

# The Baker Bite

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## **City News:**

### **Property Abatement:**

The city council has been discussing property abatement with the chief of police and the justice of the peace. In this context property abatement is cleaning up a property. Removal of weeds, trash, junker cars and/or trailers fall under property abatement. If a citizen complains about a property nuisance, such as a neighbor not mowing and not removing weeds, in the event the property becomes a fire hazard and has noxious weeds, to the city, this is part of code enforcement. The code enforcement officer visits the property and asks the owner to fix the problem. Usually, the owner is given a couple weeks to remedy the code violation. If the violation is not fixed, or the owner doesn't have a plan to fix the violation, the city issues a ticket. This creates a court date 2-4 weeks out. Court may provide another 30 days. If the citizen comes into compliance the ticket usually goes away. Lack of compliance can lead to liens against the property. Sometimes the city must clean up the property and absorb the cost since the property may become a hazard. The city is looking for solutions to recoup costs when they are forced to clean a property. This process can take months to years from the initial complaint.

### **Drone School:**

Baker City Airport has a new program. BMCC is excited to introduce UAS Professional Pilot and Flight Lab Training Certificates in Baker City! These condensed 2-week sessions will have the same content as the 10-week program version at the Pendleton location and students who choose to move forward toward an Associates in the field will receive 16 credits toward their UAS AAS Degree. Class size is limited so call BMCC Baker County and REGISTER TODAY at (541)523-9127.

## **The Arts:**

### **Oktoberfest:**

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center has their Oktoberfest on September 27<sup>th</sup> and a joint venture with Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort on the 28<sup>th</sup>. These support youth art programs and "Rebuild the Rental Shop" to help support rural art and skiing. Crossroads has a "pay what you can" and free program line up for youth interested in art. In a given, week youth can take classes in dance, watercolor, batik, mixed media, calligraphy, drawing, quilting, clay and more. Anthony Lakes has a huge program called "Ski for the Health of it" as well as skiing for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders on several Sundays. Please help these 2 organizations help our youth to be rounded individuals.

Several other businesses have Oktoberfest festivities planned please check the calendar for more events:

<https://hikingbaker.com/event-calendar>

### **Animal Art:**

The Great Salt Lick is this weekend, 9/21. This is art made by animals just for us humans to enjoy. Come see the cool pieces at Churchill School. Proceeds at the auction benefit Parkinson's Research.

### **Hike:**

#### **Baldy Lake:**

This lake is in the elkhorn mountains of the Wallowa Whitman National Forest. A pretty lake sitting under Mount Ireland Fire lookout. The shortest trail is a long drive from Baker City. Take OR 7 towards Sumpter from Baker, turn on OR 410 towards Granite, continue onto Granite Hill Rd (520), this road becomes NF 73, turn right on NF 7345 and continue to the end. The last ½ mile is poor road. The trail has some inclines, declines and flat. It is a fairly easy trail. There are at least 3 trails into Baldy Lake. A map of the trail is available as Baldy Lake #1 at <https://hikingbaker.com/hikes>.

### **Restaurant Review:**

We were going to visit **Burger Bob's** this week, but they closed at 4 pm all week, so look for them in a future issue.

#### **Main Event Sports Bar and Eatery:**

Traditional bar food and the dive bar atmosphere, yet the food was surprisingly fresh and good. Every time I go there, I see people I know and that makes me feel good. The salads are pretty and tasty. A little like the "Cheers" of Baker City. A special thank you for taking part in wine walk each month too. Go see some friends you know and have a good meal. Of course, they are a bar too so you can enjoy a drink with your repast.

### **Business Spotlight:**

#### **Jubilee Plants and Gathering:**

Sitting among plants feels clean and rejuvenating, fresh oxygen in the air. This cozy shop has nifty looking endless varieties of plants. A small seating area allows for quiet conversation, reading a book or writing in a journal. Enjoy a cup of Chai tea or coffee while relaxing. There are special donut days so be sure to keep an eye on their Facebook or Instagram page. Be sure to get a potted plant to take this great atmosphere home with you for your own house. Plants make a lasting gift, and they also have mugs, journals, tea, jam and other mementos. Check out this refreshing shop today.

<https://www.instagram.com/jubileeplantsandgathering/>

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### **Sports:**

#### **Home Games:**

9/25 BMS Football at 4 pm

9/26 BMS Cross Country TBA

9/24 JV/Varsity Volleyball 4 pm

9/24 JV/Varsity Boys Soccer 4 pm

9/26 High School Cross Country TBA

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

**All Weekend:** House at Pooh Corner at EORT

#### **Saturday:**

Day of the Dance

Great Salt Lick at Churchill

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