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Around Town

Parks

Everyone knows about Geiser-Pollman Park, but Baker City has some small parks and or places with playgrounds. Central Park has a small amphitheater, a soon to be splash pad and plays host to various events including the weekly Farmer's Market. The Leo Adler Parkway has an exercise park down past Elkhorn Village. River Park has playground equipment and picnic areas; River Park can be entered from College St north of G Street. Cedar Park, bordered by Park Street and Idlewood Drive mid-block between Cedar and Birch Streets, has playground equipment and picnic space. Sam-O Park, located at the East End of Baker Street, has a gazebo, skate park, basketball and dog parks. South Baker Park encompasses the majority of the block bordered by Colorado and Canal Avenues and 4th & 5th Streets. It hosts a small playground area, picnic table and trash receptacle. Get outside with the weather turning and enjoys Baker City's play and green space.

HANDS OFF!

A rally and march under the banner HANDS OFF! will take place on April 5th at 3 pm starting at Court Plaza (between AJ's and Art Roamers). The concept of this event is multi-faceted, but the main theme is that each person has been affected by recent government actions and is asking for hands-off. A couple of big ones for this writer is the cuts to funding for Casa and School Lunches. So, I would ask "Hands-off CASA" for instance. What do you want Hands-Off? The following is a partial (very small) list of topics that friends have raised: Veterans, Unions, CASA, School Lunch, Department of Education, Libraries, Museums, Medicaid, Social Security, Immigrants, MAY DAY, Women, Post Office, Federal Workers, Scientists, Students, Minorities, Judges, Farm Subsidies, Forest Service, Kennedy Center, CDC, NIH, Smithsonian, DHHS,...

Does one of these or another recent action affect you? Anger you? Make you sad? Make your worried? Come talk to people at the rally and take part. You could win 2 tickets to Churchill School show or EORT show.

Churchill School

Look UP! Part of the roof is being replaced. The roof is 53 years old and is long overdue for an overhaul. They are accepting volunteer help for this project and hope to finish by the 5th. Churchill School is a visionary venue that includes an event hall (the old cafeteria), art studios (old classrooms) a hostel and Airbnb, a tremendous Haunted Studio (haunted house like event), KBZR Radio, a needle drop off station, a food pantry and soon a recording studio. They take part in First Friday Art Walk with exhibits by local artists with Baker County Health Department student posters this Friday.

Sports:

Baker City Cycling Classic (BCCC)

BCCC needs you! Baker City Cycling Classic is a 3-day cycling event here in Baker County. It is based out of Baker City with rides into Union and up to Anthony. They need a lot of volunteers to help make this a phenomenal event. Volunteers can be individuals or groups. Groups of 6 to 8 (a community group or club for instance the Boy Scouts, or Young Life, etc) can earn a donation of \$600 for their organization by participating as a group. Each group can earn \$600. If you get 12 in your group that could mean \$1200. Volunteer spots include Driver/Radio Controller, Feed zones, Criterium Course Crews, ODOT certified flagger, Set-up and take down of events. For more information call 541-371-3303 or visit <https://www.bakercitycyclingclassic.com/volunteer>.



BHS and BMS

Track, Softball, Baseball, Trap Shooting, Tennis, Golf have all started for the spring season. Games and matches are already coming up, check the schedule for home events:

4/3 V Baseball 4pm
4/3 Boys, Girls Tennis 3pm
4/3 BMS Track Run-A-Thon 5:30pm
4/4 V, JV Baseball 4pm
4/4 BMS Tennis at BHS 1pm
4/4 7th Baseball 11am
4/5 7th BB 10am
4/5 V, JV Softball 4pm
4/8 Boys, Girls Tennis 3pm

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

4/4 First Friday Art Walk: check out the Hiking Baker FB page for a list of events
4/4 5-7pm Baker FFA Drive Thru BBQ at BHS
4/5 3pm Hands Off March and Rally at Court Plaza
4/5 4pm and then 5pm Elks Installation of Officers and Disco Night
4/5 4:30pm Oregon Hunters Association Banquet
4/5 6pm Matt Anderson W/ Julian Taylor at Churchill
4/5 7pm Beatles Dance Party at VFW
4/6 3pm Music in the Air by Powder River Choir at BHS – a must see!
4/7 7pm Music in the Air by Powder River Choir at BHS – a must see!
4/8 6pm Baker City Council
4/8 6pm Air Force Station History in Baker at the Baker Heritage Museum
4/10 6pm Bingo at North 7
4/11 6pm “The Bookstore” - a play at EORT



Death Notices:

The Herald has moved its notices to The East Oregonian which makes finding local notices hard, but the link is here: <https://obituaries.eastoregonian.com/>

Local notices can be found at the funeral homes too, but it requires searching each one:

Clickable links can be found at my website after downloading the pdf.

<https://grayswestco.com/>

<https://colestributecenter.com/>

<https://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com/listings>



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