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Bingo! The spacious Seneca School gym is home to community events and gatherings as well as school activities, often drawing visitors from throughout Grant County.

TOWN

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Current city councilors are Sue Holliday, Brad Smith, Melissa Wenick and Bill Williams.

Combs said Seneca is working to move forward with improving the town's wastewater system. The town completed a recent survey of residents on the issue as another step in that process.

Annual events in town include the Seneca Oyster Feed in May, a tradition 20 years strong that draws visitors from throughout Oregon and other states as well. The Oyster Feed is hosted by the Bear Valley Meadows Golf Committee to fund improvements to the golf course. Currently, the committee is working to have new greens put in at each hole.

The Seneca Stampede cross-country horse race also has been held in the area in recent years.

Seneca School serves students

in grades K-6. The prominent red building in the center of town hosts not only school activities, but community gatherings and events, too.

While homesteaders had been moving into the Bear Valley as far back as the late 1880s, it was the arrival of the Edward Hines Lumber Co. in the 1920s that established Seneca as a thriving company town.

The town is noted in history books for having the coldest official temperature ever recorded in Oregon — negative 54 degrees on Feb. 10, 1933. But don't be fooled by the town's nickname, "Oregon's Icebox." Seneca gardeners have learned to adapt to the harsh conditions and short summer season in this geographic "bowl" and even have their own community garden.

City council meetings are at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall, 106 A Ave. in Seneca.

City hall hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For more information, call Seneca City Hall at 541-932-4688.



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Chances are, on any given school day, passers-by will see a rainbow of bicycles parked outside Seneca School. "Cruiser-style" bicycles have become popular with many of the girls at the school.

COPS & COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

Circuit Court

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Circuit Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- David James Darling, 41, pleaded guilty to perjury. He was sentenced to bench probation for 18 months and 80 hours community service, and fined \$350.

- Kimberly Mae Williams, 36, was convicted, based on an Alford plea, of delivery of methamphetamine to a minor. She was sentenced to jail for 30 days, supervised probation for 36 months and 120 hours of community service. She was fined \$450 and ordered to complete the Active Parenting Program. She pleaded guilty to possession of meth, and was sentenced to supervised probation for 18 months and 40 hours community service, and fined \$200. She was convicted, based on an Alford plea, of two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor. For each, she was sentenced to supervised probation for 18 months and 20 hours community service and ordered to complete the Active Parenting Program. She was fined \$100. The court dismissed two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor and one for unlawful possession of meth.

Grant County Sheriff
CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Oct. 30-Nov. 5:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 5
- Average inmates: 16
- Bookings: 9

- Releases: 7
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 2
- Fingerprints: 4
- Civil papers: 14
- Warrants processed: 5
- Asst./welfare check: 5
- Search and Rescue: 2

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 157 calls during the week of Nov. 2-8. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:** Nov. 2: Report of a stolen car in John Day.

- Nov. 4: Responded for a reported hit-and-run at Blue Mountain Hospital; arrested a John Day man on a felony warrant.

- Nov. 5: Cited a Lincoln, Neb., man for speeding; cited a John Day man for failure to use turn signal and failure to obey a traffic control device.

- Nov. 6: Responded to an accident on Highway 395 just south of County Road 63.

- Nov. 8: Cited a Silver Lake, Wash., man for speeding.

- **Grant County Sheriff:**

- Nov. 5: Arrested a Mt. Vernon man on a Grant County warrant.

- Nov. 6: Report of theft of service at the west Shell station.

- **John Day Fire Department:**

- Nov. 3: Report of a power line down in the Hillcrest Avenue/Highland Place area in John Day.

- **John Day ambulance:** Nov. 4: Responded for an 81-year-old woman.

- Nov. 5: Responded for a man who fell.

- Nov. 7: Paged for a 27-year-old man with pain and numbness.

- Nov. 8: Responded for a 94-year-old man with numbness and high blood pressure.

- **Prairie City ambulance:**

- Nov. 2: Responded for a 56-year-old woman with swollen legs.

Justice Court

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Justice Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Failure to properly use safety belt: Russell Brook, 47, Portland, fined \$95.

- Violation of the basic rule: Carl David Harger, 55, Estacada, 80/55 zone, fined \$220; Cory Allen Trexler, 35, Beaverton, 77/55 zone, fined \$220; Raymond Glenn Dunten, 69, Hines, 72/55 zone, fined \$160.

- Exceeding speed limit: David Edwin Folsom, 20, San Diego, 52/35 zone, fined \$160.

- Open container of alcohol: Sarah Nickol Thomas, 35, Ontario, fined \$260; Ronald John Bucci, 57, Bend, fined \$260.

- No operator's license: Joey James Hartwick, 39, Prairie City, fined \$220.

- Driving uninsured: Joey James Hartwick, 39, Prairie City, fined \$220.

- Burning without a permit: Richard C. Werner, 56, Monument, fined \$110.

- Operate/park a vehicle in violation of restrictions: Cory Dennis Queahpama, 27, Burns, fined \$200.

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