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North Baker Transportation:

If you have traveled on 10th St (US 30) lately you may have noticed a lot of construction. Also, some construction continues on Hughes/Pocahontas Lanes. This is an ODOT project, approved by the City and County. There will be sidewalks on 10th St, some bike lanes and continued parking. The goal is to improve safety of pedestrians but maintain convenience for motorists. This project is funded by ODOT, not the City or County. There will be future work from this project on Cedar St to add a multiuse pathway along the street. This project is Ordinance 3384 by Baker City. For business owners and residents this ordinance has changed some parking and landscaping requirements, but a big change is the ability to appeal a parking standard and propose an alternative. This was not possible under the prior ordinance.

Employment Opportunities:

Ever thought about working for the city? Jobs are posted on the city website:

<https://www.bakercity.com/2241/Human-ResourcesEmployment-Opportunities>

Currently there are openings in the fire department.

Connections:

The city is looking for ways to keep the residents informed of what is happening in the city. Also, they would like citizen involvement and input. If you have ideas for communication let this newsletter know and the information will be passed on to the city.

The Arts:

Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre (EORT):

Did you know Baker City has live theatre? We have a small theatre located in the Basche-Sage Place. While this is a small space EORT is working to renovate the Orpheum Theatre, located at 1821 Main St and will seat about 10 times more viewers. EORT produces 8 to 9 shows annually. There are 2 children's plays, at least 1 musical and other great but lesser-known plays. This is a non-profit volunteer organization that survives on ticket sales and annual memberships. Their goal is to make theatre accessible to the public. While there is a charge to see a play, usually ticket sales do not cover script and royalty costs for production let alone set construction. The next play is The House at Pooh Corner. This a family friendly play. The theatre has modest concessions as well as local beer and wine. Bring the family out for a great experience!

Business Spotlight:

Ace Hardware:

Dang! I need a strange bolt that only fits my weird gate that was drop shipped from Florida and made in China. Ace will have it! Whenever I need a specific item like paint, a bolt, a light, a key, a plumbing part, etc., I know to go to Ace. Super friendly staff with a lot of experience in their respective departments always ask if they can help me. Ace crams a lot of hardware, lawn care, seasonal, hunting parts and knick-knacks in a small space. My go to when I need it now. Thank you for being a part of Baker City.

Restaurant Review:

El Erradero:

Is this the oldest restaurant continuously operating in Baker? Let us know. Family Mexican restaurant serving traditional burritos, tacos, and more. Great service, my waterglass never got empty and the chips kept on coming. The meal was too large for me to finish. Food arrives quick and hot. I didn't feel rushed hurry my meal and enjoyed conversation with my friends. Tables are spaced nicely. There is a larger banquet room for private parties, but they can push some tables together for big groups. Make sure and let them know if someone in your group has a birthday since the singing is a lot of fun.

Hike:

Twin Lakes from the lower trailhead (Trail #1633)

Located in The Elkhorn Mountains of the Wallowa-Whitman NF. The trail is in great shape other than 3 new tree falls. Wide, easily hiked trail but very long. The map app said 5.7 km, but my GPS had it at 8 km from the trailhead to the lake. This trail would get a medium for its condition, but length puts it at a hard hike. Pretty views abound of Phillips Lake and the surrounding valley. The fall colors were magnificent and I saw several mountain goats. See <https://hikingbaker.com/twin-lakes-pictures> for some pictures.

Around Town:

Dog Park:

Did you know we have a dog park in Baker? Two fenced in paddocks allow you to run and play with your dog. One area is for medium/large dogs the other area is for small/medium dogs. Please be kind to all users and pick up after your dog and don't assume all dogs are friendly. The Sam-O-Park located at 555 Baker St, by the swim center.

Sports:

Home games:

Varsity Boys Soccer at 4pm 9/14

Varsity Boys Soccer at 5pm 9/19

Varsity Girls Soccer at 5:30pm 9/16

QuailFest at The Golf Course 2 pm on 9/14 (stretching sports but we can play drinking games, eat food, and listen to music)

Weekend Calendar highlights: (<https://hikingbaker.com/event-calendar>)

Friday:

Matt Hopper and the Roman Candles at Churchill

House at Pooh Corner at EORT

Saturday:

QuailFest at Quail Ridge Golf Course

House at Pooh Corner at EORT

Sunday:

House at Pooh Corner at EORT

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Let us know stories you want to see. Also, if you send a FB message or an email or other communication that is an opinion and want it published to our site, let us know. We have an opinion section on the website.