



PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE DECADE

Wyllie shares rodeo lifestyle through his lens

By Angel Carpenter
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Photographer Lindsey Wyllie of John Day has done it again. He won "Your Competitor News" rodeo magazine's Photographer of the Year award — for the sixth consecutive year. He also won Cover Photo of the Year with a photo he took at the Spray Rodeo. The magazine is the largest rodeo publication in the West, covering 25 states. "It's an honor to be recognized by so

many people for so long," Wyllie said. "I like capturing that piece of history that they can hold onto." Wyllie, who grew up on a ranch and was involved in rodeo in his younger years, has been in the rodeo photography business for more than 12 years. One of his highlights this year was being invited as the exclusive photographer to the Baker Bulls and Broncs Rodeo, which boasts the highest one-day payout in bull riding and saddle bronc riding. "The opportunities that opened up for me in the PRCA world is phenomenal," he said.

Wyllie's personal favorite cover photo this year, a picture of young cowboy John Barry Rose, a Burns resident, competing at the Burns Junior High Rodeo, holds a special meaning to him. The photo appeared on the June 2016 edition of "Your Competitor News." "John Barry had not reached his 16th birthday this year when his life was taken in an auto accident," Wyllie said. "He was well on his way to greatness and had enjoyed being at the top of his game, competing with the big guns in the NPRA and ICA world."

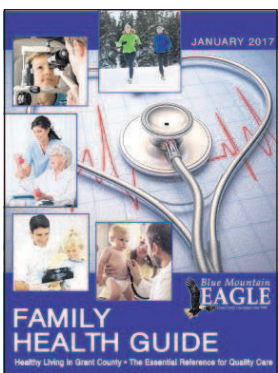
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Lindsey Wyllie received the 2016 "Your Competitor News" magazine's Photographer of the Year award for the sixth consecutive year. In the photo, Wyllie stands with his camera near a Grant County Fair sign in John Day. **TOP PHOTO:** Wyllie won "Your Competitor News" magazine's Cover of the Year award for this photo, which shows steer wrestler Ty Sherman performing at the 2016 NPRA Rodeo in Spray. The photo appeared on the June 20 cover of the magazine.

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Locals join La Grande women's march

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Roughly 250 protesters gathered in La Grande to speak out against newly elected President Donald Trump and threats to women's rights. Protesters marched from the Union County Clerk's Office to Max Square in solidarity with hundreds of other international organized marches. "I'm marching because as an American I want future generations to enjoy the same, if not better, access to public lands that we do today. I hunt and fish on public lands and, if we don't speak up, Oregon may soon look like Texas where only the wealthy have opportunities to harvest wild game," John Day resident Ashley Stevick wrote after the march. "I want our country to move forward rather than backwards on LGBTQIA, civil and reproductive rights. These rights along with immigrant, disability and worker's rights are essential to our freedom. I want the compassion and



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Kate Olsen, left, Katie Sprovkin, right, and her daughter Fiona march towards Max Square in La Grande during Saturday's women's march. They were among roughly 250 protesters from across Eastern Oregon who attended the march.

kindness I've found within this small Eastern Oregon town to be mirrored in Washington, D.C."

Marilyn Dudek came from Baker City with friends to stand in solidarity with the marchers and ex-

ercise her first amendment rights on issues ranging from climate change to women's rights. "To see all of these like-minded people in one place makes us feel pretty good. It makes us feel hopeful," she said. "For me it's a feeling of solidarity, to be with like-minded people and have a sense of optimism for the future, that's why I'm here," protester Ann MeHaffy said. The march coordinated with similar events in Salem and Pendleton, which both boasted crowds of hundreds, as well as a march in Washington, D.C., that organizers said was attended by 500,000 people. Within hours of being sworn in, Trump signed an executive order to "minimize the economic burden" of the Affordable Care Act, which allows government agencies to stop enforcing certain regulations associated with the law.

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Emry pleads guilty to possessing machine gun in John Day



Michael Emry

Maximum sentence: 10 years, \$10,000 fine
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Michael Ray Emry faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine after pleading guilty to possessing a machine gun illegally in John Day. Emry, 54, pleaded guilty Mon-

day, Jan. 23, before U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken to unlawful possession of a fully automatic .50-caliber machine gun that was not registered to him, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice. After accepting the guilty plea,

Aiken scheduled Emry's sentencing hearing for April 3. Emry faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$10,000 fine and three years of supervised release. According to court documents and statements made in court, on May 6, 2016, federal agents executed a search warrant on Emry's trailer at the Grant County

Fairgrounds and RV Park in John Day and recovered a Browning M2 machine gun with an obliterated serial number. Emry told agents that the firearm was fully automatic and could fire between 550 and 650 rounds per minute, that he had stolen it from a man

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