

# The Baker Bite

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## News of Baker City

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### **Food Insecurity**

The general food insecurity rate in Baker County is 13.2% and 20.3% for children. We have 3,777 SNAP recipients with 6,071 eligible. If the Federal Government cannot end the shutdown SNAP benefits may have no funds after 10/31/25. This Baker Bite will focus on food resources in Baker City. New guidelines for SNAP also go into effect on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and some participants will see a reduction in benefits or loss of benefits within 3 months even if the government reopens.

### **WIC**

If you are a woman and an Oregon resident that is pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding or has a child less than 5 years old and have a household income less than 185% of federal poverty level you may qualify for WIC. For a 2 person household in 2025 the income currently is \$37,814 per year, it raises about \$10,000 per additional family member. Call 541-523-8211 for an appointment. The Health Department hopes funds will last through November.

### **Food Banks and Pantries** – Call ahead to verify availability

- **Blue Mountain Food Pantry:** Community Connection 2810 Cedar St. Thursdays from 9 am to 11 am, there is a small form to fill out for participation.
- **St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church:** Mon, Wed 10 am to 12 pm, 3 days of food, 541-523-4521. 2235 1st Street.
- **Salvation Army:** Mon, Wed, Fri 1:30 to 3:30pm, 541-523-5853
- **Compassion Center** (Nazarene Church). Thursdays by appointment only (call by noon Wednesday), 541-523-9845. 1250 Hughes Lane.
- **Christian Church:** 541-523-5425. 675 Hwy 7
- **May Day Shelter:** please call first, Mon to Fri 1 pm to 3 pm, 541-523-9472
- **Harvest Share:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 10:30 am to 12 pm, 541-523-6591. 2810 Cedar St.
- **Senior Meals:** Weekdays 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, 541-523-6591. 2810 Cedar St.
- **Meals on Wheels:** Call for delivery for adults over 60 and homebound, 541-523-6591
- **Health Department:** Call for guidance, 541-523-8211

### **Building Healthy Families**

Free Grab and Go Dinner Bags at the Baker Early Learning Center sharing shelf at 2725 7<sup>th</sup> St. There is an attempt to keep this stocked daily.

## **The Baker City Backpack Program**

The Baker City Backpack Program, established in 2010, provides bags of non-perishable food to students in the Baker 5J School District who are at risk and in need. The program aims to ensure these children have access to food when school meal programs are unavailable on weekends. The QR code takes you to the registration page. Your child will receive a bag the week following registration.



The Backpack program has a Surf and Turf Fundraiser on 11/8 at 5 pm at Quail Ridge Golf Course. You can purchase tickets at <https://bakercitybackpack.org/> or make a donation cash to the program. Last week 257 students received bags.

## **Sharing Pantries**

Sharing pantries are small cabinets located around town stocked by local people and organizations. If you need food take some. If you can donate food please donate non-perishable items by placing them in a pantry. The **Baker Rotary Club** attempts to place items weekly in several pantries. The **Baker County Democrats** have pledged to restock at least 1 pantry in town each week starting the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November until the government shutdown has ended and SNAP benefits resume. They will rotate pantries around town to benefit different neighborhoods. This newsletter would like to see more groups pledge to stock a pantry. If your group wants to keep a pantry stocked email this newsletter and we will post it on Facebook.

- Fraternal Order of Eagles #3456: 2935 H St.
- Blue Mountain Baptist Church: 2998 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- Baker City Christian Church: 675 Or Hwy 7.
- Calvary Chapel: 1668 Resort St.
- Churchill School: 3451 Broadway St.
- North Baker School: D St. and 9<sup>th</sup> St.
- Baker County Health Department: 2200 4<sup>th</sup> St.
- Baker County Sheriff's Office: 3410 K St.

**Calvary Baptist Church**: Free community dinner, all welcome, Thursdays 5:30 pm to 6 pm, 541-523-3891. 2107 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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



10/24 Young Artisits classes throughout the day at Crossroads  
10/24 5:30 pm BMCC Listening Schedule  
10/24, 25, 26 6pm, 6pm, 3pm Nightfall with Edgar Allen Poe at EORT  
10/24, 25, 31 6:30pm Haunted Studios at Churchill School  
10/24 7pm Jordan Shaw Music at AJ's Corner Brick  
10/25 8 am Rotary Freeway Intercnage Clean-up  
10/25 CANCELLED - Haunting on the Hill  
10/25 11am – 4pm Halloween Make and Take at Crossroads  
10/25 2pm Books and Brews at Barley's Tasting Room  
10/25 2pm Halloween for the Health of it! Quail Ridge  
10/25 3pm Harvest Festival at the Harvest Church  
10/25 7pm David Henry Music at Corner Brick  
10/28 6pm Lino Block Printing at Chruchill School  
10/29 6 pm Silent Book Club at North 7