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

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LA GRANDE — Baker's Kale Cassidy finished third in the individual standings and was one of three Bulldogs in the top 10 as Baker finished second in the La Grande Invitational cross-country meet on a windy Friday at the La Grande Country Club.

On the girls side Baker's Sydney Keller finished third, and the Bulldogs placed third in the team standings.

Wallowa County claimed both the individual and team titles in the girls and boys meets.

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SALEM — They were busy this summer, showing up in places like the state fair, brew fests and libraries.

With card tables soon stowed away and signs taken down, petitions bearing signatures to recall Gov. Kate Brown are heading to Salem.

The recall effort has to turn in at least 280,050 valid voter signatures by Monday, Oct. 14, to put Brown's fate before voters later this year. Those behind the drives say they are close to having enough signatures.

WEATHER

Today 59 / 28

Partly sunny

Tuesday 66 / 38

Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Open House At Baker City Fire Department

Fire Station Fun



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Isaac Decker, 14, event volunteer, handles the obstacle course where Gunner Snider, right, and others will negotiate the course carrying a doll (simulating a baby) and fire hose.

By Jayson Jacoby
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It's not every day you can watch a helicopter land in the middle of Second Street and then see a car's roof cut off.

And nobody was hurt in either case.

But dozens of kids, and not a few adults, had a chance to experience both events, and several other fun activities besides, on a sunny Saturday

afternoon at the Baker City Fire Department.

The open house was the culmination of National Fire Prevention Week.

Among the highlights was the arrival of a Life Flight helicopter from La Grande.

Pilot Micah Budge set down the Agusta 119 chopper in the center of Second Street in front of the Fire Department.

With the aircraft's four-blad-

ed rotor motionless, children began to clamber around the shiny blue machine.

Flight paramedic Robert Feik made sure the trio of Charlie Baunsgard, 7, and CeCe Baunsgard, 4, visiting from Stayton, and Izzie Conklin, 3, of Baker City, each had a helicopter sticker as they climbed down from the aircraft.

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Baker City fireman Travis Fields tries out the passenger area of a Life Flight helicopter with his two daughters, Lilly, left, and Aubrey, with Dad, and their friend, Lilly Harper.

County ready to take over bridge

■ County plans to build a new, wider bridge, with guard rails, across East Eagle Creek

By Samantha O'Conner
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Baker County commissioners on Wednesday discussed the process by which the county could gain jurisdiction over a bridge in the Wallowa Mountains that the county plans to replace with a new span in 2020.

The bridge crosses East Eagle Creek about 32 miles northeast of Baker City.

Kendall Cikanek, Whitman District ranger for the U.S. Forest Service, attended Wednesday's work session along with Mike Montgomery, a real estate specialist with the agency, and bridge engineer Jim Carnahan.

The county's plan is to replace the current bridge with a wider (60-foot) structure including guard rails.

"We want to do it exactly as we need to do to protect the stream and the bridge and everything else so we are going to be doing construction next year," Commission Chairman Bill Harvey said.

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Baker City to host Special Olympics swim meet

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Baker City will play host to a Special Olympics swim meet for the first time on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at Sam-O Swim Center, 580 Baker St.

Paula Moe, operations and aquatics director for the Baker County YMCA, which operates the city-owned swimming pool, said the meet typically takes place at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham and pits Eastern Oregon athletes against competitors from the west side.

But this year, due to budget cuts, the event will be an Eastern Oregon regional meet, Moe said.

The competition Sunday will include races at various distances involving the major swimming strokes. There will also be a 200-yard freestyle relay.

Sixteen athletes are slated to compete — four from Baker City, four from La Grande and eight from the Pendleton/Hermiston area. The athletes in Moe's group range from ages 18 to 37.

Coaches submit their athletes' times and races to the state YMCA, and officials set up the meet based on those results.

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