

# Beds

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McDaniel branded one of the 20 beds with the Sleep in Heavenly Peace logo.

Brown said no special skills are needed to help build bunk beds.

"Just the desire to help families and get kids off the floor or into a bed of their own," she said.

She and her husband Mark started the Eastern Oregon chapter last summer after seeing Mike Rowe highlight the Twin Falls, Idaho, organization on his TV program "Returning the Favor."

The Browns' daughter Natasha McLeod, also of John Day, jumped in as well, and all were trained in running the nonprofit and building the beds.

Their inaugural build day was in Dayville with six bunk beds, made in honor of the late Jake Streeter.

Susie said, while she and her husband do a lot in the background, it's not just them working at it.

"It's a community project," she said.

With other helpers, they've given away 12 beds, so far, and 14 more will be delivered to John Day, Mt. Vernon, Prairie City, Burns, Vale and Morrow County by Christmas Day.

Susie said being involved in the nonprofit has been rewarding.

"We are all volunteers," she said. "We have full-time jobs, so we do Sleep in Heavenly Peace things in the evening and on the weekends — it's basically our part-time volunteer job."

She said families who have received the beds for their children have been grateful, adding one young boy from Burns made sure to thank each one of the volunteers as they left.

"There have been tears and a lot of smiles from the parents and the kids as well as from us and the volunteers

that have gone out on deliveries with us," she said. "It is also heartwarming to know you have helped a family in need, no matter what their situation is. We are here for the kids, and it's our pleasure to be able to serve them."

One mother said she would like to pay it forward in the future, Susie said, and another couple expressed interest in volunteering for the cause.

The nationwide nonprofit, started by Luke Mickelson, has grown from nine chapters before Mike Rowe's TV show to over 131 chapters in 36 states.

There are five chapters in Oregon, and Grant County has the only chapter in Eastern Oregon.

The nonprofit relies on monetary donations to purchase lumber, hardware, equipment, tools, mattresses and bedding.

Donations of new bedding, such as comforters, quilts and pillows are welcome, but the nonprofit cannot accept used items. Also, they have to build the beds according to specific plans that have been approved and are insured.

Each bunk bed costs \$350.

Susie said they can hold corporate builds with a business sponsoring a number of beds and hosting a build day with employees.

"What a great service project and team-building activity," she said, adding individuals can also sponsor the building of a bed.

She said a friend of hers is involved with starting a chapter in Jackson County. Susie is also in contact with a person who may start a chapter for northeast Oregon (Union, Wallowa, Morrow and Umatilla counties).

"I'm recruiting," she said. "If there is a kid in need, I'm going to do my best to try to help them."

For more information or to volunteer or make a donation, email susie.brown@shpbeds.org. The main website, where bed requests can be made, is shpbeds.org and their Facebook page is shpjohnday.



Contributed photo  
**Nancy Buhler of Twin Falls, Idaho, helps Natasha McLeod of John Day as they stain the bed frame pieces.**

# Hunt

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California and desert. Some hunting organizations only recognize four subspecies, so a hunter only needs to bag four to qualify for the grand slam. It's considered the most challenging grand slam for hunting.

Kight bagged a Dall sheep in Alaska and a stone sheep in British Columbia. He doesn't expect to bag a desert sheep, which are found in Mexico, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, because of the limited lottery chances, so he may never complete the grand slam recognized by the Wild Sheep Foundation.

Kight knew from his experience transplanting sheep around Oregon there were an abundant number of California sheep in Oregon. The current state record holder shot a California sheep in the Catlow Rim district near the Steen Mountains south of Grant County in 1997.

But getting a tag for a sheep in Oregon is not easy. Kight applied for a tag every year for 48 years. Unlike other hunts in Oregon, there are no preference points awarded to hunters who don't get a tag, so the years piled on.

Finally Kight got his tag. It was for the third hunting season on the east side of the John Day River canyon. The district extends from Spray north to McDonald Ferry. Kight estimated 600 sheep live in the canyon, and each season allowed three animals to be harvested.

## River canyon

Much of the district is Bureau of Land Management land, but Kight had permission to hunt on some private property, where he also camped. The 56,763-acre Stubblefield

fire had burned in the area in August, so that limited some of the hunting area and raised the possibility sheep might move out of their normal habitat, Kight said.

The third hunting season kicked off on Nov. 10, but Kight wanted to begin scouting weeks in advance. Low streamflow prevented him from rafting the river until late October. He was joined by his wife, Kathy, on the float from Thirty-mile Creek to the Cottonwood Bridge.

He spotted the ram he wanted 10 days ahead of the hunt. Not only did it have a large set of horns, but the ram stood out because its horns were chipped from fighting other rams. He nicknamed the ram Chiphorn.

Kight tracked the ram for the next 10 days, occasionally losing sight of the sheep and then finding him again on the talus slopes dotted with boulders in a side canyon. He said he never saw any other hunters.

His hunting crew showed up the night before the hunt. They included his longtime hunting friend Carl Stout, Kight's stepbrother Chris Griffin, Griffin's son David Griffin, David's fiancée Nicole Sitton and David's friend Jimmy Hurley. Their job was to help with the scouting and packing out the animal after the kill, but Kight had already done the necessary scouting.

## The hunt

Opening day for the season began with a hiccup — Chiphorn couldn't be found. Then Kight located a group of sheep about 800 yards away and saw Chiphorn join them. Kight, David and Nicole moved within 600 yards of the group. They changed positions several times and then crawled

to within about 320 yards to take the shot. All told, several hours passed between spotting Chiphorn and the kill, including half an hour of crawling, Kight said.

Kight used a custom-made 7 mm magnum rifle made by Benchmark Barrels of Arlington and Oregonsmithing of Pendleton with a Leupold VX-6 scope. The 162-grain Hornady ELD-X bullets were handloaded by Stout, Kight said. The setup provided a flat trajectory at 3,000 feet per second.

Kight said he's mostly a bowhunter these days, so he doesn't see as much time at the target range as he used to, but all those years of hunting paid off. It was afternoon when he made the kill and dark when he hauled the 55-pound head and cape back to camp.

The hunting crew scored the ram at their camp, and Kight knew it was "knocking on the door for a new state record." Later at home in John Day, a local Boone and Crockett representative and an ODFW official scored the ram at 185 2/8 with 40-inch curl horns. That's a green score and is still pending — the horns must go through a 60-day drying period, Kight said.

Scoring by the Boone and Crockett Club includes tip to tip spread, length of horn, circumference at the base and circumference of the horns. Age can be determined by counting rings on the horns, starting from the tip. ODFW personnel estimated the ram's age at 11 1/2 to 12 years old.

Kight said he plans to have the head and cape put on a pedestal mount by Merle Rempel in Vale, the same taxidermist who is remounting an antelope he shot in 1999. That was a No. 2 record holder, he said.

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