

## New Arrivals At The Baker County Library

- 2400 Resort St.
- FICTION**
  - “Fullmetal Alchemist series,” Hiromu Arakawa
  - “Ice Lake,” John Farrow
  - “The Farm,” Joanne Ramos
  - “We Hope For Better Things,” Erin Bartells
  - “ForThe Immortal,” Emily Hauser

- NONFICTION**
  - “Where We Go From Here,” Bernie Sanders
  - “Surviving Genocide,” Jeffrey Ostler
  - “Call Sign Chaos,” Jim Mattis
  - “Happiness is Baking,” Maida Heatter
  - “Elizabeth Warren,” Antonia Felix

- DVDS**
  - “Aspergers Are us” (Documentary)
  - “The Last Black Man in San Francisco (Drama)
  - “Mark Felt” (Drama)
  - “The professor and the Madman” (Drama)
  - “Unacknowledged” [UFOs] (Documentary)

- HOURS**
  - Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
  - Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
  - Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
  - Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

## Women’s event set for September 21

Stonecroft will hold a one-day women’s empowerment and training event titled “Compel” on Sept. 21. The program, aimed at training Christian women to reach others with the Gospel, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Community Connection, 2810 Cedar St. The cost of lunch will be \$10. To RSVP, contact Jerri Wickert at jerrijohn2@gmail.com or call 541-519-4708.



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Cabins are built in various widths from a small studio-style to 12-foot models that feature all the amenities of home.

## LODGE

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The cabins can be rented for up to 30 days for staycations, family reunions, ski weekends, small weddings, and other events. They range in size and capacity. “They are private enough that you don’t have to know the people next to you but at the same time they are small enough that you are close enough to your family for family reunions,” said Harmony Daniels, 19.

Three of the cabins are pet-friendly. Lori said the other cabin is pet-free, “so it does not affect anyone’s allergies.” According to park’s website, up to two dog, each maximum 30 pounds, are allowed, and larger dogs are considered on an individual basis.

The Danielses have discussed the possibility of expanding the lodge by adding cabins, for which there is room.

“It just depends on how successful this is and what the need is,” said Rich, 59.

Lori said the couple attended the Sumpter Flea Market last weekend and saw what they believe was the “fourth cabin that Rich ever built.”

“That’s where we got our start, was Sumpter at the flea market,” Lori said.

The Antone Creek Lodge has been in the works for many years.

The Danielses started Rich’s Portable Cabins in 1999.



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This view is from the loft in Cabin 3.

According to a written history the couple compiled, Rich began as a self-employed timber cruiser.

“As he could see the inevitable ‘writing on the wall’ as far as job security, he decided to venture into a career that was more ‘sustainable,’” according to the written history.

Rich bought 75 acres of timber ground and a portable sawmill to continue his work in the industry “with a brighter destiny on the horizon,” according to the history.

Later he had a chance conversation at a building supply store when he heard a customer ask the clerk about storage sheds.

None was available, and Rich approached the customer and told her he could build a shed for her.

Thus began his construction business.

Two of his sheds became a bunkhouse and a bath house for a couple building their home.

The couple told Rich and

Lori that if their shed had been bigger they could have lived in it.

Rich’s Sheds then branched out into the manufacture of several play houses.

The “Women in Timber” organization bought one to raffle in a fundraiser and placed it in a parade in La Grande. Union County Tourism later asked Daniels to build a mobile tourist information booth. That booth took shape as a miniature cabin on wheels.

Rich Daniels had expanded on the idea of building a larger version of the cabin on wheels. In doing so, he discovered with some research that he had built what is considered a park model RV.

The RV park is part of the Danielses’ plan to transition from the manufacturing part of their business to the rental side.

More information is available at [www.antone-creeklodge.com](http://www.antone-creeklodge.com), or by calling 541-856-3232.

# Baker man accused of sexual assault of a child

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A grand jury indicted a Baker City man Thursday on charges of sexually assaulting a child younger than 12.

Allen James Bacon, 36, of 1917 Clifford St., was scheduled to be arraigned today in Baker County Circuit Court on charges of first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy, District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff said this morning.

Bacon is accused of sexually assaulting a girl who was younger than 12 during the summer of 2012 in Baker City, Shirtcliff said. Bacon knew the child, Shirtcliff said.

The crimes, both Class A felonies, carry a mandatory minimum 25-year prison sentence upon conviction under Oregon’s Jessica’s Law, he said.

The law applies to defendants convicted of committing any first-degree sex crime against a child who was younger than 12 at the time. The law was enacted in Oregon in 2006.

Under Oregon’s other mandatory minimum prison sentencing requirements, those convicted of first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy of older victims would face mandatory terms of eight years and four months.

Jessica’s Law, first established in Florida, was named in memory of 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford, who was abducted from her Florida home, sexually assaulted and murdered in 2005.

## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Learn about historic North Powder Ice Plant Sept. 15 at E. Oregon Museum

HAINES — Jim Peters of Colorado will talk about the Pacific Fruit Express Company’s ice house, which operated in North Powder from 1910 to 1937, during a free event Sunday, Sept. 15, at 4 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Museum, 610 Third St. in Haines.

### Baker City, Baker County planning commissions set work sessions

The Baker County Planning Commission has scheduled a work session for Sept. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Planners will discuss potential revisions to the county’s zoning ordinance.

The Baker City Planning Commission will have a work session Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St. Commissioners will discuss possible updates to the city’s development code and to the economic section of the city’s comprehensive land-use plan.

More information about either meeting is available by calling the city/county planning department at 541-523-8219 or by emailing Eva Henes at [ehenes@bakercounty.org](mailto:ehenes@bakercounty.org).

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# Idaho man charged with animal neglect for leaving horses, dogs

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An Idaho cowboy who Sheriff’s deputies say left his horses and dogs without proper care during the Panhandle Rodeo at Halfway over the Labor Day weekend

event has been charged with five counts of second-degree animal neglect.

Kody Austin Johns, 25, of Mountain Home, Idaho, was cited at 9:45 p.m. Sunday, Sheriff Travis Ash stated in a press release.

The investigation began about 2:20 p.m. Sept. 1 when deputy Jeff Spencer was called to the Halfway Fairgrounds on a report of two horses and three dogs left unattended for several hours in near-90-degree tempera-

tures.

Spencer found two horses tethered to a fifth-wheel trailer. Two dogs were inside the trailer, and a third dog escaped, the press release stated.

Witnesses told the deputy

that the animals were left in the hot sun with out food, shelter and water, the minimum requirements of care, Ash said.

Johns was identified as the suspect, but he had left the

Fairgrounds that afternoon, Ash said. The sheriff and deputy Eric Colton made contact with Johns that evening at the rodeo grounds and cited Johns on the Class B misdemeanor charges.

## HEART TO HEART

### Groups working hard to make Baker County a better place

I moved to Baker County three years ago from John Day. I made the move to work as the substance abuse prevention coordinator for New Directions Northwest.

There are many of similarities between Baker County and Grant County. Being born and raised in Eastern Oregon, I appreciate and understand many of the same hopes and concerns shared rural in communities. On a larger scale, communities around the country are confronted with the same challenges surrounding mental health and addiction. Within the first few days of work in Baker, I attended a Baker County Safe Communities Coalition meeting. The Coalition’s work was being led by a federal grant specifically addressing underage drinking in Baker County. In joining the coalition and in my role as prevention coordinator I am able to address tobacco use, vaping, and substance abuse, which includes alcohol. Alcohol may be the world’s most acceptable drug.

Prevention work is hard, and the numbers rarely reflect our hard work. The Baker County Safe Communities Coalition is a group of dedicated people, who represent different agencies and parts of our community. Coalition members are committed to making Baker County a safe and positive place to live,



Hueckman

work, play and raise a family. We offer drug- and alcohol-free events for youth, families, persons in recovery and anyone who happens to be in Baker County.

For me personally, this work has been extremely rewarding. I attend meetings and work sessions with dedicated professionals working to make our county a healthy, safe and thriving place. The Baker County Safe Communities Coalition and its stakeholders develop and promote lasting strategies that help youth make healthy choices. These people are busy raising families, running small businesses and volunteering off the clock with the goal of improving the health and well-being of all our citizens.

Yes, it’s not all skittles and rainbows. We have work to do, but with support from our community we can make a difference. My job is to educate young people about the dangerous effects of drugs and alcohol and to educate the community on the risk and harm of underage substance use. I urge you to take the time to watch our recently released documentary, “The Shift.” We have a substance use problem, individuals are suffering with mental health and young people are hurting. From this honest and sometimes heartbreaking account of youth in Baker County, we also see that there are people who care and are passionate about the future of our young people. Local business owners, law enforcement, professionals and parents, we all can work

together to improve the lives of our kids. They are the future. As Sheriff Travis Ash said during the discussion panel after the documentary showing in June, “We all have stuff.” I echo that sentiment. When we come together, we can make amazing change. You never know what is happening in someone’s life, have empathy and ask how you can help.

I love it here. I love living in Baker County. There are few places I rather be than in the Elkhorn mountains (well maybe the Strawberry Mountains). I love working alongside people who care. Let’s continue our work to make Baker County a safe, healthy and beautiful place to live.

If you want learn more about how you can be a part of the Baker County Safe Communities Coalition please contact me at [hhueckman@ndninc.org](mailto:hhueckman@ndninc.org), or follow our Facebook page, Baker County Safe Communities Coalition.

Here is a list of the sub-committees that our coalition is currently leading:

- Drug Take Back Program
- Movies in the Park
- Suicide Prevention
- Equity
- Teens For Change
- Sustainability
- Rewards & Reminders

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*New Directions Northwest Baker City*

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