

# The Baker Bite

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## **City News**

### **Retirement**

Rand Weaver, police department sergeant is retiring with a ceremony on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Officer Josh Chandler has been promoted to fill the vacancy. Officer Andrew Martin will be promoted to detective.

### **Ambulance**

Oregon Health Authority has accepted the city ambulance to act as back up to Priority Ambulance. The Fire chief will be deciding on the exact role.

### **Transient Lodging Tax**

Baker City has officially taken back over the running of the TLT for the City of Baker City. City Council voted on a new board to oversee TLT operations and on an RFP for TLT.

## **Health Fair**

Baker County Health Department and Emergency Management in partnership with Saint Alphonsus are presenting a Health Fair. Join the fun at the Baker County Events Center July 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm.

- 100 Free Blood Draws
- Raffles(Fire-pit, Basket from Sorbenots, Gift Card & Hat from D & J Taco Shop, Tent , Sleeping Bags, Gift Cards and so much more)
- Blood pressure Checks
- Snow-cones
- Brunch in the morning and lunch in the afternoon
- Presentations by local organizations
- Lots of Vendors
- Health Education
- Indoor and Outdoor Activities for the Kids

## **Little Free Libraries (LFL)**

“Take a Book. Share a Book.” “Reading what you want. Brought to you by the First Amendment.”

These are the slogans for the national website for free little lending libraries. The vision is a Little Free Library in every community and a book for every reader. They believe all people are empowered when the opportunity to discover a personally relevant book to read is not limited by time, space, or privilege. The concept is simple if you need a book take one to read. If you have a book leave one for someone else to read. We have several LFL around Baker City. While only 6 are designated on the national map, there are several more around town. There is an LFL at Baker Middle School not on the map. To find an LFL visit <https://littlefreelibrary.org/about/> . If you have an LFL not on the map please register it, or contact this newsletter and we will help you get on the map. Don’t forget our other great book resources in town: Betty’s Books and The Baker County Library!



### **Baker City Downtown (BCD)**

Look around Main Street for the beautiful flower baskets. These are bought and kept lively by BCD. The baskets were purchased from Rock Garden Greenhouse with new owners of Alex and Tiffany Newman. The Newman family descends from ancestors that arrived in Baker on the Oregon Trail in 1863. The flowers are but one of many projects BCD works on for the residents of Baker City and to make our city attractive to tourists. Another big project that opened this summer is the Splash Pad. Court Plaza's remodel is in the final stages with BCD looking to get the last bit of funding. They are looking for \$42,000 in local donations and \$283,000 in grants and larger donations. There will be a large celebration of Court Plaza on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 am to 2 pm. The first "Plaza Palooza" will feature activities for kids, a 5k run/walk and will be connected to the Farmer's Market across Resort St. Some more BCD dates to save: Taste of Baker will be October 4<sup>th</sup>, Twinkle in Time will be December 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Festival of trees grant applications are now open until August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Little Big Show**

First Friday Art Walk is always exhilarating with all the unique art all over town. August 1<sup>st</sup> features the opening of the Little Big Show as well as art at all the local galleries. 85 local artists from Elementary Age to Retired Senior Citizens are taking part in this great program. For \$5, an artist gets up to 8 boards that are made at the prison. The artwork is submitted by July 26<sup>th</sup> and will be displayed at Sweet Wife Bakery, Royal Artisan, Churchill School, The Cheese Fairy and Crossroads Carnegie Art Center. Each work costs \$45 to purchase. \$35 dollars goes to the artist and \$10 goes to a charity chosen by the businesses that display the works. Some of the charities include CASA, Broadcast Baker and Hand to Heart Scholarship fund. In 2023 over \$3000 was raised for local charities. Enjoy 1<sup>st</sup> Friday! Pictures are on FB. <https://www.facebook.com/TheLittleBigShow>



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

7/24: Health Fair 10am  
7/24, 25: OCV Volleyball Camp  
7/24: Glitterfox at Churchill 6pm  
7/26: Shriners: Breakfast, Parade, Game  
7/26: Truck and Tractor Pull in Haines 5:30pm  
7/26: Huckleberry Festival North Powder  
7/26 Elwood at Quail Ridge 5pm  
7/27 Powder River Music in the park 4pm  
7/28,29 Girls basketball camp  
7/29 Baker Fire Department Chili Cook-off  
7/30 Go-STEM Mobile Lab 10am  
7/31 Happily Ever After Hour 5:30pm  
7/31 Trivia at North 7 6:30pm  
8/1 FIRST FRIDAY! Look for listing next week!

