1,486.85	29.2%
6680 · Publication	503.38	1,000.00	-496.62	50.3%
6690 · Financial Mgmt Fees				
6690.1 · Checking & Visa Fees	86.50	450.00	-363.50	19.2%
6690.2 · Pool 5291 Fees	98.48	200.00	-101.52	49.2%
6690.3 · Pool 5511 Fees	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
Total 6690 · Financial Mgmt Fees	184.98	950.00	-765.02	19.5%
6691 · Legal Administration	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.0%
6692 · Professional services	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
6696 · PR Events, Programs	412.25	2,000.00	-1,587.75	20.6%
Total 6600 · Corporate Costs	5,022.32	34,060.00	-29,037.68	14.7%
6700 · Other Operating Expenses				
6720 · Branch Mileage	1,623.61	2,500.00	-876.39	64.9%
6730 · Library Services Supplies	8,072.01	15,000.00	-6,927.99	53.8%
6731 · Children & Youth Programs				
6731.2 · Summer Reading	395.57	1,500.00	-1,104.43	26.4%
6731.3 · Storytime	97.50			
6731.4 · Other Youth Programs	385.07			
6731.5 · Teen Activities	447.78			
6731.6 · Haines Summer Reading	96.03	400.00	-303.97	24.0%
6731 · Children & Youth Programs - Other	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total 6731 · Children & Youth Programs	1,421.95	3,900.00	-2,478.05	36.5%
6740 · Postage & Freight	932.21	2,400.00	-1,467.79	38.8%

Mc Adam Agency Insurance \$1068.00

Friends Reimb: < 328.50 > Teen Program

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6750 · Utilities					
6751 · Garbage					
6751.1 · Baker-Baker Sanitary	969.25	1,650.00	-680.75	58.7%	
6751.2 · Haines-Baker Sanitary	108.00	175.00	-67.00	61.7%	
6751.3 · Halfway-LaRue Sanitary	15.98	100.00	-84.02	16.0%	
6751.4 · Richland-Eagle Cap Sanitation	24.00	90.00	-66.00	26.7%	
6751.5 · Huntington-Baker Sanitary	128.00	200.00	-72.00	64.0%	
Total 6751 · Garbage	<u>1,245.23</u>	<u>2,215.00</u>	<u>-969.77</u>	<u>56.2%</u>	
6752 · Heating Fuel					
6752.1 · Baker-Cascade Natural Gas	1,821.04	6,000.00	-4,178.96	30.4%	<i>Ed Stealy heating fuel \$362.93 Haines Lib.</i>
6752.2 · Haines-Ed Staub	878.50	2,500.00	-1,621.50	35.1%	
6752.3 · Halfway-Ed Staub	681.78	1,600.00	-918.22	42.6%	
6752.6 · Sumpter-City of Sumpter(Shared)	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%	
Total 6752 · Heating Fuel	<u>3,381.32</u>	<u>12,600.00</u>	<u>-9,218.68</u>	<u>26.8%</u>	
6753 · Water/Sewer					
6753.1 · Baker-City of Baker City	1,734.85	2,000.00	-265.15	86.7%	
6753.2 · Haines-City of Haines	469.00	800.00	-331.00	58.6%	
6753.3 · Halfway-City of Halfway	603.26	850.00	-246.74	71.0%	
6753.4 · Richland (Pine Eagle agreemt)	444.00	800.00	-356.00	55.5%	
6753.5 · Huntington-City of Huntingtn	409.50	680.00	-270.50	60.2%	
6753.6 · Sumpter-City of Sumpter(Shared)	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	
Total 6753 · Water/Sewer	<u>3,660.61</u>	<u>5,630.00</u>	<u>-1,969.39</u>	<u>65.0%</u>	
6754 · Electric					
6754.1 · Baker - OTEC	9,728.82	16,500.00	-6,771.18	59.0%	
6754.2 · Haines - OTEC	686.83	1,100.00	-413.17	62.4%	
6754.3 · Halfway-Idaho Power	490.72	900.00	-409.28	54.5%	
6754.4 · Richland (Pine Eagle agreemt)	1,603.86	3,500.00	-1,896.14	45.8%	
6754.5 · Huntington-Idaho Power	801.50	1,400.00	-598.50	57.3%	
6754.6 · Sumpter-City of Sumpter(Shared)	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.0%	
Total 6754 · Electric	<u>13,311.73</u>	<u>24,600.00</u>	<u>-11,288.27</u>	<u>54.1%</u>	
Total 6750 · Utilities	<u>21,598.89</u>	<u>45,045.00</u>	<u>-23,446.11</u>	<u>47.9%</u>	<i>in Total/OK</i>
6756 · Telecommunications					
6756.0 · Telephone					
6756.1 · Baker Tel - BendTel	992.07	2,000.00	-1,007.93	49.6%	
6756.2 · Haines Tel- Reliance(Cascade)	445.21	750.00	-304.79	59.4%	
6756.3 · Halfway Tel- Pine Telephone	248.72	480.00	-231.28	51.8%	
6756.4 · Richland Tel- Eagle Telephone	189.77	325.00	-135.23	58.4%	
6756.5 · Huntington Tel- CenturyTel	400.16	625.00	-224.84	64.0%	
6756.6 · Sumpter - Qwest	355.34	600.00	-244.66	59.2%	
6756.8 · US Cellular (3 Lines)	1,015.01	1,200.00	-184.99	84.6%	
Total 6756.0 · Telephone	<u>3,646.28</u>	<u>5,980.00</u>	<u>-2,333.72</u>	<u>61.0%</u>	<i>in Total/OK</i>

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6757.0 - Internet				
6757.1 - Baker - NERO Network	0.00	2,800.00	-2,800.00	0.0%
6757.2 - Haines - Reliance(Cascade)	419.65	740.00	-320.35	56.7%
6757.3 - Halfway - Pine Telephone	300.30	540.00	-239.70	55.6%
6757.4 - Richland - Eagle Telephone	265.65	480.00	-214.35	55.3%
6757.5 - Huntington -SkyeVista/Sch Dist	1,041.54	1,380.00	-338.46	75.5%
6757.6 - Sumpter - Qwest	420.00	780.00	-360.00	53.8%
Total 6757.0 - Internet	2,447.14	6,720.00	-4,272.86	36.4%
Total 6756 - Telecommunications	6,093.42	12,700.00	-6,606.58	48.0%
Total 6700 - Other Operating Expenses	39,742.09	81,545.00	-41,802.91	48.7%
Total 6000 - Materials and Services	148,471.49	282,271.00	-133,799.51	52.6%
7000 - Capital Outlay	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
7500 - Debt Service	951.56	100.00	851.56	951.6%
8000 - Transfers & Contingency				
8005 - Transfers				
8005.1 - Transfer-Technology Fund	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
8005.2 - Transfer-Severence Liab Fund	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
Total 8005 - Transfers	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
8999 - Contingency				
8999.1 - Operating Contingency	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
8999.2 - Group Insurance Liability	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
8999.4 - Contingency Reserve	0.00	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.0%
Total 8999 - Contingency	0.00	225,000.00	-225,000.00	0.0%
Total 8000 - Transfers & Contingency	0.00	236,000.00	-236,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	525,812.52	1,146,371.00	-620,558.48	45.9%
Net Income	516,150.53	0.00	516,150.53	100.0%

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	Jul '12 - Jan 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4100.0 · Debt Service Accounts				
4100.1 · Beginning Cash Debt Service	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
4110.0 · Debt Service Fund				
4110.2 · Tax income				
4110.22 · Prior tax income	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
Total 4110.2 · Tax income	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
4110.9 · Interest Income Debt Service	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
Total 4110.0 · Debt Service Fund	0.00	35.00	-35.00	0.0%
Total 4100.0 · Debt Service Accounts	0.00	60.00	-60.00	0.0%
4400.0 · Other Uses Funds				
4415.0 · Literacy Department				
4415.1 · Beginning Cash Literacy	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
4415.9 · Interest Income Literacy	4.61	50.00	-45.39	9.2%
Total 4415.0 · Literacy Department	4.61	1,050.00	-1,045.39	0.4%
4420.0 · Memorial Department				
4420.1 · Beginning Cash Memorial	0.00	22,000.00	-22,000.00	0.0%
4420.2 · Contributions				
4420.21 · Baker Contributions	132.00			
4420.23 · Halfway Contributions	25.00			
4420.26 · Sumpter Contributions	100.00			
4420.2 · Contributions - Other	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total 4420.2 · Contributions	257.00	2,000.00	-1,743.00	12.9%
4420.5 · Grant Income				
4420.55 · Leo Adler Grants	15,000.00			
4420.5 · Grant Income - Other	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
Total 4420.5 · Grant Income	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4420.7 · Other Revenue				
4420.71 · Amazon Book Sales	813.19			
4420.72 · Half.com Book Sales	103.02			
4420.7 · Other Revenue - Other	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
Total 4420.7 · Other Revenue	916.21	2,500.00	-1,583.79	36.6%
4420.9 · Interest Income Memorial	24.59	100.00	-75.41	24.6%
Total 4420.0 · Memorial Department	16,197.80	41,600.00	-25,402.20	38.9%
4430.0 · Severance Liability Dept				
4430.1 · Beginning cash Severance Liab	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
4430.8 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
4430.9 · Interest Income Severance Liab	54.55	100.00	-45.45	54.6%

Adler Grant funds need 12/20/2012

Amazon book sales \$621.84 for Dec. 2012

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Total 4430.0 · Severance Liability Dept	54.55	40,100.00	-40,045.45	0.1%
4524.0 · Technology Department				
4524.1 · Beginning cash Technology	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0%
4524.8 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
4524.9 · Interest income Technology	14.91	50.00	-35.09	29.8%
Total 4524.0 · Technology Department	14.91	8,050.00	-8,035.09	0.2%
Total 4400.0 · Other Uses Funds	16,271.87	90,800.00	-74,528.13	17.9%
Total Income	16,271.87	90,860.00	-74,588.13	17.9%
Expense				
5900 · Debt Service Fund				
5900.3 · Bond III Debt Payments	0.00	60.00	-60.00	0.0%
Total 5900 · Debt Service Fund	0.00	60.00	-60.00	0.0%
6000 · Other Uses Fund				
6100 · Capital Projects Department	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
6200 · Literacy Department	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
6300 · Memorial Department				
6350 · General Memorial M&S	25.00			
6364.5 · Amazon Book Sales Expenses	114.34			
6391 · Transfer to General Fund	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
6300 · Memorial Department - Other	0.00	29,300.00	-29,300.00	0.0%
Total 6300 · Memorial Department	139.34	31,800.00	-31,660.66	0.4%
6400 · Technology Department	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%
6850.0 · Severance Liability Dept	0.00	41,000.00	-41,000.00	0.0%
6900 · Misc. bank charges				
6900.2 · Bank Fees-Memorial Fund	105.36			
6900.3 · Bank Fees-Technology	7.64			
6900.4 · Bank Fees-Literacy Fund	10.09			
6900.6 · Bank Fees-Severance	27.07			
Total 6900 · Misc. bank charges	150.16			
Total 6000 · Other Uses Fund	289.50	90,800.00	-90,510.50	0.3%
Total Expense	289.50	90,860.00	-90,570.50	0.3%
Net Ordinary Income	15,982.37	0.00	15,982.37	100.0%
Net Income	15,982.37	0.00	15,982.37	100.0%