

# The Baker Bite

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News of Baker City

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## City News

- The Oregon Mayors Association Came to Baker City August 14-16<sup>th</sup>. The event drew 60 mayors from around the state. The Geiser Grand hosted the conference. Mayors had a tour of downtown including The Orpheum Theatre, options to golf, shoot, take a ride on the train in Sumpter, and visit the Baker Heritage Museum. It was great to showcase Baker City. The president sent a thank you letter that mentioned that it was the best event he and some others had been to since serving as mayors.
- Baker Sanitary Service (BSS) has ordered new trucks and recycling bins to begin curbside recycling. Unfortunately delivery won't be until spring of 2026. BSS hopes to begin the program in April of 2026. They will be attending a future City Council meeting with updates and costs.
- Making Baker City a train quiet zone continues to move forward and has a positive feel that the quiet zone will happen. City Manager Barry Murphy feels things are going well.
- Speaking of trains, OPB will be at Churchill School to discuss the joys and challenges of rural transit. There will be local presenters as well to talk about the challenges we face with no public transit, bus or train. Join the discussion Friday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Consider a subscription to The Baker City Herald. Jayson and Lisa Jacoby write excellent in-depth articles about the goings on around town. The Baker Bite focuses on sound bites.

## Upcoming Art Events

- First Friday is almost here! There are always 8 or so locations in town taking part in 1<sup>st</sup> Friday. First Friday is a special evening of art show openings around Baker City. You can walk around downtown and then zip out to Churchill School. Royal Artisan, The Cheese Fairy, Ruffled Feathers, Moon Treasures, The Co-Op, Anders Gallery, Sweet Wife Baking, North 7 Brewing, Matilda's on Court are all frequent participants. Crossroads Carnegie Art Center always has a new show and music on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday. September's show is an Open Regional.
- Crossroads classes run almost every day of the week. Checkout their website for topics, times and locations. Their "pay what you can" program means anyone can take an art class. Upcoming events include Day of the Dance on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Geiser Pollman Park starting at 10am and Harvest of Words in October. Harvest of Words is in conjunction with Betty's Books.
- "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre. The show will be Friday and Saturday at 6pm, Sunday at 3pm on the weekends of September 12-14<sup>th</sup> and 19-21<sup>st</sup>. This is a comedic musical. The song "Comedy Tonight" comes from this musical. The famous line: "Something familiar,



something peculiar, something for everyone, a comedy tonight!" is taken from this song. Come enjoy some singing and some laughing. Opening night special of \$12 dollars.

- Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre with Churchill School is screening the movie: "The Rocky Horror Picture Show". This movie released in 1975 became a cult classic and still can be seen weekly in major cities across the US. You can sit back and enjoy the film, or take part in audience participation. Costumes and acting out the movie are encouraged. During certain scenes in the movie the audience can partake by throwing rice during the wedding, making it rain (squirt toys) during the rain scene, or lighting a light during the song "There's a Light". There are participation moments throughout the movie. Participation kits will be available. Advance tickets are \$10 and advanced ticket plus kit is available for \$15. Tickets at the door will be \$15, kits will be \$5. The show is Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> with doors opening at 6, show at 7. MC Taco Bus, Strade B Bar and Jim's Mountain Candy will be there to serve your needs.
- Churchill has more events in September with Tray Wellington on the 25<sup>th</sup> and Clem Snide on the 30<sup>th</sup>. October continues with music but also begins the Haunted Studio Tours. This artsy take on a haunted house is unique and mind-blowing. The QR code above links to the Churchill event page.
- Quail Ridge Golf Course has their annual Quailfest. Music food and vendors on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Barley Browns has Jimmy Stengel Music Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>.



#### Home Sports

- Football: 8/29 7pm
- Soccer: 8/30 9am Girls, 11am Boys
- Volleyball: 9/6 tournament

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



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