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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Cynthia Norton of Baker City.

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The Oregon Department of Transportation has good news for motorists traveling through Ladd Canyon on Interstate 84.

Both I-84 eastbound lanes at the west entrance into Ladd Canyon are now open almost continuously from milepost 271 to 273 for the first time since last spring.

BRIEFING

Red Cross blood drive Nov. 11 at Nazarene Church

The American Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive for Monday, Nov. 11, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane. To make, cancel or reschedule an appointment to donate blood, call Myrna Evans at 541-523-5368.

Learn about health insurance options Nov. 12 at Baker City Senior Center

Community Connection of Baker County will host the Northeast Oregon Network on Nov. 12 for a free event at which officials will help answer questions about health insurance coverage options. The event will run from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St.

WEATHER

Today
58 / 21



Mostly sunny

Thursday
55 / 26



Mostly sunny

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Baker City Public Works Replaces Concrete Barriers With Boulders

Rocks Don't Roll



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Four natural boulders from the Elkhorn Mountains have replaced concrete blocks at the east end of the Court Avenue Plaza in downtown Baker City.

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The Baker City Public Works Department's recent project is hard to miss.

Employees have placed more than two dozen boulders of varying sizes on Windmill Road east of Interstate 84, at the Court Avenue Plaza downtown between Main and

Resort streets, and at the Sam-O Skate Park.

Around 30 boulders were brought in from the city's property at Goodrich Creek, about 12 miles northwest of town, to replace concrete barriers and safety cones.

The project was completed in a week.

Public Works Director Mi-

chelle Owen said public works employees discussed the idea during a crew meeting after looking at the orange cones on Windmill Road.

The cones were set up after the road was chip-sealed this year and after the new Oregon State Police station was built.

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Around 20 boulders were placed along Windmill Road east of Interstate 84.



Photo courtesy of Karen Spencer

Gizmo, an 18-pound schnauzer, suffered wounds when he was attacked by a pit bull Sunday in Baker City.

Dog attack darkens sunny day walk

By Chris Collins
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A leisurely walk through south Baker City neighborhoods with her elderly dog turned into a nightmare for Karen Spencer Sunday afternoon.

Gizmo, Spencer's 13-year-old schnauzer, was enjoying Sunday's sunshine as much as she was as the two strolled south on Foothill Drive about 2 p.m. A man was playing catch with his son while another was working on his car in the driveway.

The nightmare began a few moments later when a large pit bull ran out from the driveway and gripped Gizmo in its jaws.

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Hearings set for Sumpter city workers

By Jayson Jacoby
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Three Sumpter city employees who have been on paid administrative leave since this spring will have a chance to defend their performance to the City Council Thursday afternoon.

LeAnne Woolf, bookkeeper and assistant city recorder for the city, which has a population of about 210 and is about 28 miles west of Baker City, was put on leave May 14.

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