

Small Business Saturday

Shop Small is a day dedicated to celebrating small businesses and recognizing everything they do for their communities. Founded by American Express in 2010, this day is celebrated each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Small businesses are vitally important to local economies. They present new employment opportunities by attracting talented people who invent new products or create innovative solutions to old problems. Small businesses bring growth and initiative to a community by contributing and stimulating the local economy.

Small businesses don't always stay small. Large companies such as Nike, Microsoft and Apple started as small businesses that grew to world corporations. Small businesses that grow into worldwide competitors often remain headquartered in the community they started in, providing further employment and economic opportunities.

This year we will be partnering with the Economic Development Council to promote our amazing hometown small businesses. We will be marketing and planning this event for the entire month of November. We will be visiting with business owners to gather information on their products and services, as well as provide them with a chance to let us know how we can better serve them.



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Membership

Summer Event Wrap Up

It's the end of September, which means summer has ended and the kids are back in school (if you are a parent of school-aged kids – this may be music to your ears).

The Baker County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau had another amazing summer which included multiple events created to support our local businesses, our economy, and community-at-large.

In June we helped the Baker City Cycling Classic by following behind the Men's Pro division with a car full of spare tires. What an exciting adventure that was! We can't wait to see what they have in store for us next year!

In July we helped staff and supply the information booth for the awesome Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally. It's always a great time talking with folks from all walks of life about something they love so much. We thank Steve and Kurt for the amazing rally and look forward to working with High Desert Harley Davidson to keep the motors runnin'!

Mid-July was our signature event – Miners' Jubilee! We can't speak highly enough about the community support we received. If you happened to walk through the park we're sure you noticed it was once again packed with vendors. Hooray! Of course, Jubilee wouldn't be the same without the Baker City Broncs & Bulls. We also give a big shout-out to Baker City Downtown for their wonderful participation – it takes a village to continue an event of this magnitude and keep it thriving!

Next, we were on to August and the Eastern Oregon Tribute Fest. It was our pleasure to help and support Side B Promotions for so many months to bring about this signature event. We heard nothing but great reviews from the attendees both days we were there. We're already looking forward to next year's event!

Finally, we wrapped up our summer activities with the Cycle Oregon Classic. This was a tremendous undertaking for our office, but we're happy to report we were able to connect Cycle Oregon with over a dozen community clubs and sports teams to bring in a combined revenue of \$35,000! Once again, this event showed us it takes countless volunteers for a community event to be truly successful.

Thank you, Baker County and ALL our community partners, for making this the BEST place to live, work & play! ~Executive Director, Shelly Cutler

Sustaining Members



Saint Alphonsus



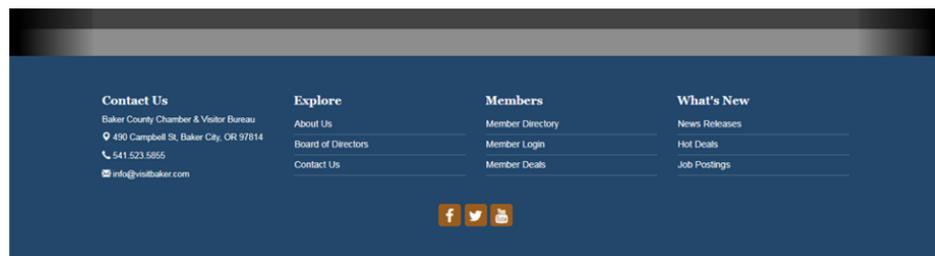
The Baker County Chamber of Commerce continues to promote the economic environment of Baker County through support of our members and businesses.

We welcome you to join and take advantage of the many benefits of being a Baker County Chamber member.

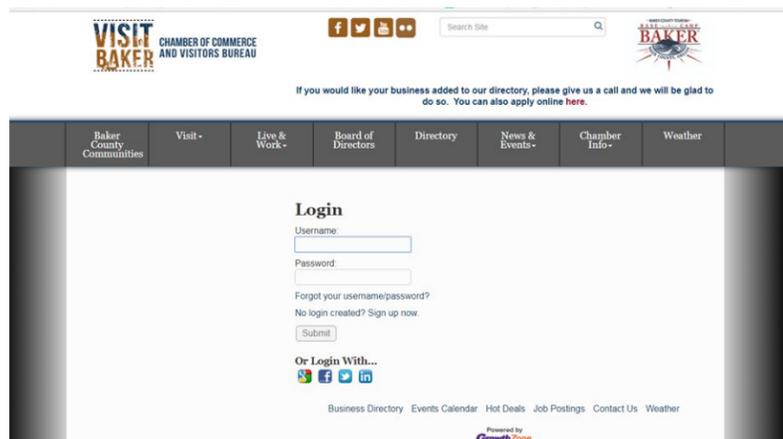
Your online Chamber profile

As a member of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce you have complete control over your business information on our website. Did you know you can change, update, delete and add information, logos, pictures and more? Not sure how to log in? Just follow these easy instructions.

1. Go to www.visitbaker.com
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page, in the blue area click Member Log In.



3. Once the log in screen has appeared, enter your username and password
4. If you have forgotten your username or password, click the forgot username link.
5. If you don't have a log in, create one now.



6. You are ready to edit your information.

Fun Fall Events

As the temperature drops, we all start missing the warm weather and summer fun. Baker County is packed with a stream of never-ending events all summer long. From the Memorial Day Sumpter Flea Market to the return of Cycle Oregon, a steady stream of visitors and locals celebrated, shopped, fished and raced their way across this county. As we roll into fall, it's time to break out the parka's and get ready for winter fun. We never let the weather stop us from having a good time! October is all about Halloween and from the opening weekend of the Huntington Haunted Forest to the Sumpter Valley Railroad Halloween Express, you will find something spooky almost every weekend.

Sumpter Valley Railroad Special Events

Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, the Photographer's Weekend is an annual post-season event for photographers and fans of history alike. It's a full day of fun with trains operating over the entire line both Saturday and Sunday. Beautiful fall colors, two vintage steam locomotives and a fleet of historic freight and passenger equipment performing numerous photo stops throughout the day. Breakfast and lunch included, reservations required.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28 the Sumpter Valley Railroad will be offering our first ever Halloween Express. On both days a round trip train will depart from the McEwen Depot at 4:00 PM. Passengers will be greeted with lots of decorations and a haunted train with treat bags for everyone. After arriving in Sumpter be sure to check out the Haunted Gold Dredge and listen to ghost stories of the past. Rumor has it that Joe Bush, the dredge worker from years past, will likely be making an appearance, so come join the fun.



Baker County Events

10/5

First Friday Artwalk

10/6

Taste of Baker

10/6

Ghost Hunting

10/6

Baker Artist Studio Tour

10/13-14

Fall Photographers Weekend on the Sumpter Valley Railroad

10/20

On Broadway Crossroads Annual Gala

10/20

Witch's Weekend

10/27

Wicked Ways Masquerade Ball

10/27-28

SVRR Halloween Express Haunted Train Ride

Every weekend in October

Huntington Haunted Forest

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Chamber Award Nominations

Every January, the Baker County Chamber strives to honor the people who make Baker County a wonderful place to live and work. We present awards in the following categories; Woman/Man of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Legacy Man/Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, Outstanding Non-Profit/Service Organization of the Year, and Excellence in Agriculture.

Excellence in Agriculture -Outstanding agricultural operation that has committed itself to superior stewardship of the land, excellences in business management and has worked toward the betterment of our community and the agricultural industry in Baker County.

Business of the Year-An outstanding Baker County business that has committed itself to superior service to customers and our community; exhibits excellence in business management and that gives the extra effort toward the betterment of Baker County.

Man or Woman of the Year- A man or woman who, throughout the year, made a special effort to be involved and help our community achieve some of the goals it set out to accomplish. This award is intended to recognize individuals for their social and/or civic volunteer contributions to the Baker County Community. It is not intended as recognition for accomplishments associated with activities related to a person's occupation or other paid full time position. Nominations not meeting these criteria will not be considered.

Legacy Man or Woman of the Year- A man or woman who, over his/her lifetime, has made special efforts to be involved and help make Baker County a place where we can be proud to live. This award is intended to recognize individuals for their social and/or civic volunteer contributions to the Baker County community. It is not intended as recognition for accomplishments associated with activities related to a person's occupation or other paid full time position. Nominations not meeting these criteria will not be considered.

Service Organization or Community Project/Event of the Year-An outstanding Non-profit Business, Service Organization and/or Community Project/Event that has committed itself to superior service to customers and our community; exhibits excellence in business management and community pride, that gives the extra effort toward the betterment of Baker County.

Entrepreneur of the Year-A entrepreneurs are as much about their story as they are about their balance sheet. Their stories will be rich in anecdotes of seized opportunity and overcoming challenging obstacles. Most of all, this entrepreneur will be a beacon of inspiration to people regardless of industry. They will have opened/founded a new business between January 1st, 2015 and December 1st, 2018

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office or our website. So, drop by, call us, or download directly. Let's make sure those deserving community and business leaders get nominated!!



Grocery Outlet Grand Opening

The much-anticipated Grand Opening is planned for October 11th. Baker County Economic Development, Small Business Development, The Baker County Chamber of Commerce and various city officials will be in attendance. The ceremony will start at 8:45 a.m. and the doors will open at 9:15 a.m. Cody Miller, an Oregon native is the proud owner/operator. As a former Baker City resident, Cody is dedicated to giving back to Baker City. To this end all proceeds from the first hour on October 11th will go directly to the Baker School District. Come join us.



What Can We Do For You?

The Baker County Chamber of Commerce partners with local businesses and community organizations throughout Baker County. We strive to help support and grow the economic development of our communities. We can offer a variety of resources to help you reach your goals. As dedicated partners to local business we strive to refer local residents and visiting tourists to your business. The Chamber can track those referrals to provide statistics you can use to produce your budget and sales projects. It is our goal to keep you informed and advocate for you on local government issues. We promote our local businesses with the Baker Bucks Program to not only keep local money local but to encourage local patronage to grow business.

The Baker County Chamber supports entrepreneurs by helping them find and utilize resources to get their business ideas off the ground to help grow our economy. We provide relocation information and help to those who are wanting to relocate to our beautiful area; Which encourages residential and business growth. We also compile and manage a community calendar for educational and recreation events that makes it easy for locals and visitors to find all of our great events easily.

Every year The Chamber of Commerce Annual Award Banquet honors the business leaders in our community that keep our economy thriving. We also honor our volunteers and our local safety agencies as well.

If you would like more information, please call us, stop in or visit our website. We would love to be of service.

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Meet Your Board & Ambassadors

Jeff Nelson has continued to support the Baker County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau after his tenure as President of the Board. Jeff is a strong advocate for the business community in Baker County. Jeff is a long time Baker County resident, he has lived in the area since 1989. For many years Jeff was a small business owner. This experience along with his education and knowledge of the unique challenges of starting and maintaining business in a small town make him a great asset to the Small Business Development Center. In this role Jeff advises clients on social media and marketing, business planning and startups as well as expansion.



Jeff and his wife, Carmen spend their free time with their children and grandchildren.

New Chamber Members

Broderick Gallery-1829 Main Street

The Broderick Gallery is geared toward an interdisciplinary interpretation of art and committed to a culturally inclusive viewpoint. Exhibitions focus on international, national and regional art developments chiefly in the 20th century; seek to present the cultural and historical context of art, and to acknowledge the artistic contributions of under-recognized sectors of the population.

Eldorado Inn-695 Campbell Street

At Spanish Style Eldorado Inn, we commit ourselves to leaving an enduring impression with each visitor by providing them a Great Stay. We are conveniently located near the attractions in the Baker city and all adventures Eastern Oregon offers. Guests love our location, indoor heated pool, Free WIFI and comfortable beds. Our Staff is trained on giving a definitive HOSPITALITY experience inside a moderate world-class resort way of life that reflects the pride and skill of our Eldorado hotel group.

Oregon Trail Landscaping & Tony's Tree Service-600 Elm Street

Professional services include, tree pruning & removal, insect & disease control, weed control, stump grinding, sprinkler installation & repair and landscaping. Provide trees, shrubs & perennials.

Eat Local, Shop Local, You set the trend.

Baker Bucks-Shop Local

Do you know about Baker Bucks? Baker Bucks is a great program to promote and support our local businesses. They can be purchased at the Chamber. Many local businesses include them in raffle baskets and as employee gifts and prizes.

Baker Bucks are the same as cash! The Chamber will reimburse you the full amount of a Baker Buck. They come in denominations of \$10, \$20, \$25 and \$50. Currently they can be redeemed at over 25 Baker County businesses. Signing up to accept Baker Bucks is a snap. Simply call the Chamber and let us know you want to participate. That's it. When you receive Baker Bucks, just let call us or drop in and we will reimburse you for the full-face value. Nothing could be easier. So, sign up and help support our local businesses!

Baker Bucks Participating Businesses

A Therapeutic Massage, Ace Hardware, Baker Botanicals, Baker County Chamber Store, Baker County YMCA, Baker Food Co-op, BELLA Main Street Market, Betty's Books, Big Chiefs BBQ, Cashway Lumber, Cody's General Store, 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, and The Sycamore Tree.

Local Resources For Small Business

The Small Business Development Center in Baker City provides confidential, one-on-one counseling services and training programs. Director Jeff Nelson specializes in helping businesses improve operations and profitability as well as counseling prospective business owners. If you have a business problem or question, they are there to help. They regularly hold workshops on starting, growing and maintaining your business as well as every aspect of marketing and networking. For more information visit www.bizcenter.org or call 888-441-7232

The Baker County Economic Development was created to help local entrepreneurs to start, retain, or expand their business. Director Greg Smith and his assistant Julee Hicks are available for one on one business consultation and seminars, advice on government contracting and website development and improvement as well as economic and financial assistance. All services are free and confidential.

HatchLab Baker is a center for entrepreneurship, a place that provides programs, resources, tools, and expertise for entrepreneurs starting or running a business (even people who might just be thinking about it). It is designed to serve Baker County business owners. It is a place to meet, work and plan. Whether you need space for a day or a year, they can help. Hatch is located on Main Street in downtown Baker City.