

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Baker City Airport Commission: 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St. Agenda items include the selection of chair and vice chair, and an update on runway 13-31 seal coat project.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald April 22, 1971

Oregon anglers should find their favorite lake or stream quite productive when they inaugurate the opening of the general trout season Saturday morning.

Most lakes and streams contain good populations of trout. In addition, many waters of the state will be stocked with hatchery fish for the opening.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 22, 1996

The Baker City Council on Tuesday will consider a compromise that calls for the city to not enforce its discarded vehicle ordinance for a year.

In exchange, a citizens' committee would work during the next year to revise the ordinance to alleviate concerns among hobbyists who restore old cars. The committee also would help coordinate two city-wide clean-ups.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 22, 2011

Willy Crippen wants to start some small fires now to prevent big blazes later, but the weather refuses to cooperate.

Crippen is the fire management officer for the Forest Service's Whitman Unit, based in Baker City.

His goal this spring is to light prescribed fires on about 3,300 acres, ranging from the Whitney Valley near Baker County's western boundary, to Pine Valley on the eastern fringe.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald April 23, 2020

The torrent of federal dollars intended to help small businesses that have lost much, and in some cases all, of their revenue due to the coronavirus pandemic has amounted to barely a trickle in Baker County.

But local officials hope Congress will get the financial aid flowing soon.

Jeff Nelson, Baker County business adviser with Blue Mountain Community College's Small Business Development Center, said he has been in contact with 73 local business owners who applied for money through either of two programs that are part of the \$2.2 trillion CARES Act that President Donald Trump signed into law March 27.

Nelson said Tuesday that just four of those 73 businesses have received money through either the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance.

Nelson declined to name the businesses. He said he would notify each that the Herald was interested in talking to them.

Nelson said the tally of 73 includes only the businesses he worked with — the actual number of county businesses that applied for aid is no doubt higher, he said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, April 19

4 — 8 — 14 — 18 — 26 — 44

Next jackpot: \$1.7 million

POWERBALL, April 17

10 — 21 — 26 — 41 — 49 PB 25

Next jackpot: \$90 million

MEGA MILLIONS, April 20

6 — 23 — 43 — 49 — 52 Mega 5

Next jackpot: \$277 million

WIN FOR LIFE, April 19

8 — 23 — 34 — 57

PICK 4, April 20

• 1 p.m.: 0 — 8 — 5 — 3

• 4 p.m.: 7 — 3 — 4 — 3

• 7 p.m.: 5 — 3 — 0 — 1

• 10 p.m.: 0 — 3 — 3 — 1

LUCKY LINES, April 20

4-8-9-15-17-23-28-29

Next jackpot: \$25,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Spaghetti, garlic bread sticks, green salad, green beans, tapioca
- **MONDAY (April 26):** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with country gravy, rolls, corn, beet-and-onion salad, ice cream
- **TUESDAY (April 27):** Boneless chicken breast, stuffing, rolls, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese salad, bread pudding
- **WEDNESDAY (April 28):** Chicken and homestyle noodles, carrots, biscuits, fruit cup, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY (April 29):** Baked ziti, zucchini, garlic breadsticks, green salad, brownies

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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Linda Cowan

Linda Cowan

Haines, 1950-2021

On April 14, 2021, Linda Lee Cowan (Watkins) was surrounded by her family while her affectionate husband, Mickey, cheered her on to run into Jesus' arms after a brief illness.

She left us here on earth but was immediately with Jesus, her little brother, Allen, and her parents. There will be a celebration of her life at a later time.

Linda was a dedicated wife to her high school sweetheart, Mickey, and a loving mother to her three children. Linda was born on Feb. 21, 1950, at Long Beach, California, to Robert and Clara Watkins. Linda had five siblings, Robert Jr., Beverly, Barbara, James and Allen Watkins, and many nieces and nephews.

On Dec. 11, 1968, she married Mickey Joseph Cowan in Tacoma, Washington. They raised three children, Carolee, Michael and Trina. Linda stayed at home when raising her children to ensure they had her full attention and care. When her youngest, Trina, was in elementary school, Linda became a registered CNA and brought Trina to work with her at the nursing home where she was employed.

In 1990, Mickey and Linda moved from Southern California to Haines to operate a dairy farm. During the dairy farm adventure, Linda wanted to go back to her passion of caring for people. She opened an adult foster home at their residence. Linda named the home Serenity Farms Adult Foster Home. She first started caring for the elderly. As time went on Linda began caring for developmentally disabled. She has had many people come into her home over the years whom she has cared for as her own. In July 2020, her sweet niece, Jana, moved to the farm to help care for the residents and in the process enjoyed spoiling her precious Aunt Linda to pieces.

Linda loved fellowshiping with her Al-Anon family, worshipping and studying God's words with her church family at Harvest Church in Baker City, adventuring on side-by-side rides in the mountains with family and friends, dining out, shopping, and being with her animals.

Her children remember waking up early and hearing Linda's gospel music playing throughout the house on many mornings. She loved taking flowers on many occasions to others who were having a hard time. Linda dearly loved her grandkids and they treasured the times they came to the family farm and fully understood that the word "No" means ask Grandma.

Linda is survived by her devoted husband, Mickey Cowan, and their adorable pet, Patches; her oldest daughter Carolee and son-in-law David, and their four children, Christopher and his wife, Stephanie, Ashley, Nathan and Autumn Ralston; her son Michael and daughter-in-law Trisha, and their three children, Ashley, Aimee and Anthony Cowan; her daughter Trina and her son, Sky Ward.

Linda was preceded in death by her father, mother and her beloved brother, Allen Watkins.

For those who would like

to make a memorial donation in honor of Linda the family suggests Heart N Home Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com.

Karen Rudolph

Baker City, 1950-2021

Karen Maria (Martin) Rudolph, 75, of Baker City, died April 13, 2021, at her home, her family beside her.

A graveside service for

Karen will take place on Friday, April 23 at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. A celebration of her life will follow at Ila's home at 1425 Colorado Ave. from noon to 2 p.m.

Karen was born on Sept. 20, 1945, at Everett, Washington, as the second daughter of Dan and Nan Martin. She spent her early childhood on a small farm in Bellingham, Washington.

Karen began her career with livestock with Mulligan, a Hereford steer. She trained him to pull a cart, ride with a saddle and rein. A year later the family acquired Nellie, a fine old kid's horse, who would carry all the kids at one time.

Summers picking strawberries, raspberries, and beans funded the purchase of a 3-year-old standard bred mare, fresh off the Sulky Racing Track, and named her Jypse. Karen was off and running, literally.

Karen was 14 when the family moved to Baker. A house with a large lot provided room for the family and the stock that came with them. A short time later a small acreage on the east edge of town was purchased and housed the family and livestock. There Karen and her siblings raised bumper lambs, milked cows, and had their horses.

Karen was 17 when she began living her dream. The family purchased a piece of land south of Baker large enough to be called a ranch. It could support a cattle herd, sheep, her horses and various other habits more suited to ranch living.

Karen married Tom Rudolph on Sept. 5, 1965, in Baker City. She and Tom followed various paths into the future. A year later, Tom was inducted into the Army. Tom ended up in Germany. Karen followed and set up house keeping for them. They were allowed time to tour Europe. They toured Germany, Scandinavia, Holland and Austria. Karen and Tom returned to live and work in La Grande, Hermiston and Bend. That adventure ended and they became TK Construction in Baker City. Karen kept books,

helped design and decorated the houses.

Changing times caught up with the business and a small ranch became available. Creative finances and circumstances came together and Karen began living her dream again. The property needed her expert guidance. She did that and the ranch began to bloom. Her foresight, planning and hard work finished raising three daughters and built a small ranch with productive land and livestock. This became a reality for her.

She worked on the election board each year, enrolled her children in 4-H, led them around the county to various events and rodeo court tryouts. She then had to haul them and their horses to the various rodeo court events.

She still had time to spend 30 years preparing taxes with H and R Block.

Karen believed in education. Each of her daughters finished college at her insistence. Now grandchildren have been pushed into higher education.

Karen is survived by her husband of 56 years, Tom; her daughters, Katrina Rudolph-Wise, Heather Rudolph and Sara Rudolph; her grandchildren, Zachary, Phoebe and Alex Wise; her sisters, Cheryl Martin, Daphne Hall and Ilo Widman, all of Baker City; and her brother, Dan Martin of Harper.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dan and Nan Martin.

Karen loved flowers, especially wildflowers. However, she firmly believed in donating to charities rather than sending flowers when someone passed.

Her favorite charities were the Arthritis Foundation, and the Shriners Hospital for Children. This may be done through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Karen, go to www.celebritytributecenter.com.

Eugene Meier

North Powder, 1972-2021

Eugene Don Meier, 48, of North Powder, left us too soon on April 10, 2021, after losing his battle with colon cancer.

A private celebration of his life will be held by the family, followed by an ash scattering ceremony at a future date. Though Eugene undoubtedly had his faults, he loved his family and friends, and he was beloved by all who knew him.

Eugene was born on July 26, 1972, at Portland, where he was raised. He attended both David Douglas High School and Reynolds High School. Eugene was the oldest of five kids, and he took the responsibility of being the oldest

brother seriously.

He will always be remembered as a hero by his brother and sisters. When his sisters couldn't walk, he gave them piggyback rides or offered to carry them. When bored, he would read books, play games, or wrestle with his siblings, getting on his knees to make it fair. And when they ultimately got in trouble, Eugene was always quick to take the blame and the worst of the punishment. His early life formed his character, and he was fun-loving, surprisingly sensitive, and a very caring person.

Eugene had a special relationship with his mom, a single parent most of his life, which made him the man of the house at an early age. He had so much love and respect for his mom, and he was genuinely concerned for her wellbeing. He worried about her as she started to get older and spoke to his siblings about preserving and passing on her culture and legacy. Likewise, his mom worried about Eugene and wanted him to make a good life for himself. Together, they ran the North Powder Motel for the past five years, and they helped to look after one another. Eugene could make his mom laugh like nobody else. He was so funny, and he had such a quick wit and sharp sense of humor.

Growing up, his mom relied on him to fix and repair everything from the family home, her rental units, to her many \$1,000 junk cars that she insisted on driving. That is where Eugene learned to fix and repair almost anything. If he didn't know how to fix it, he would always find a way to figure it out. As his skills grew, Eugene eventually developed a true passion and talent for restoring and selling classic cars. He loved talking about his cars and how he found them, the repairs he did, and the profit made when he resold them. He could spot a diamond in the rough from a mile away.

Eugene loved his daughter Stormy very much, though he regretted being unable to be the father he wanted to be for her. Eugene cherished every photo of Stormy. He had every single picture of her, from baby pictures to all of her school pictures. He was proud of her, and he wanted to build a relationship with her as she grew older. Eugene would agree that his daughter is his legacy, and though he was not always able to show it, he would want Stormy to know how much he loved her.

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