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City News:

Sam-O-Swim is in desperate need of a new roof. The current roof is leaking and causing damage to the interior of the building. Consensus was reached by the City Council that the swimming pool is important to have in Baker City. City Council voted unanimously to award the contract to the lowest bidder Premier Roofing. The city had already placed \$450,000 in reserve for the repair but will need to budget another \$87,000. The project will span 2 budget fiscal years. While spending money on a tight budget is hard, the council felt that if we lost the swimming pool it might not be replaceable.

Goals:

The City and Council are looking at writing goals for the future. These include annual goals and a vision for the future. The city manager has asked each councilor to write 3 each of short term, intermediate and long term goals. Citizen input would be great. PLEASE email or message the Baker Bite with suggestions in the next 1 to 2 weeks and they will be forwarded to the city manager.

Around town:

Time to vote! GO! Eastern Oregon (GO magazine) Readers' Choice Awards are open for nominations now until February 4th. Voting opens on February 5th. The businesses and organizations span Eastern Oregon so it is important to log in and vote for your local venues and people. We have several local businesses including Sweet Wife, AJ's, Latitude 45, and Churchill School. As well, several local baristas, bartenders and such. So please vote!



Pet Licensing:

There are always dogs getting out of their yards. January is a good time to renew or get your pet licensed. For a small fee, \$12 for neutered, \$15 for unneutered, you have the peace of mind that if your pet is picked up, the city will know who the owner is. Licenses are available at the finance department at Baker City Hall.

Helping Hand:

WIC and The Baker County Health Department (BCHD) are still here to serve you. WIC is OPEN. WIC is a public health program providing healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthcare referrals, and more. BCHD provides immunizations, tobacco prevention, school health, emergency preparedness, and is the local place to find information on WIC. Visit their website today.



Arts:

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center

Congratulations to Crossroads! City Council voted to approve Resolution 3972 designating Crossroads as the Local Arts Agency for Baker City. By making Crossroads an official LAA more grants are open for application. The responsibilities they have as being an LAA include: maintaining an arts library, keeping arts related directories, producing a newsletter, promoting the arts, maintain a central box office, marketing support, showcasing artists, supporting public art, and developing education programs.

Powder River Music Revue (PRMR) Acoustic Jam:

PRMR brings music 2 nights per week to Baker City. The jams offer a chance for anyone to play. It is free to attend and listen to local musicians enjoying their craft. You can tap your toe to the music on Wednesdays at the VFW (open to the public, kids are welcome until 9pm) and Saturdays at Ison House. The music runs from 6 to about 9 pm.

Healthcare:

The single most important change in modern times for saving lives is clean drinking water. 1,000,000 people die annually from diseases caused by unsafe drinking water globally. If you look up old records about early pioneer life, dysentery was a major illness caused by bad food and water.

Otherwise, the number one medical intervention for saving lives is vaccines. Before the polio vaccine 16,000 cases and 1800 deaths were reported annually. This is just reported numbers. In 2023 the US had no reported wild poliovirus infections. If we take from 1956 (the year after Polio vaccine became available) and assumed no vaccine was invented and multiply those numbers to today (68 years), the vaccine has prevented 1,088,000 cases and 122,000 deaths. This is just 1 vaccine. There is a lot of controversy surrounding vaccines. If you are unsure talk to someone you trust that can read the information available and make an informed decision. Don't let false and misleading information that is prolific in fake news and social media be your deciding factor.

Home Sports:

2/4 BMS Girls Basketball

2/6 Boys and Girls Wrestling

2/8 BMS basketball

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

1/30-2/2 and 2/7- 2/9 "The Play That Goes Wrong"

2/1-2/2 Backcountry Festival

2/1 Wanderlost music at ALMR

2/4 BCD annual Meeting

2/4 Ping Pong

2/7 First Friday Art Walk (special exhibits at Crossroads, Royal Artisan and Churchill)

2/7 Opening night of "Outside Mullinger" at EORT



Classes (Art, Exercise, Stem):

1/31 to 2/8 multiple classes at Crossroads, see their calendar

1/31 to 2/8 multiple classes at the Y check Facebook and their calendar

2/7 Shift into Gear OSU-4H

2/8 Building Blocks of Your Landscape the ABCs of Basic Design – OSU-4H

2/8 Myofascial Release at the Y

Death Notices:

These are viewable without a subscription at the Baker City Herald

https://www.bakercityherald.com/obituaries/death_notices/

