

The Baker Bite

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Around Town

Community Night Out

For over 20 years Baker City Police Department and Community Night Out have been hosting Community Night Out. Lynette Perry and Phoebe Wachtel have been instrumental in keeping this tradition going and growing. This year's night features 23 booths/vendors. There is free dinner and music. The participants donate items or baskets for a free raffle. As well, raffle tickets can be purchased to help support the event. This is a fun family evening. Join the police on August 5th starting at 5 pm at Geiser Pollman Park and enjoy a beautiful evening.



Grocery Shopping

It can be frustrating grocery shopping in Baker City. I hear people say all the time we only have 1 store. Actually we have 3 grocery stores and a few other choices to help fill in gaps. Grocery Outlet and The Baker Co-Op are full grocery stores. Yorks has some essentials (like cream) for a quick stop. Bi-mart has a large variety of shelf stable products. For specialty needs you can check out Bella's Main Street Market and The Cheese Fairy. A short drive out of town you can enjoy Old Souls Farm and Market.

Baker 5J

School registration opens next week for the middle school and high school. Also sports registration has opened at the high school. The bus barn will be open for the 1st week of August. Baker 5J has a very active FB page that updates regularly and is very informative for local events involving youth. <https://www.facebook.com/baker5j>



Baker County Fair

Baker County Fair opens August 3rd for Open Class check-in. Come see the exhibits, animals, vendors and musicians. The fair is free. There is art, sewing, all kinds of animals, and flowers to just name a few things. The main events begin August 4th. The QR code goes to the calendar of events. See you at the FAIR!



Baker Heritage Museum

Baker Heritage Museum has a new exhibit featuring GOLD. The Armstrong Nugget and a variety of scales and pans are featured. Over 286 pieces in the collection came from US Bank. There is an interactive kiosk that talks about mining and history of Baker County.

Churchill School Arts Center

KBZR 89.9 FM radio, Broadcast Baker, is a local radio station based at Churchill. They are currently having their 2025 membership drive. Membership gets you an invitation to the annual membership party featuring live music with Kyshona this year on August 9th. Help support local radio. Churchill also has a live music event August 3rd with Jake Vaadeland and the Sturgeon River Boys w/ Desirae Bronson.

Sports

Baker 5J

Sports registration is open for the high school.

YMCA

The YMCA has fall sports starting up. 5th and 6th grade tackle football registration closes August 11th. Itty Bitty and Youth Soccer registration is now open; they also need coaches. There will be flag football in the fall. They have their regular offerings of Boxing/Martial Arts and gymnastics.

<https://www.bakerymca.org/>



Health

New work requirements are around the corner for able-bodied adults for SNAP and Medicaid. This will translate into 80 hours per month requirement. Work can include volunteer hours. Any organization such as non-profits, religious or government body can track these hours for individuals. If your organization has volunteers, now would be a good time to create a tracking form to be ready for the changes and to help your volunteers meet the new requirements.

Scams

There have been multiple text scam alerts recently in Baker City. They involve the city, OTEC the local classified groups, US census workers at the door, DMV, tolls, injured animals etc. Please be wary. If something sounds too good to be true or demands money immediately question it. Call the official business and not the number in the text if you want to check to see if something is real.

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

August 1st: See the post on Hiking Baker FB page.

8/2 9-12pm Farmer's Market

8/2 6-8pm Haines Demolition Derby

8/3 6-9pm Music at Churchill

8/3 4-6 pm Powder River Music Summer Concert in the park

8/4 – 8/8 Baker County Fair all week

8/5 5-7pm Community night out

8/5 7pm Free Movie at the fair



There will be no Baker Bite for the next 2 weeks!

Things to watch for in Baker City:

Week of 8/9 to 8/14: Kyshona at Churchill, Missoula Children's Theatre (contact Crossroads)

Week of 8/15 to 8/21: Film Festival at Churchill, Baker County Summer Jam