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Lacy Churchfield, left, and Hailey Zikmund go up for a block Monday

QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Tom Van Diepen of Baker City.

BRIEFING

City burn ban lifted

The Baker City Fire Department has officially lifted all burning restrictions effective today, Fire Chief John Clark has announced.

Residents should note that a burn permit is still required for any open burning, including fire pits and burn barrels in Baker City. Additionally, burn barrels must meet specific construction requirements, he stated.

Money available for emergency food, shelter programs

Baker County will receive \$8,734 from FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program. Organizations providing these services to Baker County residents can request an application for funds from Joe Hayes at Community Connection of Baker County, 2810 Cedar St., Baker City, OR 97814. Please call 541-523-6591, extension 11, or email your request for an application to joe@ccno.org. Applications can be mailed in, emailed back or dropped off. The application deadline is Friday, Oct. 18 at 4 p.m.

WEATHER

Today

57 / 32

Partly sunny

Thursday

61 / 34

Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Officers Participate In Active Threat Training At Brooklyn Primary School

Police Preparation



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Kyle Ebeling, left, Baker County Sheriff's Office corrections deputy, and Becky Monahan, Baker County Parole and Probation deputy, head down a hall at Brooklyn Primary School while instructing frightened students to stay safely in a bathroom during a training exercise.

By Chris Collins
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Brooklyn Primary School became an eerie scene of chaos and violence Friday and Saturday afternoons as shots rang out in the hallways and teenagers fell to the floor with wounds sustained by the gunfire.

The good news is the wounds weren't real and neither was the gunfire.

The shots came from pistols and rifles loaded with plastic silicone bullets, known as "simunition" rounds and used for training.

And the injuries were described on tags hung around the necks of the volunteers who helped bring a greater degree of realism to the scenarios played out both afternoons.

A group of teenagers, who also were joined by a few adults on Friday, filled the empty school with shrieks of terror as they ran aimlessly through the hallways seeking safety and crying out for help for themselves and their injured friends. It was all a part of "active threat" scenarios conducted during training brought to Baker City by officers with the state Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

Baker City Police, Baker County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police officers were joined by others from agencies in Union and Umatilla counties for the exercises. Dispatchers also participated along with EMTs and paramedics from the Baker City



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Law enforcement moves down the hallway past wounded students toward the shooter's room. Volunteer Naomi Woodward, center, is among those waiting for help.

Fire Department.

The volunteer victims were recruited to provide added realistic confusion to scenes that police and emergency responders likely would encounter should an actual school shooting or other active threat take place in the

community.

"Any time we can get the community involved it adds to the training," said Jim de Sully, regional training manager for the DPSST in Salem.

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Student volunteers at Friday's training include, second from left, Sydney Younger, Naomi Woodward, center, and Lincoln Nemec, at back. Jim de Sully of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is second from right, with Lance Woodward, Baker City Police school resource officer, foreground right.

Haines man still missing


■ Searchers have been looking for Andy Dennis since Sunday in the Wallowa Mtns.

By Jayson Jacoby
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Searchers are navigating a section of the steep and snowy Wallowa Mountains for the fourth straight day looking for signs of a Haines man who went missing while hunting deer over the weekend.

The search for Andrew Dean "Andy" Dennis, 60, is focused on the area around Crater Lake, near East Eagle Creek about 32 air miles northeast of Baker City.

Ground crews are working along with two helicopters in the quest to find Dennis, who relatives say is very familiar with that area.



Dennis

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\$164K grant means city can build accessible playground

■ Construction could happen in May 2020

By Jayson Jacoby
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Baker City's plan to build a playground accessible to children of all abilities received a major boost recently when a state board approved a \$164,000 grant.

The grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will cover more than half the project's estimated cost of \$281,000, said Joyce Bornstedt, the city's technical administrative supervisor.

"It's very exciting," Bornstedt said Tuesday of the state grant that puts the city on track to build the new playground at Geiser-Pollman Park in the spring of 2020.

Karla Macy of Baker City is also enthusiastic.

Her 3-year-old son, Augustus, has spina bifida, and Macy has been promoting the city's fundraising campaign for the all-inclusive playground addition at Geiser-Pollman.

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