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March 11 - 17

CLOVERFIELD LANE PG-13 Woman discovers the horrifying truth about the outside world while living in an

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ZOOTOPIA PG Disney Animation. Fugitive con artist fox and a rookle bunny cop work together to uncover a conspiracy.

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**LONDON HAS FALLEN**R

In London for the Prime Minister's funeral, Mike Banning discovers a plot to assassinate all the attending world leaders. FRI & SAT (4:20) 7:20 9:40 SUNDAY (4:20) 7:20 MON-THURS 7:20

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Haines News

Unclaimed Prizes from Chili

The Chili feed which raised \$11,361.32 still has some unclaimed prizes to be picked up. This includes a \$100 advertising gift certificate donated by the Record-Courier won by Rick Michel. Others include: Pioneer Woman Cookbook - Elkhorn Lanes; Remote Control Helicopter - Melanie Trindle (your "oldest child" Ed will like this!); stocking hat - Dan Chopin; pink Catepillar hat - Amy Claire; Banner Bank hat Lisa Osbourne; OWFCU Polo Shirt - Sara Rudolph; and Lube Depot Carwash - Shannon Brady. All winners should go to the school to receive your prizes.

Read Across America/Book Fair Last week students enjoyed special Read Across America events and their annual Book Fair was held. It was successful, raising \$2,615.60 with \$1,307.80 going to Haines Elementary for teachers, Hawk Store and the school library.

Play it Forward Spring is coming! The YMCA would love to have that sports equipment your family no longer needs. The Y will accept new or gently used equipment such as footballs, soccer balls, cleats, and baseball mitts. Families may drop items off at our Play it Forward barrel just inside the school's front entrance. Donations can also be left at our local YMCA.

March Family of the Month Lunch

The March Family of the Month lunch will be Wednesday, March

March families are: Lance Marks Sawyer Blatchford Korra Randall Jacob Hick Gauge Bloomer Daniel & Jesse Maldonado Josh Polkowske Calder Daniels Nadia, Savanah & Ava Ritch

Shae & Ulrich Warner Caleb, Wesley & Kiley Kerns. PTCO Corner The PTCO would like to thank all

those who participate in the chili feed fundraiser this year. The Chili Feed raffle ticket top sellers were recognized at the monthly assem-

Pre-K: Lucas Kolilis

K- Kate Hill 1- Payton Peppers

2-Lance Kerns 3- Madison Schisler

4- Katelyn Barker 5-Isaac Daffer

6-Sophie Daffer (Top Seller in the School as well!)

In the class competition: 1st and 6th grade class sales were so close that they both received an ice cream party. Baker High School Honor Students came to celebrate the occasion and hang out with the kids at a special recess.

Teachers continue to use parent support in the classroom. Whether you can give your time or talents please take the opportunity to be a part of the school. Spring Break

March 21-25 is Spring Break this

North Powder/Haines Pinochle Club met at Marjory Peck's for lunch before cards.

High Score was Sandy Wood, second was was Marjory Peck. Low was Janet Lawyer. Pinochle prizes went to Carol Prebstol and Eleanor Blankenship.

The substitute was June Bauck. Mutual Improvement Club

The Haines Mutual Improvement Club met on Wednesday at the Methodist Church Fellowship

Council

Haines City Council gathered Tuesday for their regular meeting to work on their planning document and negotiate the sewer farm lease. Kevin Bell, the City's insurance agent also provided them an update on their insurance for their budget proceedings. A training video was watched and they discussed a volunteer policy to help manage risk management.



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Photo by Nena Rollins Perkins, 1908

Photo by Nena Rollins Perkins Sleeping Margaret Perkins

Nena's brother, Percy and friend Fred Holman comparing feet

After marrying on Nov. 18, 1908 in Rye Valley, Nena and Loring Perkins made their life together on a farm outside of Haines on Muddy Creek. Having grown up isolated, it took the young woman a long while to get used to "having people so close" with all of the neighbors. The couple had their first baby, a girl named Margaret, on Sept. 22, 1909. Margaret's Grandma Jennie adored her granddaughter and this love is captured in five beautiful postcards written to the little girl when she was two. The postcards originated in Germany and four are beautiful paintings of babies with different expressions. The fifth, dated July 26, 1911, is one of a colorful farm scene of chickens.

Jennie writes to her grand-daughter from Rye Valley, "Precious Margaret.... your mama's good letter came yesterday and what she told us about you makes us want to see you so much-and we hope to before long. Percy, Ruth and I are coming before school opens. Your grandpa's thumb is very sore yet but I think it will soon be better. Lovingly, Grandma Rollins.'

Margaret's mother took beautiful photographs of their little daughter. One taken when the toddler fell asleep with a doll in

a rocking chair, is especially precious. In the photo, the baby is wearing leather button shoes. The precocious baby lost one of her

shoes which was recovered nearly seven decades later during a remodel of the farm house when a wall was taken out. The tiny red and black shoe made it back to the family and is a treasured keepsake along with the postcards and letters written more than a century ago by the chubby toddler's grandma. Margaret was followed by a sister, Leah, born in 1914, brothers Dwight in 1916, George in 1918 and another sister, Neva in 1928.

The siblings would never know Margaret except through the photos taken by their mother.

Unspeakable tragedy struck the family when at age 5, little Margaret Perkins died, very unexpectedly. The story passed down is that the child died "after eating too many bananas," which suggests some digestive disorder or perhaps a ruptured appendix. Her Grandma Jennie's Bible states she died at 8:15 a.m. on Oct. 6, 1914 when she was 5 years and 15 days old. Her death no-doubt broke her family's heart, especially her adoring grandmother, Jennie's. The little girl is buried in the Haines cemetery near her parents and brother and her grave is faithfully decorated each Memorial Day with bright flowers and small children's toys.



Dora Bement Bennet Rollins, unknown, Mrs. Bement and

Jennie Bennett Rollins and her husband George moved from the ranch in Rye Valley to Union. She passed away on Aug. 8, 1923 at the age of 62 years, 10 months band, George, died four months later, exactly to the day, on Dec. 8, 1923 at age 63, perhaps of a broken heart.

Nena and her husband Loring ranched in Muddy Creek. She was one of the founding members of the Rock Creek-Muddy . Creek Mutual Improvement Club which celebrated

their 100th year in February 2016. When her son Dwight was married, the couple moved to Haines while the newlyweds were on their honeymoon, giving the ranch as a wedding gift. They resided in Haines on the corner of Third and Amy Street until their death. Nena and Loring's letters have been transcribed and preserved by the Eastern Oregon Museum in Haines and her camera and photographs are exhibited there. Other family portraits which graced Jennie and George's home also hang in the museum. Like her mother Jennie, Nena showered her children and grandchildren with love. Beautiful cards with heartfelt messages written to her grandchildren have been lovingly kept. Memories of her gingerbread cookies at Christmas

All this.....because of a single newspaper ad written by a young man in Rye Valley looking to start his life, and the woman with enough courage and faith to answer.

Editor's note: I've chosen to write about Jennie and Nena, not because they are members of this family, but because their stories are beautiful and depict so well the life many women of their time experienced in Baker County. I understand the love Jennie's pen poured out to her granddaughter in the postcards I recently discovered. In 1911, Jenny was 51, a year older than I. On the day I found these postcards, I had just finished writing on an Easter card to my own granddaughter, Gloria, who is almost 2. I am grateful to Viola Green Perkins, Nena, her mother Jennie, and others who have so carefully preserved this history. I will be sharing the story of two other women, Perlina Hack-

leman Smith-Estes and Eva Smith in future pieces and will share the letters and photographs between Nena and Loring. Their history is rich and living in a time when many women were known only as "Mrs. or wife of so and so," these women's own stories are especially worthy of being told. Many of the photographs taken by Nena are part of a leather bound album she made as a special gift given to her father, George in 1908. - GDP



Photo by Nena Rollins Perkins, 1908 Jennie Bennett Rollins and George Rollins



## **Everyone Deserves a Loving Home, Even our Furry Friends**

Best Friends of Baker, Inc., a nonprofit group of volunteers, rescues and finds homes for as many Baker County pets as possible. You can help by becoming a member of Best Friends. All money earned is directly used to rescue homeless pets and find them a forever

During the month of March, Zephyr's Bakery and Deli at 1917 Main Street is offering a FREE hot beverage to those who join or renew a membership in Best Friends. Warm your body with a free drink and your heart with a membership to Best Friends at Zephyr's during March!

Best Friends of Baker has been rescuing domestic pets in Baker County since 1986 with 100% volunteer staff. 100% of donations benefit local pets with no paid help.

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