

Pheasantennial Park dedication ceremony and groundbreaking

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On October 17, 2008, City, County, & State Officials gathered along with relatives of H.A. Hagmann, Richard Emmerich (Full Circle Farms) Ron Schara of Pheasants Forever and community members at the Spink County Courthouse in Redfield, SD for a dedication ceremony and groundbreaking of the Pheasantennial Park. Mick Twiss, Great Western Bank president provided refreshments prior to the program. Groundbreaking participants are Buddy Seiner, Richard Gallup, Duane Sanger, Dave Albright, Ron Schara, Richard Emmerich, Tim Kessler, Dale Hagmann a descendant of H. A. Hagmann, and four members of the 4th grade class.

Those speaking at the ceremony included Redfield Mayor Duane Sanger, Buddy Seiner from the South Dakota Office of Tourism, Tim Kessler from SD Game Fish and Parks, Ron Schara of Pheasants Forever, and Richard Emmerich Full Circle Farms. Before Emmerich and Sanger unveiled the artist rendition of the park the Redfield 4th Graders gave a presentation of Pheasant facts and history entitled "Did You Know?" After the unveiling Mayor Sanger's closing statements were interrupted by H.P.Packard (Don Paulson), H.J. Shalkle (Hugh Mack), and H.A. Hagman (Larry Tebben).

Hagman was waiting for Packard and Shalkle to come with the pheasants to be released along the river at Hagman's Grove. The gentlemen entertained the group with their rendition of activities that may have taken place as Hagman, Packard, and Shalkle prepared to release the birds. Those in attendance moved from the Courthouse lawn to Hagman's Grove 2 miles north of Redfield where the reenactment release continued. Mario Hansen, assisted by his brother David Hansen, drove his team of Percheon horses and wagon that carried the three pair of pheasants being released.