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COMMUNITY

Saturday Mornings Belong to the Baker Farmers Market

BY STACY WINDLE



Fresh produce and baked goods at a recent Baker Farmers Market

Every Saturday, neighbors gather for the Baker Farmers Market — picking up local produce, meats, and handcrafted goods from vendors right here in town.

DID YOU KNOW

Baker wasn't always called "Baker." Before 1907, the community was known as Cobb — it was renamed in honor of Reverend R.G. Baker.

"My family and I come almost every week, and there always seem to be more vendors with great local produce, meats, and handcrafted goods. It's close to home, and I like knowing exactly where my food comes from instead of guessing at the grocery store. I'm especially partial to the livestock and eggs from Triple Strand Ranch — Jack and Linda Glenny raise them organically, with a lot of care." *— a weekly market visitor*

If you haven't made it out on a Saturday yet, the market runs rain or shine at 6260 Highway 189 N, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. — a low-key way to spend a morning and bring something good home for dinner. Follow the market on Facebook at facebook.com/bakerfarmersmarket for weekly updates.

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LOCAL GROWTH

104-Home Subdivision Gets Green Light in Baker

BY THE HUB STAFF

Okaloosa County Commissioners voted unanimously Aug. 4 to approve Millwood Ranch, a 104-lot subdivision planned for about 39 acres off Garrett Mill Road. The approval followed a three-month review, and came only after developer CJL Construction agreed to fund road improvements — widening and added safety features — to address concerns about the rural road's capacity.

Baker resident Brian Hornberg raised concerns about water pressure, fire protection, and traffic safety, though commissioners said the extra road work eased those worries. Construction hasn't started — the first phase still needs its own development order — but it signals more growth headed toward Baker.

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BRIEFLY

Now open: Family Fiesta
A new authentic Mexican restaurant has opened in Baker — we'll have the full Business Highlight next month.

ADVERTISE IN THE HUB

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturdays, 8am–2pm Baker Farmers Market, 6260 Highway 189 N

Sundays, 10:15am Worship service at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 5595 FL-4

Fri–Sun, Oct 16–18 Florida Panhandlers dog show (agility, conformation, rally), Baker Arena

1st Wednesdays, 10:30am Baker Area Garden Club meeting, Baker Block Museum

1st Mondays, 6pm Baker Lions Club meeting, Family Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 5409 Hilton Rd N — info: LionsClubBaker@gmail.com or 850-714-1135

Sat, Nov 21, 9am20th Annual Heritage Day at Baker Block Museum — save the date!

Sat–Sun, Oct 10–11, 9am–4pm Munson Heritage Festival, Krul Lake Rd/Hwy 4, Munson

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Baker Food Pantry Backpack Buddies of Baker — free weekend food bags for Baker School students. Sign up for the new school year: (850) 685-4918 or Bakerbackpackbuddies@gmail.com

Crisis & Assistance Line2-1-1 Northwest Florida, available 24/7 — dial 211 or visit 211nwfl.communityos.org

Utility & Rent Assistance Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 5595 FL-4 — (850) 537-9221, call for appointment (Baker, Holt & Milligan residents)

Veteran Services Okaloosa County Veteran Services, North County office (Tuesdays), Crestview: (850) 689-5922

Senior Services Elder Services of Okaloosa County — Meals on Wheels, in-home care, adult day care: (850) 833-9165

BAKER GATORS FOOTBALL — 2026 VARSITY SCHEDULE

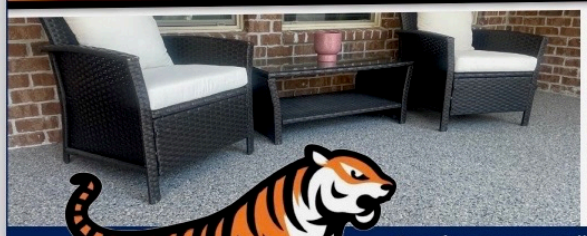
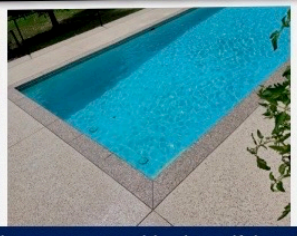
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Fri, Oct 23	Northview Chiefs	Northview	7:00 PM
Fri, Oct 30	Jay Royals	Jay	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 13	FHSAA 1A Regional Quarterfinals	TBA	7:30 PM
Fri, Nov 20	FHSAA 1A Regional Semifinals	TBA	7:30 PM
Fri, Nov 27	FHSAA 1A Regional Finals	TBA	7:30 PM
Fri, Dec 4	FHSAA 1A State Semifinals	TBA	7:30 PM
TBA	FHSAA 1A State Championship	TBA	TBA

MONTHLY INSPIRATION

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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

A Baker Original: 25 Years of the Gator Cafe

THE HUB BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Right next door to Baker School sits a diner that's been feeding the community for a quarter century. The Gator Cafe opened its doors in 2000, and the name wasn't an accident — it's a nod to Baker School's own mascot, the Gators. Two decades of students, teachers, and neighbors have grown up walking past this Highway 4 landmark, many of them stopping in for what regulars call the best milkshake and hamburger around.



The Gator Cafe, 5747 Highway 4, Baker, FL



The Blue Plate Special

The cafe has kept its retro, homestyle charm through the years — the kind of place where the menu runs to fresh seafood, steaks, burgers, and comfort-food combo platters, and where the cooking still feels like it comes from someone's kitchen rather than a chain. Family- and locally-owned from day one, it's stayed a fixture because it never tried to be anything but what it is — a good place to sit a while and catch up with your neighbors.

Twenty-five years in, the Gator Cafe is proof that in a small town, the businesses that last are the ones that feel like the community itself.

See our full local business directory: thehubbaker.com/directory

YOUTH CORNER

A RECURRING COLUMN

Pokémon Card Tournament — Coming to Baker! Want to test your deck against other local trainers? A Pokémon card tournament open to all ages is in the works right here in Baker. Email TheHubofBaker@gmail.com to learn more or sign up.

Know a young person doing something worth bragging about — a big game, a good grade, a new club? Tell us and we'll give them their moment on this page.

COMMUNITY

Baker Welcomes Its Newest Lions Club

BY STACY WINDLE & THE HUB STAFF



Founding members of the Baker Lions Club with their certificates — *Photo: Lauren Suell Photography*

Baker residents and dignitaries filled the Blackman Community Center on September 14th for the charter presentation of the Baker Lions Club — a brand-new chapter of Lions Clubs International. The original Baker Lions Club was first chartered back in 1953; more than seven decades later, neighbors have come together to build a new one, sponsored by the Crestview Lions Club.

Florida House Representative Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Commissioner Sherri Cox, and Lions district leaders from across the region turned out for the evening's program — an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a Lions Toast, followed by the formal presentation of the charter and gavel to President Curtis Raney. New members were inducted and exchanged the traditional navy-and-gold lei, symbolizing welcome and unity, before settling into a potluck dinner under festive, carefully-chosen decorations.

"When I learned of the wonderful work Lions do for their local communities, I knew I had to get involved... I look forward to working with my neighbors to make our corner of the world the best it can be." — Curtis Raney, Founding President

The night closed with photo ops, gifts for the new club, and talk of projects already taking shape. Officers Curtis Raney (president), Stephanie Raney (secretary), and Ben George (treasurer) lead a club whose promise is simple: listen with compassion, serve with purpose, stand ready when Baker needs it. To learn more or get involved, visit facebook.com/bakerlionsclub.

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