

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald April 8, 1971

No progress was reported today in the four day old strike against Safeway stores by retail clerk's local 1612. Albertson's store in Baker locked out their employees Tuesday night.

The retail clerks are striking for increased wages, which will equal wages paid retail clerks in the Tri-Cities area where the union local is located.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 8, 1996

Easter Sunday had more in common with July 4 than the fact both are holidays.

The high temperature of 80 degrees at the Baker City Municipal Airport was almost better-suited for frying eggs on sidewalks than for hiding them behind trees.

Eighty degrees is more than 20 degrees warmer than the average high temperature for early April. The thermometer hasn't reached that mark so early in the month since at least 1965, the first year for which detailed records are available.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 8, 2011

The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center probably will close temporarily if Congress fails to negotiate a budget agreement to avert a shutdown of the federal government at midnight tonight. Federal employees are also preparing to start an unpaid leave from their jobs.

The Interpretive Center, which is operated by the federal Bureau of Land Management, was closed for three weeks when the federal government shut down during a similar budget impasse in late 1995.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald April 9, 2020

Baker County's public health officer said Tuesday that residents should expect the county will eventually have confirmed cases of coronavirus.

Eric Lamb, a Baker City physician, said in a press release that "in the coming weeks we will undoubtedly see COVID-19 in our county."

As of Wednesday, Baker County was one of seven of Oregon's 36 counties with no confirmed cases, according to the official tally from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

That status obviously hasn't had any effect on the social distancing, business closures and other precautions taken to slow the spread of the virus — the situation in Baker County is basically the same as in counties that do have confirmed cases.

Those include all the counties that border Baker County — Grant (1 confirmed case as of Wednesday), Union (3 cases), Malheur (2 cases) and Wallowa (2 cases).

None of those counties has reported any deaths from coronavirus. All deaths in Oregon attributed to the virus have happened in counties west of the Cascades.

Nancy Staten, administrator for the Baker County Health Department, knows that the "0" next to Baker County in the OHA chart showing confirmed cases doesn't mean the virus hasn't infected any county residents. Many people who are infected have no symptoms, but they're still able to spread the virus to others.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, April 5**  
2-11-12-13-15-34  
Next jackpot: \$1.1 million

**POWERBALL, April 3**  
1-12-17-39-53 PB 5  
Next jackpot: \$43 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, April 6**  
1-19-20-32-42 Mega 17  
Next jackpot: \$201 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, April 5**  
3-49-58-62  
**PICK 4, April 6**  
• 1 p.m.: 3-0-5-4  
• 4 p.m.: 2-9-4-3  
• 7 p.m.: 0-8-1-1  
• 10 p.m.: 0-8-3-2  
**LUCKY LINES, April 6**  
2-8-11-16-19-23-28-32  
Next jackpot: \$11,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Roasted turkey, stuffing with gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, macaroni salad, tapioca
- **MONDAY (April 12):** Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, Capri vegetables, fruit cup, brownie
- **TUESDAY (April 13):** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp
- **WEDNESDAY (April 14):** Chicken cordon bleu, baked potatoes, rolls, green beans, broccoli-bacon salad, lemon bars
- **THURSDAY (April 15):** Pork roast with gravy, red potatoes, rolls, capri vegetables, pea-and-onion salad, ice cream

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

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## WEATHER

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In a run of nine days the temperature at the Baker City Airport spanned a range of 60 degrees — from 75 to 15.

The former temperature, reached on March 28, tied the record for that date set in 1966.

That night a cold front marched through Baker County, and the next day the temperature at the airport topped out

at just 48 — a one-day drop of 27 degrees.

The roller coaster continued over the next few days as the chilly north wind, which follows a cold front hereabouts as reliably as a well-trained hunting dog goes to heel, was replaced by southerly breezes that wafted in balmy air. The temperature peaked again at 75 degrees on April 2 (three degrees shy of the daily record of 78, set in 1992).

The temperature reached 65 on Sunday, April 4, but that evening another cold

front shoved its way across the county, and on Monday the high was just 49.

Tuesday morning, under clear skies, the temperature at the airport plunged to 15 degrees, breaking the previous record for April 6 of 16 degrees, set in 1997.

The tumultuous temperature fluctuations are likely to continue, according to the National Weather Service.

Cold fronts were forecast to arrive late Wednesday or early Thursday, and again on Saturday.

## OBITUARIES

### Rudy Doucette

Haines, 1923-2021

Rudy E. Doucette, 98, of Haines, and formerly of Salem, died peacefully on March 29, 2021, at his home, surrounded by family.

Poetically befitting the end of a life well-lived, he left this earthly world on his 98th birthday to join his loving wife Joanne, who died on April 21, 2020.

Delayed due to COVID-19, Catholic services for Rudy and Joanne are scheduled for May 20 at 1:15 p.m. at St. Edward Catholic Church in Keizer.

Rudy was born on March 29, 1923, the youngest of four children born to French Canadian immigrant parents Lucien and Rose Marie (Scott) Doucette on their homestead near Malta, Montana. A rugged countryside of weather extremes, ranch life in remote eastern Montana made for a challenging existence in the 1930s and '40s. The tragic drowning death of his beloved older teenage brother, Rolland, and the declining health of his father prompted the sale of their Malta ranch, and a family move to the warmer, drier climate of Phoenix, Arizona, when Rudy was a young adult.

His horsemanship ability and roping skills served Rudy well in his next career as a professional rodeo cowboy. He was a consistent winner, traveling coast to coast as well as north of the border, following the rodeo circuit competing in bulldogging and calf roping on his legendary blue roan. He won numerous awards, buckles, saddles and trophies from the Calgary Stampede to Red Bluff, California, to Phoenix. It was at the St. Paul, Oregon, rodeo that he met local beauty, rodeo princess, and the love of his life, Joanne Coleman. The two were married on Aug. 16, 1952, and began their life's adventure together traveling the rodeo circuit in a horse van pulling the travel trailer that was their first home.

When son Dan and daughter Mary Ann were school

age, the Doucette family settled in the San Fernando Valley of Southern California where daughter Lori was born. It was there that good friend and fellow cowboy Phil Rawlins, a movie production manager, introduced Rudy to the "picture business" beginning his 30-year career in the motion picture industry. Joining the Screen Actors Guild, he did stunt work, drove stage coaches — portraying on film the cowboy he truly was — in feature films and TV series. It's not unusual to still see Rudy in the background of western reruns such as "How the West Was Won," "Gunsmoke," "Rawhide," "Bonanza," "F-Troop" and "Little House on the Prairie." Despite his unassuming nature and inclination to remain out of the limelight, performing at a rodeo in Madison Square Garden or in front of a Hollywood camera never fazed him; it was just what he did. Probably his most nervous moments ever were while delivering a moving acceptance speech as he received the honor of being inducted into the St. Paul Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2006.

In retirement Rudy and Joanne were able to fulfill their lifelong dream of returning to their rural roots in the Northwest when they found the 8-acre mini-ranch near Salem that was their ideal home for over 30 years. They tended orchards, fed beef cattle, raised pasture and hay, and continued to work as hard as ever until health issues prompted their difficult decision to move to the Haines area to be closer to family in October of 2019. Throughout their lifetime, they were always available to their growing family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to whom they were very devoted, and who adored them in return.

Rudy is survived by his son, Dan Doucette of Baker City; his daughters, Mary Ann (Jim) Ingram of Haines, and Lori Wilmes (Eric) of Canby; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many special nieces and nephews.

Rudy was preceded in death by his dear wife, Joanne; his parents, Lucien and Rose Marie Doucette; his

sisters, Germaine Lindstrand and Joan Messerly; and his brother, Rolland Doucette.

Rudy's family wishes to express their thanks to LuAnn Cook, NP, Dr. Lamb and his associates at St. Luke's, the Saint Alphonsus Hospital community, and Heart 'N Home Hospice, who always treated him as the special individual he was, compassionately attending to his health care needs with dignity and respect.

Special appreciation goes out to Nicole, Kyler and the entire staff at Memory Lane Homes who embraced Rudy and lovingly cared for him (and his family) as if all were part of their own. We will be forever grateful, his family said.

Contributions in Rudy's memory can be made to the charity of one's choice through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave an online condolence for Rudy, go to www.coletributecenter.com.

### Lewis Gray

Baker City, 1945-2021

Lewis Arthur Gray, 75, of Baker City, died on April 3, 2021, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

His memorial service will take place on June 26 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lincoln Park in Forest Grove.

Lewis was born on May 5, 1945, at Hillsboro to Johnnie "Howard" Gray and Mary Elnora White. He served his country with the United States Army, ranked as an E-5 for 36 months; Lewis did two tours in Vietnam.

On June 30, 1969, Lewis married Eva Davidson in Vancouver, Washington. Lewis and Eva were business owners, operating the Log Cabin Inn in Gales Creek, Oregon, for more than 20 years. He was very happily married to the love of his life for 51 years.

Lewis liked to fish and hunt, and he liked to collect Jadeite Fire King and other antiques.

He is survived by his loving wife, Eva Gray; his children, Chris (Kevin) Kommer of Baker City, Shawna (Morris) Buchanan of Milwaukie, and Lewis (Kaycie) Gray of Gales Creek; his brothers, Rollie Gray of LaPine and Larry Tyler of Lincoln City; his sisters, Debra Sangster of Forest Grove and Robin Higgins of Forest Grove;

eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Lewis was preceded in death by his parents, Howard Gray and Mary Austin; his brother, Steven Gray; his sister, Janell Singleton; and a granddaughter, Destiny Rose.

Memorial contributions can be made to Heart 'N Home Hospice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave an online condolence for the Lewis' family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

### 'Colleen' Quinton

Baker City, 1939-2021

Lillian "Colleen" Quinton, 81, of Baker City, died on April 5, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City.

A celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

Colleen was born on Sept. 12, 1939, to LeRoy

"Boots" and Verda Holmes Buxton. She received her education in Richland, graduating from Eagle Valley High in 1957.

Colleen worked at various jobs throughout her lifetime, retiring from Nevada State Prison at Lovelock, Nevada. She loved being in the mountains and camping with family and good friends, Terry and Lorri Speelman.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents, LeRoy and Verda Buxton; her siblings, Baby Buxton, Verda Darlene Fuller, Cherral LaVonne Spurgeon, Richard LeRoy "Dickie" Buxton, William Frank "Billie" Buxton, Danny Ray Buxton and Robert Dean "Bobby" Buxton; and her daughter, Deborah Kay Temple.

Colleen is survived by her three sons, David Glerup of Burns, Don Glerup of North Powder, and Dennis Glerup of Baker City; her youngest sister and brother-in-law, Rhonda and Joe Stubbs of Baker City; and very good friends, Terry and Lorri Speelman of Baker City, and Sharon Williams of Redmond. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Foundation or the charity of one's choice through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To offer online condolences to Colleen's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.



Rudy Doucette



Lewis Gray



Colleen Quinton

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**James Millwood:** 77, of Baker City, died on April 6, 2021, at his home. To leave an online condolence for James' family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Robert 'Bob' J. Hendriksen:** A memorial service will take place Friday, April 9, at 2 p.m. in Mount Hope Cemetery for Bob and his wife, Nita, who died April 28, 2017. The Rev. Suresh Kumar Telagani of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City will officiate. Contributions in Bob's memory may be made to Cancer Research through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Bob and Nita, go to www.coletribute.com.

**Arlene Mae Schoorl:** There will be a public celebration of Arlene's life, with a potluck, on Saturday, April 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Unity Community Hall. To offer online condolences, go to www.grayswestco.com.

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police**  
Arrests, citations  
FAILURE TO APPEAR (out-of-

county warrant): Kevin Rickey Tomlin, 43, Baker City, 12:54 a.m. Monday, April 5 at Campbell and Birch streets; jailed.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests, citations**  
PAROLE VIOLATION (Oregon State Parole Board warrant): Lyle Lester Ray, 52, Baker City, 1:23 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at the sheriff's office; jailed.  
FAILURE TO APPEAR (two Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Isaac Jeremiah Kolb, 21, Huntington, 6:27 p.m. Monday, April 5 at Huntington; jailed.

**Oregon State Police**  
PAROLE VIOLATION: Frank Nathan McNair, 42, Baker City, 12:55 p.m. Saturday, April 3 on Elk Creek Lane; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR: Cody J. Steenhard, 41, Richland, 2:22 p.m. Saturday, April 3 on Elk Creek Lane; cited and released.

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