

# The Baker Bite

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## Around Town:

**Baker City** is looking for the Few, the Proud, ok not really. They are looking for people to be on the new Transient Lodging Tax Committee. The deadline to apply is July 15th. This will be a 5-member committee with staggered terms. Two members will begin with a three-year term, two members will begin with a two-year term, and one member will begin with a one-year term. Use the QR code to link to the application.



## **First Friday Art Walk**

While several of the regular participants will be closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, there will still be art to see! Art Walk is from 5ish to 8ish around Baker City which is a good time to relax before the fireworks start. If you can't make it out remember that all of the regular places will still have art during their regular business hours! Be sure to swing by Royal Artisan and Crossroads in the evening.

## **Baker County Library**

There was a large turnout for the library by supporters on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. The library is facing federal cuts to some of its programs. Even with those cuts looming our local library is amazing! There is now Movie Monday and Day Camp added to the calendar as well as all the regulars like book clubs, Tween Time, Storytime, D&D, Crafternoon and more. If you want to become a supporter of the library there is group "Friends of the Library" a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that helps to enhance services and programs. Snap the QR code to learn more!



## **Burn Ban**

A burn ban is in effect for Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) lands and Baker City. You may use LEGAL fireworks in city limits but not on any ODF land. All fireworks are banned in the Sumpter area because of fire danger.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July

3 towns have lots to do for the 4<sup>th</sup> with events the whole weekend.

## **Halfway**

Halfway features evening events starting at 5pm. A parade, beer garden, concessions, band, pie auction and of course fireworks.

## **Haines**

Haines has extended their celebration to 4 days this year. The 4<sup>th</sup> is still the biggest day but there is rodeo action all 4 days. The activities start on the 3rd with the Haines Stampede at 5pm. The 4<sup>th</sup> is packed from early morning to late night. It starts with a fun run/walk, then breakfast, a parade, BBQ in the park, art in the park, vendors, the rodeo starts up again at 1:30, and the day ends with fireworks at dusk. The Haines Stampede Jr. rodeo picks up the banner on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with rodeo events.

## **Sumpter**

Sumpter has always been known for its 4<sup>th</sup> flea market but last year they added a Renaissance Faire. The Faire will be bigger with more vendors this year. Events will take place all 3 days, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Come out and

see Juggling, kingly procession, archery, belly dancing, folk music, fire eating, tall tales and enjoy great food. The Sumpter Valley Railroad will be running all weekend too! Fireworks are not allowed in Sumpter because of fire danger!

You can enjoy 4 days of fun: my possible schedule:

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Rodeo
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Haines: run, breakfast, parade, BBQ, head to Baker for a nap and then art walk, back to Haines for fireworks and potluck at my cousins
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Sumpter for some Ren Faire
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Rodeo

### **Business Feature:**

#### **Moon Treasures Curiosity Shop**

Moon Treasures is a new addition to Baker City. It has art, jewelry and a variety of knick-knacks. But even better it offers a Build-your-own-Fairy-Garden. How cool is it to make a fairy garden? Check out the new shop at 2308 Broadway St. (across from the middle school).

### **Restaurant:**

#### **MC Taco Bus**

Ok, so it really isn't a restaurant but more of a walk up, but they have tasty Mexican Food at a good price. It makes for a quick grab and go. As well, you can get their food at most of the live Churchill School events. So, grab a minion burrito today!

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

6/3 Sumpter Ren Faire opening events  
6/3 Haines Stampede Rodeo  
6/4 Sumpter, Haines, Halfway 4<sup>th</sup> events  
6/4 First Friday Art Walk  
6/5 Farmers Market  
6/5 Karmic Relief  
6/5 Haines Junior Stampede  
6/5 Calico Bones at AJ's  
6/6 God and Country Worship at Geiser Pollman  
6/7 VBS/ summer camp at Blue Mountain Baptist Church starts  
6/8 Ping Pong at BHS  
6/10 Bingo at North 7  
6/11 Motorcycle Rally starts



Death Notices: Hard to find at the Herald as it links to the whole East Oregonian but the website and QR code are:

<https://obituaries.eastoregonian.com/>

