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HALTER SUMMER SEASON COMES TO AN END

Let's start by saying that all of us at Halter Wildlife would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the members who have chosen Halter Wildlife for their corporate picnics, fundraising events, team-building activities, and family gatherings. By the time the hunting season opens on Sunday, October 5th, 2025, @ 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, we will have had 23 events in the summer months.

HALTER 2025 DOG TRIALS

Coming October 4th, 2025



Our fifth annual Dog Trial is on the calendar for Saturday, October 4th, starting at 7:00 AM. Join us for another year of competition and put you and your dog to the test!

Rules:

- No electric collars
- Dogs must be on a leash until their run starts
- When the dog is finished with the run after 20 minutes, they must be leashed and brought back to the vehicle

Scoring:

- 10 points will be given for each bird found
- 10 points for each retrieve
- 10 points for obedience
- 10 points for water work (water retrieval)

Congratulations to the 2024 dog trial winners:

- Retriever and flushing: Atlas and Eric Nixon
- Pointer: Reggie and Michael N. Benben



CALL HALTER AT (262) 697-0070 TO REGISTER!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2025/2026 OPENING DAY

The 2025/2026 hunting season opening day is Sunday, October 5th, 2025 from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. All members and their families are invited to Halter's annual opening day picnic. Plan on coming to this event hungry and ready to mingle with exciting and new members of your club.



RSVP BY OCT. 1ST BY PHONE ONLY AT (262) 697-0070

SUMMER HIGHLIGHT: WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP AT HALTER

One of the highlights of our summer was a weekend camping trip hosted by two of our dedicated members, right on the Halter grounds beside the stunning pond that greets you as you arrive on the property. This event drew nearly 60 outdoor enthusiasts for a full slate of activities, including archery, wildlife tracking, fishing, and trap shooting.

As the sun set, Erica and Annie treated everyone to a delicious buffet dinner. Then the group surrounded the campfire to tell spooky stories. After several hours of sleeping under the stars, they were woken up around 6:30 AM to the smell of bacon. Erica and Annie returned to cook an excellent breakfast.

Halter's staff and guides were a great help in teaching/enforcing safety to our future outdoors boys and girls. Everyone had an incredible time.





PLANTING SEASON UPDATE FROM FARMER AL BENSON

We had a good planting season. 80% of the fields look wonderful. 20% of the fields are very stressed from the July-August drought. We are hopeful for rain, and we will be O.K.

LOCKER ROOM UPDATE: OPENING FOR THE 2025/2026 SEASON



Progress on the locker room building has been going great. The facility will be ready by mid-December or sooner and will feature a men's and women's locker room with bathrooms, and showers. It will also contain a gun safe and gun cleaning room in addition to other amenities.

We would like to thank our membership who have supported the creation of the locker room, in addition to those who have donated above and beyond to make this a reality.

A detailed letter with further updates regarding choosing lockers and safes, as well as other related information, will be coming soon.



RECIPES WANTED FOR HALTER COOKBOOK

While we usually feature a recipe from Deb's kitchen, this time we're turning the spotlight over to you. If you have a tried-and-true favorite, a family heirloom dish, or a creative culinary twist, we'd love to include it in our upcoming Halter Wildlife Cookbook!

All proceeds from cookbook sales will go directly to the DWC Fund for the Future, supporting the long-term vitality of our club. So far, we've gathered 26 delicious recipes, and we're just getting started.

Send your recipe to: hunting@halterwildlife.com

HALTER EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MIKE NICHOLS



MIKE IS A JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES AND DOES JUST ABOUT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING!

ABOUT MIKE NICHOLS

Tell us a little about your family.

I have been married for 20 years and have five amazing kids and tons of animals, some legal, some not...

How long have you worked at Halter Wildlife?

I started working for Halter ten years ago.

What do you do at Halter Wildlife?

I do anything and everything I am asked to do. I am a Jack-of-all-trades but a Master of None.

What do you love most about your job and Halter Wildlife?

There is always something different everyday and the people I work with are just as *dysfunctional* as myself!

Best Al Story

My best "Al Story" was watching Al get a machine stuck sideways in a barn door so badly, I had to use a car jack to lift the rear end of it and push it over by hand. It was a glorious 16-point turn but we eventually got it unstuck.



DID YOU KNOW? GAME BIRD FUN FACTS



Game birds are wild birds, or sometimes birds bred in captivity, that are hunted by humans for sport or food, such as quail, pheasants, and ducks. Pheasants are our main game bird, which calls the Halter grounds its home. Understanding some of their behaviors helps give us insight into their lives when we walk the fields.

Pheasants, originating from Asia, are not native to the US, and their first successful introduction occurred in 1881 when Judge Owen Nickerson Denny shipped 80 Chinese Ringneck pheasants to his home in the Willamette Valley, Oregon.

Pheasants are non-migratory birds that spend their entire year within a home range of about one square mile. They prefer to run rather than fly, reaching speeds of 8-10 mph on the ground, which is why a dog helps flush them up into the air, where they can reach airspeeds between 38-60 mph. They prefer flying into headwinds, which provide better lift for short, explosive flights. Pheasants are resilient animals, so much so that they can swim if they feel trapped and can't find a way to take flight. These birds can also survive without food during severe weather conditions.

HALTER-HOURS OF OPERATION

Below you will see the hours at Halter Wildlife. Please note that you must call the club at 262-697-0070 to get on the schedule so we can accommodate you appropriately.

CLUB SCHEDULE

During the off-season (April to Sept), the club is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Our hours are Wednesday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

During the hunting season (Oct to March), the club is closed on Mondays. We are open Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please respect our closing time of 5:00 pm all year round.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day- 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., by reservation only. The kitchen is closed. Coffee and rolls will be available.

Christmas Eve- 7:30 am until 1:00 p.m.

Christmas Day-CLOSED

New Year's Eve-7:30 am until 1:00 p.m.

New Year's Day-CLOSED

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The kitchen is open during the hunting season only. Tuesday through Friday, breakfast is available by reservation only. Lunch is available from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

On Saturdays and Sundays, breakfast is available from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and lunch from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.