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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Larry O'Dell of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Free Thanksgiving meal at Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church will have a free Thanksgiving Day meal on Thursday, Nov. 24 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Browning Hall at the church, 2130 Fourth St. in Baker City.

The menu includes turkey with all the trimmings, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, yams, veggie trays, deviled eggs, green bean casserole, pickles, dinner rolls and desserts.

Browning Hall is also the site for the church's weekly free community dinners, each Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Pet supply drive through Dec. 16

Bisnett Insurance is hosting a pet supply drive for Best Friends of Baker through Dec. 16. You can drop off donations at Bisnett, at 2001 Main St. (corner of Washington Avenue and Main Street). Needs include kitten and adult cat food (dry or wet), dog food (large and small breeds), kitten milk replacement powder, and monetary donations for medical needs will be accepted as well.

Baker City Council meets Tuesday night

The Baker City Council will have its regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

Agenda items include the introduction of a new firefighter, Chris Graves, who will receive the oath of office, along with the newly appointed fire chief, David Blair.

WEATHER

Today
38/25
Increasing clouds

Wednesday
45/20
Partly cloudy

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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CASA's gingerbread house contest returns

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CASA's gingerbread house decorating event for kids returns this year.

Houses are to be constructed at home on a base no larger than 12 inches by 15 inches. The house and all decorations must be edible. Please

include the child's name and age.

Decorated houses can be submitted Friday, Dec. 2, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the CASA office, 2024 Main St.

Winning entries will be displayed after 4 p.m. on Dec. 2. Special prizes will be awarded

to these age groups: 2-4; 5-7; 8-10; 11-15; and 15-18.

Gingerbread houses can be picked up on Friday, Dec. 9, between 9 a.m. and noon. Any that are not claimed will be thrown away.

For more information, call Sue Richard at 541-519-7227.

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. These trained volunteers advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in foster care. To learn more, visit casao.org or check the Facebook page for CASA of Eastern Oregon.



SERIOUS PLAY

A 'traffic garden' at the Baker Early Learning Center will help kids learn to ride bikes and walk safely

Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

The traffic garden at the Baker Early Learning Center will be striped to simulate a road and includes curves, straight sections and a round-about.

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On a day not long before a significant snow storm hit Baker City, a crew from Baker County laid down lines that will eventually be a traffic garden at the Baker Early Learning Center.

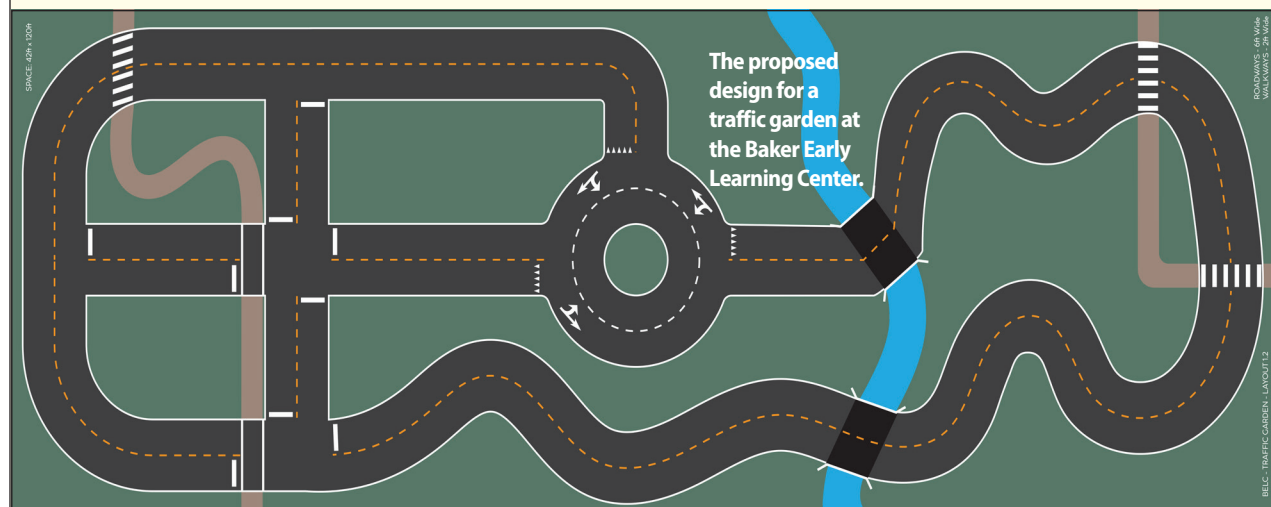
"A traffic garden, sometimes called a traffic playground, is a network of connected streets with traffic features that is free of motorized vehicles," said Billie-Jo Nickens, traffic safety coordinator with the Oregon Department of Transportation. "The scope of the project is to enhance bike and pedestrian safety programming in Baker County for children and families."

On Friday, Oct. 29, Dan McQuisten,

Jeff Martin and Eli Witham used a machine to paint stripes on the blacktop north of the BELC building, the former North Baker School at 2725 Seventh St. They followed dots laid down by Anderson Perry and Associates, a civil engineering and survey firm in La Grande.

Due to falling temperatures, McQuisten said it was likely the last possible day this year to stripe the pattern.

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The proposed design for a traffic garden at the Baker Early Learning Center.

Hunter 'sick' about theft of bull elk trophy

Someone stole the skull and antlers from Taylor Gyllenberg

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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Taylor Gyllenberg did all the hard work and someone who never got bloody hands or a sore back took it all away.

Gyllenberg pulled the trigger.

She helped haul the heavy carcass.

She wielded the skinning knife.

And she boiled and bleached the skull from the

trophy bull elk, the first she ever killed.

That skull, and the antlers attached to it, were supposed to decorate Gyllenberg's home.

Now it's all gone.

"I don't see how someone could take something that they didn't work on themselves," Gyllenberg, 18, of Baker City, said on Friday, Nov. 18. "It was a nice bull — my first one."

Gyllenberg, who earned her high school diploma this summer, killed the bull in the Sumpter unit on Oct. 27.

"It was a fun hunt," she said.



Contributed Photo

Taylor Gyllenberg of Baker City with the trophy bull elk she killed Oct. 27 in the Sumpter unit.

And although the toil that follows a well-aimed rifle shot wasn't necessarily as thrilling as that moment when the bull went down, Gyllenberg

said the effort was part of the experience for her and the friends and family who helped her.

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ANTHONY LAKES

Dry spell dashes hopes for early ski season

Weather shift next week could allow Anthony Lakes to open Dec. 3

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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The weather, which had been so generous to skiers and snowboarders waiting to make their first powder turns in several months, has turned into a skin-flint.

But a transition back to wintry conditions is in the forecast.

The past two weeks of dry weather, and with the trend forecast to persist through much of the Thanksgiving weekend, wrecked hopes that the ski season would start this Saturday, Nov. 26, at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort, said Chelsea Judy, the ski area's marketing director.

But there is still ample reason for skiers and boarders to be optimistic.

For one thing, although the weather has been dry — no measurable precipitation has been measured at the Baker City Airport since Nov. 6 — it's also been relatively cold.

That means the solid 20-inch snow base that accumulated on the slopes during storms in late October and early November remains.

"We haven't lost anything," Judy said on Monday morning, Nov. 21. "We're sitting in a really, really good spot when we see the next significant snowfall."

And although that storm won't happen before this weekend, the post-holiday period looks quite different.

The National Weather Service office in Boise is forecasting a potentially strong storm for early next week, the final three days of November.

If that forecast proves accurate, it's possible that Anthony Lakes could open for the season on Saturday, Dec. 3, Judy said.

"We'll just be watching and hoping," she said. "We're ready."

Nordic skiers can already take advantage of the previous snow storms, as several ski trails have been groomed.

Skiers are welcome to use those trails for free, although visitors do need to have an Oregon Sno-Park permit, Judy said.

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Thanksgiving publication schedule

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Baker City Herald will not publish a print edition on Thursday, Nov. 24. An e-edition only paper will be published on Thanksgiving and will be available to paid subscribers through the Herald's website, bakercityherald.com.

The Thanksgiving e-edition will include local stories, an opinion page and sports. To make sure you are subscribed to the e-edition, call the EO Media Group customer service line at 800-781-3214.



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