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Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau

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Six counties in Southwest Kansas announce “Rooster Roundup” pheasant hunting contest, with additional “Bounty Birds” in the Dodge City area

Dodge City, Kan.

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For Immediate Release

Southwest Kansas is the Place to Hunt Pheasant in 2017 and 2018

Dodge City, Garden City, Hugoton, Jetmore, Liberal, and Ulysses Kansas (Ford, Finney, Stevens, Hodgeman, Seward, and Grant Counties) are pleased to announce the annual pheasant hunting contest.

During this year’s hunting season, over 300 pheasants (50 pheasants per county) will be banded on the leg and released in Ford County near Dodge City, in Finney County near Garden City, in Grant County near Ulysses, in Stevens County near Hugoton, in Hodgeman County near Jetmore and in Seward County near Liberal. If you are lucky enough to bag one of the banded pheasants, bring your leg band to one of the approved locations to register your leg band and claim your prize!

Kansas consistently ranks as one of the top three when compared to other states' annual harvest of pheasants. With 185,000 acres of walk in hunting land, that is open to hunters in southwest Kansas, this area will *give you a shot* at cash and SIX GRAND PRIZES.

Once you register the leg band at an approved location (listed below), you will automatically receive a “Rooster Roundup” hat and a community gift worth at least \$10.00.

At that time, your leg band will also be entered into a drawing to win a GRAND PRIZE of \$500.00 in community gift certificate “bucks” (one per community) to be used for purchases of the winner’s choice.

“Bounty Birds” in Dodge City

Also during the 2017-2018 pheasant hunting season, an additional 100 banded pheasants will be released in Ford County (a total of 150 released birds near the Dodge City area). These additional birds, the “Bounty Birds,” will be released in tandem with the birds released for the “Rooster Roundup” contest.

If you are lucky enough to bag one of the banded pheasants, hunters will need to bring the leg band to one of the approved locations (listed below) to register the band and claim your prize. Both contest winners, "Rooster Roundup" and "Bounty Birds," will be determined by a drawing shortly after the end of the "Rooster Roundup" contest and winners will be contacted by phone. This is a great opportunity for hunters and there are more chances to win prizes!

The "Rooster Roundup" and "Bounty Birds" Pheasant Contests runs from November 11, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

If your bagged bird has one of the leg bands, you must bring the leg band to one of the approved locations to register your band and claim your prize!

Drawing for the GRAND PRIZE for "Rooster Roundup", and prizes for "Bounty Birds" will take place after the end of the contest (January 31, 2018) and winners will be contacted by phone.

For a complete list of the rules for the contest, visit www.visitdodgecity.org, or contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 620-225-8186 in Dodge City, or any of the participating communities.

It's all in the game – give it a shot!

Prizes include:

- "Rooster Roundup" hat per each registered leg band (300 TOTAL - 50 per community).
 - Some communities will be releasing more than 50 birds.
- \$10.00 community gift certificate 'bucks' per each registered leg band (300 TOTAL - 50 per community).
 - Some communities will be giving gifts worth more than \$10.00.
 - In Dodge City, Boot Hill Casino and Resort has provided \$20.00 FREE PLAY!
- \$500.00 GRAND PRIZE community gift certificate 'bucks' (6 TOTAL - 1 per community).
- "Bounty Birds" prizes will be given to winners who hunt in the Dodge City area only.
 - "Bounty Birds" will have a specific colored band and will be different than the "Rooster Roundup" bands. Those bands are exclusive to a series of separate prizes.
- Please check with each community for a full list of birds released and prizes available.

Rules & Regulations

- 300 banded pheasants will be released in Ford County near Dodge City, in Finney County near Garden City, in Stevens County near Hugoton, in Hodgeman County near Jetmore, in Seward County near Liberal, and in Grant County near Ulysses.
- 100 additional banded pheasants will be released in the Dodge City area only, specific colored bands will specify the "Bounty Birds."
- No cost to enter.
- All licensed hunters, 21 and older, are welcome to participate and collect prize.
- Entries accepted from November 11, 2017 through January 31, 2018.
- Each leg band entry must be turned in at one of the approved location in Dodge City, Garden City, Hugoton, Jetmore, Liberal, or Ulysses to be registered.

- A number is assigned to each leg band and the GRAND PRIZE winner will be revealed the week following the contests end on January 31, 2018.
- A valid hunting license should be presented when submitting your leg band entry.
- All State and Federal firearms regulations apply.

Banded pheasant entries must be registered at the following locations:

Dodge City:

Dodge City Visitors Center
 400 West Wyatt Earp
 Dodge City, KS 67801
 620-225-8186
 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:30 am- 5:00 pm
 Closed Thanksgiving and the following Friday, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day

Garden City:

Finney County Convention and Visitors Bureau
 1513 Fulton Terrace
 Garden City, KS 67846
 620-276-0607
 Hours of Operation: Monday– Friday 9:00 am- 5:00 pm
 Closed Thanksgiving and the following Friday, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day

Jetmore:

HorseThief Reservoir (HTR)
 19005 SW Hwy 156
 Jetmore, KS 67854
 620-253-8464
 (See Josh Hobbs or Heather Mihm)
 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:00 am- 4:00 pm
 OR
 Hodgeman County Eco Devo Office (HCED)
 500 Main – 1st Floor
 Jetmore, KS 67854
 620-357-5561
 (See Lea Ann Seiler)
 Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 9:00 am- 5:00 pm or call on weekends

Hugoton:

Hugoton Area Chamber of Commerce & Stevens County Economic Development
 630 S Main
 Hugoton, KS 67951
 620-544-4440 or 620-309-7828 (cell)
 Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 9:00am- 4:00pm
 Closed Thanksgiving and the following Friday, the day before Christmas, Christmas Day,
 and New Year’s Day

Liberal:

Liberal Tourist Information Center

1 Yellow Brick Road

Liberal, KS 67901

620-626-0170

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 am- 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Closed Thanksgiving and the following Friday, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

Ulysses:

Grant County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

113 B South Main Street

Ulysses, KS 67880

620-356-4700

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 am- 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am- 4:00 pm

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Closed Thanksgiving and the following Friday, Christmas Eve afternoon, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

Mailed entries will also be accepted, (it is recommended to register the letter) please include:

- Pheasant leg band
- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Copy of valid hunting license
- Email address
- Location of the shoot

Bands will be returned to the person who registered the entry at the end of the contest, if requested.

The mission of the Convention and Visitors Bureau is to promote Dodge City and the area's resources and assets to bring prospective tourists and convention and travel business to Dodge City.

For more information concerning the "Rooster Roundup" hunting contest or the "Bounty Birds" please contact the Jan Stevens, Director of the Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau at 620-225-8191 or visit our website at www.visitdodgecity.org

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