

## SHOOTING

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Duman said Brown showed up at the Bureau of Land Management office at 3100 H St. claiming that he'd been shot in the hand.

Police cordoned off the area and began searching for the shooter and for a second victim who Brown said was in a nearby building.

Police found Parrish's body in a large warehouse designated as Building D at the northwest end of the property, Duman said.

Brown had identified Greenwood as the person who shot him, and Parrish as the other victim, Duman said.

As part of the investigation, police received information that a late model standard two-door Toyota pickup truck Greenwood was thought to be driving had left the area.

An Oregon State Police game officer spotted the pickup on Dooley Mountain, Duman said. Malheur County deputies later located the

pickup near Bridgeport, south of Dooley Mountain, and tried to stop it.

Duman said the officers followed Greenwood on a short pursuit before Greenwood decided to travel cross-country and down a ravine in the four-wheel drive vehicle. The deputies watched as Greenwood later attempted to burn a rifle and set the pickup truck on fire, Duman said.

The Malheur County deputies arrested Greenwood about 3:34 p.m. Monday in the Mormon Basin area of northern Malheur County south of Durkee.

The deputies found .45-caliber ammunition in the pickup truck, Duman testified.

"That's the same ammunition used to kill Ms. Parrish," Duman told the judge. "One spent casing was found under the victim."

After Duman testified Tuesday, the judge asked Greenwood if he had anything to say regarding his release from jail.

Greenwood took the opportunity to ask the court

whether law enforcement had done a background check on Brown.

The judge quickly stopped his conversation.

"You don't get to ask questions," Hung admonished Greenwood, advising him to wait to talk to an attorney.

The court staff is seeking someone with the experience to handle the defense in a murder case, Hung said.

Greenwood's next court appearance is set for 1:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3.

Duman said after the hearing that the BLM office was locked down during the police search of the area, but employees were not in danger.

Baker City schools also were not considered to be in harm's way because authorities felt certain that Greenwood had left the area. And there was no reason to believe he would approach a school, Duman said.

Baker School District Superintendent Mark Witty said he relied on communication with Lance Woodward, the police department's school resource

officer, and Duman in weighing whether to order a lockout at the schools. Witty decided not to do so.

"I appreciate having that linkage with local law enforcement," Witty said. "If there had been any issue from the get-go, we would have gone to a lockout."

In that case doors are locked to prevent anyone from entering the buildings. And in most instances, the lockout is implemented at all schools in town, Witty said.

One parent who heard the report of the police search on her personal scanner chose to take her children out of school, he said. Otherwise, classes continued without interruption.

The Major Crime Team, which includes the Baker City Police, Oregon State Police and the Baker County Sheriff's Office, was activated and the OSP crime lab is assisting to process the scene.

The investigation is continuing and more charges will be considered after the case is reviewed by a grand jury, Baxter said.

## COUNCIL

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He moved to La Grande in 1984 and served two terms on the Island City Council.

After retiring from a 40-year career as a teacher, including five years at Baker Middle School, Morrison returned to Baker City.

"I have nothing special I want to work on, I just had some time, I thought I'd give back a little bit to the place I grew up in," Morrison said Tuesday.

### Block grant application

In other business Tuesday, the City Council voted unanimously to proceed with New Directions Northwest's request that the city sponsor New Directions' application for a \$1.5 million federal Community Development Block Grant to build a health and wellness center in Baker City.

The Council will schedule a public hearing on the project.

Andi Walsh, grant writer and public relations manager for New Directions, said the health and wellness center would be built next to the outpatient services facility that New Directions is build-

ing now at 13th and K streets, just west of the Powder River Correctional Facility.

The health and wellness center would offer services including a multi-purpose basketball court that will also provide a space for seminars, weights/cardio equipment use and storage, flexibility to allow dentists, physicians, or physician assistants to provide clinics to clients, and others.

According to a report given to the council, New Directions wants to apply for the grant to build a health and wellness center in part because "our clients have very few resources for physical activity as part of their treatment."

Art Shabut, block grant project manager for the state, participated in Tuesday's meeting via telephone. He said the city's role would be to administer the application for New Directions.

"That doesn't mean that the city has to do all the work," Shabut said.

He said the city can use grant money to hire an administrator and hire someone to direct the environmental review.

Shari Selander, CEO for

New Directions, said the ability to include physical activity for clients can help them during treatment for drug and alcohol addiction.

"It's very exciting for us to think that we would be able to expand the services that we currently provide to approximately 2,600 people a year," Selander said. "And in our area we have a huge need to really be able to focus on the entire person, not just the mental health."

In other business Tuesday, the Council:

- Endorsed a liquor license application from Sweet Wife Baking. Joseph recused himself from the matter because he and his wife are the owners of the business.

- Voted unanimously to accept a \$45,000 technical assistance grant through the Department of Land Conservation and Development to do a housing needs analysis in the city.

Holly Kerns, director of the Baker City/County Planning Department, said the analysis will help the city make critical updates to the city's comprehensive plan.

"Part of the Planning Department's charge is to plan

ahead for the future needs of our community as well as look at what's happening in the present. And the housing analysis that is currently in our comprehensive plan is dated through 2019," Kerns said.

- Authorized Public Works Director Michelle Owen to reallocate \$500,000 budgeted to move a section of the Marble Springs water supply pipeline to construction of a different section of pipeline near the Elk Creek settling tank.

The Marble Springs work can't be done this year because it depends on the Forest Service improving the Marble Creek Pass Road, and that won't happen this year. Reallocating the \$500,000 will allow the city to replace about 3 miles of pipeline this year, according to a staff report.

In a related matter, the Council voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the Forest Service for the agency's plan to improve the Marble Creek Pass Road. That will facilitate logging and other work designed to reduce the risk of wildfire in the city's watershed. The road passes through that 10,000-acre area.

## RICK

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The four head for the Elkhorns year round in pursuit of adventures in their time away from their day jobs.

Rick was a farmer; Dustin is a helicopter pilot for Baker Aircraft, Brad is a representative for the Hytorc bolting company and Kyle is a shop foreman for Pioneer Construction.

In all their years together the four had never had a riff between them, the cousins said.

They relied on each other as they pursued their love of the outdoors together and were prepared for any emergency that might befall them, Dustin Stephens said.

As they do on every snowmobiling trip, the four carried their avalanche preparedness backpacks that included beacons, which can guide rescuers to their position if they're caught in a slide, as well as probes to locate a victim and shovels to dig out a person caught by an avalanche.

The quartet left Rick's house about noon Saturday and made their way to the trailhead. Before they started riding, as they always do, the four activated their avalanche

beacons in transmit mode to help searchers find them in case of an emergency.

They had been riding for about an hour and half in a small basin area and Dustin and Brad had stopped to talk for a moment while Kyle and Rick continued ahead. The two heard Kyle's call of "avalanche," the same call Kyle had heard from Rick, who was riding ahead, just moments earlier.

The three arrived in the area where Rick had been caught in the avalanche within seconds.

By turning their avalanche beacons to search mode they were able to quickly locate the spot where Rick disappeared. There was no sign of him or his snowmobile in the deep snow.

The men then used their avalanche probes, poles about 10 feet long, to punch through the snow at the site where their beacons had directed them.

They used their shovels to dig and they located Rick within 10 to 15 minutes. He was unresponsive when they got him to the surface, Dustin and Brad said.

They began CPR, continuing for some time until nightfall approached. Kyle eventu-

ally took Dustin's cellphone to an area where service was available to call for help.

Dustin said the men were hopeful for a good outcome for Rick, but it wasn't to be. He believes there's nothing that they could have done differently. They were well-prepared, trained and had the proper equipment that allowed them to successfully find Rick, precautions he hopes other less experienced snowmobilers will consider when they head to the mountains.

"We all go prepared, we always have," he said.

Dustin brought Rick's body down from the mountain on his snowmobile. The four were met by Search and Rescue Team members who had assembled at the trailhead to offer assistance.

The three men knew their knowledge of the area and their experience riding through the mountains was vital to bringing Rick out that night.

"There was never an option of leaving him there," Dustin said.

Rick is survived by his wife, Ashley, and their three children: Rev, 7; Della, 6; and Riki, 3.

Friends have established

the Rick Stephens Memorial Fund through US Bank for their benefit.

A Go Fund Me account titled "Support for the Stephens Family" had collected more than \$21,000 by Tuesday morning, exceeding its goal of \$10,000. To donate, go to [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) and search for the title.

Friends also have mounted a "Meal Train" campaign to provide food for the family in the weeks ahead. An outpouring of support at the mealtrainplus website shows people signed up through most of February and into March to provide meals. To join that effort, go to [www.mealtrain.com/trains/ze5nne](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/ze5nne)

There will be a visitation for Rick Stephens from noon to 3 p.m. Friday at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. His memorial service will take place at the old North Powder School gymnasium on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m. Following the service there will be a reception in the gym. In lieu of flowers, friends who would like to make a donation are encouraged to do so to the Rick Stephens Memorial Fund. To light a candle for Rick or to share a memory or condolence with his family, go to [www.graywestco.com](http://www.graywestco.com)

## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Rotary Club looking for group to help

The Baker City Rotary Club has about \$2,000 available to help a local group or organization.

The money could be used in any of six areas:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution.
- Disease prevention and treatment.
- Water and sanitation.
- Maternal and child health.
- Basic education and literacy.
- Economic and community development.

Applications are due by Feb. 29, and should be accompanied by an essay of no more than 1,000 words explaining the project and including the following:

1. Which of the six areas of focus would be impacted with our donation to your organization?
  2. How can Rotary members be included in the process of using the funds donated?
  3. How do you plan to leverage our donation to help you accomplish the most possible? One example might include asking Leo Adler Foundation to match the funds that we donate.
  4. What will your specific plans be for the use of the funds?
  5. How will this improve our community?
  6. What will your organization do to make sure Baker City Rotary Club is recognized within the community for our impact to your project?
  7. Would your organization be willing to help Baker City Rotary staff fundraising events within our community if you are awarded this grant?
  8. Your contact information.
- Applications can be mailed to Baker City Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1011, Baker City, OR 97814.

## ACTRESS

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Ruda appears by the name Kelly Mumme in the film credits. She plays the character of Stella Taylor.

Ruda grew up in Florida on a horse ranch in a small beach town.

"I grew up surfing and riding horses," she said.

Her acting career started early.

"I was the blue crayon in kindergarten," she said with a laugh during a telephone interview.

In fourth grade she portrayed Clark in the Lewis and Clark musical, and later Alice in Alice in Wonderland. She acted in community theater and musicals, and her first job was appearing in "From Justin to Kelly" (a film about "American Idol" stars Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini).

After graduating from Florida State University with a degree in journalism and communications, Ruda joined the AmeriCorps program Teach for America aimed at closing the achievement gap in low-income areas.

She spent two years teaching middle school in Hawaii.

"I loved it," she said.

Afterward, she spent a year and a half reporting news and traffic for a Hawaiian television station.

And she kept acting, landing a role in "Hawaii Five-O."

She moved to Los Angeles and that's where she met Jesse Ruda, who was born in Baker City and is also an actor.

While in LA, she's landed roles in "House of Cards," "Veep," and "General Hospital."

"Just Mercy" was filmed in Atlanta.

"The whole art is the story that it tells," she said. "I like the impact stories can have."

As an actor, she gets to see movies from the filming side with multiple takes and angles for scenes. When she sees the movie in a theater, she said she enjoys seeing how the technical pieces came together to create a feature film.

"I like to watch the process and see how it comes to fruition," she said.

She enjoys the production side of the industry, and is currently working as a video producer for LinkedIn.

"For me, I really enjoy the challenge of other careers," she said.

As for her acting, she enjoys sharing stories with the world.

"I love the creativity, community, and stories we get to tell," she said.



Ruda

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