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Alex Hammans led Baker with 194 yards rushing in an easy win Friday

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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Brett Reinert of Baker City.

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Powder Valley ran its Class 1A football season record to 3-0 Friday with a 46-14 Old Oregon League win over Pine-Eagle at Halfway.

Sports, 7A

SISTERS — Baker finished third in its bracket Saturday at the Sisters Invitational volleyball tournament.

The Bulldogs won their opening match, defeating Stayton 21-25, 25-22, 15-9.

BRIEFING

Prescription drug dropoff event set for Tuesday

Residents can drop off unused, expired or unwanted prescription medications for no charge on Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Community Connection, 2810 Cedar St. The Baker County Sheriff's Office also accepts medications at 3410 K St. during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Prescription Drug Take Back Program is a collaboration of the Sheriff's Office, Baker County Safe Communities Coalition and New Directions Northwest Inc.

WEATHER

Today

69 / 42



Partly sunny

Tuesday

75 / 38



Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Baker Sixth-Graders Attend Outdoor School

Messy Lessons



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A study about soils found at different depths has Henry Hester with dirty hands as he and others get the feel of three different types of soil to be used for their experiments.

By Chris Collins

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Baker School District sixth-graders headed for the Anthony Lakes area of the Elkhorn Mountains last week for this year's Outdoor School experience.

The weather, which turned cold and rainy, was part of the daily experience for the students, who moved inside to sleep on the floors of the Anthony Lakes Lodge at night — boys on the top floor, girls on the bottom.

A skiff of snow added an extra element of adventure as 180 Baker School District sixth-graders from South Baker Intermediate and Haines and Keating schools rotated through lessons aimed at helping them better understand and safely enjoy the outdoors.

Dorothy Mason, who has coordinated the program since 2010, is phasing out of her role. In her stead, Luke Burton, a child development specialist at South Baker, was hired through an extra-duty contract to take the lead this year. Dorothy and her husband, Bob Mason, both retired wildlife biologists, taught wildlife habitat classes as they have for many years.

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Thursday classes at the Outdoor School remind students that weather can change quickly in the mountains. Students faced rain, hail and snow.

BAKER CITY MANAGER

Warner hopes to retire from PERS but stay on the job

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Baker City Manager Fred Warner Jr. hopes to retire at the end of this year — but he wants to continue doing the same job for at least another year.



Warner

This possibility exists through Oregon's Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

PERS allows certain public employees to retire and begin collecting their pension, but continue to work for a public agency.

"I don't want to retire, I just want to retire from PERS and keep working as the city manager," Warner, 65, said on Friday.

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Great Salt Lick auction raises almost \$17,000 for Parkinson's research

Baker City's unique fundraising event for Parkinson's disease research, the Great Salt Lick auction, raised almost \$17,000 Saturday, the second-most in its 13-year history.

Whit Deschner, who started the event, said the move this year from Crossroads Carnegie Art Center to the Churchill School was well-timed.

"We'll miss its old home, Crossroads," Deschner said, "but we are excited using its new location, Churchill School. I don't think Crossroads could have squeezed this crowd in."

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Safeway staff builds beds for local kids

By Samantha O'Connor

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Employees from Baker City's Safeway store worked Saturday to build 10 bunk beds that will be available to local children.

The Safeway staff coordinated with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit based in Twin Falls, Idaho, that provides bunk beds to children in need.

Brandon Sweet, director of the Baker City Safeway, said he and another employee learned about Sleep in Heavenly Peace during a Rotary Club meeting.

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