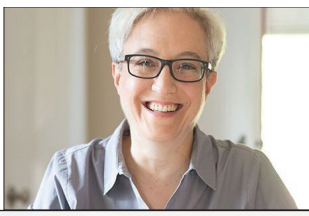




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**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Suzanne Fouty of Baker City.

**BRIEFING**

**CORRECTION**

A story in the Nov. 8 issue about the Baker volleyball team misstated that the Bulldogs’ 5th-place finish at the Class 4A state tournament was the highest in school history. The Bulldog squad in 2006 placed third at the state tournament, the best ever for the school.

**Kids coat drive Saturday**

Residents can get a free cup of coffee from Sorbenots on Saturday morning, Nov. 12, if they donate a new or slightly used coat for distribution to local children. The event, sponsored by the Baker City Rotary Club and Sorbenots, will be from 9 a.m. to noon at Sorbenots, 1270 Campbell St.

**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.

**WEATHER**

**Today**  
37/11  
Mostly sunny

**Friday**  
33/20  
Sunny

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

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Contributed Photo

**Snow amounts are unusually high in the mountains of Northeastern Oregon this November, including at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort. The ski area reported a base of 20 inches on Nov. 7, raising hopes that it will open for the season on Nov. 26, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.**

## Snow stacking up

Early accumulations set records in some places

BY JAYSON JACOBY  
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Mark Bennett was, in his own words, “plodding along” through the latest in a series of early snowstorms Wednesday morning, Nov. 9 near Bridgeport.

But Bennett was happy to be driving slowly along Highway 245 in southern Baker County.

Better blizzards than drought, in Bennett’s estimation.

The flakes were falling thickly, with about 4 inches on the ground at the southern base of Dooley Mountain, said Bennett, who’s a Baker County commissioner

and the owner of a cattle ranch near Unity.

“We’re still way below what we need, but it’s moisture, and it’s great,” Bennett said.

**Prodigious early storms**

Snow often whitens the mountain peaks across Northeastern Oregon during October and early November, but rarely in the past 40 years have early storms been so potent as in 2022.

A few long-term snow-measuring sites had set all-time records for snowpack as of Nov. 8.

See **Snow** / A3

**BAKER COUNTY RESULTS**

## Alderson elected county commission chairman

Cliff Bentz reelected to Congress, Mark Owens to state legislature

BY JAYSON JACOBY  
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Baker County voters have elected **Shane Alderson** as chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners, the one full-time spot on the three-member board.

Alderson, who is currently a member of the Baker City Council, defeated Dan Garrick in the Tuesday, Nov. 8 election.

Alderson had 4,235 votes (56.2%) in preliminary, unofficial results from the Baker County Clerk’s office.

Garrick had 3,249 votes, 43.1%.

“I thought it would be a lot closer,” Alderson said on Wednesday morning, Nov. 9. “I am really pleased with how it turned out, and I am honored and humbled by the support people have given me. I’m really excited to get to work.”

See **Alderson** / A3



Alderson

**BAKER CITY ELECTION RESULTS**

## Diaz, Guyer, Waggoner, Calder are in line to earn council seats

Voters approve ban on psilocybin businesses

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Two incumbents and one former council member are among the four candidates who would be elected to the Baker City Council based on unofficial preliminary results from the Tuesday, Nov. 8 election.

The top four among the eight candidates will be elected. The top three will serve four-year terms, while the fourth-place finisher will serve a two-year term on the seven-member council.

In unofficial results, which don’t include mailed ballots postmarked by election day, Matthew Diaz had the most votes, with 2,357. Diaz is neither an incumbent nor a former councilor.

In the May 2022 primary, the first election in which postmarked ballots were counted if they arrived within seven calendar days of the election, the county clerk’s office received 61 such ballots.

See **Council** / A3



Diaz

## Man living at homeless camp accused of attempted murder

BY JAYSON JACOBY  
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A man who told police he had been living in a homeless camp in Baker City for about a month is accused of attempted second-degree murder after he allegedly tried to drive his car over another man who was living at the same camp on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Brian Kidd Kallio, 26, was arrested Saturday evening. He

is also charged with attempted first-degree assault and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

His bail was set at \$400,000. He could be released by posting 10% of that amount, \$40,000.

Kallio is scheduled to attend a preliminary hearing in Baker County Circuit Court on Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. Baker City Police officer Wil-

liam Mercado described the investigation in a probable cause affidavit.

Mercado wrote that he responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident about 7:02 p.m. Saturday at Settler’s Loop, the street that connects 17th Street and Pochontas Road. The paved street runs through the Elkhorn View Industrial Park.

See **Accused** / A3

## Blair named as full-time fire chief

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Baker City Fire Chief David Blair no longer has “interim” as part of his title.

City Manager Jonathan Cannon announced Monday afternoon, Nov. 6 that Blair, who has served as interim chief since Oct. 1, will continue as chief.

Blair is a 31-year veteran of the department, starting in 1991 as a volunteer. He was hired as a full-time professional firefighter in 2004.

“Chief David Blair will be a



Blair

valuable leader in the Baker City Fire Department,” Cannon wrote in a press release. “I am confident he has the demeanor and ability to lead the Baker City Fire Department into the future.”

Blair replaces Sean Lee, who resigned Sept. 30.

Over the past month or so, the city has recruited for Lee’s replacement, advertising the opening nationwide with a focus on the West, Cannon wrote.

See **Blair** / A2

## Dotty & Myron Miles honored

North Powder couple named 2022 Agriculturists of the Year

BY GEORGE PLAVEN  
Capital Press

Sustainable grazing and top-notch genetics are key for beef cattle raised at Miles Ranch in North Powder.

It was here Myron Miles grew up before meeting Dotty, from Klamath Falls, while they were attending Oregon State College — now Oregon State University.

The couple, both in their early 80s, married in 1962 and spent years hopscoching



Oregon Aglink/Contributed Photo

**Myron and Dotty Miles, of Miles Ranch in North Powder, have been named 2022 Agriculturists of the Year by Oregon Aglink.**

around the state for work. Myron was a county extension agent in Josephine County, operated a small feedlot in

Klamath Falls, and even found his way back to Baker County as a dairyman.

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