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Seneca tied the record for the lowest recorded temperature in Oregon Feb. 10, 1933, at -54 degrees Fahrenheit. Situated at the bottom of Bear Valley, a bowl in the mountains, cold air settles into the small town at night.

SENECA

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He said the coldest temperature he has experienced in Seneca is -34, which he jokingly attributed to global warming.

Seneca and Ukiah tied for

the state record for coldest recorded temperature, -54 Fahrenheit, in February 1933, according to the National Weather Service.

"I remember hanging my little brother's diapers on the line, and they would freeze before I could get them hung

up," 86-year-old Seneca resident Leonard Rider said.

He said, as a child, he lived in half a boxcar with no water and no power for several years. He remembered ice skating with his family despite subzero temperatures.

"We didn't pay much attention to it really," he said.

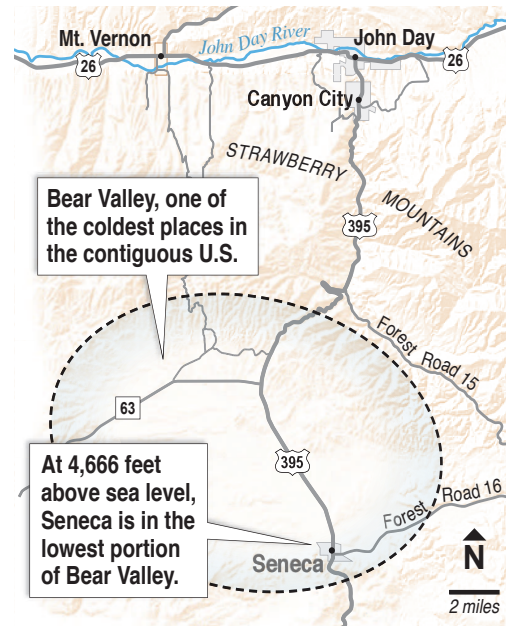
Turner left California for Seneca after he retired and, despite the cold weather, likes the slow pace of life in Grant County.

"It's too nice here," he said. "I don't think I could take California again."

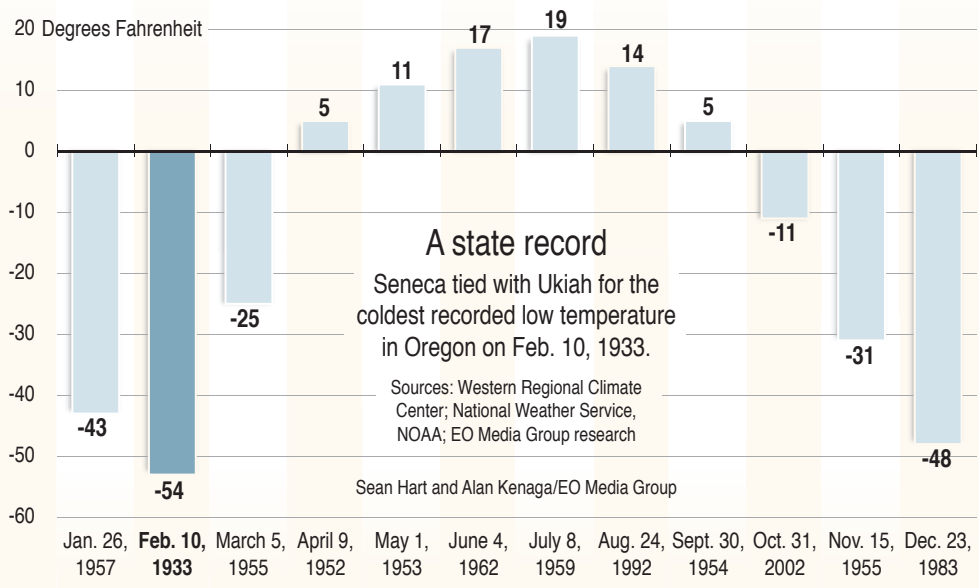
Record cold in Seneca

Seneca was the coldest place in the contiguous United States 20 nights from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016. Only Yellowstone Park in Wyoming and Bodie State Park in California had more nights in which either was the coldest.

At an elevation of more than 4,600 feet, Seneca is situated in the lowest portion of Bear Valley. Cold air from the surrounding hills settles in the valley at night, leading to temperatures up to 20 degrees colder than John Day 20 miles to the north.



Lowest recorded temperatures in Seneca by month, 1933-2006



Committee Volunteers Needed

Grant County is now recruiting volunteers to serve on active boards and committees. Obtain an Application to Volunteer from County Court, 201 S. Humbolt, Canyon City, OR 97820; (541-575-0059) wrightl@grantcounty-or.gov

Applications are due by **Monday, January 9th.** Committees are formal public bodies required to comply with Oregon Public Meetings Law ORS 192.610.

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Six members (including the County Court) serve a three year term and meet annually to receive, deliberate, revise and approve the annual budget document as provided by the Budget Officer. Any proposed programs are discussed and considered.

Dance registration deadline approaching

Registration deadlines for dance classes are coming up. Level III and Junior High last chance registration is from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at Body, Fitness and Dance, 173 SE Dayton St., John Day. Practice resumes Jan. 3. Level I and Level II registration will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 3-4. Classes will begin the week of Jan. 9.

EOU ag scholarship fundraiser planned

Only 200 tickets are on sale for \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a pair. All proceeds will go toward scholarships for students in the Eastern Oregon University Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. The event is open to the public and tickets will be on sale at the door. Contact the Agriculture Club president Krista Sites at 541-891-3562 for more information or to purchase tickets.

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Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

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-Coach Mark Mosley

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