

EMRY

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in Idaho and that he had removed the serial number prior to bringing it to Oregon.

Prosecutors said Emry was also in negotiations to sell the machine gun in Oregon to a person he had been told was a felon and the captain of a Texas militia group, who was actually an undercover law enforcement officer. They said Emry also possessed a belt of blank .50-caliber shells for the gun and the blasting cap, which is a detonator for a bomb.

They also mentioned Emry's testimony from a 2004 case in which Emry admitted to illegally made a bomb out of C-4 and a silencer for a drug dealer but cooperated as a witness to avoid prison and that he illegally made 66 machine guns for a friend.

"A man with a history of making a bomb and silencer for a drug dealer to kill witnesses, and manufacturing 66 machine guns for another person in preparation for a civil revolt — who then brings a .50 caliber machine gun to our state during a time of unrest and then negotiates to sell it to someone pur-

porting to be a felon and the captain of a militia — poses a serious danger to the community," they said.

According to an article on The Voice of Idaho News website, Emry was the proprietor of that organization, as well as The Voice of North Idaho and The Voice of Grant County, Oregon.

The case was investigated by the FBI in close collaboration with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is being prosecuted by Nathan J. Lichvarcik, assistant United States attorney for the District of Oregon.

WYLLIE

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Wyllie said he felt fortunate to have the opportunity to bring Rose's skills and accomplishments to light through photography.

"The rodeo family lost a great member," he said.

The photographer also has a knack for announcing — as an auctioneer, sports-caster, emcee for events and rodeo announcer. Wyllie said he plans to add more rodeo announcing events on his to-do list this year.

He'll still spend time "behind the lens," he said, and his first rodeo photography event will be in February at the Eugene High School Rodeo.

Wyllie shared his thoughts about being a rodeo photographer in August while at the Deschutes County Fair and Rodeo in Redmond:

"As I sit here in rodeo camp tonight as a photographer, I cannot express the life in just a few words. The people, the friendships, the lifestyle and again I say the friendships.

"I see things that are the real world, what we live and do every day, and I don't know how to express that all in pictures. The good-night hugs and kisses by the parents to their kids that they are teaching the way of life. The bonding of a rodeo committee as they deal with putting on the rodeo. ... The pain and hardship of a fallen contestant that will require hospitalization for injuries sustained in competition. The people who come together to put on a meal for the workers after the rodeo performance, who gather up everyone's clothes to wash and bring back the next day? How do you photograph the



Contributed photo/Lindsey Wyllie.com

Featured on the June 6, 2016, cover of the "Your Competitor News" magazine is a photo Lindsey Wyllie took of 15-year-old John Barry Rose, right, competing in ribbon roping with Natalie Thompson at a junior high rodeo in Burns. Rose, a Burns resident, passed away Nov. 17, 2016, in a vehicle crash. Wyllie said the photo is a good memory of a young cowboy who was "well-liked by all" and was "well on his way to stardom."

announcer that brags about the contestants or builds you up with your accomplishments as a photographer? How do you photograph how a sponsor feels about giving to a rodeo production?

"I stare at a buckle I received for photographer of the year for five years in a row; that is the most cherished award I have ever earned! I struggle to be the best I can be, no matter what I do! But I feel I have a long way to go.

"They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but sometimes a picture needs a thousand words to bring out

its true meaning. As a photographer how do you photograph the long travel time? The sleepless nights? The endless practice time, time spent in dusty arenas when people are tired and sore and just keep going? ... I think it comes down to instead of capturing emotion you have to capture motivation, and I don't know how to do that yet! But in the meantime, I will travel down this rodeo road and treasure the times, the friendships, the lifestyle and its people!

"And know this, it is and always will be the best road ever! Long live our lifestyle! And that is how I see it."

MARCH

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Some marchers sported homemade pink-eared "pussy hats" to make a visual statement and show solidarity with marchers across the nation, according to the Pussy Hat Project. The hats were also intended to help reclaim the derogative term commonly used for female genitalia. Stevick said they were also in reference to comments Trump made in 2005 to about grabbing a woman by her genitalia.

The marchers carried signs with messages ranging from "Love always trumps hate" to "Silence = violence" and slogged through slush and hopped around puddles on their way downtown.

The protesters heard speeches from the Oregon Rural Action, the local senior center and other community organizations.

"How can women pursue happiness when they live in fear of rape and domestic violence?" speaker Dave Wahler asked the crowd in Max Square. "I may be a man, but I know all too well that any government which takes away the freedoms of our women will be coming for mine next. And that's why I'm speaking up now, right here alongside you."

Other speakers encouraged people at the rally to write to their state and federal representatives, have conversations with people who disagreed with them and to stay politically active.

The idea for the march was started by Hawaii resident Teresa Shook, according to the Los Angeles Times. Frustrated by the 2016 election, Shook invited a few dozen



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

A protester holds a sign encouraging individuals to speak out against injustice as marchers pour into Max Square in La Grande to protest President Trump and threats to women's rights on Saturday, Jan. 21.



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

Roughly 250 protesters gathered in La Grande's Max Square on Saturday, Jan. 21, to march in solidarity with hundreds of international women's rights marches.

friends to a march on Washington, D.C., on Saturday. From there, things snowballed

into hundreds of international marches with millions in attendance.

Volunteer ambulances staffed again

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

Volunteer ambulances in Monument and Long Creek are back in service.

Both ambulances, staffed by community volunteers under Blue Mountain Hospital District management, have responded to local emergency calls in both cities in the northern part of the county this year, hospital CEO Derek Daly said.

Other new policies also aim to reduce response and travel times for patients. The full-time hospital emergency medical services employees

who staff the ambulances based at the hospital in John Day are now at the hospital 24 hours per day, in shifts, rather than being on-call, to respond quicker, Daly said. The volunteer ambulances, including those in Prairie City and Seneca, have also been directed to begin transporting patients toward the hospital to meet ambulances dispatched from the hospital halfway, he said.

"We've been through some challenges, but I think we've got a really positive path moving forward," Daly said.

Challenges and disagreements between the hospital district and local volunteer agencies had caused problems for about a year and a half, he said, leading to both northern ambulances being taken out of service. Some volunteers left, and others let

their qualifications lapse. He said compliance with federal and state regulations was one component in the problem, so he recently held training and orientation to help clarify the guidelines, and some of the volunteers have returned.

Oversight of the ambulance crews had also been transferred to a doctor in Pendleton, but Dr. Keith Thomas, a surgeon at Blue Mountain Hospital, has now taken on that role as well.

"It's always good to have local physicians providing the support and oversight for the things that we're doing," Daly said. "It's been great working with him in this capacity.

"I can see some of the progressions we've made in the last couple of months since I've been here, and I know we've had good communication, good dialogue with people," he said. "I really think we are going to be able to move forward and do some good things and get back to facilitating local access to health care as best as we can."

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Parent: Lance and Louanne Zwegardt
Sport: Basketball
Position: Post
What I like best about my sport: "Basketball is a team sport — I love that. One girl can't win a game, neither can two, or even five, you need your whole team, your family. You can't be competitive and win games without your family backing you up and being there for you, and I love being a part of my family. I love to compete and basketball gives me a great opportunity to do so."
Coach's Comment: "Brianna shows up to practice and games mentally and physically ready. She puts in 100 percent every day, and she helps the other girls."
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Contact Michelle Gibson to register or with questions 541-575-1648
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MEETING NOTICE
UPPER MAINSTEM AND SOUTH FORK JOHN DAY RIVER AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA PLAN
The Biennial Review of the Upper Mainstem and South Fork John Day River Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan will be held January 25, 2017 at 4:00pm at the USDA Conference Room at 721 S. Canyon Blvd., in John Day.
Contact Jason Kehrberg or Pat Holliday at 541-575-0135 with any questions.