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A special good day to Herald subscriber Joe Fontana of Baker City.

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AUGUSTA, Ga. — Fallen hero, crippled star, and now a Masters champion again. Tiger Woods rallied to win the Masters for the fifth time Sunday.

BRIEFING

BMS spring carnival set for Thursday

Baker Middle School's Spring Carnival will be Thursday, April 18, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at BMS. Raffle tickets are available to purchase at the school office. Winners will be announced at the carnival or contacted by phone.

Funds raised through this event provide a boost to the arts, humanities, field trips, physical education, improved technology, music and other programs with limited funding. For more information call BMS at 541-524-2500.

Democrats to meet on Thursday

The Baker County Democrats will have their monthly meeting and spring banquet on Thursday, April 18, at Rogers Fellowship Hall, 1995 Fourth St. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m., with the banquet at 6:30 p.m. The Sagebrush Swingers will provide musical entertainment. Suggested donation for the event is \$25. RSVP to baker.democrats@gmail.com

WEATHER

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Rain showers

Tuesday

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Mostly cloudy

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Two Baker City Girl Scouts Complete Community Projects

Scouts in Service



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To earn her Silver Award in Girl Scouts, Penelope Simmons built a Little Free Library. It was installed and stocked with books on Friday in front of Brooklyn Primary School.

By Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

Tristen Tritt and Penelope Simmons will probably never meet the children who benefit from their Girl Scout projects. And that's OK with them.

Tritt is in her eighth year as a Girl Scout; Simmons her seventh. The girls, both eighth-graders, belong to Troop 50042.

This spring they are finishing up projects to earn their Silver Awards, the second highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn.

They each chose a project that could improve their community, and then they invested 50 hours planning and completing their projects.

Anna's Wish

Tritt, 13, chose to support Anna's Wish, a project by CASA that provides duffel bags full of supplies to children who enter the foster care system.

CASA stands for Court-



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Each duffel bag for Anna's Wish includes a blanket, stuffed animal and book. Other items include age-appropriate personal hygiene supplies.

Appointed Special Advocates. A CASA is a trained volunteer appointed by a judge to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children.

Anna's Wish developed from an essay written by Anna, a 9-year-old in Ontario who was

adopted. Her idea for building a better world was to provide every foster child a backpack or suitcase for their belongings instead of stuffing everything into a garbage bag.

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Penelope Simmons said cash donations to support this Little Free Library will help purchase more books when the supply runs low.

BAKER COUNTY IS HOME TO ONE OF THE BIGGER PACKS



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 2014 photo
A wolf from the Minam Pack fitted with a tracking collar.

Wolf packs on the rise

■ State report shows number of wolves increased by about 10 percent during 2018

By Jayson Jacoby
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One of Oregon's bigger wolf packs spends most of its time in Baker County.

The Pine Creek pack, which roams mainly in the northeastern corner of the county from Pine Valley to Hells Canyon, included 12 wolves at the end of 2018, according to an annual report released last week by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

That made it the biggest of Oregon's 16 confirmed packs, according to the report.

However, the agency's current estimate for the Pine Creek pack is eight wolves.

Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at ODFW's Baker City office, said recently that based on aerial surveys it appears that three of the Pine Creek wolves have dispersed from the pack since last year.

The defectors include a 2-year-old female wolf, designated OR-57, that in February joined a young adult male wolf, OR-68, which had not previously been part of the Pine Creek pack.

Then, on March 12, rancher Lawrence Aguilar shot and killed one of four wolves that were chasing his cow dog near the front door of Aguilar's home in Pine Valley about 9 miles from Halfway.

That wolf, a male, was one of seven pups born to the Pine Creek pack's breeding female in April 2018, Ratliff said.

Ratliff said Thursday that based on records from tracking collars fitted to the Pine Creek's breeding male and female, the pack has not come close to Aguilar's property since March 12.

Ratliff said the Pine Creek pack has used a creek drainage near Aguilar's property as a travel corridor in the past, but generally has stayed on the side farthest from Aguilar's home.

With eight wolves, the Pine Creek pack is tied with six other packs as the biggest among Oregon's 16 packs, according to ODFW's annual wolf conservation and management report.

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