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Water's low but views remain

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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Jay Raffety of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Teen Robotics Club has openings

Baker County Public Library still has a few spaces for participants in its Teen Robotics Club. The club is geared for young adults ages 12 to 18 and meets Fridays at noon in the Riverside Meeting Room at the library, 2400 Resort St.

Participants can try building a robot, coding, running a robot through a challenge course, or building a Battle Bot.

The Robotics Club is run by Library IT staff members who present lessons on basic robotics. Teams will work on tasks, goals, and challenges together. Beginners are welcome. The level of difficulty will progress through the year as participants gain skills.

Participation in the club is free, sponsored by Baker County Library District.

Community Choir begins practices for Christmas concert

The Baker Community Choir begins rehearsal for its Christmas performances on Sept. 24.

Practices are scheduled Mondays at 6:45 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1995 Fourth St. (at Fourth and Washington).

No experience is necessary. Singers high school age and older are welcome. Those in middle school may participate if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Participants are asked to arrive at 6:45 p.m. on Sept. 24 to receive their music.

Those unable to attend on the first day are invited to join the group on the following Monday.

Cost is \$15 per person.

For more information, call LaVonne at 541-523-2347.

WEATHER

Today
73 / 41



Partly cloudy

Saturday
73 / 40



A brief shower or two

Sunday
65 / 33



Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

Baker Sixth-Graders Travel To Camp Elkanah For Outdoor School

Outdoors, Overnight



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At a game station about the salmon cycle, Lexi Rupel and others play salmon that make their way up a fish ladder, formed by students, after they survive passing through dams and escaping predators and fishermen.

By Chris Collins

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CAMP ELKANAH — A great horned owl named Sage twisted his head as far as it would go one way and then back the other — three-fourths of a full turn each time — to survey the unfamiliar setting of Camp Elkanah Tuesday morning.

Sage was one of four raptors, also known as birds of prey, who joined Lynn and Bob Tompkins of Blue Mountain Wildlife at the residential camp that was home to Baker School District sixth-graders this week.

The camp, which is operated by the Blue Mountain Association of Conservative Baptists, sits just off state Highway 244 southwest of La Grande.



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Helen the barn owl shows her characteristic heart-shape face.

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South Baker Intermediate student Eli Long takes aim at a target with a slingshot and plastic ball during a class about saving birds by hunting lead free.



Walden meets with county officials

By Casey Crowley

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U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., was in Baker City Wednesday morning to attend a meeting of the Eastern Oregon Counties Association at the Courthouse.

Walden discussed the recent Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision as well as the federal Farm Bill.

The new long-term management plans for the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla and Malheur national forests have prompted several complaints by Baker County commissioners and their counterparts elsewhere in the region, on issues such as the amount of timber harvest and livestock grazing, as well as motor vehicle access.



Walden

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Crews control Halfway fire

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Firefighters from throughout the region brought a wildfire near Halfway under control about 8 p.m. Thursday after it burned nearly 350 acres on private land, most of which is owned by the Pine Valley Ranch.

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Harvey tops in campaign fundraising

By Jayson Jacoby

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Incumbent Bill Harvey's campaign has raised almost three times as much money this year as has Bruce Nichols, his challenger for Baker County Commission chairman.

The two advanced from the May primary and will face off in the Nov. 6 election.

Nichols is also a commissioner, serving in a part-time position to which he was elected in 2016.

If Nichols wins Nov. 6 and becomes chairman and the only full-time commissioner, he and the third commissioner, Mark Bennett, who is running unopposed for a four-year term, would choose someone to fill Nichols' seat for two remaining years of his term, which expires Dec. 31, 2020.



Nichols



Harvey

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MONDAY — WEEKEND HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP



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