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**COMING THURSDAY**  
A 30-page special section focusing on the farming and ranching industry will be included with the July 21 issue. Topics include how a damp spring helped ease the drought and improve prospects for wheat, hay and other crop yields, a beneficial trend that's being offset by escalating costs for diesel and other production expenses.

**QUICK HITS**

**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**  
A special good day to Herald subscriber Bruce Clark of Baker City.

**BRIEFING**

**County commissioners to meet Wednesday**  
The Baker County Board of Commissioners will meet Wednesday, July 20 at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Commissioners will have a public hearing on a proposed ordinance that would ask county voters to ban psilocybin manufacturers and service centers in unincorporated parts of the county and inside the Unity city limits. Other agenda items include updates from Brent Kerns of the Federal Natural Resource Advisory Committee and Ginger Savage of the Baker County Cultural Coalition, purchase of HVAC equipment for the Baker County Jail, and authorization to sell a parcel of foreclosure property on Taggart Lane.

**WEATHER**

**Today**  
92/49  
Sunny

**Wednesday**  
94/50  
Sunny

**Full forecast on the back of the B section.**

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## Toasty July supplants cool, damp spring

**Weather since solstice has been close to average**

**BY JAYSON JACOBY**  
Summer might have seemed a trifle tardy arriving in Baker County, but it seems to have settled in and is show-

ing no intention of leaving soon. Last week was the warmest of the year here. And after a one-day hiatus on Monday, July 18, thanks to a dry cold front, the heat was forecast to return, and linger for at least another several days. From July 12-17, the tem-

perature reached at least 90 degrees on five of the six days at the Baker City Airport, including 98 on July 12, the hottest day so far in 2022. In June, by contrast, there was only one 90-degree day. It was the third straight month with temperatures cooler than average. Through its first 17 days,

July has been almost exactly average. The average high temperature for that period at the airport was 85.2 degrees, very slightly below the long-term July average of 85.4 degrees. The month is on pace to be the coolest July since 2016, when the average high was 82.4 degrees.

Last year's average high of 92.3 degrees was the hottest July on record at the airport, where records date to 1943. After the abnormally cool and damp spring — May was almost six degrees cooler than average, and April almost seven degrees — July's temperatures might feel torrid. See **Weather** / A3



## A ton of trouble

Bullfighters put themselves between the bull and the rider

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Jackal Crenshaw's job is to insert all 165 pounds of himself between one ton of energetic bull and the person who was, until recently, on its back. In bull riding, the action begins when the chute, or pen, opens and the bull bucks into the arena. The ride ends when the competitor, even if he has made it the full eight seconds, has to get off the bull and, for at least a few seconds, becomes defenseless. Protecting the rider during that perilous period is something that Crenshaw said, about half an hour before he's ready to start his daring act, "is not supposed to be done." He talked about the danger, and the exhilaration, while sitting in his Honda sedan, applying red paint to the tip of his nose in the minutes before the annual Baker City Bull Riding competition on Saturday evening, July 16 at the Fairgrounds arena. Crenshaw is a bullfighter. But his job doesn't involve any fighting,



Bullfighter Jackal Crenshaw waits for the bull riding to begin on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Baker County Fairgrounds.

in the sense of a physical exchange between him and the bull. Although in some cases the bull will make contact with him — as happened during Saturday event, when the horn of one bull "xylophoned" his ribs. See **Bullfighters** / A3

## Survey will help scientists predict quakes

**BY CLAYTON FRANKE**  
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Wildfires and weather are more frequent threats to Baker Valley, but scientists say earthquakes pose a potential risk here as well. They don't know a lot about the level of that risk, though, compared with other parts of Oregon. Jason McClaughry would like to change that. McClaughry, who lives and works in Baker City, is the geological survey manager for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). He said the last full-scale survey of the Baker Valley was done by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in the 1970s, when geologists had fewer weapons in their seismological quivers. It's not that those scientists were wrong — these studies accurately describe rock structure and fault placement, McClaughry said — but it's getting to be "vintage work." "Major advances in the geological sciences in the last 50 years would allow us to put together a much better picture and understanding of faulting, earthquake history and potential risk in Baker County," McClaughry said. Since those initial surveys, more earthquake-prone areas of the state have taken priority, leaving geologic knowledge about Baker City in the past. Recent projects include surveys near the Columbia Gorge and on the south coast. McClaughry said that since Oregon is a large state and USGS has limited staffing, surveying the entire state is a "long-term process."

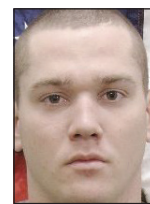
Most of the attention on tremors in Oregon has been on the Cascadia subduction zone off the coast, where one tectonic plate is dipping below another. Scientists say the subduction zone has produced multiple quakes in the past of around 9.0 magnitude, and based on historical records, another quake could happen any time. Baker County officials had a planning exercise in late June to prepare for the potential effects of that quake, which likely will cause catastrophic damage along the coast, due to tsunamis, and in the Willamette Valley from severe shaking. The situation is less dire in Baker Valley. See **Quakes** / A3

## Memorial truck, tractor pull July 22

**Event honors Mabry Anders, who died in Afghanistan in 2012, and raises money for scholarships to local students**

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A truck and tractor pull that honors a Baker City soldier who died in Afghanistan almost a decade ago, and raises money for college scholarships in his name, is returning after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The Spc. Mabry James Anders Truck and Tractor Pull is set for Friday, July 22 at

7 p.m. at the Haines Rodeo Arena. Spectator gate opens at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$8 for ages 5-12. Event organizer J.R. Streifel said he's excited about bringing back the fundraiser, which started in 2018. "With the generosity of the community supporting all the fundraisers, it's a great deal," Streifel said on Monday, July 18. "The community is just outstanding on what they support." The event, which started in 2018, honors Anders, a 21-year-old Baker City soldier who was killed in Afghanistan on Aug. 27, 2012. Streifel said all proceeds from the July 22 event, which will take place on Anders' birthday, go to the Spc. Mabry James Anders



Anders

Memorial Foundation, a scholarship program for Baker County students. The truck and tractor pull is one of several yearly fundraisers for the Foundation, which has awarded more than \$60,000 in scholarships to local students. Streifel said many local businesses and organizations are sponsors for the truck and tractor pull. See **Memorial** / A3



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