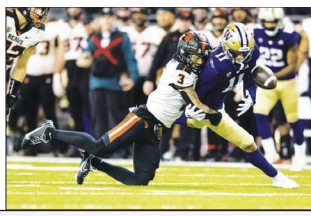




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**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Raymond Berryman of Baker City.

**BRIEFING**

**Albertsons to give away holiday meals Nov. 22**

Baker City Albertsons, 1120 Campbell St., will be distributing holiday meals for those in need on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 12:30 p.m. The fire department, police department, sheriff's office and The Salvation Army will be assisting the effort. Meals donated are from the Turkey Bucks program that has been running in the store since mid-October.

**Adventist Church planning food drive**

The Baker City Seventh-day Adventist Church is holding a food drive to help fill Thanksgiving baskets. The church distributed bags on Nov. 17, then will return Saturday, Nov. 19, to collect donations. Anyone who doesn't receive a bag, but would like to donate, can call Valerie Tachenko, 541-377-2260, or the church, 541-523-4913.

**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. 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**  
34/13  
Sunny

**Sunday**  
35/19  
Mostly sunny

**Monday**  
39/21  
Cloudy

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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## Sheriff 'frustrated' by new gun control law

Travis Ash says his office 'will not focus on investigations on magazine capacity issues'

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash said Monday, Nov. 14 that he's "frustrated" by the passage of Measure 114, the gun control measure, in the Nov. 8 election.

But Ash, unlike some other sheriffs, isn't vowing to completely ignore enforcement of the new law, which is slated to take effect Jan. 15, 2023, after it passed by a margin of 51% to 49%.

"I have been fielding several questions along with many concerns about

the measure," Ash wrote in a statement his office issued Monday, Nov. 14. "I'm frustrated just like many of you are. I fully expect legal challenges to be filed in our court systems regarding some or all of the components of Measure 114."

Alan M. Gottlieb, founder of the Second Amendment Foundation, based in Bellevue, Washington, told The Oregonian that the group has already written a first draft of a lawsuit seeking an injunction to block the new law from taking effect.

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Oregon voters this month narrowly passed Measure 114, one of the more stringent gun control laws in the nation.



Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald

An Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative truck lifts the community Christmas tree for transport to the Court Street Park on Friday morning, Nov. 18, 2022.

## Baker's tree — is — back

Community Christmas tree returns to Court Street Plaza

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

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Although snow was absent, the temperature was certainly appropriately chilly for the annual felling of Baker City's community Christmas tree.

It was in the teens when workers gathered at Kathy Rayl's south Baker City home, at 235 Fourth St., to wrestle with the blue spruce Rayl donated.

Rayl said the tree is too big for its location, with branches reaching above the power lines near her home.

"It's too big for the space and it's beautiful," Rayl said. "Maybe somebody else can enjoy it, at least for a while."

Workers from Baker City, Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative and Superior Towing joined to bring Rayl's tree to its new, temporary

home in the Court Street Plaza, between Main and Resort streets.

As he has every year since 1979, Chuck Carey wielded the chain saw to cut this year's community tree.

The tree's lights will be turned on after the Baker County Chamber of Commerce's Twilight Christmas Parade, set to start at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3.

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**BAKER CITY**

## Stray bighorn sheep captured

Ram was released Friday after receiving clean bill of health

BY IAN CRAWFORD AND JAYSON JACOBY  
Baker City Herald

Baker City residents are accustomed to mule deer roaming in town, but on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 15, a much different wildlife visitor showed up.

A bighorn sheep ram, typically seen clambering on cliffs and among craggy peaks, wandered into the west side of Baker City.

The 4-year-old ram, from the Burnt River Canyon herd southeast of town, received a lot of attention on social media, with several people getting photographs or videos.

Employees from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) searched for the ram as dusk fell Tuesday, but they had no luck finding the animal.

But on Wednesday morning, Nov. 16, biologists tracked down the ram and shot it with a tranquilizer dart to immobilize the powerful animal, which was in a yard at 15th and Broadway streets, about five blocks west of the railroad tracks.

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## Baker County runners compete at cross-country nationals

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Three Baker County runners competed in the NAIA cross-country championships Friday morning, Nov. 18 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Justin Ash, a sophomore at Eastern Oregon University, was the Mountaineers' top finisher, placing 51st in the 8-kilometer course in a time of 25:02.5. Ash, who is from Baker City, competed for Powder Valley High School.

His teammate, Caleb Brown, a freshman from Pine Eagle High School in Halfway, finished 212th in a time of 26:28.1.

EOU finished 12th in the team standings. In the women's race, Emma Baeth, a freshman and 2022 Baker High School graduate competing for Southern Oregon University, placed 156th in the 5-kilometer race in a time of 19:24.2.

**No print paper on Thanksgiving holiday**

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Baker City Herald will not publish a print edition on Thursday, Nov. 25. 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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