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QUICK HITS

**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Robert "Bob" and Julie Somma of Baker City.

BRIEFING

**Free training to focus on child protection**

Baker City Christian Church is hosting a free community training titled "Understanding Sex Offenders and How to Protect Children" on Aug. 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Formerly with the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare, Sarah Hatfield will lead the training and, "my hope is to provide education and prevention tools regarding child sexual abuse," she stated in an email to the Herald.

According to a flier, the training will help those attending, "gain an understanding of sex offenders and be equipped with tools to prevent child sex abuse."

**Forest Service bans all fires, chain saw use**

With hot, dry weather continuing, the U.S. Forest Service has banned all campfires and chain saw use on the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla and Malheur national forests.

Phase C of public use restrictions is in effect. While those are in place, visitors can use stoves and heaters that burn liquid or gas fuel. Smoking is allowed only in enclosed vehicles and buildings, developed recreation sites, or in cleared areas.

WEATHER

**Today**  
90 / 46



Partly sunny, smoky

**Saturday**  
90 / 44



Partly sunny, smoky

**Sunday**  
93 / 50



Dimmed sun, warm

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

**Correction:** A story on Page 2A of Wednesday's Baker City Herald about a Sunday freeway crash was incorrect. The person who died in the crash was Mitildit Lako, a 36-year-old man. He was a passenger in a 2016 Ford van driven by 53-year-old Stavr Plasari.

4-H and FFA Members Seek Top Dollar

## Going For Gold

Donations continue to roll in for the 81st annual livestock auction



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Junior novice class competitors in goat showmanship at the fair last week are, from left, Colton Luschen, Logan Neff and Henry Hester. Hester left as the champion.

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At this year's Baker County Fair livestock auction, the 81st annual event, 171 market animals brought in a preliminary grand total of \$288,605.55.

While this is the most ani-

mals sold at auction in recent years, this year's preliminary total is just shy of 2015's record of \$299,757.01. However, the OSU Extension office calls this year's number a "preliminary" total for a reason, as donations are still rolling in.

**Market Steer**

Zoey Justus's 1,310-pound steer won grand champion honors and sold for \$4,912.50.

There were 48 steers sold.

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## Poor air quality hampers early sports practices

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Monday, the first day of fall sports practices, was sunny and a pleasant 88 degrees, a reprieve from the triple-digit temperatures suffocating the area last week.

By Tuesday, however, the air was taking on a hazy tinge and the weather warnings were rolling in.

For members of the Baker High School football staff, this meant refreshing the air quality index hourly, said coach Dave Johnson.

They also kept an eye on the Oregon School Activities Association(OSAA) air quality guidelines to interpret conditions and to decide whether or not practice should continue as usual.

On Tuesday and Wednesday,

conditions entered the "unhealthy for sensitive groups" rating and Johnson said they moved practice indoors and started later.

Baker remained in the yellow, or "moderate," zone Thursday, and Johnson said they were able to take practice back out to the field.

"We're trying to get back on track," Johnson said Thursday. "We're back outside this morning."

Although they can still have practice if they move indoors, Johnson said they're limited with what they can do in the gym.

Titus Wilson, head coach of Burnt River High School's football team at Unity, said he, too, finds taking it indoors too limiting.



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See Air / Page 3A Air quality is a cause of concern for Baker football coach Dave Johnson.

**TODAY**

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COMING MONDAY — DRONES COME TO BURNT RIVER

