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## FROM THE DESK OF OHEIA PRESIDENT

Dear fellow members

### RAFFLE WINNERS

We were finally able to have the drawing. Not being able to have a presence at the Area Coordinators Conference in December, put a kibosh to doing the drawing when we first announced it, but thankfully we had put a date subject to change notice on everything.

Two excited youth from the Athena area and their parents, were present to do the drawing. It was all videoed to make sure all was above board. A ticket for every ticket you purchased, whether in person or online, was in a big bowl and was stirred and stirred, to make the drawing fair and equal.

The first ticket drawn was someone who purchased online and the second ticket drawn was someone who had purchased their ticket in person.

We are proud to announce that the winner of the woman's firearm was Carlita Bloodsworth, and the winner of the men's firearm was Jeremy Messenger.

### A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR CAUSE AND PURCHASED A TICKET

Please support your local board members by encouraging other instructors to become members of OHEIA.

Send your ideas and comments to me at

[jimmarquardt@gmail.com](mailto:jimmarquardt@gmail.com). Or send me a text message at 541 969-4845.

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# HOW MANY HUNTING SEASONS DO YOU HAVE LEFT?

By Greg Barron, Past OHEIA President



The author (right) and his much younger brother hanging out with the dog, who was protecting the wife from wild viscous animals or looking for a fresh cowpie to roll in.

My youngest brother posed that question to me about three elk seasons ago while we were sitting in elk camp. He, said it jokingly and I replied, “How many of us really know how many hunts we have left?” I’m pretty sure that he was referring to my advanced age, I’m 14 years older than my baby brother. This is a question that is hard to, if not impossible, to answer. Who knows how my hunts we have left. All I know is that if I’m willing and able, I will be out there tromping around in the hills or fields hunting. It’s not a matter of going, just to measure my hunting success by harvesting an animal, it’s more than that. Being “out there” is just a way of life for me and I think a lot of you feel the same way.

Now my biggest challenge is getting my sons to go hunting with me again. They are just starting their working careers; both are married and have very young children. With them, family life and career take up a lot of their free time. It’s even hard to get the boat out of the river because we are so busy.

There are changes on the horizon. Grandpa is wanting to get his grandkids out in the field with him. He wants to teach them about hunting and firearm safety...but he needs to be patient after all the oldest is only four years old and the

youngest are just one year old. One thing about it, one is never too young or old to go afield. The old man needs to make sure the young ones have a comfortable experience. If I’m in good reliable and comfortable hunting attire so should the up-and-coming young hunters. Grandpa, remember you want to keep it fun for the grandkids, so they want to keep going out with you.

Over the last couple of years my wife has been coming to hunting camp. She doesn’t hunt or shoot, but loves being up in the mountains camping along a creek with her Black Lab cross “Miley”. She hangs around camp and goes on walks with the dog while her husband gets up at “O Dark Thirty” and heads out to go on his morning hunting adventures. After returning to camp, the hunter has lunch, takes a break, and shares his morning hunting stories with his wife. Now that the wife is coming with the said hunter to camp, he realizes that the afternoon is reserved for him, wife and dog, to load up in the old Ford F350 7.3 liter and drive around looking over the countryside and maybe even dropping down to a small town to visit. This is a major adjustment for the old hunter,

but it is nice to have her and the dog's company, even though he knows he will never harvest anything with her beside him. The wife thinks all the deer and elk, "God's Creatures", are cute.

The old man thinks it might be a good idea to upgrade his RV situation and even though he owns a 4-wheeler ATV he will probably scale up to a side by side so he can haul the wife, dog and little grandkids around the hills for further adventures. He also realizes that he may have to hunt closer to home...his big game hunting unit is 3.5 hours from home where it's only a 1-hour drive to the closest unit to home. This he figures is the only way that he can get his sons out hunting with him because of their busy schedules. Even though he really likes where he hunts, he is willing to make the adjustment just to have his family with him.

So, how many hunting seasons do I have left, only God knows the answer to that question. In the meantime, getting out more hunting with family and friends is the only answer. Hunting is something that was instilled in me by my dad, uncles and grandpa at a young age and has stayed a priority in my life and will continue until my final day on this earth. So don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today...because you never know when there will be no more tomorrows.

#### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS WANTED

If you have a photo or a recipe or any interesting information about your classes or one of your instructors, send it to our newsletter editor, OHEIA secretary, Darlene Marquardt at [darlene.marquardt@gmail.com](mailto:darlene.marquardt@gmail.com). You do not have to be a board member to contribute

### FROM YOUR EASTERN DIRECTOR, LANNY FUJISHIN

As we come into spring, we have the opportunity to extend our time in the field. Elk, deer, and even moose drop antlers during the spring and grow them back throughout the year. It's tempting to get out and do a little hiking and collect a few antlers. Just like hunting, make sure that you get permission to hunt antlers on private land. Most public lands have few rules relative to shed hunting, although there are some winter ranges which are closed to access due to stressed animals. Winter killed animal heads are not considered sheds, and in Oregon, can't be possessed. Go out and have fun, but be responsible out there. Take a look at the ODFW page <https://myodfw.com/articles/responsible-shed-hunting> for more information.



## FROM YOUR NORTHEAST DIRECTOR, LAURA ANDERSON

In Union County we just completed our first field day of the year. The weather was fantastic and most of our snow was gone, making for an easier trail walk. We had a fun group of mostly local kids who were very excited to be able to earn their hunter safety certificates. They all passed, and we had three with 100% on their test!

Even though there were some struggles with the new VEM system, we got through it and should have an easier time next month.



## FROM YOUR CENTRAL OREGON DIRECTOR, WHITNEY BEAVER

With Turkey season upon us. I want to encourage every Hunter to be safe and ethical. **Don't be a bug buffet.** Apply insect repellent to your ankles, pants, waist, shoulders, wrists and neck area to keep ticks from crawling under your clothes.

While you're at it, take precautions for poison oak if you're sensitive to it and you're hunting in western Oregon locations that have it.

Here is a Wild Turkey Recipe. Have fun, and Happy Hunting!

### Ingredients

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- 3/4 pound (375g) fatback, salted pork, or bacon, 1/2 pound minced, 1/4 pound sliced
- 1 wild turkey, 11–13 pounds (5.5–6.5kg)
- Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 yellow onion, minced
- 3 ribs celery, minced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 cups (8 ounces; 250g) toasted diced bread
- 1 cup (8 ounces; 250ml) chicken stock

- 6 sprigs sage, minced
  - 2 sprigs rosemary, minced
  - 8 sprigs Italian parsley, minced
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## Directions

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1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Render half of the minced fatback slowly in a heavy-bottom sauté pan. Reserve and keep warm.
  2. Dry the turkey very well with paper towels. Using a brush, coat the exterior with some of the warm minced fatback and season well with salt and pepper inside and out.
  3. Heat up the remaining minced fatback on medium. Add the onion and season with salt and pepper. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, then add the celery and cook for 5 minutes more. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Remove from the heat and add the toasted bread. Moisten with stock and add the minced herbs. Taste the bread cubes and add more broth and herbs as needed—they should be moist and tasty. Gently fill the cavity of the turkey with this mixture, and cover the breast with the remaining slices of fatback.
  4. Place the turkey, breast side up, in a heavy roasting pan and put it in the oven. Roast for 1 hour. Remove the fatback, raise the oven temperature to 375°F (190°C), and continue roasting for 1 hour to brown the breast. Remove the turkey as soon as it registers 160°F (71°C) on an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh, away from the bone.
  5. Let the turkey rest for at least 20–30 minutes before carving it across the grain with a sharp knife.
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## FROM YOUR SECRETARY/TREASURER

Nominations for new officers produced the following. For President: Whitney Beaver. For VP: Laura Anderson. There being no opposing nominations, these two will automatically become our new leaders beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim will become Past President. We have some openings on the board. Let us know if you want to become part of our leadership team.

Thank you everyone who bought raffle tickets. We have more in store, so don't go away.

We recently had a board meeting and it's exciting to think of the things that we are planning. We will be stocking our sweatshirts, tee shirts and hats. We will be creating an online store for you to peruse and purchase from. Besides the clothing, we hope to include some really cool knives and the much longed-for trauma kits. So be watching for that. It will be so exciting. We will announce on our social networks, our opening of the store, so hopefully you are part of the OHEIA Facebook page. Watch for some specials we hope will become available for AC's and we will have some more raffles too.

I want to thank our ways and means coordinator, Chris Friend, for all the work he does to make all the above things even possible. We've got work ahead of us to create the store and get everything ready for you. It's so exciting to be a part of this.

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## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

OHEIA members are qualified to apply for grants for supplies or other hunter ed related items to enhance your teaching or teaching team. Contact Jim if you want whistles for your students getting 100%. (text or call 541-969-4845) Also to purchase whistles or make a donation toward whistles, contact Jim for that too.

You **MUST** be an OHEIA member to receive a grant. Matching grants are preferred. Find the grant application at <http://oheia.org/grantapplication.pdf>

Email or snail mail the grant application to your OHEIA secretary/treasurer, Darlene Marquardt at [darlene.marquardt@gmail.com](mailto:darlene.marquardt@gmail.com) or 827 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Athena, Oregon 97813

**WE ENCOURAGE ALL ODFW VOLUNTEER HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THEIR ORGANIZATION, Oregon Hunter Education Instructors Association.**

IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO SO. PURCHASING A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP MAKES THE MOST SENSE. IT'S ONLY \$200. SEND YOUR CHECK OR CC# INFORMATION TO OUR TREASURER BY FILLING OUT THE FORM AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE AND SENDING IT OFF TO HER. Or voila! It can also be purchased online. Click <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/d2bda560-07d3-4d7f-bd84-c6add7e966c2> or scan this QR code:



OHEIA is a non-profit organization founded to help provide training, communication, and support for Oregon's Hunter Education Instructors. We often participate in some way at ODFW conferences to help sponsor scholarships as well as having raffles to recoup our expenses and assist ODFW with scholarship endeavors.

Our mission is to assist hunter education instructors in obtaining relevant teaching aids to enhance safe, ethical and responsible firearms handling and hunting practices.

To further your support of hunter education in Oregon, consider joining or renewing your membership in the OHEIA. Help us promote and support hunter education in Oregon. Use OHEIA to share ideas that will promote Hunter Education in Oregon. Thank you for making a difference. **We are not directly affiliated with ODFW but rather work in conjunction with them to help support you.**

Our fiscal year runs from May through April of each year. Membership dues are due in May. Dues are not prorated if sent after May. By either renewing or joining at this time, your membership will strengthen the support our organization can give to Oregon Hunter Education.

Membership application below:

PRINT AND SEND OR EMAIL

NAME _____	INSTRUCTOR NUMBER _____
ADDRESS _____	
CITY _____	STATE _____ ZIP _____
COUNTY YOU TEACH IN _____	
PHONE _____	EMAIL _____
YEAR/YEARS PAID May 20 ____ through April 20 ____	
PAYMENT METHOD CHECK # _____ CREDIT CARD \$ _____	
Check appropriate amount below: ____ \$20.00 annual ____ \$40.00 for two years, or ____ \$200.00 Life membership	
Dues help strengthen hunter education and to assist my fellow instructors.	
Mail dues to Darlene Marquardt, 827 N 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Athena, OR 97813.	
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