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Students

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a non-profit student business organization that prepares students for careers in business, technology, and innovation. It's open to high school and middle school students. FBLA's mission is to inspire and prepare students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society. To become involved, contact your local school and see if they have a chapter. If they don't then join online or start a chapter. FBLA is having a fundraiser on Saturday the 31st from 10 to 1 at Elkhorn Custom Apparel. Enjoy Sorbenots, Krispy Kreme and a Car Wash.

Books

Did you just read a great book and tried to tell your non-book friend about it and they ignored you? Lucky for you there are book clubs in town with other like-minded souls. Betty's Books has Pages & Portals, a sci-fi book club, The Happily Ever After Hour (HEAH), for the hopeless romantic, The Yet to be Named Bookclub, mixed interests, and The Silent Book Club (SBC), restaurant and bar club. HEAH meets at Matilda's House on Court so you can enjoy a class of wine and a charcuterie tray with your book. SBC meets at different places around town and has met in the past at Barley's, AJ's, The Cheese Fairy and the next spot is The Cabyn. The Baker County Library has The Teen Book Club, The Kids Summer Book Club, Middle School Book Club, and the Jane Austen Book Club. The library can help you find external book clubs as well. Need more books? Betty's Books offers a monthly book box each month that has various themes. For info on the box stop into the bookstore. If you have your own book club and register with Betty's Books you can get a discount on the book club book. Keep an eye on their FB page and Instagram for special offers and author signing events. Check out the library website for their reading programs and book clubs.

Catering

Since last issue focused on venues for events it seemed good to talk about caterers. 1st though we missed a couple venues. AJ's Corner Brick is happy to close for special events and be a host. The Little Pig also will host private events. The Missouri Flat Grange has space available. North 7 Brewery also has space for private events.

Several restaurants and venues offer food service. When calling a venue ask if they can provide food service.

Here is a list of stand-alone caterers:

- Campbell's Catering: campbellscateringandsweets.com
- Mine City Catering: 541-519-7321
- Bbqchris: 541-403-1625
- Friendly Spirits: 541-523-5588
- Some local restaurants offer catering and may be worth calling

Ice Cream

With summer arriving thought turn to ice cream. Dairy Queen stays open until 9 pm. Charley's Deli and Ice Cream will have special summer hours. Stop in on Friday and Saturday Evenings from 7 to 9 pm for a cold treat starting June 6th. Burger Bob's makes amazing shakes. Enjoy some ice cream around town! For dairy sensitive

or non-ice cream people (do they really exist?) cold smoothies are available at many of the coffee drive thrus in town.

Theater

“Mean Girls” opens Friday and is on all weekend at Baker High School. Come enjoy some great singing.

Music

Churchill has Bridging Roots Fundraiser and Shannon Curtis 80’s Kids. Bridging Roots is a student-led organization at Eastern Oregon University dedicated to fostering success, support and social belonging for students navigating their college journey. By creating opportunities for connection and engagement on campus, Bridging Roots ensures that students feel empowered and connected throughout their academic experiences, directly contributing to a more inclusive and supportive environment.

Powder River Music Revue has “jam” sessions every week on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Join them for some free local music. Wednesday nights are at the VFW and Saturday nights are at ISON House. Kids can join until 9pm.

Golden Crown

Patio music season has begun at Golden Crown with the 1st night 5/30.

AJ’s Corner Brick

Music most weekends including 5/30 and 6/6

Art

Get to Crossroads, Royal Artisan, Cheese Fairy and Matilda’s on Court to see the May art. Some exhibits will change for June 6th. Also new exhibits will appear on June 6th. More to come next issue for 1st Friday Art Walk.

Pride

Baker Pride is June 6th at 6pm in Geiser Pollman Park. There will be a walk and resource fair. The reason for pride is not to “make people gay”. The reason for pride events is to support LGBTQ+ people. Why do they need support? LGBTQ+ young people are more than 4 times more likely to attempt suicide than peers. LGBTQ+ experience homelessness at twice the rate of peers. Drug use is 12% more prevalent. It is not that an LGBTQ+ person naturally has a higher tendency for these things. The reason is because of stigmatization by peers and parents. If you are a parent, do you want your child doing drugs, homeless or committing suicide?

Summer Lunch Program

Free, nutritious meals will be available to all children ages 18 and younger most weekdays Monday through Thursday throughout the summer, from June 16 through August 7, 2025.

A sack lunch and breakfast for the next day will be offered from 11:00am to 11:30am via the bus lane at Baker High School on E Street. And Thursday's lunch and breakfast service will include meals for Friday.

We will be using a drive-through model again this year, and walk-ups are also welcome.

No registration is necessary - just show up!

Editorial: This writer is very worried about the future of small business in Baker City. I have heard from a proprietor the “people aren’t buying”. Perhaps there is worry about the economy or perhaps job losses are starting to have an effect. This is a reminder that small businesses downtown are owned by our neighbors. A local piece of art as a gift for a birthday has extra meaning. Someone you know may have made it; your neighbor is selling it. Please support local!

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

5/30 music at Churchill, AJ’s, Golden Crown

5/30-6/1 Mean Girls at BHS

5/6 First Friday

Check the big calendar, too many events to fit (guess I wrote too much)