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City News:

Dog Impound:

Dogs loose in the city are normally picked up by police or animal control and taken to the Baker Animal Clinic. The city had a contract with the clinic, but the contract will end on 2/15/25 by the choice of the clinic. In the short term the city needs a new place to house stray dogs. The city is in talks with possible other sites. In the long term we need a stable solution. Several ideas were discussed at the council meeting last night. A potential solution is to open a county animal shelter. The city and county or a private entity like the Humane Society could operate a shelter. Best Friends representatives and New Hope (dog program with Baker Correctional) spoke about some possibilities, as well as several community members. The old kennels and runs at Donna's Grooming were discussed. Also, plans were made to create a Dog Board or Committee to help steer these ideas. If no agreement can be reached by the 15th, only vicious dogs and dogs that bite will be picked up. All parties want to make something work.

Housing:

The city with the help of R3 (Regional Rural Revitalization) put together a request for capital funding that will go to the state legislature. The city is asking the state for \$3 million and R3 for \$1.8 million. This money will be used for infrastructure like roads, sewer and water, sidewalks, etc. This will bring the costs of new construction down. The 6 subdivisions being submitted for this money are construction ready. Projects can begin withing 60 days of funding if approved. If all subdivisions are built it would add 88 dwelling units (DU) to Baker City. A DU is a single unit that provides living space for one or more people. These can include single family, duplex, condominium, townhouse, etc. It is estimated Baker City will need 234 DUs by 2040.

Health:

Immunizations:

Baker County Health Department (BCHD) and Baker 5J remind you that school exclusion day is February 19th. Make sure you student is caught up on vaccines. The Vaccines for Children program means any child can get their immunization regardless of ability to pay. Call BCHD at 541-523-8211 for an appointment at the high school or BCHD.

Cold and Snow:

Make sure you are dressing for cold weather. Multiple layers are the way to go. If you do not have adequate clothes for the cold check in with Marla's Mall (free) at the High School (541-524-2309) or the Compassion Center at the Nazarene Church (free) (541-523-9845). Salvation Army and People Helping People have inexpensive clothes options too. Heavy snow can become a hardship for people as well. Especially the elderly and people with disabilities. Be careful overexerting out in the cold. The YMCA had help posted the last 2 storms. Check their FB page if we get another big storm.

Home Sports:

2/18 JV Boys and Girls Basketball 4 pm

2/20 District 1A tournament starts

Food:

With exorbitant prices at the grocery store we are reprinting the food help section this week. Unfortunately, a lot of the Sharing Food Pantry's are empty:

- Backpack Program for 5J students
- Catholic Church: Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am to 12 pm, 3 days of food, 541-523-4521. 2235 1st Street.
- Salvation Army: Mon, Wed, Fri 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, 541-523-5853. 2505 Broadway St.
- Compassion Center (Nazarene Church). Thursdays by appointment only (call by noon Wednesday), 541-523-9845. 1250 Hughes Lane.
- Christian Church: 541-523-5425. 675 Hwy 7.
- May Day Shelter: please call first, Mon to Fri 1 pm to 3 pm, 541-523-9472
- Calvary Baptist Church: Free community dinner, all welcome, Thursdays 5:30 pm to 6 pm, 541-523-3891. 2107 3rd St
- Harvest Share: 1st and 3rd Thursdays 10:30 am to 12 pm, 541-523-6591. 2810 Cedar St.
- Senior Meals: Weekdays 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, 541-523-6591. 2810 Cedar St.
- Meals on Wheels: Call for delivery for adults over 60 and homebound, 541-523-6591
- Health Department: Call for guidance, 541-523-8211

There are several Sharing Food Pantry's located around town. Take some if you need, donate if you can!

- Fraternal Order of Eagles #3456: 2935 H St.
- Blue Mountain Baptist Church: 2998 8th St.
- Baker City Christian Church: 675 Or Hwy 7.
- Calvary Chapel: 1668 Resort St.
- Churchill School: 3451 Broadway St.
- North Baker School: D St. and 9th St.
- Baker County Health Department: 2200 4th St.
- Baker County Sheriff's Office: 3410 K St.

Arts:

Churchill School (www.churchillbaker.com):

This great music venue gets its February off to a bang featuring the Illuminati Hotties W/ Bone Haus on the 17th. Lizzie No W/ Kasey Anderson on the 22nd and Daniel Villarreal EOU's Parallel Band on the 28th to round out February. If you have never been to this quaint locale it is unique. The bands play on the old school stage at the end of the cafeteria/gymnasium. One wall still has the old pull-out tables and benches, the other half has theatre type seating. The seating offers unique local art work on the backs. The kitchen is staffed by MC Taco Bus so you can have dinner at the show. Strade B Bar features adult beverages. Corrine Vegter is planning a spicy drink named "Illuminati Hottie" for the 17th. Hope to see you there!



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

Outside Mullinger at EORT

2 shows at Churchill School

Music at AJ's

Night at Old Auburn

Classes at Crossroads (lots of them)

