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A special good day to Herald subscriber Randell Guyer of Baker City.

Sports, 6A

EUGENE — While Justin Herbert had a season low for passing yards in his final game at Autzen Stadium, Oregon's senior quarterback didn't seem all that disappointed.

"The best part? The game's not decided on my individual performance. It's who scores the most points, and we did that today," Herbert said after throwing for 174 yards and a touchdown in No. 14 Oregon's 24-10 victory over Oregon State on Saturday in the 123rd Civil War.

Oregon (10-2, 8-1 Pac-12) wrapped up the regular season with a perfect record at home for the eighth time.

BRIEFING

Baker Community Choir concerts set for Dec. 13, 14, 15

The Baker Community Choir's Christmas concerts are scheduled for Dec. 13, 14 and 15 at the Baker Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove St. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Dec. 13 and 14, and 3 p.m. on Dec. 15. The Baker Valley Children's Choir will perform on Dec. 13 and 14. Donations will be accepted at the door, and proceeds support the Children's Choir.

WEATHER

Today

36 / 20



Mostly cloudy

Tuesday

38 / 27



Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Historic Ison House Opens As Bed-And-Breakfast And Pub

Preserving History



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John Coop and Twila Lavery are creating a new business at the historic Ison House, 1790 Washington Ave. Their plans include a pub, eatery and bed-and-breakfast. The house was built in 1887 by Judge Luther B. Ison.

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Baker City's historic Ison House is under new ownership and will soon be open to the public as the Ison House Bed & Brew.

Twila Lavery, 51, and John Coop, 51, bought the house, at the corner of Washington Avenue and Resort Street, from Michelle Dollar in September.

"It came on the market and we thought, 'what could we do with that house?'" Coop said.

Lavery said the house, built in 1887, hadn't generally been open to the public in the past.

The house had previously been the site of a savings and loan, bank and, most recently, an office for Sunfire Real Estate.

Coop and Lavery have turned the structure into a bed-and-breakfast and pub that will serve a variety of beers, including varieties they plan to brew in their nano brewery.

"We've always wanted to have a little pub and this is perfect," Lavery said.

Coop has been brewing beer for six years, using a 10-gallon brewing system.

Four upstairs rooms are available for rent in the home, which was named for Judge Luther B. Ison, a Baker County district attorney and judge who built the Queen Anne-style home two years before his death in 1889.

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Twila Lavery and John Coope, the new owners of the historic Ison House at 1790 Washington Ave. have transformed the structure, built in 1887, into a bed-and-breakfast and pub.



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Josephine's Parlor features the roomiest guest quarters on the second floor of the Ison House.

Snow keeps city crews busy

A pair of snowstorms, one starting the day before Thanksgiving and the other two days after the holiday, have kept snow-plowing crews from the Baker City Public Works Department busy.

"There's a lot of snow out there," Michelle Owen, the city's public works director, said this morning.

A nine-person crew started at midnight Sunday to plow and haul away snow from sections of several downtown streets and other higher-priority routes such as Campbell, Broadway and 10th streets, Owen said.

Crews also plowed streets near schools to prepare for this morning's rush.

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Planners to discuss cell tower Wednesday

The Baker City Planning Commission will continue its discussion of a controversial proposed cellphone tower, and potentially decide whether or not to approve the tower, when it meets Wednesday at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

Verizon Wireless applied for a conditional-use permit in September to build a 70-foot tower on a 2.12-acre industrial parcel north of D Street near Leo Adler Field.

During public hearings on Oct. 16 and Nov. 13, commissioners heard from several residents who object to the tower due to concerns that it would mar their views and reduce their property values.

The Planning Commission also received a petition signed by 142 people opposed to Verizon's proposed tower.

The city's zoning rules allow cell towers up to 50 feet tall in the industrial zone without a conditional-use permit.

According to its application, Verizon wants to build a 70-foot tower because that's necessary to close a gap in coverage and to add to its service capacity in Baker City.

The Commission will not accept public testimony Wednesday.



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