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**QUICK HITS**

**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Ronald Waltman of Baker City.

**BRIEFING**

**Entries sought for Miners Jubilee parade**

There's still time to enter a float in the Miners Jubilee parade, which happens Saturday, July 16.

The theme is "Honoring Our Heritage." The entry fee is \$25. Find a registration form at minersjubilee.com.

Floats must check in by 9 a.m. at Baker Middle School. The parade starts at 11 a.m.

For more information, call the Baker County Chamber at 541-523-5855.

**Miners Jubilee Fun Run/Walk July 16**

The Miners Jubilee Fun Run and Walk, a fundraiser for the Baker High School track and field and cross-country teams, is set for 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 16. The event includes 10K and 5K runs, and a 5K walk. Cost is \$25 per person, or \$10 for those 10 and younger. The course starts at Kicks Sportswear, 1801 Main St., and runners and walkers who aren't pre-registered can sign up at Kicks starting at 7 a.m. on July 16.

**Volunteers needed for library book sale**

Friends of the Baker County Library need volunteers to help sort books and to work as cashiers during the book sale July 14-17. Volunteers can sign up at the library, 2400 Resort St., or by calling Jen at 541-519-7828.

**WEATHER**

**Today**  
91/53  
Sunny

**Friday**  
91/52  
Sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

The space below is for a postage label for issues that are mailed.

## Juvenile fatally shot in school parking lot

**Another youth arrested after overnight shooting**

BY JAYSON JACOBY  
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A male juvenile was shot and killed in the parking lot at the Baker Technical Institute, on the Baker High School campus, early on Wednesday, July 13, and another male juvenile has been arrested in connection with the shooting.

The shooting was reported at 12:25 a.m., according to a press release from the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

The caller told a dispatcher that the shooting suspect had fled.

Baker City Police officers responded and found a male juvenile with a gunshot wound. Efforts to save the victim were not successful.

Police also found a female juvenile at the scene who was not hurt.

Police did not release the names or

ages of any of the juveniles involved.

Greg Baxter, Baker County district attorney, said the suspect was taken to a juvenile detention facility in The Dalles.

Police released few details about the circumstances.

The initial press release, sent at 5:50 a.m., stated that "there is no danger to the public at this time."

The release did not mention that a suspect had been arrested.

An updated press release at 7:14 a.m. stated that a juvenile had been arrested.

The release didn't list the suspect's gender. Baxter confirmed that the suspect, like the victim, is male.

Ashley McClay, public information officer for the sheriff's office, wrote in an email to the Herald on Wednesday afternoon that the shooting suspect was arrested "in the early morning hours" of Wednesday.

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## From Bulgaria to Baker City

**Stoyan 'Tony' Ivanov traveled from his home country to sell educational books here this summer**

Tony Ivanov plants a tree in Bulgaria. He plants a tree for every customer he has while selling educational books in the United States during the summer. Ivanov is working in Baker City this summer.



Tony Ivanov poses with members of the Phipps family in Baker City, one of his customers as a door-to-door peddler of educational books.

*"I love education. Education can get you from one state to another or from one country to another."*

— Stoyan "Tony" Ivanov, a Bulgarian resident who is selling books in Baker City this summer



BY CLAYTON FRANKE  
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This summer, some parents of young children in Baker City will smile and wave to a tall young man dressed in a light-colored polo tucked into his shorts and carrying a binder of educational pamphlets.

The man is Stoyan "Tony" Ivanov, Baker City's newest peddler.

He traveled a great distance to offer his wares, coming to Baker City from Bulgaria.

"I see my clients around a lot," Ivanov, 28, said recently, waving at a woman as she passed through the drive-thru window while he paid for a drink at the Little Pig restaurant on 10th Street.

About a month ago, Ivanov moved from Bulgaria to Baker City for the summer with a cultural exchange visa, and his work has already fostered ties to the community. He recently received his official peddler's license from the city, allowing him to do his job — go door to door each day selling educational materials to families.

See **Bulgaria** / A2

**PSILOCYBIN**



Peter Dejong/Associated Press, File  
Psilocybin mushrooms were legalized for therapeutic use in Oregon by a 2020 ballot measure.

## Council wants to take ban to voters

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR  
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The Baker City Council has voted 5-1 to ask city voters, by way of a ballot measure Nov. 8, to ban the production and therapeutic use of psilocybin, the psychoactive ingredient in "magic mushrooms."

Councilors decided during their Tuesday, July 12 meeting to instruct city staff to prepare an ordinance and a title for the ballot measure.

Councilors will review those during their next meeting, set for July 26.

Councilor Kenyon Damschen voted against the motion. He declined to comment further.

Councilor Jason Spriet abstained from the motion, saying he did not have enough information to make a decision.

The psilocybin issue arises from Measure 109, which Oregon voters approved in November 2020.

A majority of Baker County voters — almost 64% — opposed the measure, which passed statewide by 57% to 43%.

See **Mushrooms** / A3

## Fire danger creeping higher

**Agencies have yet to impose campfire, other restrictions**

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The wildfire season has been pretty tranquil in Northeastern Oregon, but Al Crouch and Nathan Goodrich are beginning to detect the potential for boisterous days to come.

They see it in the grass, nourished by plentiful spring rain but now curing into tinder beneath the July sun.



Vale District Bureau of Land Management/Contributed Photo  
The Willowcreek fire burns in northern Malheur County on Wednesday, June 29, 2022.

See **Fire** / A3

## New monthly lecture series starts July 28

**First talk about region's geology**

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A new lecture series launches this month in Baker City to shed light on a variety of topics.

"I just wanted to put together something that's positive for the community," said Sandy Lewis, who is helping organize the series.

The Baker Community Sciences and Arts Lecture Series begins Thursday, July 28, when Dr. Scott Burns from Portland State University talks about "The Dynamic Geology of Eastern Oregon."



Burns

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