

## What's New At The Library

• 2400 Resort St.

### FICTION

- "Blue Moon," Lee Child
- "The legend of Perley Gates," William W. Johnstone
- "More Than Meets the Eye," Karen Witemeyer
- "Noumenon," Marina J. Lostetter
- "An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good," Helene Tursten

### NONFICTION

- "Alone Together," Sherry Turkle
- "Mindfulness for All," Jon Kabat-Zinn
- "Guilty by Reason of Insanity," David Limbaugh
- "The Civil War Reenactors' Encyclopedia," William C. Davis
- "Grunt," Antonio Arques

### DVDS

- "Anna" (Action)
- "Art of Self-Defense" (Comedy)
- "Little Woods" (Drama)
- "Marie Curie: The Courage of Knowledge" (Drama)
- "Retribution" (Horror/Foreign)

## DIRECTOR

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Koopman stepped down this fall after four years to accept a job at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay.

Howarth grew up in Baker City, but his family has spent the past four years in Boise.

That journey started when Howarth joined the Oregon National Guard in 2010 and began work as a chaplain in 2012 assigned in La Grande. He worked as a family service chaplain with Joint Force Headquarters in Salem from July 2012 to April 2013.

His Air Force career began that year working as chaplain of the 124th Fighter Wing at Boise. Since 2015, Howarth has been employed full time as a wing chaplain in the Idaho Air National Guard in Boise. He was promoted to the rank of captain in April 2018.

He and his wife, Allyson, had always hoped to return to Baker City and when the BMCC job opened up, Howarth said he decided to apply and hope for the best.

"I've always kind of kept my finger on the pulse of what's going on in Baker," Howarth said. "I knew Dan (Koopman) and Peggy (Hudson, who held the position before Koopman).

"I thought, man, that would be a fun position and an impactful one as well," he said in a telephone interview Thursday.

Howarth's annual salary is

\$60,000.

Howarth said he is eager to become part of BMCC, where he continued his studies after high school.

From there, he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Corban College at Salem. He next studied at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, where he earned master's degrees in religion, religious education and human service, along with a Master of Divinity degree.

Howarth earned a Master of Arts degree in Christian counseling from Amberton University at Garland, Texas, and a Doctorate of Ministry in military chaplaincy from Piedmont International University at Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Howarth also has attended multiple chaplain leadership courses and received officer training through his military career.

As part of his military service, Howarth was deployed for six months to an undisclosed location at Al Dhafra in the United Arab Emirates.

His other work experience includes teaching at Harvest Christian Academy in Baker City from 2006-2010 where he volunteered as a youth leader at Harvest Church for a couple of years.

He also served as the regional Early Assessment Support Alliance (EASA) coordinator for the Center for Human Development in La Grande, serving five Eastern

Oregon counties, and also had worked as a mental health counselor for New Directions Northwest in Baker City.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to get back in the community and really see how education can help out and transform lives and make Baker and Union counties better," he said.

The Howarths have two children. Their son, Jonathon, 18, is in training with the Idaho Air National Guard. Their daughter, Ellyanna, 17, is following in the footsteps of her parents, her aunt and uncle and her brother, by participating in the Youth With a Mission (YWAM) program at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Howarth said he was in a good position to remain in Boise to finish out his military career, but the tug toward Baker City was pulling him. His mother and stepfather, Billie and Bill McClure, live in the community, along with his sister and her husband, Joyclynn and Ben Potter.

But as a chaplain, Howarth says he just couldn't overlook the spiritual aspect of the situation.

"Is this opportunity kind of something God has put in my path?" he had to wonder, even though the timing wasn't exactly what he and his wife had planned.

And then they decided.

"This is a unique opportunity for me and it may never happen again," he said. "Why not do it now?"

## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Community Christmas Tree needed

The Baker City Community Development Department and Baker City Downtown are in search of this year's 2019 Community Christmas Tree. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Within 3 miles of Court Plaza (downtown Baker City on Court Avenue between Main and Resort streets)
- Maximum height of 40 feet

If you would like to submit your tree for consideration contact Robin Nudd at 541-524-2036 or rnudd@bakercity.com by Nov. 1.

### St. Francis annual turkey dinner Sunday

The annual St. Francis Turkey Dinner is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 3.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Two meal sessions are scheduled. The first starts at 2 p.m. and a second will begin at 4 p.m. at St. Francis parish hall, 2235 First St.

The meal includes roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit salad and homemade pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Tickets are available from Jody Colton by calling 541-519-0162 or the parish office at 541-523-4521.

### OTEC accepting scholarship applications

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is accepting applications for a variety of scholarships — academic, trade school, lineman college, Washington, D.C., Youth Tour and Idaho Youth Rally.

### College, trade school and lineman school

There are 22 scholarships, for \$5,000 each, for graduating high school and returning college students.

Four other scholarships are for the new OTEC-EOU Rural Scholarship Program, a partnership between OTEC and Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. Four local EOU freshman will have their entire tuition and fees paid if they commit to attend and graduate from EOU.

Scholarship deadline is Jan. 31, 2020.

OTEC will also award two \$5,000 scholarship for people attending lineman college, and four \$2,500 trade school scholarships. Applications for these programs are accepted year-round.

### Washington, D.C., Youth Tour

High school juniors can apply for a chance to win a one-week trip to the nation's capital June 18-25, 2020. Four students will visit historic sites and civic monuments, learn about electric cooperatives and have a chance to meet members of Oregon's congressional delegation.

Application deadline is Jan. 24, 2020.

### Idaho Youth Rally

High school sophomores can apply to attend the annual Idaho Youth Rally, a leadership camp set for July 6-11 at Caldwell. Applications are due by March 1, 2020.

More information about the programs, including applications and criteria, is available online at [scholarships.otec.coop](http://scholarships.otec.coop)

### Ring Praise concert Nov. 9 at Presbyterian

A concert including bronze handbells and piano is set for Saturday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1995 Fourth St. in Baker City.

The Ring Praise concert is woven with hymn history and scripture.

Phyllis Tinchler, handbell soloist, and Sean Rogers, pianist, will perform a variety of songs focusing on praising God. Through hymns, contemporary praise songs and reflective pieces, they tell the saving story of Jesus Christ. In addition to accompanying, Sean will also play a few piano solos. Phyllis rings 3 octaves of Schulmerich handbells and mixes in 2 octaves of handchimes. During the concert the audience will have an opportunity to ring handchimes as everyone sings. No music experience is needed.

There is no charge for the concert. It is sponsored by a grant from the Presbytery of Eastern Oregon. More information on Ring Praise Music Ministry, a nonprofit, is available at [RingPraiseMinistry.org](http://RingPraiseMinistry.org).

### Soroptimist Christmas Party set for Nov. 22

The annual Soroptimist Club of Baker County Christmas Party, with the theme "Life's A Beach," is set for Friday, Nov. 22 at the Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with a prime rib dinner starting at 6 p.m. There will be live and silent auctions, along with a raffle of a standup paddleboard. The fundraising event makes possible the club's scholarships, InnovateHER grant and a variety of other projects.

Tickets are \$30 and are available at Gregg Hinrichsen State Farm, 1722 Campbell St., The Grove Team, 845 Campbell St., or from any Soroptimist member.

Beach attire is encouraged.

— To contribute, email to [news@bakercityherald.com](mailto:news@bakercityherald.com)

## MYSTERY

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Barrow moved to Baker City in 2004 and found the free couch outside the Rachel Pregnancy Center.

He ended up keeping it for a while as he worked to restore the historic home he bought and is currently trying to sell.

Around six months ago, while cleaning out his house, he thought he had better check the couch to see if there was any loose change between the cushions.

That was when he found the negative deep in the back of the couch.

"I was very surprised to find a photo negative and who knows how long it's been in there," Barrow said.

The gold-colored couch is estimated to be from the 1960s, and it might have been donated to the Rachel Pregnancy Center.

Barrow plans to reach out to the center to see if anyone remembers who the couch previously belonged to.

"It'd be really cool if we could find out where these



A print made from the film negative that Bryan Barrow found in an old couch shows a baby on a blanket. Barrow hopes to find someone who can identify the baby.

*"It'd be really cool if we could find out where these people are and we could give them a family photo that maybe they lost back then."*

— Bryan Barrow

people are and we could give them a family photo that maybe they lost back then," Barrow said.

The image shows a baby sitting on a blanket, and wear-

ing a hat similar to a beret. The baby must have only recently been able to sit up, and even then with assistance — the baby is propped against a pillow and the image shows

a hand, at the left, seemingly there in case the child starts to topple over.

The background shows a forest of what appear to be ponderosa pine trees.

If anyone recognizes the baby in the photo, they can contact the Baker City Herald office at 541-523-3673 or reach out to Barrow at 541-523-2272 or at [rockhopperadventures@gmail.com](mailto:rockhopperadventures@gmail.com)

## FINDLEY

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"I believe I am the right person to continue Senator Bentz's work in the Senate," said Findley, who has been a member of the state House of Representatives since January 2018. "I would hit the ground running. There would be no learning curve to speak of, which I think gives me a pretty good advantage."

Findley's announcement is the latest in a series of legislative maneuvers — a domino effect, basically — that started Monday when U.S. Rep. Greg Walden said he would not seek a 12th term in Congress representing Oregon's 2nd Congressional District. That district includes all of Oregon east of the Cascades, as well as Jackson County and part of Josephine County in the state's southwest corner.

Findley said Walden's announcement that he would retire when his two-year term ends in early 2021 was "a shocker."

"I think Greg Walden is an incredible legislator and a great guy," Findley said.

Walden's announcement prompted Bentz to declare his candidacy for Walden's seat in Congress.

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— State Rep. Lynn Findley

Because Oregon law doesn't allow candidates to run for the state legislature and for Congress at the same time, Bentz's decision will create a vacancy for Senate District 30.

And that's the vacancy Findley, a retired BLM fire manager and city manager of Vale, where he grew up, hopes to fill.

The situation is similar to what prevailed in January 2018.

When Ted Ferrioli, the Republican who represented Senate District 30, was appointed to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, commissioners from the nine counties in District 30 picked Bentz, then a state representative, as Ferrioli's replacement.

Bentz's appointment in turn left his House seat open, and Findley was picked to replace Bentz.

Findley was then elected to a two-year term in November 2018, running unopposed.

Findley said he respects Bentz's decision to run for

Congress, and he believes his fellow Malheur County resident is "very well-suited" to representing the 2nd District in Washington, D.C.

Findley said he believes it's important that the legislator representing Senate District 30 should live in "far Eastern Oregon."

The District includes all of Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Malheur, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties, and parts of Clackamas, Deschutes and Marion counties.

Findley said that during his nearly two years as a state lawmaker he's seen that some of his colleagues in Salem don't have a keen understanding of how laws and regulations can affect Eastern Oregon.

He contends his experience, both as a resident of this part of the state and more recently as a legislator, makes him the "best fit" to represent Senate District 30 and advocate for the area's interests.

"A decision that makes perfect sense in the northern Willamette Valley might make no sense at all in Eastern Oregon," Findley said.

Findley's committee assignments in the Legislature include vice chair of the House Committee on Rev-

enue, co-vice chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, and a member of the House Committee on Energy and Environment, House Committee on Veterans & Emergency Preparedness. He's also an appointee to the Governor's Wildfire Response Council.

Although Findley had already filed as a candidate for House District 60, he will have to withdraw his candidacy and refile for Senate District 30.

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