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City News:

City Manager:

City Council defined 3 goals they would like to see accomplished by the city manager. Goal 1 settle the Transient Lodging Tax (TLT). Prior to 2003 25% of TLT funds went into the City General Fund. Currently 0% of TLT funds go into the General Fund. Baker County operates the TLT fund with the Commission having the final say. This is an arrangement the city and county have. Baker City would like to have the money go back into the general fund. The council has tasked the city manager with working on this goal. The 2nd goal is to resolve our ambulance situation. There have been several instances where the current service contracted by the county has not been fully staffed or has been unable to respond because of already being deployed. The city is looking at licensing one of its ambulances and being a backup for Baker City. There are some issues with the current service that need investigated, as well as the work to bring one of the city's ambulances back on-line. The city manager has been tasked with resolving the ambulance needs of Baker City. The third goal is to get the finance department where it needs to be. There have been multiple problems with customer bills, residences dropping off the roles, inaccurate estimates of water use, lack of proper oversight and control. The city manager, working with the new head of the finance department, is tasked with getting the department back on track. Proper billing, good customer service and easy accessibility to the public are important parts of this goal.

Policing:

The police department will be making property abatement a high priority. This means they will be looking for unlicensed/unmoved vehicles on city streets and right of ways. Trailers are considered vehicles in Baker City. They will be looking for trash left on property creating eyesores or disreputable smell. The police department will begin ticketing. The Justice Court plans to enforce these tickets. The police department has asked the City Council to review some ordinances to assist in cleanup of Baker City streets. With this initiative, the City Council has approved the police department to continue to advertise for qualified personnel to maintain a working staff. Having a working staff frees up detectives to work on drug, pedophile and major crimes cases.

The Arts:

Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre:

The theatre's Halloween offering Clone People opens on October 18th. Jay Westcott and Nessa Paxton are two of Hollywood's most successful stars and a happily married couple. While filming on location, Nessa sustains an accidental blow on the head and flees to her home in Beverly Hills before anxious studio staff members can stop her. She bursts in on Jay and, nearly incoherent with hysteria, insists she is really Polly Ackerman, a girl who vanished just before their marriage. Jay fears for her sanity, and over her protests, he allows the studio to find her and provide medical help. Several strange events make him suspect she might be telling the truth and that something incredibly evil is going on at the studio where he may be the next victim. For an evening of plausible nightmare, suspense and breathtaking terror with a shocking surprise ending, this show can't be excelled.

Food:

I have been seeing a number of posts about food insecurity lately. If you are a mom join “Baker City Moms” on Facebook. They have helpful posts regarding items and food. I will repeat some of the ways to find food here in Baker City. As always, if you have extra food and can help please restock a local food pantry with non-perishable food or contact one of these organizations. If you are having trouble finding help message this newsletter and we will find a way to help. Make sure your 5J children are signed up for the Backpack Program by contacting a school counselor.

- Catholic Church: Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am to 12 pm, 3 days of food, 541-523-4521. 2235 1st Street.
- Salvation Army: Mon, Wed, Fri 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, 541-523-5853. 2505 Broadway St.
- 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
- Calvary Baptist Church: Free community dinner, all welcome, Thursdays 5:30 pm to 6 pm, 541-523-3891. 2107 3rd St
- Harvest Share: 1st and 3rd 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

There are several Sharing Food Pantry's located around town. Take some if you need, donate if you can!

- Fraternal Order of Eagles #3456: 2935 H St.
- Blue Mountain Baptist Church: 2998 8th 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 9th St.
- Baker County Health Department: 2200 4th St.
- Baker County Sheriff's Office: 3410 K St.

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

Churchill Haunted Studio Opens October 11th and runs Fridays and Saturdays for the next 3 weekends, plus Halloween.

Harvest Festivals and Parties kick-off starting on October 12th and run until Halloween.

UnWINEed Walk: help support KBZR radio. October 17th

EORT: Clone People 18, 19, 20th

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center: Special classes, check their schedule



Home Sports:

Football: 10/18 7 pm

Volleyball: 10/17 4 pm

Boys Soccer: 10/18 4 pm

Girls Soccer: 10/15 5:30pm