

2008 South Dakota Pheasantennial

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the pheasant, South Dakota is planning a season-long celebration. **The Pheasantennial: 100 Years of Tradition**, will celebrate the history and heritage of the South Dakota state bird, while emphasizing the importance of conservation and preservation for future outdoor enthusiasts. (The complete article and information can be found by visiting the South Dakota Tourism web site at www.sdvisit.com/programs/pheasantennial/index.asp)



Redfield and Spink County Residents have a reason to celebrate!

Did you know that 100 years ago, our state bird was released north of Redfield near where the ethanol plant is currently.

The first successful stocking of pheasants in South Dakota took place in June 1908 when H.P. Packard, J. Schalkle and H.A. Hagmann secured three pairs of pheasants from Grants Pass, Oregon. The birds were kept in crates on the Schalkle farm before they were released. L.J. Howard, who at the time was the Spink County Clerk of Courts, went with the three men to Hagmann's Grove, just north of Redfield, to release the birds. The number of pheasants grew steadily over the years and the state game department purchased 48 pairs of birds with privately subscribed funds and released them near Redfield.

The first one-day open season on cock pheasants occurred in Spink County on October 30, 1919. Each person holding a small game license was permitted to kill two cock pheasants.



WT Hughs - 1932 - Hughs was active in introducing Pheasants in the Frankfort area.



1944 Siblings
Alice (McCoy) Roeber
& Peter McCoy

Celebrations are being planned in Redfield and Spink County throughout the Pheasant Hunting season. Everyone will be able to participate in Various Contests and Drawings.

Sign up at local businesses for the *Pheasantennial Drawings*:

Drawings for Marsha LaBrie Selle's print "All in a Day's Work"

Drawing for Pheasantennial Quilt - Raffle Tickets available at Craft Fair & Gun / Art Show

Drawing for SD Made Pheasantennial Wine - Tickets available at Craft Fair & Gun / Art Show

Drawing for Full Circle Farms Pheasantennial Large Group Hunt

K-12 Pheasantennial Art-Coloring contest for all Spink County Schools
(Prizes sponsored by heartland State Bank, Dairy Queen, Redfield Tourism)

Shot Gun Give a way: Be the 1st to shoot one of 4 specially banded Pheasants and win the Commemorative Shot Gun. Call Cathy at 472-0965 or 472-3521 with the band number. Prizes will be given for all Chamber banded birds including bands from past years.



1927 - one day's hunt
Mrs. WT Hughs (middle)



Upcoming Area Activities:

- October - Nov. 2nd Pheasantennial Displays at the Depot & Spink Co. Museum
Thanks to Brad Moore of Dacotah Bank of Aberdeen, on display is the bronze statue of a hen and rooster at first flight by sculptor Ben Victor.
- October 17-Nov 2 Depot Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. serving coffee and sweets
- October 17 Pheasantennial Park Artist Unveiling & Ground breaking 10 a.m.
Spink County Courthouse Lawn
Coffee & doughnuts sponsored by Great Western Bank of Redfield
- October 17th Ceremonial reenactment release immediately following the ground breaking
"Hagmann's Grove" 2 miles north of Redfield on US Hwy 281
- October 17 SD High School Friday night football game times 7:00 pm
***Redfield Pheasants Home Football Game vs Webster**
D/C Chargers- Doland (Home Coming) vs Hitchcock/Tulare Patriots
Northwestern Wildcats vs Highmore at Highmore



October 18th **Opening Day Pheasant Season!**

Be the 1st to bring in one of 4 specially banded Pheasants and win the Commemorative Shot Gun. Prizes will be given to all Chamber banded birds including bands from past years.

October 18th Doland Fire Dept Annual Pheasant Party & Raffle

October 19th Ashton Communtiy Steak Feed
October 23rd Depot Box Lunch Social at the Depot 11 - 2

Oct 25th & 26th Craft Fair & Pheasant Feed - Redfield Armory
Sponsored by the Spink County Historical Society
Craft Fair: 9am - 5pm each day with 20 plus vendors
Pheasant Feed: 5pm - 9pm each day Cost \$6.00 per plate

October 25th Turton Fire Dept. Annual Gun Raffle
Nov 1st & 2nd Annual Gun Show at the Redfield Armory and this year just for the Pheasantennial, an Art Show featuring SD Artists

- Roger Wagoner Designs
- Russ Duerksen Art
- Harley & Monika Zephier
- Lon Oleson
- Bill Luke
- Joni Napton
- Genevieve Echols
- Virginia Coudron
- Dennes Barrett
- Rita Trygstad and others



John & Don Welke (father & son)
Opening Day 1957



Nov 11th

Full Circle Farms Pheasantennial Hunt

(2 winners will be drawn at the Gun Show to participate in a Large Group hunt)



**Watch the paper and
announcements for details.**



1925 Koester farm south of Chelsea, SD