

# Local

## Huntington hosts kayak fishing tournament

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The Brownlee Crappie Shootout Kayak Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Northwest Kayak Anglers Association was held in the Huntington area of the Brownlee Reservoir on the Snake River on Saturday, May 14.

The entrants paid a \$30 entry fee and were allowed to fish in human powered kayaks from Brownlee Dam to Farewell Bend State Park. They were allowed to fish from sunrise

to 3 p.m. for bass, crappie and catfish with the event winner being decided by the sum total of entrants' three longest catches to the quarter-inch.

The determined kayak fishermen came from all over the pacific northwest to battled high winds, cloudy skies and intermittent showers to complete their quest for the elusive "big one."

According to Jared Rivera, organizer of the event, "We hope to make it an annual event here." Kayakers used the boat ramp at Spring Recreation

Park and Campground to enter and leave the river as well as their weighing point before heading to Lion's Park in Huntington for the awards ceremony and barbecue to round out the event.

This year's winners were: Biggest Crappie, Tie between Justin Flynn of Baker City and Jason McCormick of Salem; Biggest Bass, Jordan Parker of Tri-Cities; Biggest Catfish, Mike Ragland of Tri-Cities; and All Around Tournament Winner, Jared Rivera of Vale.

Proceeds from the event



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LR: Justin Flynn, Jason McCormick, Jared Rivera, Jordan Parker, and Mike Ragland.

were donated to two local charities: The Huntington Senior & Youth Organization and C.A.S.A. ( Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Eastern Oregon.

Prizes for the event were donated by NWKA, EGO Nets, American Angler, Werner Paddles, SKW-COSH, NITTA, ProCure

Bait Scents, Hookum Good Co., Huntington Bait & Tackle, Eastern Oregon Iron, Richard Samson Jr., Todd Satterfield, Johnny Rivera Commercial Fishing of Hawaii, Lancer Jigs, Kayak Shed, Stealth Rod Holders, D & B Supply, Bob's Jigs, DAWA, Cabela's, Kokatat,

Peet Dryer, BiMart, Lefty's Tap House, PIP, and Native Eyewear.

For more information on future events contact Jared Rivera at jaredrivera@yahoo.com, go to northwestkayakanglers.com, or visit the Brownlee Crappie Shootout Facebook page.

## Baker County residents travel to Montana for annual CBU event



Submitted Photo courtesy of Tork Ballard.

This past weekend Forest Access for All (FAFA) members traveled to Bozeman, Montana to attend the Citizens For Balanced Use (CBU) 8th annual banquet/fundraiser. Baker County residents filled a banquet table to show support for their ally/sister organization. They participated in the raffles and auctions while enjoying a great meal. Unfortunately none of them had the winning raffle ticket for the donated CanAm ATV or Honda generator. (The year Marty Stroy FAFA member attended he had the lucky number for the ATV.) Three speakers, notably including CBU Chief Executive Officer and Montana State Representative, Kerry White, shared concerns, which mirror FAFA's concerns. Members listened to common concerns of decreasing access, over-regulation, and an update of pending legal actions while repeating the admonition to stay involved. Pictured at the front table, Baker County residents Wanda Ballard, John Creighton, Ramona Creighton, Lorrie Harvey, Bill Harvey, and John George of Bates.

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