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A special good day to Herald subscriber Shelley Hutton of Baker City.

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During this summer people have repeatedly broken into the Forest Service's Blue Mountain Crossing Interpretive Park near Meacham, breaking fences, riding ATVs through the park and stealing historic artifacts, according to a Forest Service press release. The Park, which is near Interstate 84, includes a trail that passes by remnants of the Oregon Trail.

BRIEFING

Some fire restrictions eased

The Umatilla National Forest and the Oregon Department of Forestry eased fire restrictions Tuesday, and the Wallowa-Whitman will do the same later this week due to cooler weather and some rainfall.

As of Tuesday, the public use restrictions on the Umatilla National Forest are at Phase A.

That means campfires are allowed only in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread. All flammable material shall be cleared within a 3-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Chain saws may be used between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. daily. Smoking is allowed only in enclosed vehicles, buildings or areas cleared of flammable material. Motor vehicles are not allowed away from roads or trails or on roads where access has been impeded by an earthen berm, logs, boulders, gates or other barricades.

On lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry in Northeast Oregon, chain saw use is allowed between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m.

Open fires, including campfires, are still prohibited, but portable cooking stoves that burn liquid or bottled fuels are allowed.

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Sunny

Correction: A Letter to the Editor in the Aug. 27 issue mistakenly stated that writer Dan Warnock lives in Richland. He is a longtime Sumpter Valley resident

Grocery Outlet Sets Oct. 11 Grand Opening For Baker City Store

Close To Complete



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The Grocery Outlet store is slated for a grand opening on Oct. 11.

By Casey Crowley
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Grocery Outlet will unveil its Baker City store with a grand opening on Oct. 11, just less than a year after local officials announced the project.

The 19,000-square-foot building stands on the south side of Campbell Street, just east of the Interstate 84 interchange. The address is 295 Campbell St.

An official for Grocery Outlet, which is based in Emeryville, California, said this spring that the

Baker City store likely would open in December or early in 2019, but construction has gone faster than expected.

Eugene Salazar worked as the construction superintendent on the project. In his 47 years of working in construction, this is his first time working on a project in Baker City.

"I should have retired a long time ago but it's kind of tough," Salazar



Salazar

said on Monday.

He works for ELS Construction, a commercial general contractor based in Houston.

Salazar said ELS Construction will finish its work by Sept. 16, after which Grocery Outlet will take over and start preparing the store for opening.

This week ELS is painting the outside of the building and working on some minor roofing issues, landscaping and other tasks.

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Burnt River school chief embraces opportunities of small enrollment

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UNITY — Aug. 15 wasn't only the first day of classes for students at Burnt River School — it was also the first day for the school's new superintendent and principal, Lou Lyon.

Lyon moved to Unity, about 46 miles southwest of Baker City, from Cove,

where she was the online coordinator for La Grande's Learning Academy.

With eight years of teaching experience across the area, the majority in teaching special education, Lyon said she always longed to



Lyon

be a part of a small school district because of the individualized attention such districts can afford their students.

"I always appreciated small schools," Lyon said. "As a child I attended large schools and I appreciate the ability teachers at small schools have to give maximum support. I like the idea that I know

every student. I know their families."

The Burnt River School District is the smallest, in terms of enrollment, in Baker County, with 18 students in grades K-8, 20 enrolled in the high school and 10 students in the online distance education program.

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Cycle Oregon Starts Sept. 8 In Baker City

Bicycles and bucks

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As Cycle Oregon's 2,200 riders prepare to roll into Baker City, where they will start and end this year's ride, organizations across the city are preparing for the visitors.

Cycle Oregon gave the Baker County Chamber of Commerce \$37,000 to offer about 25 contracts to local groups that will provide things such as trash, luggage and shuttle services for the riders expected to start arriving on Friday, Sept. 7.

"We tried to focus on service clubs or the schools," said Shelly Cutler, the Chamber's executive director. "We wanted to make sure the money goes right back into the community."

Cycle Oregon will start Sept. 8 in Baker City. Riders will make overnight stops in Halfway, Wallowa Lake, Elgin, Pendleton and La Grande before returning to Baker City for the end of the ride on Sept. 15.

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Cycle Oregon started in Baker City in 2008.

BAKER CITY COUNCIL ELECTION NOV. 6

City ballot: 10 to choose from

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Baker City voters will have 10 candidates to choose from Nov. 6 when they elect four people to the seven-member City Council.

The 10 candidates who qualified for the ballot by the filing deadline Tuesday at 4 p.m. are: Kevin Luckini, Daryl DeMoss, Randy Schiewe, Slade Elbert, Lynette Perry, Ken Gross, Doni Bruland, Carly Annable, Raymond Rienks and Morgan DeCarl.

Schiewe is the only incumbent among the candidates, having been appointed on June 26 to replace Dan McQuisten, who resigned because he moved outside the city limits.

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Woman dies after being hit by pickup

A 93-year-old Baker City woman died Tuesday after she was struck by a pickup truck while walking across a street.

Leonor Karsai, 93, of 2365 Fourth St., No. 108, died at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City, police said.

Karsai was struck about 9 a.m. at the intersection of Campbell and Fifth streets. The driver of the 2010 Ford pickup that struck Karsai was Gordon Paustian, 83, of 2210 19th St. in Baker City. Police and an Oregon State Police crash reconstructionist have completed their investigation.

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