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Healthy Kids Day held

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Despite the windy and cool weather, plenty of attendance was noted during a Baker County YMCA-sponsored Healthy Kids Day event, held Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m., at Geiser Pollman Park, in Baker City.

With Healthy Kids Day, the YMCA is promoting the improvement of health, and wellbeing of kids. The organization notes that, while there are plenty of activities that stimulate minds and bodies during

the school year once summer arrives, for some, that activity fades, potentially leading to falling behind in school studies and to weight gain.

The day included fun activities, and healthy foods, and volunteers were present to happily promote programs, such as Baker City Library's "Ready 2 Learn," through which a child, aged birth through five years, can be registered for a free library card with access to books, movies, music, and fun activities, opportunities to connect with other families with small children, and a free monthly newsletter.

Prize packs are awarded for checking out 100 books within a year, and Ready 2 Learn and Oregon College Savings Plan will be awarding three children a \$1,000 account every month, along with other prizes. The Ready 2 Learn program is administered throughout Baker, Union, Wallowa, Umatilla, Morrow, and Grant counties.

Volunteers also promoted the Daily Vroom application, designed with brain-building activities for children, based on their age. These are "bite-sized" activities, with tips, and the science behind how each activity helps build chil-

drens' brains, with credit rewarded for each completed activity, and rewarding celebratory videos, that can be unlocked with the earning of badges.

Free items were handed out, including sidewalk chalk, T-shirts (YMCA-themed and others), Ready 2 Learn canvas book bags, and toys. The wind, though not much of a convenience regarding other activities, facilitated bubble blowing, which was enjoyed by enthusiastic participants, including Brandi and Airianna, a mother and daughter pictured to the right.



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Mom and daughter, Brandi and Airianna, with some fun bubbles.

School Lunch Hero Day



Wendee Morrissey / The Baker County Press

Baker High School art students decorated the cement outside Brooklyn to start a week of such art around various 5J buildings in town.

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During the week of May 2-5th, the Baker 5J School District celebrated National School Lunch Hero Day. This day, celebrated annually since 2013, was designated by the School Nutrition Association and Jarrett Krosoczka, author of the "Lunch Lady" graphic novel series.

School Lunch Hero Day provides an opportunity for parents, students, school staff and communities to thank those who provide healthy meals to 30 million of America's students each school day.

According to food services director, Jessica Dalton, locally schools will feature "super foods" on the menu all week.

On Thursday 5J will be giving the cooks thank you cards and having a little fun with a "lunch lady" picture board.

The District also held a raffle during lunch to give away a graphic novel from the series mentioned above.

Some of the Baker High School art students displayed their talents with sidewalk chalk art in front of a couple buildings, and at South Baker. Costumes were involved.

On Monday, the art students began their display at Brooklyn School, and according to bus driver Wendee Morrissey, the chalk creations took less than an hour to create.



Submitted Photo.

South Baker lunch heroes Debbie Koontz and Alita Arendell.

County, Sunridge discuss TLT penalties

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BUSINESS AND COUNTY PART OF WEDNESDAY'S MEETING

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The Baker County Board of Commissioners held its first, regular session of the month, on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 9 a.m., in the Commission Chambers, of the Baker County Courthouse with a Memo of Understanding involving the Sunridge Inn's payment of Transient Lodging Tax penalties key on the agenda.

Present from the Board were Chair Bill Harvey, Commissioners Mark Bennett, and Tim Kerns, and Executive Assistant Heidi Martin.

Attendance also included Baker County legal counsel Drew Martin, Baker County Emergency Management Deputy Director/Fire Authority Gary Timm, Baker County Administrative Service Director Christena Cook, Baker County Payroll Administration Benefits Coordinator Karlynn Dolby, Baker City Rural Fire Chief Dan Weitz, Best Western/Sunridge Inn Manager Lisa Wilson, Ed Hardt, John and Ramona Creighton, Kody Justus, Brenda Holly, Tork and Wanda Ballard, Gary Dielman, Joelleen Linstrom, Mary Miller, and Vicki Valenzuela.

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	Friday	Mostly cloudy with the threat of showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Highs in the mid 70s. Chance of precipitation is 30%.
	Saturday	Partly sunny with a chance for showers. Highs in the mid 70s. Chance of precipitation is 30%. Lows in the mid-40s.
	Sunday	Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Lows near 40 at night.

Your weekend weather forecast for Baker County.



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