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**Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members
Kevin Blair, Ken Everett, Ryan Noah and
Brian Senz & Family**

Thank you to our sponsors!

You will see their logo or business cards in the newsletter. Remember to support these wonderful and generous businesses. As they help us support our mission.

Our local High School Clay Target Shooting Teams are registering for Spring Season.

Registration goes through mid March. It costs students around \$250- \$300 to cover targets, shells and registration so donations are greatly appreciated.

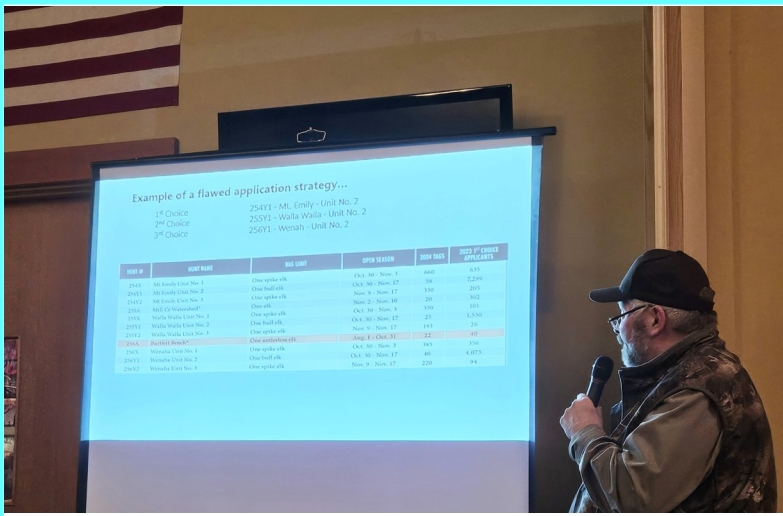
Randy St.Marie is the head coach of the new Banks High School Trap Shooting team stmarie3@hotmail.com or 503.702.4628 . Contact Brian Long at Alohaclaytarget@gmail.com for the Aloha team.

Our local teams shoot at Verboort Rod Gun Club & Hillsboro Trap & Skeet Club.



Making a Difference in Air





A BIG THANK YOU to Troy Schaffner for being our guest speaker this month. Troy is a Controlled Hunt Draw & Land Owner Preference Program Specialist with ODFW.

Troy had some good examples of what to do when choosing your controlled hunts if you want to increase your odds of drawing a tag. When applying for group tags, you need to look at the preference points of everyone as they are combined and then averaged for the group. So

if you have someone with a low number, it may reduce the chance of drawing the tag. If you have any Non-Residents in your group, it may be better to have them apply individually. Only 5% of the number of tags for each hunt are set for non-residents so when they are grouping by preference points and hunt choice, in many cases there are 4 or under non-resident tags available so if you are applying in a group and have a non-resident and they've already drawn a non-resident tag(s) then your group will be skipped over. So it is often helpful for non-residents to apply individually for a more successful draw result.

You can get an idea of your odds of drawing a hunt by looking at the [Big Game Regulations](#), where you will see the number of tags and number of first-choice applicants from the previous year. The number of tags and applicants can change from year to year, but usually not by much. A point to consider, hunts that have more first-choice applicants than tags available will never be drawn as anything other than a first-choice hunt. So do not put them down for choices #2-#5 as it's pretty much just throwing those choices away.

- Troy says these are great to use in choosing which hunts to put in for;
- Big Game Regulations
- Applicants by Hunt
- Draw Results Report
- Prior Years Leftover Tags
- Hunt Unit Maps

ODFW's online [Point Summary Reports](#) can also help you figure out your odds. You can also visit the [Oregon Tag Draw Percentages](#) website (note the Oregon Tag Guide book has ceased publication). Neither of these resources are affiliated with ODFW.

You know what you can do physically, make sure to check out hunt areas before applying if it is a new area to you. OnX Hunt Application is a great app for looking at hunt areas and seeing what's available for hunting and what is private, if there is road access or if you need other mobility means.

Keep in mind that 25 percent of the tags for each draw are awarded randomly so every first-choice applicant has some chance to draw even the most coveted tag.

Of course you can call with questions, Main Controlled Hunt Draw & Land Owner Preference Program number is 503-947-6101. Troy Schaffner 503-947-6109 email Troy.X.Schaffner@ODFW.Oregon.gov

Youth Turkey Hunting Clinic

April 6, 2024

8:45 am – 4:00 pm

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's

White River Wildlife Area



For Youth ages 8 - 17

Space is Limited! Registration Deadline March 31st, 2024

HUNTER EDUCATION CARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND!

To register login online at <https://odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login>

Registration fee of \$10 includes lunch for youth. Lunch is available for adults & families for a donation. For questions, call 541-544-2126 or email Chase.Brown@odfw.oregon.gov

TURKEY CALLING: Learn turkey vocabulary and calling techniques. Experiment with a variety of calls to have a successful hunt.

TURKEY HUNTING TECHNIQUES: Learn the tricks, tips and strategies you need to know to become a successful turkey hunter.

ALL ABOUT TURKEYS: Turkey identification, behavior, scouting techniques, turkey sign identification and how to locate turkeys in the woods.

Turkey Equipment and Resources: Learn the variety of equipment available for turkey hunting. Learn available resources and how to find places to hunt turkeys.

SHOTGUN SHOOTING AND PATTERNING: Learn how to pattern your gun, establish effective ranges and hold your gun as the big tom approaches.

Archery:
Learn the basics of Archery, get to practice shooting on 3D Targets





Congratulations Jenny Teters and below Konnor Van Lom on your cow elk!

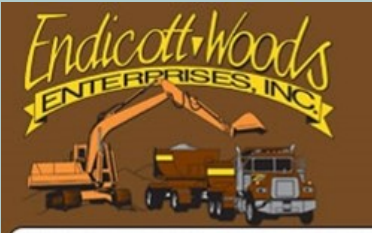
Remember to submit pictures to TVCOHA@Outlook.com to get

OHA is going to continue to offer the Gun Calendar Raffle for 2025. This includes a complimentary membership or can count towards membership renewal, not to mention you have a chance to win one of 53 guns drawn for every Raffle ticket purchased. The raffle ticket is \$50. You can enter yourself for the raffle portion and give the membership portion to someone new or renew your own.

You can contact any of the board members to purchase gun calendars, they will have it available for online purchase soon.

You will be able to purchase them at our Chapter dinners or at the Annual Banquet—You can also upgrade to a family membership for an extra \$10. The family membership includes you and your spouse\partner and children under 18 years old. If you have any questions, feel free to ask us about it and if we don't know then we'll ask the State and get back with you with an answer.





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Wildlife Omnibus bill moves forward in Short Session

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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HB 4148, the Wildlife Omnibus bill that includes funding for Chronic Wasting Disease detection and testing, has moved out of committee with a unanimous vote and a “do pass” recommendation. The bill is now in the Ways & Means Committee, which will decide whether to fund the bill.

OHA brought forward a bill in the 2023 legislative session, HB 2532, with the same financial request related to CWD. That bill also passed out of the policy committee but was stymied in Ways & Means, where it later died. HB 4148 gives new life to our priority of expanding detection efforts and establishing in-state testing facilities specific to CWD.



In-state CWD testing will get hunters faster results.

A northeast Oregon elk hunter checks his bull in at a CWD check station last fall in Prineville. OHA supports HB 4148 for in-state testing for CWD.

ODFW director announces retirement

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director
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ODFW Director Curt Melcher announced he will wrap up his career with the agency at the end of March. Melcher first started with ODFW in 1985. He has served as the agency’s director since February 2015.

The recruitment and search for Melcher’s replacement is underway. By law, this is the responsibility of the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Much of the process to this point has taken place at commission meetings. The commission is

also being assisted with a private recruitment firm. This firm is actively reaching out to stakeholders, including OHA, to learn about the types of experience and attributes that we would like to see for the recruitment of the next director.

At the February Commission meeting in Hillsboro, the Commission announced the selection of an interim director, Davia Palmeri, who will fill the gap between the first of April and when the next director will be in place. The Commission is looking toward the May meeting to complete the recruitment and selection process.

Expo connects conservationists

A young boy practices his aim at a virtual duck hunt as a taxidermist adjusts a proud deer head on display. An owl perches on the arm of its trainer, spreading its wings for a gathering audience. A couple discusses the differences in animal tracks as a toddler casts out for plastic fish.

Families, professionals, and even some hiking goats gathered at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds for the inaugural Oregon Partners in Conservation Expo on Feb. 3. Both a networking opportunity for conservationists and a fun day for the community, the expo hosted numerous groups, including OHA, dedicated to Oregon’s environment and outdoor recreation.

“It was a lot of months to put this together,” said J.R. Lorimor, OHA Bend Chapter member and event organizer.

The first of its kind, the expo sought to create a centralized network for conservation groups. It was not a typical expo, as it was based entirely around information.

“There’s nothing for sale here; this is just about conservation,” said Lorimor. “We want to bring together groups that could benefit from networking, and hopefully build partnerships.”

Exhibitors included a wide range of organizations, from OHA’s Learn To Hunt program supported by the Leupold & Stevens Foundation, and US Forest Service, to the Oregon Falconers Association, who brought birds of prey to show rapt attendees.

“We’ve already got a waitlist for 2025,” said Lorimor. “We’re growing, and people are making connections.” —CARLY HUGHES

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GUN RAFFLE CALENDAR

OHA will give away
A GUN A WEEK in 2025!

For \$50 you get:

- 2025 Gun Raffle Calendar.
 - Chance to win 1 of 53 guns raffled (\$599-\$1,800).
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OHA pursues NE Oregon wildlife crossing structures

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director
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OHA has been working around the state to address critical areas that have a high density of wildlife/vehicle collisions. To date, work has been completed on the Highway 97 undercrossing near Gilchrist, and projects are being planned on the southern portion of Interstate 5, Highway 20 between Suttle Lake and Bend, and Highway 20 east of Juntura.

In northeast Oregon, two highways need work to safely get deer and elk across.

The first is Highway 82 in Wallowa County, where stretches experience high numbers of both white-tailed and mule deer struck by vehicles. The second is Interstate 84 between Pendleton and La Grande. While not as many elk and deer are killed on I-84, wildlife tracking has clearly shown this interstate to be a major barrier to migrational movement. Addressing this barrier will be a key factor to connect habitat, protect seasonal movement corridors, and promote healthy elk and deer populations.

Latest Gun Calendar winners announced

OHA Gun Calendar Raffle winners are posted every Wednesday on OHA's social media, but Facebook and Instagram have been taking down the posts because they contain guns. See weekly winners on OHA's website or download our app, which you can also use to enter contests and get timely notifications.

Get your 2025 OHA Gun Raffle Calendar now by calling the OHA state office at 541-772-7313 or visiting OHA's website at: www.oregonhunters.org/store

- Feb. 7: Sig Cross
Ron Shoffeitt, Gold Beach
- Feb. 14: Howa 1500 Yote Package .223
Paul Silverio, Salem
- Feb. 21: Ruger American 6.5 PRC
Douglas Town, Hillsboro



YOU'RE INVITED TO AN OHA BANQUET NEAR YOU SOON!

Enjoy a fun evening among friends and check out auctions and raffles featuring trips, great gear and more at an OHA chapter banquet near you soon.

Watch for 2024 fund-raiser updates at:
<https://oregonhunters.org/events-2>

OHA banquets in 2024 will feature a Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle for a Brown-ing Xbolt Speed LR Oviv 7mm PRC!



OHA SPRING BANQUETS

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| Mar. 9 | Bend | 541-480-9848 |
| Mar. 16 | Josephine Co. | 541-761-1852 |
| Mar. 16 | Capitol | 503-930-8586 |
| Mar. 16 | Rogue Valley | 541-773-8736 |
| Mar. 16 | Yamhill County | 503-490-2489 |
| Mar. 23 | Blue Mountain* | 541-231-4384 |
| Mar. 23 | Tualatin Valley | SOLD OUT! |
| Mar. 30 | Mid-Columbia | 541-490-2980 |
| Apr. 6 | Baker | 541-403-0402 |
| Apr. 6 | Tioga | 541-294-7912 |
| Apr. 6 | Umpqua | 541-580-5660 |
| Apr. 6 | Lake County | 541-417-2983 |
| Apr. 13 | Mid-Willamette | 541-971-3351 |
| Apr. 13 | Clatsop County | 503-440-9934 |
| Apr. 27 | Klamath | 541-884-5773 |
| Apr. 27 | Curry | 530-351-5847 |
| May 4 | Tillamook | 503-842-7153 |
| May 4 | OHA State Convention,**
Seven Feathers Casino, | 541-772-7313 |
- * A&H Statewide Elk Tag auction
** A&H Statewide Deer Tag auction

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There is no Chapter Dinner for March.

We'll see you April 16th for Turkey talk with Tony, Kirk and Ben.



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