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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Mike Flanagan of Baker City.

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As it turns out, Benjamin Owens wasn't ever really lost.

The 27-year-old Eugene-area man had just returned from a day of hunting when he found a flier on his pickup truck announcing that searchers were looking for him, said Chris Galiszewski, coordinator of the Baker County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team.

BRIEFING

Traffic delays over Hells Canyon Dam

OXBOW— Traffic over Hells Canyon Dam will periodically be limited to one lane over the next several weeks while Idaho Power crews perform maintenance on the dam.

Motorists might have delays between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. PDT. Delays will usually be brief, although vehicles 8 feet wide or more could be delayed up to an hour.

Crews will be replacing spillgate cables on the dam. The work requires a large crane on top of the dam, which will reduce traffic to a single narrow lane. The project is expected to be complete by Oct. 21.

WEATHER

Today

95 / 57



Mostly sunny

Thursday

88 / 53



Mostly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Inland Cafe Nearly Ready To Reopen After January Fire

Getting So Close



S. John Collins/Baker City Herald

Inland Cafe owner Kristi Hensley is excited about the pending reopening of her 10th Street restaurant, which was severely damaged in an accidental fire in January.

By Samantha O'Conner
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Customers sipped hot coffee at the Inland Cafe Tuesday morning for the first time in more than seven months.

But for pancakes and bacon they'll have to wait a bit longer.

Inland owner Kristi Hensley welcomed patrons to an open house to give them a look at the remodeled version of the restaurant that's been operating at 2715 10th St. since about 1942.

She doesn't yet know, however, when she'll be able to start serving a full menu of breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"I know everybody's so anxious for us to get open, we thought it would be fun just to open for a couple hours," Hensley said Tuesday.

An accidental fire that originated in a swamp cooler on the restaurant's roof the night of Jan. 13 caused major damage.

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S. John Collins/Baker City Herald

John Chandler sips coffee Tuesday morning inside the refurbished Inland Cafe. Chandler said he has missed dining at the 10th Street restaurant since it was damaged in a fire on Jan. 13.

MOSQUITOES TRAPPED AUG. 15 IN KEATING VALLEY

West Nile virus found

By Jayson Jacoby
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For the second time this summer, tests have detected West Nile virus in mosquitoes trapped in the Keating Valley about 15 miles east of Baker City.

Three batches of mosquitoes trapped on Aug. 15 were infected with the virus, which the bugs can transmit to people, according to the Baker Valley Vector Control District.

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Council OKs new rig for drug dog

By Samantha O'Conner
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The Baker City Council on Tuesday approved a proposal to lease and eventually buy a new SUV to transport the Police Department's drug-detecting dog.

Police Chief Ray Duman said the department's current canine carrier, a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe, has almost 104,000 miles and has required maintenance and repairs totaling \$8,000 to \$9,000 over the past two years.

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Talking words

■ Ellen Jovin stopped in Baker City on a cross-country tour to share her knowledge of, and love for, language

By Jayson Jacoby
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Ellen Jovin sits behind a table on a sidewalk beside Baker City's Main Street, bracing for a confrontation with the always conniving comma.

She's also prepared to penetrate the mysteries of the apostrophe.

The sign affixed to Jovin's table late Monday morning is dominated by two simple words — "Grammar" and "Table" — but it doesn't exactly explain why a Manhattan resident ended up clear across the country.

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Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

Ellen Jovin set up her Grammar Table Monday morning in downtown Baker City. Jovin, who lives in New York City, is writing a book about her experiences offering free grammar advice, or just a friendly conversation, in multiple states.



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FRIDAY — BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT'S NEW BOND MEASURE COMMITTEE