

# Outdoor Rec / Local

## Brooklyn's glow run shines

• WALK / RUN  
BENEFITS SCHOOL'S  
FIELD DAY

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There was no race. No first, second or third place winners.

Last Friday night the Brooklyn Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) hosted a Glow Fun Run and Walk, a fun family friendly event to benefit the school's Field Day held in June at the end of the school year.

It was all about having fun and creating a sense of community—all benefiting Brooklyn Primary.

The event was held at the Baker Sports Complex, began at dusk and encouraged those that participated to wear their brightest colors and decorate themselves with glow sticks.

A loop around the sports complex was marked by creative guides made from a simple glow stick in a milk jug and each participant decided how many times they wished to make the half-mile loop.

Entry fees were \$5 for individuals or \$20 for families and when registering a raffle ticket was filled out for each person for the chance to win donated prizes like ice cream cones, movie tickets or solar lights.

The over 100 prizes were provided by sponsors of the event, Betty's Books, The Eltrym, Charley's Ice Cream Parlor, Tupperware and Kicks



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Students donned their finest glow attire for the Glow Fun Run and Walk.

Sportswear.

St. Alphonsus provided bottled water and hot cocoa for the event.

This was the first time such an event has been held as a fundraiser, a different twist from the traditional Taco Feed and similar events.

"We just wanted to promote something healthy for kids to do and thought this would be a good way to encourage families to be active," said Kcia Fletcher, PTO member on the organizing committee.

All of the PTO members in attendance to help were heard agreeing that with the success of this event they would definitely have to plan more similar

events.

Turnout for the event included families with children enrolled in Brooklyn Primary School, to retired teachers to community members that wanted to offer support.

Baker City Fire Chief Mark John was in the crowd supporting the event and Mayor Kim Mosier and her family were participants.

"Field day has been a practice at Brooklyn for many years. Funding it, the bounce houses and all the other activities, takes money. This was an idea of our PTO this year, to help fund that. Lisa Jacoby is our new PTO president this year. We have a great turn-

out, a great community," said Brooklyn Principal Gwen O'Neal.

Vice Principal Molly Smith, new to Brooklyn this year, added, "Last year they had a family event in the evening for staff and their families."

Baker High School National Honor Society students assisted in the event.

Looking at an estimated crowd of well over one hundred people for the event, Jacoby said, "It is a successful night."

Although the run and walk did not foster individual winners, Brooklyn Primary was definitely first.

## ODFW WEEKLY RECREATION REPORT

Viewing

BAKER COUNTY. Bighorn sheep can be seen in the Burnt River Canyon west of Durkee or along the Snake River Road south of Richland. The best viewing is in the early morning and late in the evening. Winter bird species are starting to migrate through the area. Bald and golden eagles can be seen along the Snake River. Take the Snake River Road between Richland and Huntington.

GRANT COUNTY. Sandhill cranes have started to migrate through the valley. They can be best viewed early in the morning along the John Day River.

Bighorn sheep may be viewed from the South Fork near the Murderers Creek road. Early mornings are your best chances for catching them out on the rocky outcrops.

Watch for deer and elk crossing the highways. This is the time of year when deer begin to migrate. Dawn and dusk are the most active time for deer and elk and are not easily seen due to low light conditions by drivers alongside the road.

Hunting

BAKER COUNTY. The 39 road near Halfway is now open.

Elk- Second season runs Nov. 7-15. Elk numbers are good in most units. Elk may be scattered and hard to locate. Look in areas of green up from late summer rains. It has been dry for the last several weeks and there has not been much green up in the lower elevations.

Chukar, Hun, and California Quail - The season ends Jan. 31. Hunters should expect another season similar to last years. Chukar numbers were up from last year however.

Grouse season starts September 1. Blue grouse can be found in the higher elevations while ruffed grouse are more common in wetter areas. Hunters should expect an average year for grouse. Successful hunters are asked to place the tails and wings from harvested birds in the collection barrels.

Cougars can be found throughout Baker County but hunters should target areas with high concentrations of deer and elk. Setting up on a fresh kill or using distress calls can all be productive techniques. Hunters are required to check in the hide of any cougar taken, with skull and proof of sex attached. Remember to pick up a 2015 tag.

Bear season opened August 1. Successful hunters, remember check-in of bear skull is mandatory; see the regulations for details. Biologists recommend propping the bear's mouth open with a stick after harvest; it makes for easier tooth collection and measuring.

Coyote numbers are good throughout the district. Try calling in early morning and late afternoon. Remember to ask for permission before hunting on private properties.

MALHEUR COUNTY. Cougar hunting is open. Populations are healthy and distributed throughout the district in any area with a big game prey base. Successful hunters must check-in cougars no more than 10 days after harvest; please bring cougar in thawed and with mouth propped open for easier tissue sampling, teeth collection and tagging.

Coyote hunting is available throughout the district. Reproduction this year appears to be good which should enhance calling opportunities. Areas with livestock feeding and calving operations are always strong attractors.

Chukar surveys on established routes yielded 45 chukar per 10 miles and good production with 10.3 chicks per brood. This is a 6% decrease from last year when 47 birds per 10 miles were measured and is 11% below the 10-year average of 50.5 birds per 10 miles. The Succor Creek/Leslie Gulch area has only experienced limited recovery. The poor range conditions caused by an ongoing invasion of medusahead likely limits the ability of birds in this area to successfully raise broods.

The most productive routes were South of Harper in the Cottonwood Canyon, Freezout/Dry Creek (west side of the Owyhee reservoir), Cottonwood Mountain and Brogan Canyon. A mild winter and below average precipitation helped with over-winter survival of adult birds but was unfavorable for chukar and quail in the rangelands. Fortunately, much of the county received above-average rain fall in May and early June which helped improve range conditions. While brood sizes are good, overall bird populations are still down. Hunters should expect hunting conditions similar to last year.

Pheasant. The surveys along established routes yielded 10.8 birds per 10 miles which is a 45% increase in number of birds observed from last year's survey and 32% above the 10-year average. Chick production was above average at 4.3 chicks per brood. Hunting prospects will vary depending on the farming practices in the area where you have permission to hunt. The outlying areas around Willow Creek and Vale have higher bird numbers than

areas closer to Ontario and Nyssa. There is little public land pheasant hunting opportunity in the area and few parcels that are available tend to get hunted daily. One option for private lands access is the Cow Hollow fundraiser to benefit Cow Hollow Park. California quail. Quail production was up in agricultural areas and good in rangelands. Surveys on established routes showed 56 quail per 10 miles, up 26% over last year and 41% above the 10-year average. Production was good at 8.4 chicks per brood with similar production observed in rangelands. Overall quail populations still remain low in rangelands due to depressed populations from previous years.

## Blue Mountain Forest Plan revision meetings scheduled around area

Upcoming United States Forest Service public meetings are currently scheduled to discuss the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision.

A facilitator will ensure that everyone in attendance has time to speak, listen to others, and propose solutions.

The Forest Service is working with partners to schedule additional meetings, which will be

announced in the near future via email and news updates.

Mon., Nov. 9, 2015  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30), Blue Mtns. Forest Plan Baker County, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, National Guard Armory, 1640 Campbell St. Baker City, OR 97814

Tues., Nov. 10, 2015  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)  
Livestock Grazing

Umatilla National Forest and Malheur National Forest, N. Fork John Day District Office, 401 West Main St., Ukiah, OR 97880

Thur., Nov. 12, 2015  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30) Pace and Scale of Restoration, Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla National Forests Blue Mountain Conf. Center, La Grande Armory, 404 12th St. La Grande, OR 97850

Tues., Nov. 10, 2015

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (doors open at 10:30) Technical Pack Goat Meeting, Blue Mtns. National Forests, Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

Thur., Nov. 12, 2015  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., (doors open at 9:30) Technical Forestry Meeting, Blue Mtns. National Forests Blue Mountain Conf. Center, La Grande Armory, 404 12th St. La Grande, OR 97850.

The public is encouraged to attend any and all meetings.

A previous meeting was held this week in La Grande at the Armory and was well attended.

Technical meetings are also open to the public.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

This Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, we invite our Veterans (active duty and retired) to enjoy a complimentary meal as a small token of our gratitude for their service to our country.

#### ENTRÉE OPTIONS FOR VETERANS

##### Breakfast 7-11a

Waffles with Hazelnuts, Huckleberries or Strawberries  
Crunchy Granola with Greek Yogurt  
Stone Ground Ten Grain Hot Cereal

##### Lunch 11a-5p

Certified Angus Prime Rib Sandwich  
Beer Battered Fish & Chips  
Grand Wrap *Chicken, onions, peppers, tomatoes, feta*

##### Dinner 5-9p

Certified Angus Prime Rib with potato and carrots  
Oregon Hazelnut Tilapia with rice pilaf and carrots  
Pasta & Housemade Meatballs

#### Must call ahead for reservations

(so we can staff to serve you well) 541 523 1889

All Veterans must show official verification.

Entrees must be enjoyed at the restaurant, no to-go orders permitted.



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Friday, November 27 • NOON TO 6PM  
Saturday, November 28 • 9AM-6PM  
Sunday, November 29 • 9AM-3PM  
Entrance Fee \$5 • Children under 12 Free  
(shall be accompanied by an adult)  
50¢ off if you bring a firearm or are an NRA Member  
**Baker County Fair Event Center**  
2600 East Street, Baker City  
**BUY • SELL • TRADE**  
Reserve Your Booth Space NOW  
8 foot Table \$45 each  
Set up 8AM - NOON November 27  
Security Provided  
To reserve space, call Dave McCoy 541-379-4748  
Food available on site. All federal, state and local laws will be followed. All proceeds fund Youth Trail Ride.