

The Baker Bite

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October is a busy month in Baker. This Bite will be a little different format to highlight all the fun each week this month.

October 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

The weekend kicks off with sports, wine and dancing. On the 2nd High School Volleyball plays Ontario, **Bella's Main Street Market** has a wine tasting event and Baker Middle School has their 1st dance of the year.

The 3rd has Middle School volleyball and High School Soccer then moves into art. First Friday has great exhibits and activities. Most of the special activities begin around 5:30pm but a few start earlier. **Ace Hardware** kicks

off the evening with a Pumpkin and Canvas Hydro Dip and activities continue at **Moon Treasures**

with "Make Your Own Fairy Garden" who will stay open late with art to see. **Ruffled Feathers** is

featuring the art of Kate Brooks. **Royal Artisan** is featuring Tom Clements Retrospective and music as

well as their regular merchandise and seasonal candles. **The Cheese Fairy** has art by Mary Davies

Kerns. **Crossroads Carnegie Art Center** has art by Maia Leisz music early in the afternoon with Keith

Taylor downstairs and during the show upstairs. **Churchill** has the art of Randy Sandknop with refreshments.

Art can be on the body with a flash sale at **Beloved Tattoo**. **Matilda's House on Court** has art and is a nice

place to relax with a glass of wine. **Anders Gallery** and **McGibbon Ceramic Gallery** will be open late. **The Baker**

Food Co-Op will have Chris Cantrell, the food and drink experience continues at **Charley's Ice Cream**. **North 7**

Brewery, AJ's Corner Brick and Barley Brown's Tasting Room will have art in the form of live music.

The 4th continues the art theme but adds books as art. October Artist Saturday features 11 studios on a tour ranging from downtown Baker City out to Haines all day. The 1st "Harvest of Words" event celebrating local and

Oregon authors all day at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center with co-sponsor **Betty's Books** brings

books, authors and book readings. You can make a morning of great local food, art and books. The

Farmers Market and Harvest of Words kick off at 9 am. The studio tour begins at 10am. The QR

Code gives a list of the studios with addresses. A couple of the Haines addresses are near Old

Souls Farm Market. If you haven't checked out their store stop in. Make sure and work up an

appetite while meeting authors and seeing the studios because at 4pm **"Taste of Baker"** kicks off. At least 22

vendors/restaurants will be taking part this year up and down Main street as well as a few of the connecting streets like Washington and Court. If you want to help clean up Hwy 86 the Baker County Democrats will meet

at the Hwy Barn at 10 am and clean along the road. The evening has lots of entertainment. **Churchill School**

venue has *Goodbye Viking with Wise 1*. **Main Events Sports Bar** has *Randy Woody Music* and **AJ's Corner Brick**

has *Jokers and Jesters Comedy*. The Drive for Community Event starts at 1pm at Legacy of Baker City.

On the 5th Baker City Church of the Nazarene has their annual Harvest Party. Laura Klement teaches a class in woodworking with hands-on uses for wood pallets at Churchill.

Art and Culture

Last week and this, week Baker City will have had art in the form of live theatre, music, literature, food,

cinematography, fine art, applied art, crafts, dance and more. The Baker Community thrives every week with

activities in these areas. It is one of the reasons that "The Big Re/Think" is happening here in Baker City. "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. It is brought to you by the Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon.

October never slows down.

Crossroads has Oregon Book Awards Authors on October 18th and The Haunting on the Hill at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center from 11-4pm on the 25th. There will be games, crafts, treats a haunted house and a costume contest.

Churchill School kicks off the Haunted Studio Tour on Friday the 10th with shows every Friday and Saturday leading up to Halloween and then the final showing on Halloween. 2 nights are black light flashlight only nights. Corinne Vegter combines traditional haunted house themes with her art for a unique experience. Actors help create a scary atmosphere. Take the time to enjoy the art Corinne has created throughout the tour. Or, run screaming from the building. Churchill also has music guests Jim Isaac Chua on the 12th and Pete Droge on the 19th. Demetia Friendly Baker County is hosting a forum Dementia: A Compassionate Community Conversation on October 11th from 1-4pm at Churchill. The forum will have a Panel Presentation: People Sharing Personal and Professional Experiences with Dementia.

The **YMCA** also has activities in October with a Pick a Pumpkin Patch. Keep a lookout for Y-Fridays where a percent of the days sales at a local business help benefit the Y. New classes are coming out every month so check their calendar or sign up for emails. Their new gym continues construction.

Moon Treasures has the Event “Practical Magic on the 11th from 5 to 7 pm

The **Chamber of Commerce** has their annual Honors Awards Banquet on the 13th.

The Geiser Grand has the Witch’s Weekend on October 17th-19th and Haunted Hotel Weekend starting on Halloween and running all weekend. Tours, dinners, séance, Tarot and special cocktails all weekend. Check out the Schedule.

Every 2nd Tuesday **Baker Heritage Museum** has a speaker series about Baker County history. On October 14th the topic is Slough Series: Who settled the slough and Why? There is a **Glacier 45** sponsored social hour at 6pm and the speaker begins at 7pm.

Other October Events: <https://hikingbaker.com/event-calendar>

- 10/15 MOMCO Cold Weather Clothing Swap
- 10/16 Wine Walk
- 10/18 Rock Sale at the Baker Heritage Museum
- 10/18 No Kings Rally and food drive
- 10/18 Pumpkin Chunkin at the airport
- 10/18 Modge Podge Party in Haines
- 10/23 Boos, Boots and Blooms
- 10/23 Cheese and Gourd Design Night
- 10/31 Halloweens events and parties. More to come

Home Sports:

- 10/3 BMS Volleyball
- 10/4 HS Volleyball
- 10/6 JV Football
- 10/7 Girls Soccer
- 10/9 HS Volleyball
- 10/9 BMS Football
- 10/10 Homecoming Football
- 10/10 BMS Volleyball

