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City News

Budget Board

The budget board approved next year's city budget on Tuesday 5/20. There were no changes to the tax rate or safety fee. If all goes as planned the city will be financially in good shape. What is "goes as planned"?

Estimated property tax, revenue (water, sewer, fees billing), transient lodging tax, safety fee and other sources of income are stable. As well, contingency funds can cover any unexpected costs.

My Event!

Baker City has a lot of places to hold an event. Below is a list of venues that can be rented and their contact information. Each has positives and negatives and different prices and available amenities.

Large Venues:

- Baker 5J: 541-524-2260
- Baker City (parks and meeting space): 541-523-6541
- Baker City Armory: 541-523-0168
- Baker County Extension Event Center, arena, old building site: 541-523-6418
- Baker County Library: 541-523-6419
- Baker Heritage Museum: 541-523-9308
- Baker Tower: 541-523-6485
- Best Western: 541-523-6444
- Churchill School: 541-325-1689
- Crossroads Carnegie Art Center: 541-523-5369
- Eagles: 541-523-5413
- Elks: 541-523-3338
- Geiser Grand: 541-523-1889
- Nazarene Church: 541-523-3533
- Pythian Castle
- Quail Ridge Golf Course: 541-523-2358
- Rodeway Inn: 541-523-2242
- VFW: 541-523-4988

Small Parties:

- Delicioso
- El Erradero
- Golden Crown
- Pizza Hut
- Truck Corral
- Barley Brown's
- Mulan Garden

Summer Events

- Baker County Library: The library has their summer event calendar posted to their FB page. They have daily activities and special programs
- The Baker Heritage Museum: Summer camp posted to their website for grades K-6th.
- Crossroads Carnegie Art Center: Oregon Trail Days, Missoula Children's Theater, Ongoing classes during the week, keep an eye out for a summer camp. They post to FB and their website. The website is having a glitch and showing April 4th for all events, so click into an event for specifics.
- The Baker County YMCA runs summer camps so be sure to check out their FB page and website
- Vacation Bible School: A lot of churches in town have VBS. Check out their FB and websites. Past VBS include: Nazarene, Lutheran, Episcopal, Harvest, Baker City Christian, Blue Mountain Baptist

Arts:

Churchill School

Churchill finishes off May with a variety of shows. Comedy on the 23rd with Steve Hofstetter, jazz fundraiser on the 30th with 45th Parallel Band and 80's dance pop music on the 31st with Shannon Curtis 80's kids. All proceeds for the fundraiser go to Bridging Roots: a student-led organization dedicated to fostering success, support, and social belonging for students navigating the college journey. There will be music and auction items.

Baker High School

"Mean Girls" takes the stage starting on 5/30 and runs for the weekend at Baker High. The musical follows Cady Heron, a home-schooled teenager who moves to suburban Illinois and enters public high school. If you were lucky enough to attend "Pops and Pies" you got to hear one of the songs from the show.

Restaurants:

Charley's Deli and Ice Cream

With some warm weather (still spring hit or miss) ice cream and a fresh sandwich hit the spot. We enjoyed 2 sandwiches and 2 ice cream cones. Everything was fresh and delish.

Glacier 45

My Bad! Took me too long to stop in, but when I was out for Wine Walk a friend wanted to stop in. This is a great space. I tasted a mint vodka that made me think of crème de menthe but without the cloying sickening sweetness. It would be great to make a mint flavored drink, might have to try it in cocoa.

The Cabyn

Finally made it to The Cabyn for a real dinner. I had been there 3 times for events or Wine Walk. Dinner was excellent and unique in Baker. I had The Elk Lasagna, a friend had the Venison Poppers, another at our table had the Smoked Chicken Leg. @ more appetizers were ordered the Little Dipper Fondue and seasonal Fried Morel Mushrooms. We all sampled each other's dishes. I could have eaten a gallon of the morels. I was surprised out how the venison and elk were not gamey. Overall, a delightful repast.

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

5/23: Steve Hofstetter at Churchill

5/23-25: Robin Hood at EORT

5/24-25 Sumpter Flea market and PNW trail ride

5/24 Youth Trap Shoot

5/24 Calico Bones at Quail Ridge

5/27 Community Band Performance at Geiser Pollman

5/29 Trivia night at North 7

5/29-30 Patio Lantern Workshop

5/30 Mean Girls at BHS

5/30 Bridging Roots Fundraiser with the 45th Parallel Band at Churchill