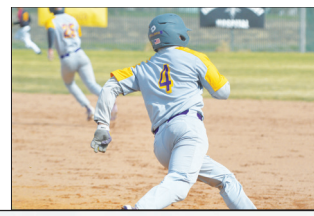




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## QUICK HITS

### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Lorna Beam of Baker City.

## BRIEFING

### Volunteers sought to set out flags on Memorial Day

Volunteers will gather at 6 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, at Mount Hope Cemetery to place about 550 American flags, each featuring the name of a military veteran. A Memorial Day ceremony will start at 11 a.m. that day in the veterans section at the south end of the cemetery, and volunteers are needed to help remove the flags after the ceremony.

### Chess club plans tournament June 10

The Baker School District chess club is planning its first summer chess tournament on Friday, June 10, at the Baker Early Learning Center, 2725 Seventh St., from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This tournament is for players from kindergarten through adults. There is no cost to participate.

Registration is open now and closes June 1. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/3IArlsN>.

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## WEATHER

**Today**  
67/43  
Sunny

**Wednesday**  
76/45  
Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.



# FANTASTIC FINISH

Baker's Emma Baeth sets school record in winning 1,500-meter race at state track meet

Logan Hannigan-Downs photo  
Baker senior Emma Baeth celebrates after winning the 1,500-meter race at the Class 4A state track meet on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Hayward Field in Eugene. Baeth set a new school record.

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Emma Baeth was sprinting the final yards to the finish line with no other runner on either side, and she couldn't quite believe what was happening.

Baeth, a senior at Baker High School, couldn't believe she was about to win a state championship in the 1,500-meter race.

She couldn't believe she was going to accomplish that goal in Eugene's Hayward Field, the place where many Olympians, including some of Baeth's own idols, have competed.

Perhaps most shocking of all, Baeth couldn't believe how good she felt. Physically good.

She had, after all, just run slightly less than a mile in well under five minutes.

Even the exhilaration of winning a state title can't mask the toll that pace takes on legs and lungs.

The ecstasy of success comes with the agony of fatigue.

Yet Baeth was overwhelmed not with exhaustion but with the recognition that she was a few seconds away from accomplishing a goal she hadn't quite dared to hope for.

"I thought, 'oh my goodness, what's happening?'" she said the day after winning the 1,500 at the Class 4A state track meet on Saturday, May 21.

Quite a lot was happening, actually. Besides claiming the coveted state championship, Baeth had broken the BHS record for the 1,500 set in 2002 by Danielle Jordan.

Baeth, who will compete in track and cross-country at Southern Oregon University, where she plans to major in nursing, said she actually had looked at Jordan's record on the wooden board at BHS just before leaving for the state meet.

Jordan's time was 4:45.83.

That was about 12 seconds faster than Baeth's best time in the 1,500.

That's a huge difference, she said — 1,500-meter runners don't expect to trim 12 seconds from their best time in a single race.

"I didn't really think I would be able to," Baeth said. "That's so fast." But then the race started.

And as she loped along with the lead group of runners, Baeth glanced occasionally at the elapsed times that showed every 100 meters.

"I thought, 'wow, we're really going fast,'" Baeth said with a laugh.

But she was even more surprised — "shocking" is the adjective she chooses more than once in talking about the race — by how relatively easy it felt to keep the pace.

"About a half-mile in I was thinking that I feel surprisingly so good right now," she said.

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## Council to discuss ambulance proposal to county

### City manager will present draft proposal during Tuesday's meeting

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The Baker City Council on Tuesday, May 24, will review a draft of the city's proposal to Baker County for continuing to provide ambulance service.

Councilors will meet at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

Baker County, which is responsible under Oregon law for choosing ambulance providers, recently sent out a request for proposals (RFP) for the Baker Ambulance Service Area.

The Baker City Fire Department is the current ambulance provider for that area, which includes Baker City and about two-thirds of the rest of the county.

The deadline to submit proposals is June 3.

On March 22 the City Council, after reviewing a report from City Manager Jonathan Cannon about the city's financial struggles to operate ambulances, voted to notify the county that the city intended to curtail ambulance service on Sept. 30, 2022.

Ending that service would cost the city about \$1 million annual in ambulance revenue, and would force the city to lay off six firefighter/paramedics, reducing the department's overall staffing from 16.25 full-time equivalents to 10.5.

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Cannon

## Baker school district hires principal for Early Learning Center

Baker City Herald

The Baker School Board on Thursday, May 19, approved the hiring of Cristina Hyde as director/principal of the Baker Early Learning Center starting this fall.

The Early Learning Center, in the former North Baker School building at 2725 Seventh St., opened Oct. 9, 2020, after a \$2.3 million building renovation. The facility houses service providers for families of children from birth to age 5 as well as preschool and kindergarten classrooms.

Money to pay for the renovation came from several sources, including the Baker School District, the state Student Investment Act, Preschool Promise program, and multiple private grants.

Hyde comes to the Baker School District from Pullman, Washington, where she has worked as director of special education for the Pullman School District for the past three years, according to a press release from the Baker School District.

She started her teaching career in Alaska in 2007 and moved to Oregon in 2013 to serve as Head Start director for the Coquille Indian Tribe in Coos Bay.

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## State confirms another wolf attack on calves near Richland

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State wildlife biologists have confirmed another wolf attack on cattle north of Richland.

The most recent in a series of investigations in that area, about 40 miles east of Baker City, happened on May 19, according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

According to an ODFW report, a rancher found two injured calves while checking a herd on the afternoon of May 17 in a 600-acre private land parcel in the Immigrant Gulch area north of Eagle Valley.

ODFW biologists investigated on Thursday, May 19, examining those two calves as well as four other calves that had wounds.

Biologists concluded that wolves from the Cornucopia pack had attacked the two calves whose injuries prompted the rancher to report the incident. The attack happened about two to three weeks

earlier, according to an ODFW report.

Both calves had bite scrapes up to 1/8th inch wide on the outside of their hindquarters above the hocks, with corresponding tissue trauma, according to the report.

One calf had an open wound measuring about 3.5 by 2.5 inches, as well as multiple tooth punctures about 1/8th of an inch in diameter.

The other calf had a 1-inch by 1-inch open wound on the outside of its left hind leg above the hock, and a pair of tooth puncture marks 1/8th of an inch in diameter.

According to the report, "The bite marks and location, size, and depth of the injuries on the first two calves are consistent with wolf attacks on live calves."

Biologists surmised that the calves were attacked around the same time.

Of the four other calves that biologists examined, one had a 1-inch

long by 1/8th-inch-long bite scrape with a healed puncture wound on its right rear leg near the hip. Six healed scrapes were on the same area of the leg.

Biologists determined this was a "probable" wolf attack based on the size and location of the injuries, which probably happened about the same time as the confirmed attacks on the two other calves.

The three other calves also had scrape wounds, but "lacked sufficient evidence to be able to determine the cause," according to an ODFW report.

Those three cases were deemed "possible/unknown."

Earlier this spring, ODFW biologists concluded that wolves from the Cornucopia pack had killed one calf and injured at least three others in the same area north of Richland.

Wolves from the Keating pack also injured a calf in the Keating Valley in early May.

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