

# Prairie City votes 'no' to pot

Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY – At its Oct. 14 meeting, the Prairie City City Council voted to opt out of allowing early marijuana sales within the city limits.

The voting break down was four councilors in favor, two against and one abstaining.

The council held a town hall on Sept. 9 to allow the community to voice their opinions on the issue. A majority of those attending signified by a show of hands they were in favor of opting out.

Prairie City still has the choice to opt back in later after seeing what happens in other towns.

# Area schools in lockdown last week

By Blue Mountain Eagle

Dayville School and Grant Union Junior-Senior High School went into lockdowns the morning of Oct. 22 because of reports from students about another student who allegedly made threats against Dayville School.

The lockdowns lasted about 45 minutes. While the threat was not directed to an individual student, Dayville School District Superintendent Kathryn Hedrick said, the school immediately made a report to Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer.

Dayville School was secured and all teachers were made vigilant, she said.

Sheriff Palmer relayed the potential of a threat to Grant Union Junior-High School and the City of John Day.

Hedrick said the school ascertained

the whereabouts of the student, who was with parents.

The report of a threat was taken very seriously by the local schools. Grant Union Junior-High School went into a modified lockdown.

“As a result of information obtained from Sheriff Palmer regarding the possibility of a potential threat to the building, we erred on the side of caution and went into a modified lockdown to secure the building,” Grant Union Junior-Senior High School Principal Ryan Gerry said.

Hedrick commends the students who made the original report.

Their willingness to step forward is what will keep all students safe, she said.

Dayville School will continue to support the investigation to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

## 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.

**Grant County Sheriff**  
CANYON CITY – The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Oct. 16-22:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 8
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 7
- Releases: 10
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 8
- Civil papers: 8
- Warrants processed: 7
- Asst./welfare check: 5
- Search and Rescue: 1
- Phillip James, 36, Bend, cited for violation of the basic rule, 75/35 zone.

**Dispatch**  
John Day dispatch worked 152 calls during the week of Oct. 19-25. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:**

Oct. 21: Hit-and-run reported in Prairie City.

Oct. 22: Reported physical altercation in Prairie City; arrested a John Day man for attempted assault, driving under the influence of intoxicants, menacing, theft, reckless endangerment, disorderly conduct, reckless driving and failure to perform the duties of a driver.

Oct. 23: Arrested a John Day man on a parole warrant; report of a noise disturbance and fight at Riverside Mobile Home Park.

Oct. 24: Report of a horse running loose in Prairie City; cited a Baker City man for speeding; cited a Bend woman for speeding; arrested a John Day man on a Grant County warrant.

Oct. 25: Responded to a request to locate two missing women from The Dalles.

• **Dayville Fire Department:**

Oct. 25: Responded for a reported flue fire.

• **Monument Fire Department:**

Oct. 21: Reported grass fire on State Route 402.

• **Grant County Sheriff:**

Oct. 22: Report of threats made at Dayville School.

Oct. 23: Arrested a Prairie City man for DUII; arrested a Mt. Vernon man on a Grant County warrant.

Oct. 25: Report of a cougar sighting in Mt. Vernon.

• **John Day ambulance:**

Oct. 24: Responded for a woman who passed out.

• **Prairie City ambulance:**

Oct. 24: Responded for an 85-year-old woman who fell and injured her shoulder.

• **Mt. Vernon Rural Fire Department:**

Oct. 25: Reported grass fire on Hanson Lane.

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

- Violation of the basic rule: Robert Russell Howe, 53, Renton, Wash., 92/55 zone, fined \$300; Jacob A. Jaynes, 28, Canby, 71/55 zone, fined \$160; Justin Len Schlosser, 39, Prineville, 72/55 zone, fined \$160; Walker Dean Erickson, 21, Caldwell, Idaho, 50/30 zone, fined \$135; Dorothy Fae Miller, 69, Prairie City, 75/55 zone, fined \$160.
- Hunting in a prohibited area: Daniel L. Zimmerman, 47, Eugene, fined \$110.
- Exceeding speed limit: Karen Lynne Wagner, 56, Pendleton, 50/35 zone, fined \$135; Bradon Scott Janes, 24, Halfway, fined \$160; Todd Henry Hesse, 47, Vale, 68/55 zone, fined \$135; Steven Bernard Sciborski Jr., 50, Portland, 49/30 zone, fined \$135.
- Failure to drive within lane: Jason R. Dunten, 30, Hermiston, fined \$260.
- Open container of alcohol: Mikael Laibrook Hesse, 30, Vale, fined \$220.
- Exceeding maximum weight limit: Gary W. Berry, 60, Mt. Vernon, fined \$150.
- Britt Wilcox of John Day was convicted of contempt of court, and sentenced to 10 days with credit for time served.

# LETTER

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## We should be salvaging the timber

Letter to the Editor:

Possible salvage logging? The forest just burned up 110,000 acres and you think there is a possibility of logging?

They should put up one huge timber sale and salvage everything they can. Loggers should be in there right now getting it done. Not much need to worry about the environmental impact as that is already done.

They should try to get everything possible that is merchantable.

I'm sure Malheur can handle the logs if they will sell them. The reason Malheur and every other mill in the west has struggled or had to close down, is because of the Forest Service not selling any timber.

This can all be put back on Clinton's Forest Practice Act that stopped logging and most all industry on the for-

est. Since then it has gone downhill. The forest is not managed, roads are not maintained, etc. It boils down to keeping the people off of it and letting it go to waste.

We have two senators that all they do is advocate more money to fight the fires instead of money to stop them from happening. The more money you give them, the more they will spend.

We have people back east trying to tell them what to do who probably don't know a pine tree from a turnip.

Lumber and ranching pretty much built this country and should be put back to what it was before: to help the economy, schools and save the land from total destruction.

The F.S. says it burned 100,000 acres on the Malheur forest annually. Sounds like a lot of propaganda to me. I can remember years when it was just as dry and we never had any fires, or at least they were put out before getting out of hand.

There is an old saying, "The good Lord gave it to you and he will take it away."

Looks like he's winning the battle.

Tom Sheets  
John Day

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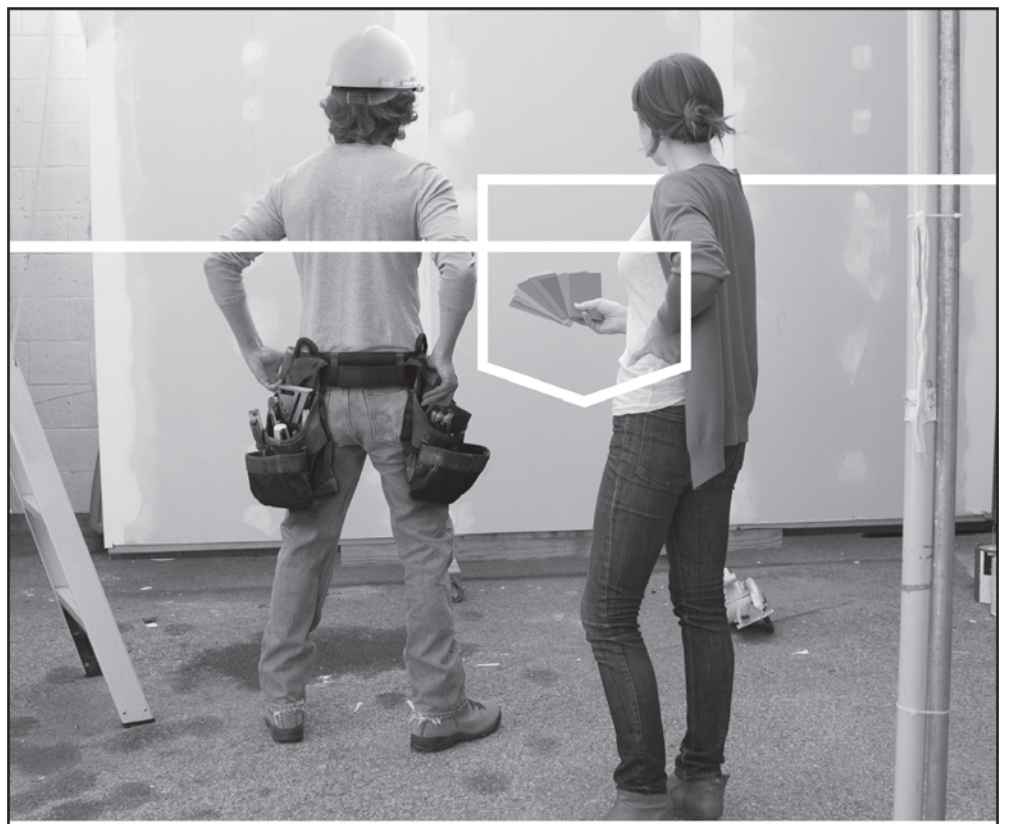
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