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Safe Communities Coalition meets

• UNDERAGE DRINKING AT 25%

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The Baker County Library was the meeting place on Tuesday evening for the Baker County Safe Communities Coalition.

The Coalition is headed up by Rob Dennis, Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success Coordinator with New Directions Northwest and

partners with local service organizations throughout the community such as Mayday, public services such as Baker County and City law enforcement, The Baker County Juvenile Department, local businesses and concerned citizens.

Dennis is working under a grant that is trying to end underage drinking in Baker City. Currently the rate of underage drinking is at 25%.

Dennis said at a meeting last week with several leaders of the community

it was expressed that a zero rate was what they would like to see, so that is what Dennis is setting out to achieve.

The Coalition is already involved in many community events such as the Teen Health Fair, held in the park in August "which really was more of a carnival this year," said Dennis. Alcohol and drug presentations in local schools as well as community prevention presentations.

The Coalition is involved with National Night Out,

a community evening held nationwide where law enforcement is spotlighted, Baker City however has taken it a step farther including many other service based organizations.

Red Ribbon Week is coming up, as Dennis pointed out, and the Coalition is also part of the annual Easter egg hunt and sponsor a children's activity area during Miners Jubilee.

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Rob Dennis heads up the Coalition.

Snake River Car Show sparkles in Huntington



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Best of Show winner Jerry Foster of La Grande with his 2014 Ford Mustang 5.0 GT.

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The Snake River Car Show was held on Saturday, September 3 at Lion's Park in downtown Huntington from 10 am to 4 p.m. The day started out windy making registration challenging but by noon turned into a beautiful warm, sunny day just right for viewing the wide range of vintage to modern cars and trucks on display.

While rocking to the tunes of one of Huntington's favorite live bands, Gerry and the Dream Benders, patrons scrutinized the assembled automobiles for their pick for the People's Choice Award, played lawn-sized games such as Connect Four, Yahtzee, Dominoes, Jenga and Kerplunk to donate to the Huntington Food Bank, ate burgers and dogs at the Cook Shack and won raffle prizes every 15 minutes.

At the end of the day the trophy winners were announced and everyone headed up the street to enjoy the Huntington Senior & Youth Organization's annual Steak Feed, where no one ever goes away hungry.

This year's lucky trophy winners were: Work in Progress, sponsored by Wayne and Dottie's Cabins, went to Stan Craven of Eagle, ID for his 1934 Ford Pickup; 1929 & Older, sponsored by Huntington VFW Post #3740,

went to Rick Strawn of Fruitland, ID for his 1920 Buick K44 Track Roadster; 1930 to 1949, sponsored by Huntington Lion's Club, went to Lorri GonzalezBunn of Nyssa, OR for her 1942 International KB1 1950 to 1959, sponsored by Guerri Transportation went to Rodger & Donna Bender of Kuna, ID for their 1956 Ford F100 Pickup; 1960 to 1979, sponsored by High Mountain Smoke Shop Huntington, went to Joe & Linda Colley of Nampa, ID for their 1964 Chevy Impala SS; 1980 to Present, sponsored by Feero by Design, went to Debra Wangsgard of Payette, ID for her 2016 Dodge Challenger; Sports Car, sponsored by Hot Box Farms, went to Stan Clements of Payette, ID for his 1969 Chevy Camaro; Hot Rod, sponsored by Huntington Senior & Youth Organization, went to Louanna Zumwalt of Nampa, ID for her 1939 Mercury Coupe; Custom Car, sponsored by Hot Box Farms, went to Brad St, Peter of Ontario, OR for his 20002 Subaru WRX; Custom Truck, sponsored by Indianhead Electric, went to Bret Karnes of Weiser, ID for his 1950 Ford F100 Pickup; Muscle Car, sponsored by Burnt River Farms, went to Tom Dager of Payette, ID for his 1967 Pontiac GTO Stock Car, sponsored by Grady's Tavern, went to Sandra Sell & Lou Altafler of Nampa, ID for their 1966 Ford Thunderbird.

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County talks museum, tailings

• HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ROBIN NUDD RESIGNS

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The Baker County Board of Commissioners held its first, regular session of the month, on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 9 a.m., in the Commission Chambers of the Baker County Courthouse.

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

The session was called to order, and the optional Invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited, both led by Harvey. The agenda was adopted, with no noted additions or changes, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Kerns. The minutes from the regular session on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 were approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Kerns. The minutes from the Wednesday, August 17, 2016 were approved, with a correction noted, with a motion from Kerns, and a second from Bennett.

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Infant co-sleeping death under investigation

On September 3, 2016, Tracin Givens (DOB 7-29-2016) was found deceased at his home at 1695 Auburn St. #3, Baker City, Oregon. He was five weeks old.

Both parents Joshua Givens and Beth Speelman were present in the home at the time of the death.

The death is being investigated by the Baker County Major Crime Team.

An autopsy was conducted on Monday September 5, 2016 at the State Medical Examiner's Office and the cause of death was determined to be asphyxiation related to co-sleeping.

The investigation is continuing and upon completion will be reviewed by the District Attorney's Office.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Tracin, please visit www.grayswestco.com.

Friday Sunny and mild. Highs in the upper 70s. Friday Night: Clear and cool, lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday Sunny and warmer. Highs in the mid 80s. Saturday Night: A few clouds, otherwise not as cool. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday Mostly sunny with a few clouds. Highs in the mid 70s. Sunday Night: Mostly clear and cooler. Lows near 40.

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