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City News:

Baker City Downtown (BCD):

BCD helps to revitalize and beautify the downtown area of Baker City. They manage unWINEd (a monthly wine walk around downtown from March to November that supports local community organizations), Taste of Baker, Festival of Trees, Cookie Crawl. Community cleanup in the spring, flower baskets in the summer, corn stalks in the fall, gingerbread house in the winter and mural projects to spruce up downtown are organized by BCD. They are a resource to help building owners preserve the historic look of downtown. BCD is currently working on the Court Plaza Project. They have received about 70% of their funding through grants and donations and are looking to secure the final part. They helped partner and secure the T-Mobile grant for the water park. BCD is seeking **Letters of Intent** for projects that rehabilitate historic structures from January 13 to February 14. Their annual meeting is February 4 at the Cabyn. Would you like to help make Baker even more beautiful? BCD is seeking to fill some **board positions**. The deadline to apply is January 9th.



Healthcare:

Universal Healthcare Community Conversation:

Join Collin Stackhouse, a member of the Community Engagement and Communications committee of the State of Oregon's Universal Health Plan Governance Board, for an informal conversation about this legislative process, the opportunities and challenges ahead. Oregon is well-positioned to be the first state to transition to universal healthcare. The OR legislature passed SB 1089 in 2023, which formed the Universal Health Plan Governance Board. This group of 9 volunteers were approved by Gov Tina Kotek and the senate, and are charged with delivering a plan to finance, administer, and transition to a universal health care system, for every OR resident. **When: Thursday January 9th at 6 pm at Churchill School.**

Medicare Part C:

Medicare Part C, also known as Medicare Advantage (not to be confused with supplement or gap plans), is a health plan option that provides coverage for most of Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance) benefits of Original Medicare. Some plans also cover Part D (drug insurance), as well as vision, dental or wellness programs. Humana is the only Part C available in Baker County. Unfortunately, St. Alphonsus and Grande Ronde Hospital are out of network at this time. Even though the deadline for changing plans has passed it may be worth calling Medicare to see if there are any options since all local hospital providers are out of network. 1-800-medicare (6334227). Go to the bathroom, get a drink and settle into a comfy chair as the call could be long.

Arts:

Churchill School (<https://www.churchillbaker.com/>):

Kickoff of the 2025 music season! Forest Ray on the 10th, Bad Bad Hats w/ Party Nails on the 14th, and The Clement Brothers on the 19th.

Enjoy food, drinks and music in a historic, art centered venue and re-live school memories!



Crossroads (pay what you can program):

Special repeating art classes just for youth have been added to the Crossroads calendar on Fridays. Check out some of the offerings. <https://crossroads-arts.org/> these are part of the “pay what you can” program.

Lots of Pottery classes coming up in January.

Other classes: Ginger Rembold’s classes, watercolor, dance, etc...

<https://crossroads-arts.org/calendar>



Service Organization:

Baker City Rotary Club

Baker City Rotary Club is a local service organization that supports youth and quietly does a lot around town. They do Flags on 6 major holidays. They do Buffalo Burgers at Miner’s Jubilee to raise funds for Baker City nonprofits such as Safe Families Coalition and books for fourth graders.

They were part of the Coats For Kids Drive. Their members volunteer around town such as at basketball games. Juniors and Seniors can take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA).

Currently they are supporting The 50 Yard Challenge, a year-round opportunity for kids to give back to their community. If you have a child aged 8-17, inspire them to take on the challenge and make a difference! This unique opportunity allows kids to step up and make a real difference in their communities. By signing up, your child will embark on a journey starting with a white shirt, tasked with mowing, raking leaves & snow shoveling for the elderly, disabled, single parents, and veterans—all free of charge. As they progress through their 50-yard challenge, they’ll earn new colored shirts for every set of 10 lawns cared for—orange, green, blue, red, and ultimately, black. Completing all 50 lawns earns them not just the black shirt but also brand-new lawn care equipment (mower, weed eater & blower)! It’s a rewarding challenge that builds character, skills, and community spirit. <https://bit.ly/50yardsignup>



Home Sports:

Note: Baker School District had to change their FB page so make sure you are following the new one!: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558434665816>

1/7 HS Girls JV at 5:30pm, V at 7:00pm

1/8: HS Boys JV2 at 4:00pm, JV 5:30pm

1/9 HS Boys JV2 at 4:00pm



Calendar Highlights (<https://hikingbaker.com/event-calendar>):

1/8, 1/9: EORT youth auditions at 6:00pm

1/9: Universal Healthcare Discussion

1/9 Bingo at North 7

1/10 Eagles Membership Drive

1/10 Forest Ray at Churchill

1/10 Lost Ox at Barley’s

1/12 Ski free for 5th and 6th grade

