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Music

This edition is dedicated to music in Baker City. We are blessed with frequent live music. Barley Brown's, AJ's Corner Brick bring in nearby artists frequently on weekends. Powder River Music Revue has pick up playing on Wednesdays at the VFW and Friday and Saturdays at Ison House. North 7 has Mitch Music on the 3rd Thursday. Royal Artisan and Crossroads have music on the 1st Friday and Crossroads has Keith Taylor playing piano. Recently added Matilda's House on Court has had music 2 Thursdays in a row and hopes to have more. Importantly we have a dedicated venue that brings groups from out of town, Churchill School. Many groups come from nearby but they also come from across the country. They have 5 shows in March alone! The artists hale from Portland, Seattle, Cincinnati, Minneapolis and Needham, MA.

The music ranges from country to folk to rock to metal. Bringing in outside groups carries risks. There are some groups that make money, but because of payment guarantees there are groups that lose money. The Churchill venue also brings comedians, movies and other events. People host weddings and fund raising. Brian Vegter does the bookings and daily running of the events area. A full kitchen with meals by MC Taco Bus are offered at most shows. Strade B Bar is run by Corrine Vegter and is a great bar. Down the hall of this converted school is a hostel. At the other end is studio space for artists, as well as small spaces for rent. The studios include a full wood working shop too. Downstairs continues the music with the radio station KBZR, 89.9. Almost finished is a brand new recording studio where music artists will have a space to compose and relax while recording. A vast amount of the downstairs becomes a haunt in October with the Churchill Haunted Studio Tour where Corrine spends most of the year preparing an amazing experience.

The school was built in 1926 and has a lot of maintenance issues. Corrine and Brian slowly update parts as funds become available. A lot of time and funds have gone into creating the unique spaces offered at the school. Lights, sound and electrical equipment in the main hall. Most of the roof has now been replaced. Electrical and Plumbing continue to be issues from time to time. A recent sewer issue will necessitate large excavation and replacement and a large un-budgeted expense.

While Churchill serves as home to Brian and Corrine it has come to be a large part of our community. This writer attends at least 1 event per month, frequently more. It takes neighbors to keep a great community center going. We are lucky and blessed to have Churchill in this community.

Please look to supporting our local music scene. Have a beer at North 7 or Barley's. Have dinner at AJ's Corner Brick. Make the rounds on First Friday evening. Have a glass of wine at Matilda's. Check out a jam session and then on a summer Sunday catch Powder River Music's summer concert series. Especially support our dedicated music venue Churchill! Churchill needs people to attend concerts to keep bringing in great music. They will gladly accept donations towards continued renovations and surprise expenses.

Advertising in Baker City tends to be on Facebook and Instagram. Be sure to follow these pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/barleybrowns>

<https://www.facebook.com/ajscornerbrick>

<https://www.facebook.com/matildasonfirst>

<https://www.facebook.com/bakerxrds>

<https://www.facebook.com/north7brewing>

Churchill dedicated music venue:

<https://www.facebook.com/Churchillbakercity>

<https://www.churchillbaker.com/>



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



- 2/25 "The Librarians" free movie screening at Churchill 6pm
- 2/26 BMS Carnival 5:30pm
- 2/26 Trivia at North 7 at 6:30pm
- 2/26 Mitch Sevy Music at AJ's 7pm
- 2/27 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at St. Francis Cathedral 5pm and 6pm
- 2/27 Brownies and Bars Baking Contest at North 7 6:30pm
- 2/27 Bing Night at the Nazarene Church 6:30pm
- 2/27 Jordan Shaw Music at AJ's 7pm
- 2/28 GOL Girls and Boys Championships 4pm
- 2/28 Bingo Night at Quail ridge at 5:30pm
- 2/28 Brian Mandella Music at AJ's 7pm