

# The Baker Bite

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## **City News:**

### **Sam-O-Swim Center:**

The roof is leaking. Interior and exterior walls are being damaged by the seepage. The city budgeted money to fix the roof at the swim center, but the projection was low and not enough was budgeted for the entire roof. The city voted to install coping caps the parapet walls. This is a small fix that will help prevent further damage until money can be budgeted to replace the main roof. The desire is to decrease callouts and money spent repairing walls. Annually the city is spending over 100 hours of labor and thousands on repairs.

### **Annexation:**

The city council discussed the annexation of land along I-84. Most of the properties already have city sewer and water connections so it makes sense to bring them into the city tax rolls. It was decided that the city manager would do more investigation about the process and talk to landowners in the potentially affected areas.

### **Traffic Jam:**

Concern has been raised about the traffic on the East side of the interstate on Campbell St, particularly where Campbell St and Best Frontage Rd meet. Trucks are having trouble making the turn from Campbell onto Best Frontage, particularly tandems. Road width, markings and overall increase in traffic appear to be playing some fault in this. The city road department is trying to work with ODOT on some solutions.

## **Arts:**

- Crossroads Carnegie Art Center has multiple offering during the week next week. Check out their calender. <https://crossroads-arts.org/calendar>
- Churchill School moves back out of Halloween with a woodworking class and music with MAITA.
- Can you believe it? 1<sup>st</sup> Friday art walk is here again. Multiple shops have artist offerings.

4-H (OSU Extension service) has been having classes, with their latest on how to make soap.

They are looking to begin a new STEAM workshop series of classes. 9-18 years old, \$41 to become a 4-H member for the year. They want to have a minimum of 6 events, but up to 24 with time and interest. Classes would be in the evening and possibly Monday and Wednesday weeknights. Give them a call: 541-523-6418.



## **Family Fun:**

Halloween and Fall festivities move into full swing Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>. On the 25<sup>th</sup> there are events at the 4-H center, Geiser Grand, Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre, Churchill School, AJ's, Eagles and more. The 26<sup>th</sup> is jam packed with at least 27 events. The fun continues most days through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Check out the calendar (best viewed on a computer). <https://hikingbaker.com/event-calendar>



### **Hike:**

Killamacue Lake: I have been to Killamacue several times but this week was a surprise. The hike was gorgeous, every tree sparkled with ice and I encountered snow about 2 km up the trail. I had never seen the lake drained all the way down and that was a marvel. While some might consider it ugly, it was still amazing to see. Lunch was dead center of where the lake normally exists. Take US 30 towards Haines, turn left on Anthony Lake Hwy, turn left onto Pocahontas Rd then a short way right on S Rock Creek Ln, continue on until the road turns into NFD Rd 5520, stay on NFD Rd 5520 until the trailhead. The trailhead is not marked but is at GPS -118.106, 44.8868. This is a poor road and a moderate to hard hike. <https://hikingbaker.com/hikes>.



### **Baker City on the Map:**

The Whistlestop Tour is the movement of the US Capitol Christmas tree across the country. The tree is scheduled to be in Baker City on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30am at the Baker County Fairgrounds. The tree this year is from Alaska. This Blog keeps up-to-date tabs on the tree: <https://www.uscapitolchristmastree.com/blog/>



### **Neighbors helping Neighbors:**

The fall and Christmas can be a tough time of year as heating costs, clothing costs and food costs increase. Yard sales become scarce. There are some Facebook pages in Baker City designed to try to help. See Issue 7 of this newsletter for food help. For heating help contact OTEC as they have programs for financial assistance. Low priced, gently used clothes can be found at People Helping People, Salvation Army, Neat Repeat, Birds on a Wire, and the Kids Closet. Best Friends of Baker has a thrift market Fridays from 8 am to 12 pm and Saturdays 8 am to 2 pm. **Marla's Mall** offers items free of charge. Helping hands of Baker City and Baker City Moms on FB frequently have posts of free items or if you need something you can post there.

### **Sports:**

Registration for Middle School sports is open and must be completed by 10/28. Check Parent Square. Registration for Ski for the Health of it opens 11/1

### **Home Games:**

Girls Soccer: 10/28 6 pm

Cross Country Greater Oregon League Championships 10/30

### **Calendar Highlights:**

- **Costume and Paw-stume parties:** Event, VFW, 4-H
- **Festivals:** 4-H, Pumpkin Chunkin Bash, Harvest Church, Quail Ridge
- **Activities:** 4-H, Churchill School, Crossroads Carnegie, Geiser Grand, AJ's, Barleys, Museum

### **Death Notices:**

These are viewable without a subscription at the Baker City Herald

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