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**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Bonnie Paullus of Sumpter.

**BRIEFING**

**Bike for the Health of It starts June 15**

The Trailhead and Baker School District are again organizing Bike for the Health of It this summer.

The first event is Wednesday, June 15, at 6 p.m. in Central Park. A family barbecue will be provided. Youth are invited to bring their own bike or borrow one at no cost. Drop-ins are welcome, but registration is encouraged by calling The Trailhead at 541-523-1668 or emailing Heidi Stocks at heidi.stocks@bakernsd.org.

Additional events are planned for 6 p.m. July 20 at Baker Early Learning Center, 2725 Seventh St., and Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Union Creek near Phillips Reservoir (bus leaves the Baker Sports Complex at 8:45 a.m. and lunch is provided).

**Payton Shirtcliff named to U of Idaho dean's list**

MOSCOW, Idaho — Payton M. Shirtcliff, a business major from Baker City, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Idaho. To qualify, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

**BCU rally set for June 16**

Baker County United's monthly freedom rally is Thursday, June 16 at 6 p.m. at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St. Discussion topics will include statutory home rule as it pertains to the county, and possibly the Baker School District's budget.

**WEATHER**

**Today**  
56/34  
Mostly sunny

**Wednesday**  
69/43  
Mostly sunny

## Bracing for battle

BLM's budding firefighters train at Burnt River School in Unity

Firefighter trainees march to lunch during training at Burnt River School in Unity on June 9, 2022.



BY IAN CRAWFORD  
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UNITY — Driving the 46 miles from Baker City to Unity over Dooley Mountain is a winding route that for miles passes through the remnants of a scorched forest that offers little shade.

This is the aftermath of two major lightning-sparked wildfires — the 1989 Dooley Mountain fire, which burned 20,000 acres, and

the 104,000-acre Cornet-Windy Ridge blaze, which swept through in August 2015.

This year the fire season hasn't started thanks to the consistently wet spring.

But elsewhere, fire season pretty much never ends.

And that's one reason Tom Cuellar was in Unity last week, training a crew of about 40 firefighters near the Burnt River School.

Cuellar is the crew coordinator for the Bureau of Land Management's Vale District, which includes public land the agency manages in Baker County.

"We've had crews come back from California on Christmas day, Thanksgiving," Cuellar said on Thursday, June 9.

He was helping prepare a new batch of Type 2 firefighters, running intensive training in the open fields adjacent to the school at the north end of Unity, population about 70.

Cuellar has been involved in firefighting for 27 years.

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Photos by Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald  
Vale District crew coordinator Tom Cuellar instructing recruits on building fire lines outside the Burnt River School in Unity on June 9, 2022.

## Lookout Mountain wolves hurt 3 calves

ODFW killed 8 wolves from pack in 2021, but a new breeding male joined the pack in January 2022

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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Wolves from the Lookout Mountain pack, which state officials pared last year by killing eight wolves, injured three calves in the Daly Creek area in eastern Baker County in late May.

That's the conclusion in an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) report from a June 6 investigation.

The three calves, which ranged in weight from about 150 pounds to 250 pounds, survived, although two had infected wounds, said Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at ODFW's Baker City office. Ratliff examined the three injured calves on June 6.

The attacks are the first attributed to the Lookout Mountain pack since October 2021, and the farthest northeast within the Lookout Mountain unit, Ratliff said.

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## Pedal Power: Baker City Cycling Classic starts Friday

BY LISA BRITTON

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The Baker City Cycling Classic will take place June 17-19 and motorists can expect a few delays during the three-day event.

The race is presented by Scott's Cycle and Sports.

The weekend begins Friday, June 17, with a road race that starts at Baker High School at 10:30 a.m.

Traffic will be affected on Highway 30 from Baker City to North Powder, Highway 237 from North Powder to Union, and Highway 203 through the Catherine Creek area and Medical Springs.

Racers finish on Highway 203 about a half mile east of Interstate 84.

This stage concludes around 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday: Two races, and a kids race**

Saturday features two stages. The first, a time trial, starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. Riders will head out Highway 30 to follow Davenport Road, Chandler Lane and Old Oregon Trail Road.

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## Welcoming home a gold medal winner

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BELOW: Caitlyn Calaway rode in a procession down Main Street on Monday, June 13, 2022, waving at well-wishers congratulating her on winning gold and silver medals at the Special Olympics USA Games last week in Orlando, Florida.



ABOVE: Baker swimmer Caitlyn Calaway meets with local residents who turned out Monday, June 13, 2022, to congratulate her for winning gold and silver medals at the Special Olympics last week in Orlando, Florida.

## 4 of 7 City Council spots on fall ballot

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Four of the seven positions on the Baker City Council will be up for election this November.

The top three candidates in the November election will be elected to four-year terms starting in January 2023. The fourth-place candidate will be elected to a two-year term. The deadline to apply as a candidate is 5 p.m. on Aug. 19.

Anyone interested in running for a seat can pick up an elections packet from City Recorder Dallas Brockett at City Hall, 1655 First St. Brockett can also email packets on request, or call him at 541-524-2033 for more information.

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