

# PC enforces 'no wheels' law

Ordinance applies only to Front Street sidewalks

Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY – Due to a recent “near miss” between

children on bicycles and patrons exiting Prairie City businesses, the City of Prairie City is now enforcing an existing ordinance against use of wheeled devices on Front Street.

The ordinance, 10.10.2(a), states that no one may use any roller or in-line skates, roller blades, skateboards, scooters,

bicycles or similar transportation on any Front Street sidewalk. Those failing to comply with the regulation may be fined a maximum penalty of \$25. Parents of minors may be cited.

City officials have received complaints of other similar incidents.

The municipal code has been

on the books for over 10 years, amended and adopted July 14, 2004. The law applies only to Front Street sidewalks.

A copy of the city’s municipal code on the matter is on display at the Prairie City post office.

Anyone with questions or concerns is encouraged to call city hall at 541-820-3605.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

**Local law enforcement officials gather outside the Grant County Sheriff’s Office on Monday afternoon as a hazmat trailer from Ontario arrives on scene.**

## RANCHER

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“He’s the county’s highest paid public official and I want him to advocate for Grant County farmers and ranchers,” said the former English teacher, who arrived in Grant County with her parents when she was just six years old to farm land owned by her grandparents.

“I like family ranches. When it’s yours, you take care of it... I’m a conservationist; I will not overgraze my property,” she said, adding, “I like what I do, and I want to stay here.”

But exactly what the future holds for her and other area ranchers scares her, especially when it comes to increased governmental regulation. Livingston says she will be surprised if “liberal Oregon” will follow suit

and join the other 28 states opposed to WOTUS. Historically, Eastern Oregon concerns have fallen on deaf ears in Salem, but that’s not stopping Livingston, currently a member of the Oregon Board of Agriculture and Grant County’s committee tasked with looking at the county’s Agriculture Quality Management Plan. This, in addition, to being a past president of the Oregon Cattlemen’s Association, one of two women to hold that position in the history of the association.

Judge Myers in reply to Livingston’s request that he advocate for the county, alluded that she had plenty of clout herself and urged her to stay in the fight.

For those who know her, hard to imagine she won’t.

Capital Press reporter Carol Ryan Dumas contributed to this article.

## CLASS

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She said she wants the students, “not to be afraid of weapons, but to understand that there is a responsibility or a respect that has to go with handling weapons.”

Maley, who is the ODFW office coordinator, took a hunter education class with her daughter CheyAnne, then in grade school, in 2005.

“I later decided that was something I wanted to get involved with,” she said. “I’m passionate about teaching the kids about firearm safety, whether they’re hunting or shooting at targets.”

The course includes five evenings in the classroom, one evening of testing and a field day at a local shooting range where students can put their practical skills to the test. At the range, students have the opportunity to shoot .22 rifles and Neil Bauer’s muzzle loader. Helping teach the class were Chris Labhart, Bryan Nelson, Mike Springer and Bauer.

Youth under 18 are required to take the course in order to hunt on public lands.

Adults also take the course if they plan to hunt in another state where hunter ed certification is required, or to obtain a concealed weapons permit – sometimes taking the course with their children, or to increase their knowledge on the subject.

Maley said the class is not necessarily just for those who plan to go hunting, but also for 4-H shooting sports or target shooting. “It’s not just about hunting, but there are other avenues that you can be involved with.”

A resident of the Fox area, Maley said she has a long commute to work (more than 35 miles), and to add the hunter ed course, from 6-8:30 p.m., to her day is a lot to take on.

“When I look at it, it’s 12 days out of 365 days - it’s not that much,” she said.

She and other hunter ed instructors are interested in seeing younger adults become involved in the program “to keep it going and teach these kids.”

“If it doesn’t change we’ll find a continuous decline in our hunting population - and all aspects of firearm,” she added.

Those interested in helping teach future hunter education classes can contact Maley at the ODFW office, 541-575-1167.

## HAZMAT

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“There wasn’t any ‘white powder’ (as reported) or anything I could see, other than the letter,” said Palmer, now in his fourth term as sheriff.

According to Palmer, no other individuals were taken to the hospital, although two workers in the same office where he opened the envelope were later decontaminated at the scene by hazmat crews. Inmates and other workers at the facility were unaffected.

Palmer was released from the hospital at 6:30 p.m. after being observed for nearly seven hours. Hospital staff also checked his wife’s vital signs to make sure she was

not affected. Hazmat crews on location at the Grant County Sheriff and Criminal Justice Facility in Canyon City, which was cordoned off most of the afternoon, finished their work shortly after 6 p.m.

What the substance may have been that triggered Palmer’s initial symptoms is under investigation. The FBI and Oregon State Police are taking the lead in the ongoing statewide investigation and reportedly have a “person of interest” they are following up on.

For his part, Palmer is just glad to be back on the job, despite “the phone ringing off the hook” and media attention.

“I just wish whoever did this would step forward ... so we can move forward,” said Palmer.

## FAIR

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show and place them. To get them ready for fair, we start washing them about two weeks before fair, every day – sometimes twice a day. A couple of days before the fair, we’ll clip them.

Q. What are some of the other things you have to do?

Cinch: I have to keep up my record book for 4-H, and we also go to other shows with our other cattle, registered Hereford.

Raney: My record book. This is my first year in 4-H.

Q. What’s your favorite part about showing animals?

Cinch: I really like going to the shows and showing them in the ring. Everything is fun for me. I got reserved grand champion with a registered Hereford last year.

Raney: I like everything about it. I like getting them ready and showing.

Q. What do you do with the money you earn?

Cinch: I put about \$1,000 in the bank and give some to the church. I pay my mom and dad back for feed, and then I save some too. I usually have about \$200 left over for spending money.

Raney: From my steer, I’ll put \$1,000-\$2,000 in my college account, and save some for my steer the next year. Whatever is left I pay mom and dad for my feed.

Q. What’s it like when fair is over? Are you sad to leave

your animal?  
A Cinch: Nope, not sad at all. It’s a business thing. My first steer was probably the hardest one, but now it’s no big deal.

Raney: No, I’m not emotional. I just start with another animal for next year.

Raising cattle – registered Herefords – is the family business, High Desert Cattle Company in Izee, for the Andersons.

The breeding animals, Cori explained, are what they continue with in the business, and the market ones are what their children show.

“It’s a family deal, and what we do for a living,” she said.

Cori said going to the county fair and showing animals is a great experience for their children and also helps them save for college, and “they are very good help, too.”

The children are members of both the American and Oregon Junior Hereford associations, she added, and members of the Izee Livestock 4-H club.

Cori herself is involved in the 4-H program, and an active presence during the county fair, where they exhibit their cattle to the public.

She also gets to connect with friends from all over the Northwest during that time.

The Andersons moved to Izee about 11 years ago from Central Oregon.

The youngest member of the Anderson family, Monel, 8, is an active participant in the family business too, playing a supportive role, helping her older brother and sister get their animals ready for fair.

Cori said Monel might show next year, but it will be two more years before she can show a steer.

The livestock auction at the Grant County Fair is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Heritage Barn at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

See the full fair schedule in the Aug. 5 issue of the Blue Mountain Eagle.

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FAMILY MEMBERS: My family consists of my husband, Jim; our son, Gregg; our daughter, Tanna, her husband, Jeff, and their two sons, Calin and Emmett, our grandsons; and our daughter, Tara, and her husband, Jeremiah. We also have a pug, a lab, two cats, three horses, and assorted chickens.

WHERE YOU LIVE: I live on 43 acres outside of Canyon City.

WHY IS EDUCATION IMPORTANT TO YOU: Education is important to me because knowledge empowers students to make changes and thereby allows them to achieve their dreams.

WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO AT HOME TO HELP WITH THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN: Families can help by encouraging their students to read, by talking with their students about their school day, and by supporting them to complete homework assignments, especially longer-term projects that require more organization. Importantly, families should encourage curiosity. I have a sign in my classroom that says, “The only cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.”

Parents should enable children to believe in themselves and their dreams, as well as to believe in the dreams of others, and they should then support them in fulfilling these dreams. Eleanor Roosevelt said, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

I echo the words of this song by Whitney Houston, “I believe that children are our future, teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside...” And that is precisely why I teach. Teaching is MY dream, and parents make that dream come true every day that they entrust me with their most precious possessions—their children!

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## TRACK

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and attended track and field camps in the months leading up to the trip.

He said it was his first time out of the country.

“Through this experience, I have seen the level of athletes that there are at my age group,” he said. “I think it has helped me in motivating me to become a better athlete and want to work harder in practice.”

Nancy Hitz, traveling along with her son, said the coaches instructing Garrett in pole vault told him to “look at his thumb instead of the bar” as he vaults up.

“It’s trusting and having faith that they’re in the right spot,” she said.

Garrett said he especially enjoyed the wildlife and the landscape, and visiting with the athletes from Australia.

Both he and Wilson said the time zone change was tough on them. Jet lag was hard to overcome, and com-

petition started just two days after landing.

Wilson said she was impressed by her coaches.

“One ran in the Olympics,” she said. “They taught me new ways to work on my jumping and improve my technique.”

This was Wilson’s second time out of the country, but the differences between this trip and the European art trip she went on last year were amazing, she said, adding that it was funny to see Aussies wearing heavy coats in their 60-degree winter weather – while she and Hitz and other Americans wore their regular clothes.

Hawaii was a different story though. The tour included the opportunity for athletes to travel a few days in Hawaii – the entire trip was July 6-17.

“It was a fun break,” Wilson said.

She added one of the best parts of the entire trip was the friendships she developed with the other athletes.

“I made a lot of new friends from different places – it’s going to be nice because I plan to meet up with them later,” she said, “I enjoyed seeing more of the world.”

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- Photos will be judged for quality, content, viewer appeal. Remember, it’s not the biggest fish – but the best fishing photo that takes the prize!
- Photos must be taken this summer in Grant County.
- Digital format is best - e-mail to [kristina@bmeagle.com](mailto:kristina@bmeagle.com) or bring in a disc to the Eagle office, 195 N. Canyon Blvd., John Day.
- Deadline for submissions: **Sept. 21, 2015** for the grand prize.

**Fisherman’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where the fish was caught:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date taken:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fish Species:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Weight & Length** \_\_\_\_\_

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