

Prairie City calls for water restrictions

Outdoor watering prohibited for city customers

By Richard Hanners
Blue Mountain Eagle

For a second summer in a row, Prairie City water customers are being asked to stop all outside watering, including sprinkling lawns and gardens.

"The city of Prairie City appreciates our citizens' continued efforts in water conservation," Public Works Director Chris Camarena said in a press release. "Please note that due to continued demands on our water system caused by drought conditions and low water table levels, we are asking that consumers restrict outside usage of city municipal water."

Water customers are advised that municipal water should be used for consumption and sanitation only so the city can maintain a safe water level in its reservoir for fire emergencies and sanitary usage, Camarena said.

The city imposed water restrictions last summer after a June 26 electrical storm damaged electronic controls for the city's water system. The water level in the city's million-gallon reservoir dropped to four feet through the summer.

Since then, crews have cleaned plugged perforations in the No. 2 well's casing, which boosted the well's output from 50 gallons per minute to 100 gpm. The city also drilled its No. 3 well another 60 feet

to access deeper water. Camarena said they may have to consider drilling the No. 3 well to 800 feet this winter.

This past winter's low snowpack and ongoing drought conditions are blamed for the water shortage. Camarena said the city's water customers went to every-other-day outside watering a few weeks ago, but the reservoir level dropped below the emergency level of 20 feet.

For more information, call Camarena at 541-620-3100 or city hall at 541-820-3605.



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Watering restrictions were imposed in Prairie City last summer. New restrictions have also been imposed this year.

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.

Grant County Circuit Court

Misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree assault constituting domestic violence and harassment against John D. Colton, 38, Prairie City, were dismissed without prejudice July 23 after the Grant County District Attorney's Office filed a motion for dismissal stating that the victim was uncooperative and the state was unable to proceed at this time. Colton allegedly committed the assault and harassment on May 19.

Christopher P. Schuetze, 44, Canyon City, pleaded guilty July 19 to misdemeanor or menacing constituting domestic violence committed on June 8. He was sentenced to 192 hours in jail, 19 months probation and \$200 in fines and fees. Two harassment charges were dismissed.

Tanaya S. Robinson, 38, John Day, pleaded guilty July 26 to misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants committed on Aug. 15, 2017. She was sentenced to 80 hours community service, 24 months probation and \$1,255 in fines and fees. Her license was suspended for one year, and she was ordered to install an ignition interlock device in any vehicle she drives.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of July 25:

Concealed handgun licenses: 6
Average inmates: 15
Bookings: 9
Releases: 13
Arrests: 1
Citations: 3
Fingerprints: 1
Civil papers: 18
Warrants processed: 0
Asst./welfare check: 0
Search and rescue: 0
July 24: Christina Baker, 45, Oregon City, cited for exceeding posted speed, 54/25 zone.

July 24: Stefan Safrank, 32, Eugene, cited for violating the basic rule, 76/55 zone, and failure to renew.

July 24: Jeffrey Cook, 21, Prairie City, cited for providing liquor to a person under 21.

Oregon State Police

July 28: Responded to Highway 26 near Pine Creek Road for a single-vehicle non-injury crash involving a motor home pulling a vehicle on a trailer. The 83-year-old driver from Prineville fell asleep and overcorrected as the motor home left the pavement. John Day police and ambulance also responded.

Justice Court

Violation of speed limit: Kevin G. Kimberling, 45, Prairie City, June 7, 91/65 zone, fined \$265.

Exceeding speed limit: Matthias C. Stokes, 28, Canyon City, June 19, 35/25 zone, fined \$115; Jolyn Kerr, 26, Madras, June 15, 74/65 zone, fined \$165; Debra J. Wood, 59, Desert Hot Springs, California, June 5, 55/40 zone, fined \$165.

Violation of basic rule: Jason R. Keese, 34, Bend, June 29, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Kevin M. Higgins, 61, Tigard, July 2, 76/55 zone, fined \$265; Jason C. Anderson, 32, Corvallis, June 23, 84/55 zone, fined \$265; Tonya R. Thompson, 48, Otis, June 21, 78/55 zone, fined \$265; Michael T. French, 98, Miami Beach, Florida, June 28, 81/55 zone, fined \$265.

Driving uninsured: Tena K. Montange, 45, John Day, May 2, fined \$265; Natasha M. Guy, 43, John Day, Feb. 12, 2016, fined \$260; Debra J. Wood, 59, Desert Hot Springs, California, June 5, fined \$265; Mallory R. Thomas, 28, John Day, Nov. 22, 2016, fined \$260; Christopher J. Keith, 37, Prairie City, May 30, fined \$265; David J. Darling, 43, Canyon City, April 28, 2017, fined \$130, June 2, fined \$265; Benjamin L. Keith, 38, Canyon City, Jan. 5, fined \$265, July 25, fined \$260.

Driving while suspended: Tena K. Montange, 45,

COPS AND COURTS

John Day, May 2, fined \$440; Christopher J. Keith, 37, Prairie City, May 30, fined \$440; David J. Darling, 43, Canyon City, May 27, 2017, fined \$435, June 2, fined \$435; Benjamin L. Keith, 38, Canyon City, July 25, 2017, fined \$435, Jan. 5, fined \$440, April 17, fined \$440.

No operator's license: Debra J. Wood, 59, Desert Hot Springs, California, June 5, fined \$265.

Registration sticker expired: Tena K. Montange, 45, John Day, May 2, fined \$115.

Failure to properly use safety belt: David J. Darling, 43, Canyon City, May 27, fined \$110.

Driving outside restrictions: Timothy A. Edwards Jr., 26, John Day, July 4, fined \$265.

Careless driving: Kevin G. Kimberling, 45, Prairie City, June 7, fined \$265.

Operating without required light: Jeffery A. Bishop, 29, Sunriver, March 15, fined \$165.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 159 calls during the week of July 23-29, including:

• **John Day Police Department**

July 23: Following a traffic stop at Bridge Street and Fourth Street in John Day, Cindy Bolman, 51, Dayville, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

July 23: Responded to Seventh Street and Holmstrom Ranch for a trespassing report.

July 23: Advised of suspicious circumstances on West Main Street in John Day.

July 24: Dispatched to a bank on West Main Street in John Day for a fraud report.

July 24: Responded to Northwest Bridge Street in John Day for a domestic dispute.

July 25: Received a report about a theft on Adam Drive in John Day.

July 26: Dispatched to Northwest Bridge Street in John Day for a report of animal neglect.

July 26: Responded to Northwest Third Street in John Day for a neighborhood dispute.

July 27: Following a traffic stop on East Main Street at Gunther Street in John Day, Paula Wade, 67, Portland, was cited for speeding, 53/35 zone.

July 27: Responded to East Main Street in John Day for an intoxicated person creating a disturbance.

July 28: Advised of fraud on Highway 26 east of John Day.

July 28: Received a report of a theft at a bar on Main Street in downtown John Day.

July 29: Following a traffic stop on West Main Street in John Day, William Copenhaver Jr., 49, was cited for using marijuana while operating a vehicle.

July 29: Following a traffic stop on Northwest Lyons Street in John Day, Kayla Lambeth, 23, John Day, was cited for operating a motor vehicle while using an electronic device and failure to carry proof of insurance.

July 29: Following a traffic stop on West Main Street, Anthony Hall, 21, Canyon City, was cited for operating a motor vehicle while using an

electronic device.

July 29: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 west of John Day, Sabrina Howard, 34, was cited for operating a motor vehicle while using an electronic device.

July 29: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 east of John Day, James Alexander, 23, Portland, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

• **Oregon State Police**
July 23: Received a report of bicycles taking up the roadway on Highway 26 near Dog Creek Road.

July 24: Responded to Highway 7 near Austin Junction for a crash with injuries.

July 24: Advised of a cow on Highway 26 near Belshaw Creek.

July 28: Received a report of cattle on Highway 26 near the Long Box Ranch.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

July 23: Received a report of a theft at Depot Park in Prairie City.

July 23: Advised of trespassing on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

July 23: Received a report of shots fired on North McHaley Avenue in Prairie City.

July 25: Advised of possible child abuse.

July 25: Received a report of a suspicious person on Pine Creek Road.

July 27: Advised of fraud in Canyon City.

July 28: Received a report of theft on Highway 26 west of John Day.

July 28: Advised of a dispute on Screech Alley Loop in John Day.

• **John Day ambulance**
July 23: Responded to

Adam Drive in John Day.

July 23: Dispatched to West Main Street in John Day.

July 23: Responded to Three Point Road in John Day for a man who was not breathing and suffering from seizures.

July 24: Dispatched to a senior home in John Day for a woman who had fallen and had low blood pressure.

July 24: Responded to a credit union in John Day for a man possibly suffering from heat exhaustion and flu.

July 24: Dispatched to Highway 26 west of John Day for a 72-year-old man with seizures.

July 25: Responded with Long Creek ambulance to the post office in Long Creek for a 58-year-old woman.

July 26: Dispatched to West Main Street in John Day for a woman with difficulty breathing.

July 26: Responded to a senior home in John Day for an elderly woman.

July 27: Dispatched to West Main Street in John Day for a 75-year-old woman.

July 29: Responded with Prairie City ambulance to Summit Prairie Road in Prairie City for a 60-year-old person in a cycling accident.

July 29: Dispatched with Prairie City ambulance to North Washington Street in Prairie City for a woman with a swollen abdomen.

• **Monument fire**
July 26: Received a report of a fire on Copper Creek Road in Kimberly.

• **Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative**
July 29: Advised of power outages in Fox.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PUBLIC BIDS ACCEPTED

The public is invited to bid on residential property owned by Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. in Granite, Oregon. The property will be open for inspection on Friday July 27, 2018, 10am -3pm. Minimum bid is \$28,375; deadline for bids is 2pm August 10, 2018 in La Grande Oregon. Contact Rochelle Hamilton at 541-963-3186 for a bid packet.

GRANT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS HOLDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

August 6th, Prairie City Legion Hall, 6 pm
August 7th, Seneca Community Hall, 6 pm

Information about future community meetings is available at the Grant County Health Department, 528 E Main Suite E John Day OR 97845, 541 575-0429, ext 4517.

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