



88th Annual Award Banquet

Make sure you have tickets for our 88th Annual Awards Banquet. This is our opportunity to gather and honor the businesses, leaders and volunteers that make Baker County a great place to call home. Come on out to a fun evening, wearing your favorite jeans, boots and blingiest bling! This year the banquet will be held at the Baker Elks Lodge on January 27th. The no-host social hour starts at 5:30pm. Come join us for fun, food, great friends and auctions. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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Membership Matters

A Word From our Director...

The Baker County Chamber of Commerce is not a sole entity unto itself. It is comprised of more than 300 businesses and organizations. Good people from these businesses volunteer their valuable time, expertise and resources to the efforts of the Chamber. Needless to say, the strength of the Chamber comes from its members. They are committed to progress and prosperity for all and work to enhance Baker County's business climate for the benefit of our visitors and our community.

Hard work and entrepreneurial spirit are at the foundation of our community, and they're helping us get back on our feet. We are gaining momentum in a way that has not been witnessed in years. In 2017, the Chamber celebrated 56 new members, numerous ribbon-cuttings, with several more expected in the coming months. Collectively, these new and expanding chamber businesses employ hundreds of Baker County community members which helps sustain our enviable way of life.

There is even more going on in the community that we see every day. Several new store openings, groundbreaking and people doing great things. Our service organizations continue to go above-and-beyond to support Baker County and the countless non-profits come to our aid in a moment's notice. The list goes on and on.

Momentum is contagious, and not always measurable. Nevertheless, we see it. We see it in the number of people taking part in local events and festivals. We see it in the number of people getting involved to make the community a better place for themselves, their families and their peers. We see it in the excitement and optimism of people speaking about the community we live in. We at the Baker County Chamber are excited about this momentum. We can't wait to see what happens next.

Sustaining Members



Saint Alphonsus



Meet Your Board



As a long time, Baker County resident, Jerry Peacock has been an integral part of our community. He began his career as a high school teacher of multiple subjects in a small eastern Oregon community. He was the principal of two schools in Baker City, spending over 25 years as the Principal of Baker High School. Upon "retiring" from Baker High, he founded Baker Technical Institute (BTI) to build students' work readiness, help students choose career paths by giving them hands-on learning experiences, and teaching skills essential for workplace success.

Jerry is also a huge fan of Cycle Oregon. As the Principal of Baker High School, he played host to event campers on several occasions as well as becoming a rider in 2006. He and his wife Betty give their time endlessly to promote and support this great cycling event.

Jerry has also served numerous boards, committees, and teams in our community and at the state level. He never stops striving to make Baker County a better place.

Why should I join the Chamber?

There are so many reasons to join the Baker County Chamber of Commerce. It is a great way to grow, and promote your business. It gives you an opportunity to support our community. Need more reasons? Consider these:

Boost public perception of your business. According to a research study by The Shapiro Group, Inc. and Market Street Services, when consumers know that a small business is a member of their local Chamber of Commerce, they are 44 percent more likely to think favorably of it and 63 percent more likely to purchase goods or services from the company!

Increase your visibility in the community. As new member of the Chamber of Commerce, you will be listed in the Chamber newsletter, e-newsletter, on Facebook and have the opportunity to be highlighted in other Chamber publications. You also can grow your business by advertising with the Chamber and sponsoring events.

Make business contacts. The Chamber's most basic function is to generate more business activity for the community. The Chamber initiates more business-to-business commerce and more opportunities for networking and connecting local professionals than most other local organizations.



Have you got your tickets yet?

Eastern Oregon Tributefest



AUGUST 17 & 18, 2018
WWW.OREGONTRIBUTEFEST.COM

Tickets have only been on sale for 2 weeks and they are disappearing at a phenomenal rate! One of the bands is Crazy Train PDX, Oregon's premier Ozzy Osbourne/Black Sabbath tribute band. Founded in 2005 the band consists of 5 members. Tim's ability to mimic the vocal style of Osbourne make Tim one of the greatest Ozzy impersonators ever. Allen the bassist has been part of half a dozen tribute bands. His skills make him one of the most valued bassist in Portland. Michael is a well respected and accomplished guitarist, co-founding and appearing in some of the best tribute bands in Portland. Roger has been on the Portland tribute scene for years. His unique style sets him apart from other drummers. For more information, check out their Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/crazytrainpdx/>



Visitor Center

The Baker County Visitors Bureau had a busy year! We saw 6,000 visitors, answered over 2,000 phone calls and sent out 5,400 information packages! Being conveniently situated right next to the freeway, we are the first stop for many visitors. They come in for recommendations on everything from where to find the best food all the way to where can they replace the tennis shoes they left behind. Our friendly local staff can direct them to all of Baker County's hidden treasures.

We keep updated information on all of our local businesses, events and attractions. We hand out thousands of pieces of information every year. Make sure we have your most updated info. Give us a call, email or stop in. We love visitors!

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Just a few of the fun
Baker County spring
events in 2018!

1/20-21

Back Country Festival
at Anthony Lakes

1/27

88th Annual Chamber
Awards Banquet

2/17

Sumpter Snowmobile
Poker Run & Outhouse

Races

2/18

Halfway Snowmobile
Poker Run

2/24

Night at Old Auburn
2/28-3/3

Basketball Tournament
3/23-31

Spring Break Ski Camp

And don't forget
First Friday and
Third Thursday every
month in Downtown Baker
City

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all the latest news.

A Look Back and Forward

2017 was an amazing year for Baker County, with new businesses, announcements, and big events.

With over 250 events county wide, it was a wonderful year. Every community in the county was busy planning multiple activities. Our biggest event was the Total Solar Eclipse. Months of planning by everyone in the county culminated in a safe and wonderful event. Even though some people decided to stay away due to concerns regarding safety and supplies, between thirty-five and forty thousand people viewed the eclipse from all over Baker County. Despite dire predictions everyone had a great time.

The rest of the summer was filled with music festivals, flea markets, rodeos, and wine walks from Haines to Huntington!

Our annual Christmas parade was a hit despite the freezing temperatures. Our Silver Screen theme filled downtown Baker City with citizens of Whoville and Cousin Eddie. Baker City Downtown hosted this year's tree lighting with hot cocoa and fires provided by the Baker Lion's Club. Richland had its inaugural Christmas Tree Lighting and it was a huge success. Haines' Christmas Celebration is growing and attracting increasingly more visitors.

New businesses popped up all over the place. Rice and Beans, a vintage sportswear venture and White Pebbles & Sand featuring all the pampering a person could need, both opened in early fall. Classy Lass Boutique brings us fun fashion in downtown Baker City.

Along with the new businesses came announcements of future enterprises. Grocery Outlet announced their plan to open a new store just east of the freeway in Baker City. And though it is technically in Malheur County the destination truck stop planned for Farwell Bend will benefit residents of Huntington. Joseph Alee, the new owner hopes to find most of the 60 to 80 employees in the Huntington Area. Another new business planned for Huntington is a drive through coffee shop.

We are looking forward to a full year in 2018. Planning for new events such as Eastern Oregon Tributefest and long loved ones including Miners' Jubilee are in full swing. New business opportunities are everywhere!



Business in the Spotlight

Saint Alphonus – Baker City has made the health and well-being of the people of Baker County our priority. Our mission, to serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities has led to our having been a part of Baker County for 120 years. We have developed relationships with those we serve—in many ways, like a family. Our concern and personal touch have become our tradition, and our professionalism and warmth continue to radiate into our community.

We are proud to serve the region by providing an expansive list of medical care and specialties, patient care services and education, and the latest in medical technology often found only in large, urban hospitals.

As a part of Trinity Health and the Saint Alphonus Health System, we are able to benefit from our relationship with one of the largest Catholic healthcare providers in the United States.

The St. Alphonus Foundation is an integral part of St. Alphonus Baker City. Its annual Festival of Trees event has raised funds for such things as a new helipad, updated equipment for Labor and Delivery, the remodel and expansion of the entry and patient greeting area as well as numerous other projects

Leadership

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Patient Care Services,
CNO

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ICN

Paul Cheney, HR Busi-
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Baker Bucks-Shop Local

Do you know about Baker Bucks? Baker Bucks is a shop local program sponsored by Community Bank that encourages and supports local business. Baker Bucks are just like cash at many of our local businesses. They can be purchased from the Chamber in denominations of \$10, \$20, \$25, and \$50. They make great gifts as well as wonderful raffle items. Baker Bucks are currently redeemable at the following local locations. Check back with us frequently as the list is always growing!

Baker Bucks Participating Businesses

A Therapeutic Massage, Baker Botanicals, Baker County Chamber Store, Baker County YMCA, Baker Food Co-op, BELLAS Main St. Market, Betty's Books, Big Chiefs BBQ, Cashway Lumber, Copper Belt Tasting Room, Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, D & B Supply, D&J Tacos, Davis Computers, Elkhorn Embroidery, Haines Gold Rush Gifts, Haines Steakhouse, Hearts and Petals Flower Shoppe, Heavens Best Carpet Cleaning, Lube Depot, McElroy Printing, Oregon Trail Restaurant, Peterson's Gallery & Chocolatier, Succulent Hub, Sears, The Little Bagel Shop, The Sycamore Tree, and Cody's General Store.



Never too Early!

In just six short months Miners' Jubilee will be here again. It's never too early to start planning. Are you interested in being a vendor? Volunteering? Are you in charge of planning the family or class reunion?

Get a head start on your summer. Come down to the Chamber for a complete list of all the vacation rentals in Baker County. Make sure you can find all the relatives a place to lay their head. Not sure where to hold that class BBQ? The Chamber has a list of the venues in Baker.

Whatever your plans for Miners' Jubilee, come see us and we will help you make sure it's one of the easiest things ever! Follow us on Facebook for all your latest Jubilee news.

A warm welcome to our new Chamber Members

We have had several new members in December. Visit our website to view their details and follow us on Facebook for all the latest news!

Windwave Communications-Headquartered at the foothills of the Blue Mountains, in Heppner, Oregon, Windwave is a community driven, locally-owned fiber-optic communications company.

Ryder's Brothers Stationary-Locally owned for over a hundred years, Ryder Brothers Stationary is still the place for office equipment, and supplies. They also have a wonderful selection of toys, games and art supplies as well.

Baker City Auto Ranch-With a strong and committed sales staff with many years of experience satisfying customers' needs, Baker City Auto Ranch has settled in Baker County.

Bridge Street Inn- This locally owned hotel is conveniently located just steps from all the amazing events and business in Baker City Downtown!



Last Chance to Donate

Eager to donate items for the 2017 Chamber Banquet auctions but not sure what? Stumped on how to help? We hope you will join us in promoting your business by making a donation to the silent or live auction. Gift certificates and merchandise from our local shops and business are a great way to shop local and everyone loves to get them! Along with supporting the Chamber's many vital services, donating to our auction is a great way to promote your local business.

Our wonderful members and partners are the reason we are able to provide support, education and service to Baker County. We look forward to another successful banquet celebrating Baker County's accomplishments.

If you need your donations picked up, please call us at 541-523-5855.