

Turkey season is underway in Oregon

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bird coordinator.

The spring turkey hunt season began April 15 in Oregon, with wildlife officials saying numbers are up.

Last year's spring harvest of 4,229 turkeys was up nine percent from the previous year and the highest since 2010. This year's season could be even better, according to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"With the mild winter, more turkeys survived the season, particularly in areas of Eastern Oregon where winter weather can be a limiting factor," said David Budeau, ODFW upland

Mikal Moore, Pacific Northwest regional biologist with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTFF), agreed.

"Expanding turkey populations coupled with favorable over-wintering conditions should make for a very exciting wild turkey season this spring," she said.

Hunters say all it takes for a good spring hunt is camo, a call, and a shotgun. A hen or jake decoy can also improve the odds.

The hunt runs to May 31 statewide, and hunters can buy up to three turkey tags in some areas. There is no deadline to buy a tag, which can be purchased just be-

fore hunting.

ODFW's turkey report for Grant County says the birds are widely distributed and continue to increase throughout the county. Over-winter survival was good this year and conditions last spring were favorable for young birds.

Early in the season, some turkeys may be on private land where permission is needed to hunt.

Hunters have been successful in finding birds in the Middle Fork John Day River, Murderers Creek, and North Fork John Day River.

For more information on tips and tactics, visit ODFW's Spring Turkey Hunting Forecast online.



Contributed photo

Hunter Kemper, 10, of Burns, shows off the turkey he bagged on a mentored youth hunt on April 11, opening day for youth hunters. His hunt was courtesy of Grant County resident Sam Palmer, who bought the hunt at the Lake Creek Youth Camp auction and gave it to Hunter.

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Hitz took first place in the 110-meter hurdles and pole vault, and second in the 300-meter hurdles and javelin.

Currently ranked sixth in state in javelin, Hitz also is ranked fourth in the 110-hurdles, third in the 300-hurdles and No. 1 in pole vault.

Dayville coach Peter Bogardus said Faith Brown gave a notable performance in Crane, setting a personal record in all the 400, javelin, and long jump.

Long Creek coach Mandy Blackburn said that while she was missing half of her team due to other commitments, "we still had some highlights for the day."

Timo Goebel and Alvaro Lopez both competed in long jump for the first time, Goebel reaching a mark of 15-03.00.

Lopez gained a personal record in the 1,500 with a time of 5:11.66.

Cody Baker ran the 1,500 for his first time, in 5:46.63.

For Grant Union, Jozie Rude had first-place finishes in shot put, 33-03.25, and javelin, 105-00, and was second in the 400 with a time of 1:07.41.

McKenzie Wilson leaped for first place in the long jump with 14-07.25 and was second in the triple jump with 30-06.50.

Chelsie Kodesh was third in javelin, 98-03, and fifth in discus.

For the Grant Union boys, Michael Ashmead earned first place in the long jump with a leap of 19-00.00, and Nick Springer cleared the bar at 5-08.00 in the high jump for second.

The Grant County teams were scheduled to participate in the Grant Union Small Schools Meet on Tuesday, past press time.

The Grant Union girls, Prairie City boys, and Long Creek teams will travel to Union Saturday for the Pepsi Invitational.

Monument will travel on Saturday to the Portland Christian Invitational.

Long Creek is scheduled to compete in the Heppner Invitational on Thursday.

Dayville will travel to the Condon/Wheeler Invitational on Saturday.

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Fire worker trainings set in May

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JOHN DAY – The Oregon Department of Forestry will host fire shelter refresher training and Oregon OSHA fire training on May 9 at The Rock in Spray and on May 23 at the ODF building in John Day.

Both classes run from

9 a.m. to noon.

Participants should call John Day Interagency Dispatch, 541-575-1321, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays to sign up.

The fire shelter class is mandatory each year for anyone who might go to the firelines for ODF, including fallers, dozer operators and others.

The OSHA training is required one time and doesn't need to be repeated as long as proof of prior completion is available.

The class does not meet the Forest Service's RT-130 requirement, but ODF will honor the federal training in lieu of its own.

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in the first inning, two in the second and three in the sixth, and Echo scored just two runs in the fifth.

Cody Madden pitched a complete game for Grant Union, giving up four hits,

three walks and one error.

Mariah Meyerholz, Babe Nash, and Natalie Stearns each had a hit, while Sydney Stearns, Moulton and Jordden Cameron had multiple hits.

"We came back really well in the second," said player Babe Nash.

Meyerholz noted there were some new girls playing, and she said they had an "awe-

some" performance.

"They've stepped up," Nash said.

Coach Nash said her team has a 3-3 league record, while Echo is 4-2; however, Echo hasn't played Vale yet, she said.

This year's Grant Union team has one player each from Dayville and Prairie City.

The Pros are currently ranked fifth in the 3A-5 Eastern Oregon League.

The coach said she's confident about where the team stands now, with four league doubleheaders left in the regular season.

"Our hitting has been our strength – making contact and being supportive of each other has been a huge benefit," she said.

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