

Run, run, as fast as you can ...

but no Olympic sprinter could run as far or as fast as these children's imaginations did at a Gingerbread Mania party Dec. 15, hosted by Building Healthy Families.



Imaginations ran wild as children put their individual touches on gingerbread cookies as part of Gingerbread Mania at Building Healthy Families Dec. 15. The event included a variety of stations for children with a gingerbread emphasis at each.



Juniper Manka-Brown adds one more feature to her gingerbread man before calling it a masterpiece at the first-ever Gingerbread Mania event at Building Healthy Families Dec. 15. In addition to decorating cookies, children enjoyed a variety of art projects, including making gingerbread slime and poking a giant gingerbread man to retrieve prizes. Around 40 children attended the event.



Kristianna Martin builds the groundwork for a toothpick and marshmallow science, technology, engineering and math project while her mom Tisha Martin lends a hand. The project was one of several offered during the first-ever Gingerbread Mania held at Building Healthy Families in Enterprise. A number of marshmallows were eaten before they could become part of a tower.



Sarah Miller watches as Dawson Hale, left, and Weston Hale frost and decorate a gingerbread cookie during Gingerbread Mania Dec. 15 at Building Healthy Families in Enterprise.



Lakotah Steel punches a giant gingerbread man in the foyer of Building Healthy Families Dec. 15 to retrieve a prize. The "poke-a-man" was part of the organization's Gingerbread Mania. Debby Wahl, right, was the program coordinator for the event.



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Grant may help area parents

A grant to benefit parenting education services in Wallowa, Baker and Malheur counties has been awarded to Building Healthy Families in Enterprise. The \$82,000 is part of a multi-year initiative developed by The Oregon Community Foundation in partnership with the Meyer Memorial Trust, The Ford Family Foundation, The Collins Foundation and Oregon State University. Specific benefits in the community include increased partnerships with the health-

care community and expanded shared programming and in-clinic services. Other facets include training of medical partnership staff, more parent education classes and expanded partnerships with Wallowa County school districts to increase parenting education services. Building Healthy Families has been able to become a community leader, providing services to more than 475 families per month in a three-county region.

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