



Eagle photos/Cheryl Hoefler
Competitors in the Baker City Cycling Classic make the turn toward Prairie City Park before heading back to Sumpter.

Baker City Cycling Classic included punishing leg to Prairie City

By Tim Trainor
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The Baker City Cycling Classic began June 26 in Sumpter, as competitors raced 87 miles out and back to Prairie City. The punishing route had a total ascent of 7,500 feet and temperatures pushed 100 degrees.

The four-day race concluded June 28. The winner in the men's pro division was Camilo Zambrano, who finished just ahead of Sepp Kuss in 3 hours, 47 minutes and 10 seconds.

In the women's pro division, Heather Albert won in 4 hours 31 minutes and 51 seconds, beating Jennifer Luebke by 14 minutes.



Bicyclists enter Prairie City during a round-trip race from Sumpter on June 26, during Stage 1 of the Baker City Cycling Classic.



A group of racing bicyclists prepares to zoom out of Prairie City, after rounding City Park.



The Eagle/contributed photo
Kade Blood, right, is ready to golf at last Saturday's CASA Golf Scramble along with teammates, from left, Jeromy Majors, Troy Wells and David Blood.

Golf scramblers highlight fun in CASA fundraiser

Group raises record amount for CASA kids

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY – Golfers took a swing for children served by Court Appointed Special Advocates at last Saturday's 5th Annual CASA Golf Scramble.

The group of 32 players raised a record amount, over \$6,000, while competing at the John Day Golf Club.

CASA executive director Tracey Blood said they had more sponsors contributing to the cause than previous years. "All proceeds received will go toward supporting children who live in Grant and Harney counties who are subjected to neglect and abuse," she said.

She added CASA volunteers are trained to help children through the dependency court system.

"The program's goal is to advocate for a safe, permanent and nurturing home for every child it serves," she said.

Breakfast included biscuits and gravy, with Judy Hudson's famous homemade cinnamon rolls, and fruit, and lunch consisted of barbecued ribs by Ed McCrary, salads



The Eagle/contributed photo
Melissa Galbreath, emcee for the Scramble, gives the starting signal for the tournament.

by Margie McCrary, Lori Hickerson, Linda Watson, and Sandie Gilson and desserts by Hailey Delaney, Alena Smith and Aaron Roth.

Next up is the Harney County CASA Golf Scramble Aug. 15 at the Hines Golf Course.

Results:
First place: Roof Creek Gutting Team – Scott Myers, Colt Carpenter, Mitch Saul, and Alex Finlayson
Second place: (tie) Phil Jenkins, Kathie Stoddard, Charlie Wilson, and Randy Horner; Ed McCrary, Ryan Torland, Travis Jones, and Lance Woodcock
Closest to the pin: Randy Horner, 7 feet, 7 inches
Longest drive: Women, Melody Jackson; men, Alex Finlayson
Scoring "most strokes for kids": Team Broemeling

Two GU softball players honored

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NEWPORT – Two 2015 Grant Union graduates received 3A All-Oregon softball honors.

Babe Nash was named to the First Team as catcher, and Sydney Stearns had an honorable mention as a utility player.

The girls played in the Senior All-Stars Games



Babe Nash

June 20 in Newport, and junior Natalie Stearns was listed as a fill-in player.



Sydney Stearns

Chinook fishery yields low catch for anglers

ODFW hopeful for longer salmon season next year

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY – Anglers had the opportunity to hook a Chinook in Grant

County during the late May and early June salmon fishery, however, reports are the harvest was low.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife approved the May 20 to

June 7 opening of the Chinook fishery along a stretch along the mainstem John Day River near Kimberly.

ODFW's acting district fish biologist Brent Smith said he is only

aware of three salmon caught.

"The river was in good shape for fishing flowing near 1,000 cfs at Service Creek about a week prior to the season, but when the rains came it rose to a high near 5,500 cfs," he said. "During high turbid flows it is nearly impossible to catch salmon."

He added the river dropped to around 2,000 for the last week of the season and a handful of anglers tried again.

"Overall, due to river conditions, there was very light angler pressure," he said. "I am hopeful for next year if salmon numbers are good, to open a longer season with a larger fishery area."

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