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## Washington to lethally remove wolves

Members of Profanity Peak pack responsible for at least four cattle deaths

By Don Jenkins  
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The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will lethally remove wolves in a pack that has killed at least four cattle this summer, the department said last week.

WDFW Director Jim Un-

sworth authorized the lethal removal after department investigators today confirmed that a calf found dead in northern Ferry County had been killed by wolves in the Profanity Peak pack.

Previously, in July, WDFW confirmed the pack had killed three cattle. According to de-

partment policy, WDFW considers lethal removal after four depredations in one year by a pack.

The wolf pack has at least 11 members, according to WDFW.

WDFW wolf policy coordinator Donny Martorello said the department plans to remove part of the pack and has a cer-

### Wolf Information

For ODFW wolf updates, visit <http://bit.ly/2beFGpP>.

tain number in mind, though the number won't be disclosed until WDFW completes the operation.

In 2014, the department announced it planned to remove

up to four wolves from the Huckleberry pack and faced criticism for ending the operation after shooting one wolf.

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Courtesy of USFWS, William Campbell  
File photo.



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Bart Walker, Royal Southern Brotherhood guitarist, coaxes blues tones from his Gibson ES-345 at last year's Bronze, Blues and Brews festival.

## Rayford, Cain headline 20th blues festival

Bronze Blues and Brews kicks off with Friday jam

By Steve Tool  
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Wallowa County may be most at home with Americana music, but this weekend is all about the blues.

The 20th annual Bronze Blues and Brews festival promises a weekend loaded with top names at the Joseph City Park.

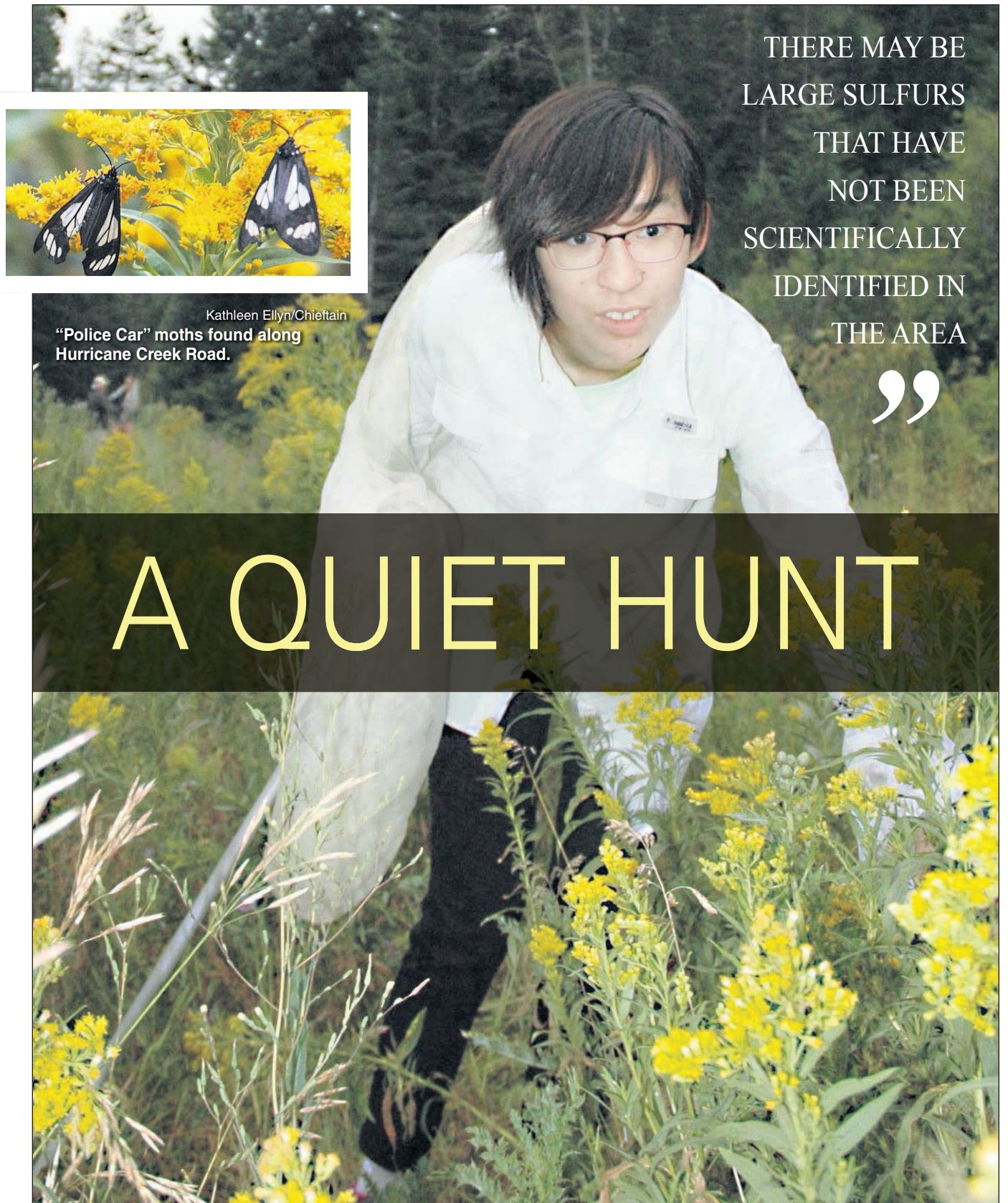
The two-day event features a Friday Jam Night, while the main festival is Saturday.

Chuck Garrett, co-director of "The best little fest in the Northwest," said the event is not to be missed.

"We've got some really good bands," Garrett said. "More acts, more bands, basically. We've got a different band for Friday night. Usually we have one of the Saturday bands play, but this year we've got the Delgado Brothers as our Friday band."

Headliners for the festival are Texas-born blues man Sugaray Rayford and San Francisco singer and guitarist Chris Cain. Rayford, Cain and Danielle Nicole are event veterans. Other featured acts include guitarist Devon Allman and the Brandon Santini Band with extra harpists (harmonica) Franco Paletta and Mitch Kashmar.

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THERE MAY BE  
LARGE SULFURS  
THAT HAVE  
NOT BEEN  
SCIENTIFICALLY  
IDENTIFIED IN  
THE AREA

## A QUIET HUNT

Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain  
"Police Car" moths found along Hurricane Creek Road.

Ingrid Brown, 12, creeps up on a likely suspect, hoping to try out her newly acquired netting skills.

Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain

## Butterfly enthusiasts comb county for rare finds

By Kathleen Ellyn  
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Members of the Washington Butterfly Association enjoyed a "wonderful event" in Wallowa County after a weekend of butterfly hunting on Mount Howard and in the Hurricane Creek area. The WBA gathers annually, and this year's

conference was based at Hurricane Creek Grange in Joseph.

The group brought with them two scholarship students — Ingrid Brown, 12, of Seattle and Mallory Keenan, 10, of Vashon Island. Both girls came with a parent who vouched for their naturalist interests and assisted them in their butterfly adventure.

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## 'American Pickers' returning to Oregon

EO Media Group

"American Pickers" could end up in Wallowa County this fall if a local collection catches their eye.

The History Channel show features Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, who travel the country looking for historically significant antiques — what they call "rusty gold" — that have been hidden away in the corner of an attic or barn. They have plans to film episodes in Oregon in September, and scouts are looking now for interesting collections to check out as they plan their route through Oregon.

"We look for really interesting items of worth," casting associate Natasha Moore said. "We talk to people and find out the story behind the items and do some digging."

She said last year they had a good visit to Oregon and hope to see more of the

state's most interesting privately owned antiques when they return.

"There were a lot of people and a lot of counties we didn't get to visit," she said.

According to a press release, the show is looking for "characters" with "sizable, unique collections" that the pickers could spend the better part of a day looking through during an episode.

The long list of items they are looking for includes old furniture, board games, movie posters, toys, vending machines, lamps, clocks, motorcycles, dolls, art, dishes, oil cans and other antiques.

To bring a private collection (no antique shops or flea markets) to the scouts' attention, submit your name, phone number, location, a description of the collection and photos of some of the items to [americanpickers@cinetflix.com](mailto:americanpickers@cinetflix.com) or call 1-855-OLD-RUST.



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Frank Fritz and Mike Wolfe of "American Pickers" are headed to Oregon this fall.



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