

Seneca to hold fire hall fundraiser yard sale

Citywide sale set for Oct. 11-12

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

The artwork of the late Bjerte "BJ" Williams will be featured at the Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-12, Seneca donated yard sale fundraiser with proceeds benefiting a new fire hall.

The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Seneca City Hall, during Fire Prevention Week.

Items for sale include furniture, antiques, household items, a chop saw and artwork from Williams and others.

"What we're excited about is highlighting some of our local artists," said city councilor Barb Northington.

Williams, who passed

away in May, was an award-winning photographer, and her own pets were "models" in many of her greeting card designs.

Scenes in her work include a cat with reading glasses poring over a book in bed and a hen with a crutch under one wing, wearing a nurse's hat.

Williams' husband, Bill, who is a former city council member, has donated many of her cards and other photography to the cause, as well as props used in the photos.

"She was well known," Northington said. "She posed chickens, frogs and cats, and sold cards in France and all over the world. She really tended to her animals and loved them."

Some of Williams' greeting cards are currently available for sale at the Grant



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Greeting cards by the late Bjerte 'BJ' (Larsen) Williams were contributed by her husband, Bill Williams, to the Seneca's donated yard sale to be held Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-12, at Seneca City Hall. The cards are also currently available at the Grant County Chamber of Commerce in John Day.

County Chamber of Commerce at 301 W. Main St. in John Day before the yard sale.

Work from other art-

ists featured in the two-day sale will include: Sue Finley, Paula Haack, Carmen McCormick, Linda Pace, Bill Clark and his son and others.

City Manager Raamin Burrell said the yard sale is part of an ongoing effort to raise matching grant funds.

"The Ford Family Foundation awarded a 3:1 Challenge Grant for up to \$50,000," Burrell said, adding that means they need to raise \$16,666.

The Ford Family Foundation was established in 1957 by Kenneth W. and Hallie E. Ford. Its mission is "successful citizens and vital rural communities" in Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. The foundation is located in Roseburg with a scholarship office in Eugene.

The city of Seneca has already been granted \$78,150 from a USDA Rural Development—Community Connect program, contingent upon a \$50,000 match, and the city is also applying for other grants.

Northington said fire trucks at the current Seneca Volunteer Fire Department's fire hall have tight quarters.

"We need a new fire hall," she said. "They can't even get their gear on, or work on the engine" inside the current hall.

Burrell said they already have architectural drawings for the new fire hall, which will be located between the city shops and old medical clinic on Highway 395 in town.

"Would like to start construction next spring," she said.

Call Burrell for more information, including how to donate, at 541-542-2161. The city of Seneca website is senecaoregon.com.

For more information about Williams' cards at the chamber in John Day, call 541-575-0547.

Grant Union volleyball to host Dig Pink Rally

Prospectors host Pilot Rock, Enterprise Oct. 5

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union Prospector volleyball team will hold their annual Dig Pink Rally at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Grant Union High School.

The Prospectors will host the Enterprise Outlaws and Pilot Rock Rockets for varsity and junior varsity matches, all held in the Grant Union gym.

The event is held to raise breast cancer awareness, and Grant Union's players will hold fundraisers leading up to the event and the day of the games, with proceeds benefiting the Blue Mountain Hospital radiology department's mammogram program.

A "Flocked" fundraiser will give people a chance to place 30 plastic flamingos in a person's yard. To have them removed costs \$25. To have them removed and sent to another person's yard is \$50.

On Oct. 4, they will accept drive-through donations at the pocket park across from the Catholic Church and another at Les Schwab Tire Center in John Day.

Tickets for a basket raffle/drawing and Dig Pink T-shirts will be available for purchase.

Raffle tickets will be available at the drive-through, and shirts and tickets can be purchased at the Friday, Oct. 4, Grant Union vs. Kennedy football game and at the Dig Pink Rally on Saturday. The basket drawing will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15, during senior night.

For more information, call Marissa Williams at 541-620-1404.

Grant Union's gym was closed for the start of the season while awaiting repairs to the floor. The floor work and refinishing is complete and curing is expected to be done in time for the games.



Eagle file photo

Rally for the Cure organizer Kimberly Ward, left, and Janet Hill decorate their team's cart at last year's event. Other members of the Miss Piggy team were Jeanette Hueckman, Jonna Bishop and Gail Burton, who is Ward's mom.

Rally for the Cure is Oct. 5 at John Day Golf Club

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This year's Grant County Rally for the Cure Golf Scramble & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5.

Continental breakfast and registration starts at 9 a.m., and tee off is at 10 a.m.

KP contest and rose ceremony immediately follow golf.

A dinner of hamburgers and an auction is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Cost for the golf scramble and dinner is \$40 (make checks payable to John Day Golf Club), and cost for dinner only is \$5.

Ladies competing in the scramble decorate their carts, and some wear costumes. Last year's fun themes included

Disney characters such as The Muppets, Minnie Mouse and Alice in Wonderland.

For more information, call the golf club at 541-575-0170 or Director Kimberly Ward at 503-583-0362.

Proceeds from the event help those in need of medical assistance through the Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation.



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Application **MUST BE RETURNED** to the Morrow County Public Works office by **Wednesday, October 09, 2019 5:00pm**



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- Have a yearly mammogram at 40 years of age and every year after.
- Participate in breast self awareness and talk with your doctor if you notice any changes.
- See your family doctor for a yearly check or even sooner if you have not been feeling well.

*Keith J. Thomas, MD, FACS Board-Certified General Surgeon
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