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There will be a Town Hall for a presentation from ODOT regarding Main St. lanes and potential changes to flow and parking. The meeting is September 24th at 5:30pm at the Pythian Castle.

There is no City Council meeting September 23rd.

Door-to-door sales

Several laws and ordinances govern door-to door sales and solicitation. In Baker City, according to ordinance 115.02: No person may engage in the business of a peddler, transient merchant or sponsor of a bazaar or trade show, as defined in this chapter, without first obtaining a license and paying the license fee required by this chapter. Under state law, a solicitor must provide identification of themselves and the company they represent within 30 seconds of starting a conversation with a potential customer. The salesperson must explain the purpose of their visit, describe the goods or services offered, and state the total cost. The solicitor must ask if the resident is interested in a sales presentation and must end the conversation if the resident gives a negative response. If a solicitor fails to comply with the city or state regulations, you can report the violation to the police.

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center

The deadline to submit posters for the Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition (EOC3) contest is October 3rd. EOC3 works to adapt to our planet's changing climate and mitigate effects. They invite teens (13-18) and youth (12 and under) to use art to share their vision. EOC3 has partnered with Crossroads, Pendleton Center for the Arts and Art Center East to encourage poster submissions. Entry is free, art supplies are available at Crossroads. Drop off your poster at 2020 Auburn Ave. The posters should demonstrate how we all can be more diligent, resilient and hopeful about our climate future.

Day of the Dance

Crossroads presents the 3rd annual Day of the Dance this Saturday the 20th, all day in Geiser Pollman Park. Dance troupes include Flamenco Idaho, Irish Dance Idaho, Oinkari Basque Dancers and other local and regional dancers. Each group usually provides some history and insight into their various dance forms. Bring a chair! Food vendors will be on site and the Baker Heritage Museum is having a free day.

Crossroads is very busy! They also have a Holiday Card Contest that closes September 23rd. Anyone can enter, just bring your holiday artwork to Crossroads and fill out an entry form for each piece. There is a \$100 cash prize and 12 printed cards. Cards will be sold to support programs at Crossroads.

Crossroads continues its events with "Harvest of Words: A Taste of Baker County and Oregon Authors". This a partnership with Betty's Books to meet authors, get books signed and enjoy community reading. It coincides with Taste of Baker (4-7pm) on October 4th from 9 am to 3 pm.

"The Big Re/Think" is a statewide strategic initiative to build community and strengthen Oregon's arts and culture ecosystem in preparation for a robust 2027 advocacy and funding package. It aims to create a clear case statement rooted in economic impact, social cohesion, and educational values. With advocacy embedded into the design, ideas generated during this process can be championed and sustained at every level—from city halls to state legislatures. The Big Re/Think builds on a 2014 gathering led by arts and culture leaders,

which led to initiatives like the statewide arts and culture caucus. This event aims to coordinate advocacy, foster partnerships, and highlight the importance of arts and culture for Oregon's future. Baker City's local meeting will be Monday, October 6th from 1 to 4 pm at the Baker Heritage Museum.

Baker County Library

The library is hosting a study group for kids in grades 1-12 on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 5:30pm. September is also Library Card sign up month and for those with a card you can get a "clean slate" for unpaid late fees. Just Ask! Our local library is so much more. Newspapers, movies, dedicated age appropriate rooms, meeting rooms, equipment check out, computers and much more. There are stories and playtime for youth. Stop in and checkout the library in the month of September.

Baker City Christian Church is forming an AWANA Club. Limited to 50 kids ages from 4 years to 6th grade. Registration is on their website.

Calendar Highlights (https://hikingbaker.com/event-calendar)

9/19

- Y Friday at the Mother Lode all day
- "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at EORT 6pm

9/20

- Farmer's Market (Coat for Kids Coat Drive) 9am-12pm
- St. Francis de Sales Fall Festival 4pm
- Baker County Republican Women Dinner 6pm
- "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at EORT 6pm

9/21

- "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at EORT 3 pm
- Betty's Silent Book Club 4pm at the Cabyn

9/25

- Trey Wellington Music at Churchill doors open at 6pm
- Elwood Music at AJ's Corner Brick 7pm
- Suicide Candlelight Vigil at the park 7pm

9/26

- Baker FFA BBQ at the high school 5pm
- Baker Relief Nursery dinner and fun run starting at 5 pm at Quail Ridge (run at 7pm)
- Trivia Night at Barleys 6pm
- Calico Bones Music at AJ's Corner Brick 7 pm

Home Sports (www.bakersd.org)

9/19 HS Girls Soccer 5pm

9/20 HS Volleyball tournament 9-3pm

9/20 HS Football 5pm

9/23 HS Girls Soccer 4pm

9/25 HS Volleyball 4pm

9/25 BMS Volley ball 4pm

9/26 Baker Invitational Cross Country

9/26 HS Boys Soccer 5pm