

# CAMP

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Wheeler added that the UTV was purchased locally at Outlaw Motor Sports in Enterprise.

The year's first backpacking trip with Keefer was an unmitigated success, with two veterans and an observer participating in the trip that took place June 3-10. The adventure included a two-day Divide

Camp stay and five days in the mountains via the South Fork Imnaha trail.

Along with Keefer, the two veterans included Dave Armstrong, an Air Force veteran from Washington, and Christine Gittins of Salem, a veteran who served in Somalia and other places in the 1990s, joined Keefer on the trip, as did Marianne Falk of Portland, who works for the Women's Foundation of Oregon and participated because of her interest in wilderness healing and her desire to learn more

about serving women and female vets in particular.

All of the participants said they came away with a more optimistic perspective upon their return. Gittins summed it up by calling the trip a great wilderness experience as well as a learning experience.

Wheeler, overjoyed with the camp's latest success, sounded optimistic about its future as a full-time haven for veterans.

"It's really coming together, and I feel like we're really getting close," she said.

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After completing the intense program, he took classes with well-known instructor Robbie O'Brien in Colorado.

From 2009-2013, Norman worked for Breedlove Guitar Company in Bend.

"I really honed my eye for detail there, mostly working in the finishing department," he said. "By the end I was in charge of final inspections, looking at the tiniest things and having to figure out how to make it perfect. That did a lot for my craftsmanship skills."

While working for Breedlove, Norman experienced firsthand the drawbacks of mass production that can lessen an instrument's quality.

"It showed me that the guitars really are cookie-cutter. Most people that worked there had no prior knowledge of guitar construction, and everything was built to the company's exact specifications."

Norman is set to prove that a great guitar is worth the one-on-one attention.

"My goal is to make instruments that are comfortable and tonally satisfying, built well, hand made. I pay attention to every little piece of wood. Every piece is being tuned. I'll never be able to compete with the price points of large manufacturers, but with them there isn't a lot of care taken to each individual instrument."

Norman's focus is on acoustic guitars, with a specialty for parlor guitars.

"I want to perfect my parlor design," he said. "That's an early-1900s version of a guitar. They're 12 frets, so the way you're able to do your bracing and your bridge placement is a lot more favorable for the tone of the instrument. They're more comfortable, and you can get as much volume out of them as a bigger

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guitar."

Norman plans to primarily use local wood sources in his work.

"I want to make Wallowa County wood guitars. I'm looking for fir and tamarack, the tightest grain, 16th- to 8th-inch grains. Those would have to be quarter-sawn, so I need to get at least a 10-inch billet of quarter-sawn wood. I'm also interested in maple, walnut, other hardwoods people might have."

Like most people working to master a craft, Norman says he often laments seeing his handiwork go out the door.

"That's a really hard thing about this. You put so much time and attention to it, and it turns out so nice, and you want to keep it for yourself. But I'm trying to get out of that mindset. Since I've officially decided to be in business, I've had to sell a few that were my personal guitars."

Though there's one guitar

he's sure to never give up.

"My favorite guitar is the first one I ever made. I'm never gonna get rid of it. It's a maple. It's a bigger design. I'm attempting to recreate it here in the shop."

To introduce his services and show folks what a skilled luthier's care can do for an instrument, Norman is offering a \$35 "Know Your Luthier" service special.

"Someone can bring me their guitar. I'll clean it, polish their fingerboard, do minor adjustments, diagnose any issues they might want to resolve, and give them a new set of strings."

The business relies on social media to reach clients, though Norman plans to build a website soon. Initially, he isn't available for walk-in service. Customers should contact through his Facebook page under Brady D. Norman Guitars, or at 541-263-1423 or bradydguitars@gmail.com.

## SEN. MERKLEY VISITS ENTERPRISE



Kathleen Elynn/Chieftain

Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Oregon) got a "good surprise" during the town hall Saturday in Enterprise when Northeast Oregon Economic Development District (NEOEDD) Director Lisa Miller presented him with a National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) 2016 Congressional Partnership Award for support of regional community and economic development policies. Merkley was nominated for the award by the Enterprise NEOEDD. Recipients of the award are selected based on their support of NADO's national legislative priorities, including funding for federal community and economic development programs and support of the work of regional development organizations at the local level. Among the programs Merkley has championed is the Independent Development Account, which subsidizes the savings of low-income individuals who work to save for home ownership, post-secondary education and small-business ownership.

## FOR THE RECORD

### Dispatch log:

#### Monday, June 20

- 8:00 a.m.: Criminal mischief reported in Wallowa.
- 9:54 a.m.: Possible injured deer in Joseph. Referred to ODFW.
- 10:51 a.m.: Harassment complaint in Enterprise.
- 12:45 p.m.: Request for an ambulance in Enterprise.
- 1:18 p.m.: Theft complaint in Enterprise.
- 3:12 p.m.: Small black dog found at Wallowa Lake.
- 3:20 p.m.: 911 complaint of a stolen vehicle in Enterprise.
- 5:25 p.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in Joseph.
- 7:16 p.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in Enterprise.

#### Tuesday, June 21

- 8:34 a.m.: 911 call for ambulance in the city of Enterprise.
- 3:08 p.m.: Complaint of criminal mischief in Enterprise.
- 3:40 p.m.: Dog found in Wallowa.
- 5:32 p.m.: Lost dog in rural Enterprise; reunited with owner.
- 7:08 p.m.: Found dog at the Enterprise City Park; reunited with owner.
- 8:11 p.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in Enterprise.

#### Wednesday, June 22

- 12:22 p.m.: 911 call for ambulance at Wallowa Lake.
- 12:43 p.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in Enterprise.
- 1:13 p.m.: Criminal mischief reported in Joseph.
- 7:11 p.m.: Cows loose on Hurricane Creek Road.
- 9:01 p.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in Wallowa.

#### Thursday, June 23

- 9:18 a.m.: Possible wolf depredation in rural Enterprise.
- 10:13 a.m.: Hit-and-run vehicle damage reported in Enterprise.
- 10:26 a.m.: 911 requesting an

- ambulance in Joseph.
- 5:56 p.m.: Report of possible theft in Enterprise.
- 10:22 p.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in Flora.

#### Friday, June 24

- 6:09 a.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in rural Enterprise.
- 8:18 a.m.: Loose cattle complaint in rural Enterprise.
- 8:52 a.m.: Ambulance requested in rural Enterprise.
- 5:10 p.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in Wallowa.
- 7:06 p.m.: 911 reporting a loose horse in rural Lostine.
- 9:19 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
- 9:27 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
- 9:51 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
- 10:09 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.

#### Saturday, June 25

- 8:00 a.m.: 911 requesting an ambulance in Joseph.

- 9:57 a.m.: Dog bite reported in rural Enterprise.
- 3:00 p.m.: Eric Andrew Pfister, 37, of Anderson, Calif., was arrested on a California warrant for parole violation. Subject was transported to Umatilla County jail.

#### Sunday, June 26

- 9:50 a.m.: 2 steers reported missing in rural Wallowa.
- 6:54 p.m.: Black male pug found in Enterprise.

## Thank You

to all those who support the Enterprise Elementary music program. I have been so grateful for the opportunity to teach here the past seven years. I will miss this community, but am looking to the future and have accepted a full-time music position at Wallowa.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Stauffer

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Thanks,  
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