

## Haines News

### Local Farmers Sell Kosher Wheat

Kate Rohner made a very interesting presentation to the ladies of the Mutual Improvement Club last Wednesday about their experience selling Kosher wheat to a Hasidic Jewish Bakery in Brooklyn, New York. She said the owner made contact first with Kate and John Rohner's son, J.T. The Jewish men were interested in a high protein wheat and are known for making some of the finest matzah bread. (Matzo, matza or matzah is an unleavened bread traditionally eaten by Jews during the Passover festival.)

Rohner detailed the interesting experience and shared some of the research she had done on Hasidic Judaism. The harvest process was quite extensive and included the grain being blessed. Hasidic women have significantly different roles than American women and marriages are arranged with some knowing their future spouses only for a matter of days. Women do not work outside the home and Kate's summer farm outfit of jeans and a cap sleeved summer blouse, was shocking to the men. The rabbi named David and another man would not look at or speak to Kate and she said the rabbi rode in the combine with her son. The grain was stored in sealed, secured totes and shipped by train. A cleaned, inspected and secured building was used to store the remaining grain which would not fit on the load.

Rohner said one of their hired men made the comment, "Here we are standing in a field in Baker County, having this amazing experience." She stated plans for Rohner Farms to provide more Kosher grain for the Hasidic mill and bakery are in the works.

The meeting was held at the home of Lori Thompson.

### 100th Founders Day Celebration Feb. 10

The Rock Creek Muddy Creek Mutual Improvement Club is busy preparing for their Century Founders Day Celebration on Feb. 10. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the Methodist Church with a potluck beginning at noon with an Open House to follow. The drawing for the beautiful quilt will be made at that time. Those purchasing a ticket will also be entered for a chance to win a handcrafted scarf by Tina Edwards and a beautiful piece of artwork by Evelyn Fisher.

### Photo on Front Page

The beautiful, vintage photo on the front page of this week's paper is one shared by Gerald Loennig of his mother Marjorie Halderson Loennig with her son, Derry, taken in 1952 while feeding cattle with a horse and wagon. Marjorie, who was born in 1926, passed away in 2007.

### 93 Birthday Candles

A birthday cake was shared after church on Sunday at the Haines Methodist Church in honor of Marjorie Peck's 93rd birthday. Marjorie was born and raised just outside of Haines. We are so glad she is feeling better and was in attendance of the Mutual Improvement Club meeting, as well.

### Chili Feed Feb. 5

The annual Haines Elementary Chili Feed fundraiser will be held on Feb. 5. Dinner will be from 4:30-7 p.m.

### Haines Well Represented at Chamber Banquet

Lorrie Harvey is a member of the Chamber Board of Directors and was present with her husband, Bill at Saturday night's banquet. The Haines Sellrite sponsored a beautifully decorated table as did the Record-Courier which sponsored the head table.

### Haines Dump Open First and Third Saturdays

Haines residents are reminded the dump is only open the first and third Saturday of the month for January and February.

The City of Haines submitted its grant request for the City's Water Compliance project on Tuesday. Currently the aging Haines water system is out of compliance with the Oregon Health Drinking Water Agency due to the lack of consistent pressure, working isolation valves, leaking distribution system, leaking meters, etc. If there is a water line break sometimes it is necessary to drain the water tower and the entire system in order to make the repair because several of the isolation valves are not functioning. This not only leaves the town without water it also can make the system vulnerable to contamination. There is not enough water volume or storage if a major fire were to occur. At present time there is only enough water to suppress a fire for about 20 minutes, so it would be necessary to truck water from nearby towns to fight the fire. Costs associated with the mandatory improvements are extraordinary and necessitates submitting the grant application.

## Crossroads Carnegie Art Center Seeking Proposals for 2017 Featured Artist Exhibition Program

Crossroads is seeking the highest quality art by emerging, mid-career, and established artists from the local, Eastern Oregon region and larger Pacific Northwest region.

"We strive to show a broad and diverse range of visual art styles and mediums, representing artist in large and small group shows and solo shows," says Cynthia Newnam.

Submissions must be delivered or postmarked by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 29, 2016. Artists will

be notified of selection decisions March 31, 2016.

For detailed information on application procedures, see their website [www.crossroads-arts.org](http://www.crossroads-arts.org) and click on Forms, or call 541-523-5369.

Mail requests for proposals to Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. Email requests to: Cynthia Newman at [cynthia@crossroads-arts.org](mailto:cynthia@crossroads-arts.org)

## Union Author Releases Second Edition of Captivating Historical Fiction

Author Anne Marie Fritz spins an epic American tale in her novel, "Mary Jane — Second Edition." This engrossing book is set for nationwide release this week.

In this second edition of "Mary Jane," the author will once again bring her readers back to the violent years of the American Civil War, when Mary Jane Nilsson and her family immigrate to the wild, new state of Minnesota. From the dangerous crossing of the North Atlantic to a terrifying and brutal Native American attack, follow the family as they outrun danger, the draft, and even death.

Mary Jane's strength will make you laugh. It will also make you cry. With the Civil War raging in the east, and the Sioux Indian Wars to the west, it is only a matter of time before these two worlds collide, and young Mary Jane will be directly in the path.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises,

the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at [www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore](http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore), or by visiting [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Fritz earned a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree in education in 2001 from Eastern Oregon University. Since then, she has been teaching social studies, history and science at the middle school level. She is a recipient of Science Teacher of the Year and nominated for Outstanding Teacher of the Year. In the summer of 2014, Fritz will begin touring Europe with her former students on educational and historical sight-seeing adventures. After eight years of research, including first hand "Mary Jane" is her paternal great-grandmother, "Annarys" is her first published work. Fritz lives happily in rural Eastern Oregon with her husband and two daughters.

## Library Friends Book Sale Starts Friday

Get a head start on your reading for the New Year. Come to the Friends of the Library Book Sale, held at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort Street. The sale offers nearly new, used, and special collectible books and audiovisual materials. All proceeds benefit our County Library, as well as its six branches.

The Book Sale opens Friday morning, Jan. 22 and continues for two full weekends, plus the

week in between; new books will be put out daily.

The sale will be during regular library hours as follows:

Friday Jan. 22, 9-6 p.m.; Saturday Jan. 23, 10-4 p.m.; Sunday Jan. 24, Noon-4 p.m.; Monday through Thursday Jan. 25-29, 9-7 p.m.; Friday Jan. 29, 9-6 p.m.; Saturday Jan. 30, 10-4 p.m.; Sunday Jan. 30, 12-4 p.m.

## Grand Ronde Symphony Concert Sunday, Jan. 23

The second of four concerts in the 2015-2016 Chamber Concert Series will have performers from several compass points including Texas, Corvallis, and La Grande. We are pleased that "Wes Rampton Family and Friends" will perform a choral and concert Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at Trey and Julie Pettit's home, 705 South 18th Street, La Grande.

The performers are led by Wes Rampton who has performed in many area productions and ensembles in the Grande Ronde Valley. Joining Wes is Joseph Battrick, who has performed in many productions and ensembles in the Willamette Valley. Other family members include Jeanette Rampton Smith, Emily Rampton Pomeroy, Brent Jean, and Molly Ford Baum. Friends include Peter Wordelman and Mio Aioke.

Please consider joining us for a delightful evening of music. Refreshments will be provided following the performance, a great way to cap a wonderful evening of music. The Chamber Series Pass gets you in or, if you did not purchase a season pass last fall, you can pay \$25 per person at the door.

Because of minimal parking space, mud, snow, and incline, attendees will be shuttled to the Pettit home. Please park your cars at the east parking lot of the LDS Church on Gekeler Avenue to catch a private shuttle ride. Look for a driver holding a "Shuttle" sign and hop in for the ride. The shuttle will begin running at 6:30 p.m. with the last run at 7:15 p.m. And yes, the shuttle will carry all attendees back to their cars following the concert!

For further information please contact Patty Sandoz at 541-963-7595 or at [psandoz@eou.edu](mailto:psandoz@eou.edu).



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## Do you Like to Sing? Community Choir Would Love to Have You

Community Choir will begin their practices for the upcoming Spring Concert and extend a warm invitation to anyone who enjoys singing to join them. The first practice will be held on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Baker City in the Fellowship Hall. There is a fee of \$15 per person. If you have questions or would like more information, please call 541-523-2347.

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## TO ALL VETERANS

The Baker County Veteran Services Office provides access to a wide range of benefits and services to veterans and their families.

**Health Care, Pension, Compensation and Burial Benefits and much more**

**Rick Gloria, Veterans Services Coordinator**  
1995 3rd Street • 541-523-8223

Join us for Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m. to mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

Please join us for fellowship & worship Sunday mornings at 10:45.

**Haines United Methodist Church**  
721 Robert Street, Haines, Oregon  
Sally Wiens, Lay Minister • 541.963.6991 (home phone)

## Enjoy a Great Meal at the Frontier

Restaurant open 7 days a week from 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. Located on Front Street in Haines!

## Frontier Restaurant

920 Front Street, Haines  
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Photo submitted by Kate Rohner

Hasidic Jewish Rabbi named David in center at Rohner Farms. Samuel, the owner, is on the right.



Photo by Gina Perkins

Sheila Holman and Mary Boyer listen intently to Kate Rohner (far right in red) speak about her family's experience selling their Kosher wheat to a Hasidic Mill and Bakery in New York.

### J.O. Maxwell Shares Story

I had a special visitor in the office on Tuesday. J.O. Maxwell stopped in and said he had a story to tell me.

"On January 23, 1930 my dad (Glen) put my mom (Melva) on a bobsled and took her to my granddad's (Fred Spence) house on the Welch Ranch. It was snowing and blowing. He got word to Doc Hauser (whose office was where Viola Perkins lives on Third Street) who got on his horse and rode all the way out in the snowstorm and arrived in the early morning. Doc Hauser said to put on a coffee pot, I'm going to be here awhile."

"At 4 p.m. on January 24, 1930, I made my entrance into the world, kicking and squalling," said J.O.

He also said that as a boy he broke his arm and went to see Doc Hauser who, after giving him an x-ray and metal splint, told him to return in six weeks.

"I went back and he took it off. He told me he wanted to tell me about a bull he had bought. I said, but you have a room full of people. Doc Hauser said, it's okay—they'll wait. He finished telling me his story and then told his wife who was his secretary and nurse not to charge me anything. He's like one of my kids."

"Can you imagine that happening now with a doctor?" said J.O. who also shared that Doc Hauser used to keep a horse there (where Viola parks her car).

