

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall; details of how the public will access the meeting will be announced later.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

■ **Baker County Commission:** 9 a.m. to noon; for details about how the public will access the meeting, go to bakercounty.org

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald April 25, 1970

"Well blow me down," was J.Q. Freeman's response as he walked up to receive the plaque awarded him Friday night upon being named 1970 Baker County Father of the Year by the Baker County CowBelles.

Freeman, who lives in the Sutton Creek area, was sponsored by three organizations including the J.Q. Livestock Club. He is the 13th Baker County father to receive the Cow-Belles' annual award which was first presented in 1958.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 25, 1995

The U.S. Forest Service's unsuccessful appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court was an attempt to avoid a precedent environmental groups and others could use to force national forests to spend months analyzing the effects of their long-term management plans on threatened species.

The appeal, on behalf of the Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla national forest, was based on a Pacific Rivers Council suit, said Rich Tobin, the Wallowa-Whitman's public affairs officer.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 26, 2010

The Baker School Board agreed Friday night to hire Walter H. Wegener Jr., interim superintendent of the San Juan Island School District at Friday Harbor, Wash., as Baker School District's next superintendent.

Wegener was one of three finalists for the job.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald April 26, 2019

Baker City is working to make its parks ADA accessible.

The project includes building accessible sidewalks at Cedar Acres Park, South Baker Park, and the traffic island at the end of River Park. The city bought ADA-accessible tables from Natural Structures in 2016, and installed them the next year.

"Somewhere along the way we lost the fact that they were actually ADA-accessible tables but we didn't have any ADA access to them," said Joyce Bornstedt, the city's technical administrative supervisor. "So we thought, being as we haven't had any really big projects in the parks department this year, so we have a little bit of money still available in the fiscal year, that we would go ahead and put those accesses in so they could be utilized the way they are supposed to be."

Discussion on the project began in March and the project itself began in April as the weather improved enough for concrete work.

The new sidewalks at South Baker and River Park will cost about \$1,500 each. At Cedar Acres, in the northeast corner of town between Park and Idlewood streets, the city had already put in the curb work and ramping when doing the playground improvement in 2017.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, April 22

4 — 22 — 29 — 38 — 47

Next jackpot: \$3.5 million

### POWERBALL, April 22

1 — 33 — 35 — 40 — 69 PB 24

Next jackpot: \$37 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, April 21

13 — 15 — 24 — 67 — 70 Mega 17

Next jackpot: \$174 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, April 22

1 — 9 — 20 — 40

### PICK 4, April 23

• 1 p.m.: 7 — 7 — 5 — 8

• 4 p.m.: 8 — 3 — 0 — 4

• 7 p.m.: 4 — 5 — 9 — 9

• 10 p.m.: 7 — 5 — 1 — 0

### LUCKY LINES, April 23

2-8-11-13-20-22-25-32

Next jackpot: \$37,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY (April 27):** Chicken ala king over a biscuit, peas, fruit, brownies
- **TUESDAY (April 28):** Meat lasagna, cauliflower, garlic breadsticks, green salad, ice cream
- **WEDNESDAY (April 29):** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, fruit ambrosia, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY (April 30):** Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, gelatin with fruit, cinnamon roll

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60. Due to the coronavirus crisis, meals must be picked up; there is no dining on site.

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## POSTERS

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And so for more than a month Watson has had to forego hugs from her great-granddaughters in favor of waves as they sit in a car parked in front of her home.

"That's been the toughest part of this, not being able to see the grandbabies," Watson said.

Price said her daughters have also struggled to adjust to the temporary restrictions on something so natural, and beloved.

"It hurts their hearts to not be able to hug her," Price said.

Watson, who has lived in Baker City since 1989, said she has seen on TV how some people are trying to maintain a semblance of social contact through such rituals as going outside at the same time each evening to howl or yell.

She got to thinking about her granddaughters.

McKynzie, a second-grader at Haines Elementary, hasn't been able to attend school or the gymnastics and ballet classes she's taken for three years.

"I thought I could give them a project because they're going



Submitted photo

Lincoln Price

bonkers," Watson said with a laugh.

She settled on art — something the girls would enjoy working on, and something that she could put up in her front window so passers-by could see it.

"People pay attention to kids' artwork," Watson said.

She encouraged her great-granddaughters to choose a theme that's inspirational and related to the pandemic.

Watson's daughter — and Price's mom — Colleen Klas-

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— Laura Watson

sen, who also lives in Baker City, bought poster board for the project.

McKynzie and Olivia were eager to get started, their mom said.

They already had art supplies at home, and McKynzie was able to arrange to bring more from her Haines classroom.

She learned to draw bubble letters while working on Grammy's posters.

"We made an art experience out of it," Price said.

Watson said she wasn't surprised that McKynzie took charge.

"Of course I'm prejudiced, but she's very bright," Watson said of her great-granddaughter. "She really thinks things through."

McKynzie chose a pink poster, wrote "Wash Your Hands" and "Be Kind," and accented the scene with hearts, flowers and stars.

Olivia's poster is bright yellow and bears the now-familiar adage: "We Are All In

This Together!"

Lincoln even contributed some multi-colored crayon scribbles.

And finally, and perhaps most importantly, Olivia's poster has a hand-written message at the bottom right. "We love you Grammy!"

When the sisters were finished with their posters — both adorned with outlines of their hands — they were eager to deliver them to Grammy.

They did so on Tuesday. "They were so excited," Price said. "They were very proud of their work and proud that Grandma gushed over their handprints. They keep asking to drive by Grammy's house to see their posters. Grams is always giving the kids cookies and treats and isn't able to share with them and is bummed she can't send out snacks or treats, so for them to be able to give her something was very meaningful as it was made with love."

Watson taped the posters in her front window right away.

She hopes they brighten other people's days as much as they do hers while she waits for the crisis to pass and the day to arrive when she can again hug her great-grandchildren.

## DRIVE-IN

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Katie Poe, who has worked at York's for almost a year, said business has stayed about the same during the pandemic.

"It's been good," Poe said.

York's is asking customers to comply with social distancing, and to have an

employee open the container for hot foods rather than doing it themselves.

At McDonald's, business, even at the drive-thru, slowed earlier in the pandemic but has begun to pick up the past few weeks, said Shantel Bates, a department manager.

With customers limited to using the drive-thru window, Bates said some

people are walking because they have trailers too big to fit in the drive-thru lane.

McDonald's manager John Bates said business at the Baker City location is down 15.5% since the first of March.

McDonald's is offering free "thank you meals" for first responders and health care workers.

## OBITUARY

### Joanne Doucette

Haines, 1933-2020

Joanne Helen (Coleman) Doucette, 86, died April 21, 2020, surrounded by family at her home near Haines.

Due to COVID-19, Catholic services to be held in Keizer will be announced at a later date.

Motivated by her deep faith, Joanne courageously waged a 12-year battle with leukemia. A beautiful person inside and out, she was a loyal, wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and "Auntie," and she approached life with a moral and earnest passion to always give her best effort. Her hard-working values enabled her to be good at just about everything she did. She also lived by the philosophy that the greatest gift she had to give was the gift of self and service to others. Her enormous heart, wonderful soul, kind but energetic spirit, and selfless generosity were an inspiring example to her family, friends and all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Joanne was born on May 6, 1933, at Salem to Rose (Burger) and Francis Ross Coleman. Raised in the small farming/rodeo town of St. Paul, she attended St. Paul School and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Salem. A rodeo princess, she met and soon married the love of her life, Rudy Doucette, a professional rodeo cowboy from Phoenix, Arizona, on Aug. 16, 1952. Welcoming a son, Dan, and later a daughter, Mary Ann, Joanne nurtured their young family while Rudy made their living as they

traveled the rodeo circuit with a horse van and trailer home.

When the kids reached school age, they decided to settle in Southern California's San Fernando Valley in 1959 where Rudy was employed in the motion picture industry, and another daughter, Lori, was born. Joanne later fulfilled her career dream of becoming a nurse, graduating from the Holy Cross Hospital nursing program in Mission Hills, California, in 1970. Specializing in clinical nursing, she loved working with patients (who loved her in return) at an internal medicine practice in Newhall for many years until both she and Rudy retired in 1989.

They had always hoped to return to the Willamette Valley, and were able to find their ideal retirement mini-ranch home on 8 acres north of Keizer, where they worked hard and lived happily for over 30 years. An incredibly social person, Joanne embraced the move, and the opportunity to be near her siblings, nieces, nephews, and cousins once again. She had more time to pursue her passionate hobby of bowling, and joined several local and travel leagues which enabled her to create many wonderful, lifelong friendships. She so enjoyed trips to the beach with her devoted and dear friend Linda, who was like family.

Joanne was a very active member of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Keizer. An accomplished quilter, she sewed many masterpieces for her children and grandchildren. She loved playing cards, sports, the Dodgers, and all things competitive and challenging, attributing that to an instinct acquired as a result of being raised the youngest in a family of

five brothers and one sister.

Declining health influenced Rudy and Joanne's difficult decision to leave their beloved Keizer home and many friends and relocate to the Haines area in October of 2019 to be closer to family. But they treasured the opportunity to become more acquainted with their Eastern Oregon area grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joanne is survived by her devoted and loving husband, Rudy, of Haines; a sister, Rosemary Meier of Mount Angel; her son, Dan, of Baker City; her daughters, Mary Ann (Jim) Ingram of Haines, and Lori Wilmes (Eric) of Canby; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Bob, Jack, Don, Max, and dearest Joe Coleman.

Joanne's family wishes to express special appreciation to all members of the health care community in Baker City who provided her with such competent and compassionate care. Dr. Lamb and his associates at St. Luke's, Dr. Bronstein and the staff of the Billie Ruth Bootsma Clinic, the ER, clinical, laboratory, radiology, clerical and all other staff at Saint Alphonsus Hospital never failed to treat her with respect and dignity. Last but not least, thanks to Heart 'N Home Hospice for the sensitive guidance and assistance they provided.

Memorial contributions in memory of Joanne can be made to a charity of one's choice through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Joanne, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com)

## NEWS OF RECORD

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police

**Arrests, citations**  
SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Edward Allen Braswell, 44, of Baker City, 5:47 p.m. Wednesday, at Albertsons, 1120 Campbell St.; cited and released.

PAROLE VIOLATION (Oregon Parole Board warrant): Travis Whiting-Good, 25, of Baker City, 6:56 p.m. Wednesday, at the Sheriff's Office; jailed.

#### Baker County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests, citations**  
FOURTH-DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT IN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR: Samantha Maria Matte, 30, of Unity, about 7 p.m. Wednesday, on Highway 26 near Unity; jailed and later released.

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