

Pheasant hunting season opens Saturday at sunrise

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Hunters will start coming to Cheyenne County on Friday in order to get up at sunrise for the opening of pheasant hunting season on Saturday.

Pheasant season starts the first Saturday in November while quail season starts the second Saturday of the month this year. This is the second year that pheasant season will start on the first weekend of November.

Biologists say the weather over the last year has helped increase or keep the number of birds the same in northwest Kansas. Randy Rodgers, small game biologist with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Hays, said although he is sure people around the area know bird numbers are better than he does, the summer brood survey sure looked good.

The survey is done each year from mid-July to mid-August. Wildlife managers keep track of every pheasant and quail seen in a six-week period.

Part of that, said Mr. Rodgers,

is how many birds are seen, where they are seen, young or old and male or female. Those numbers are then compared to last year.

He said that last year, the pheasant population was down, as was the quail population.

This year, he said he is pleased with the pheasant numbers in most areas, predicting the population is up significantly despite a hard winter.

In Cheyenne County, hunters can purchase licenses from K-Store and Majestic Service, both located on U.S. 36, St. Francis; as well as from the Cheyenne County Clerk at the courthouse in St. Francis, 212 E. Washington Street, St. Francis.

History of the bird

Ringneck pheasants were first introduced in Kansas with the release of 3,000 birds in 84 counties in the spring of 1906, according to a history from the state Department of Wildlife and Parks. The species adapted well to the state's climate conditions and populations gradually increased.

Season

The first pheasant season in Kan-

sas was opened statewide in 1917 from Dec. 1-15. Pheasant season was closed from 1921 to 1931 but limited seasons on ringnecks resumed in 1932.

Seasons were gradually liberated over the next five decades until a stabilized season format opening the second Saturday in November was instituted in 1982.

The season runs through Jan. 31, with a bag limit of four cocks per day until last year.

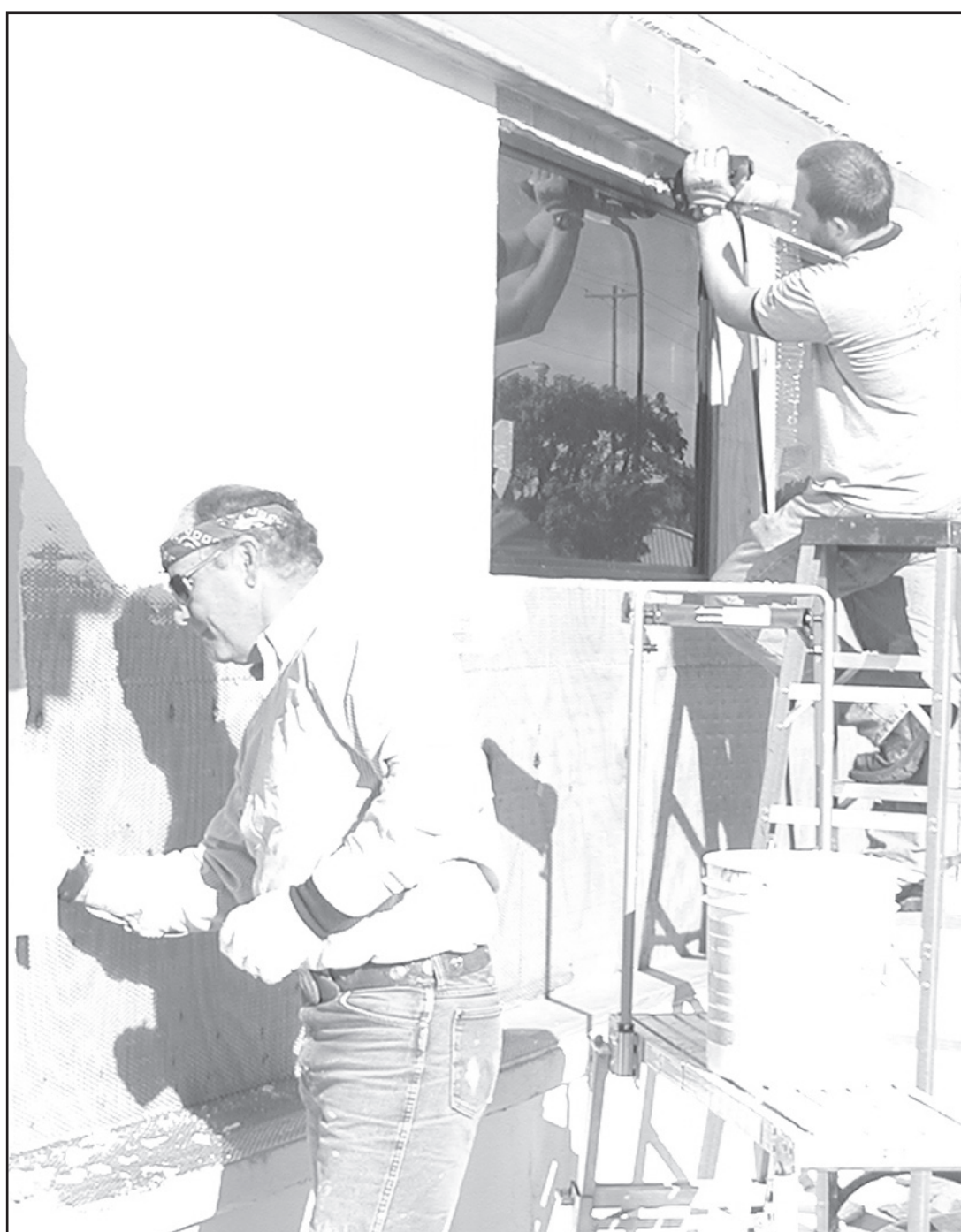
Last year, the pheasant season opened on the first Saturday in November and ran through the end of January. The daily bag limit did not change.

Bag limit

The bag limit, or the number of birds a hunter can shoot in a day is four cocks at the end of day one; eight at the end of day two; 12 at the end of day three and 16 after the fourth day.

While hunters are transporting the birds, they must make sure they have plumage or a foot attached to identify them as cocks.

Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.



JASON HOWARD and Lynn Glasco take a Saturday off from their regular routine to come down and work on the new church building. With Pastor Terry Glasco at the pulpit, the Living Waters Fellowship is growing and moving to a new building across from their present building on Bird Ave. Before they can move in though there is some remodeling to be done. The congregation is working together to have their first sermon in the new church building by the first of the January.
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider



A BENEFIT DINNER was put on for the Eggers family at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City on Sunday. The benefit was to assist with some of the medical expenses J.D. and Yvonne have had over the past year as J.D. has been battling an unknown illness. J.D. is well-known throughout the community as a farmer/rancher with a passion for horses. The benefit was organized by the Catholic Altar Society.
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Club Clip

North District Garden Club

The McDonald Town and Country Garden Club hosted the North District meeting of Kansas Associated Garden Clubs. Club members attending were from Hays, Smith Center, Jewell and McDonald.

The meeting was held on Friday, Oct. 12, at the Federated Church Educational Building. As club members arrived they brought items for the "Ways and Means" table.

During registration, all were treated to coffee, juice and rolls, and had time to shop at the Ways and Means table.

Due to the absence of Karen Bischooping, district chairman, from Smith Center, Louis Greenberg, Rocky Mountain Regional Director, conducted the meeting. She introduced the Kansas Associated Garden Clubs State President, Caroline Wittman, of Topeka, who gave a report of her activities this past year.

During the club president's reports, Joan Tongish reported on the past year's projects of the McDonald club. Vera Kacirek, district treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

At 11:15, a recess was taken for a lunch break. The McDonald Club members served a salad luncheon.

After the recess, the group met for a few more business items. An invitation for the fall meeting in 2008 was extended by JoAnn Schroller of the Prairie Garden Club in Hays.

The afternoon program was given by Diane Montgomery, who spoke on her herb garden. She had dried many of her herbs and had them ready to make teas. She had brought beautiful china cups for the tea.

Members had a choice of various herbs to make tea. The teas were delicious and everyone was surprised at how tasty they really were. Diane is a new member of the McDonald Club, and really gave an interesting and educational program.

Following the program, everyone shopped a little more at the Ways and Means table before leaving to return to their homes.

Cheylin Update

By Colleen Shrader

The fall sports season is finished. Last Tuesday the junior high girls traveled to the league tournament in Sharon Springs where they played very well.

Last Thursday the high school football team took on the Golden Plains Bulldogs, who are ranked number three in Western Kansas Liberty League. The boys all played very strong but were defeat and are

unable to continue their season into the playoffs. Stats and more can be found in next week's paper for the teams.

With football and volleyball ending, basketball practice has already started for some. The junior high girls started on Monday and the boys on Wednesday.

High school practices will not begin until after buffer week.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Debra Valdez, Denver, Colo.; Deloris Kingsley, Arvada, Colo.; Brittany Kehlbeck, Hays; Aubrey Kehlbeck, Hays; Melvin Mast, McDonald; Wright Insurance Agency, Bird City; Robert Van Allen, St. Francis; Diane Jordan, Abilene; Owen Wingfield, McDonald; Lois Combs, Larned; Jolene Reeh, McDonald; Jessica Marshall, Hays; Frank Serrano, Bird City; Bud Frisbie, Bird City; Linda Goodroad, Glendale, Ariz.; R.W. Sager, Bird City; Jennifer Brantley, Wamego; Marjorie Hickert, Bird City; Tim Hickert, Junction City; Gina Krien, Bird City; William Schaff, McDonald; Gilbert Frisbie, McDonald; Rudolf Beese, Overland Park; Ned Smith, Bird City; Wal-

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Quotes

"My grandmother was a very tough woman. She buried three husbands. Two of them were just napping." — Rita Rudner

"Just because nobody complains doesn't mean all parachutes are perfect."

— Benny Hill

"What is painful to one generation is insight for the next."

— Eli N. Evans

"No leader can be too far ahead of his followers."

— Eleanor Roosevelt

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Drawing Dec. 17

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Evening after Thanksgiving

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St. Francis 12th Annual Craft Show
Saturday, Nov. 3 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m. CT
St. Francis Grade School • 307 E. Webster

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Ornaments • Floral Arrangements • Bird Houses • Clocks • Scrap Booking • Baked Goods • Homemade Doggy Treats • Much More!!

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Local Trade Show at Senior Center • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Chance to win official game ball on Dec. 2
Free pass to skills camps
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Lion's Club
Ham & Bean Day

All the Slow Cooked Beans you can eat!
Fresh Cornbread & Pies
Ham & Turkey Sandwiches
Friday, Nov. 2
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
McDonald Legion Hall
\$1.00 Chances on 80 lbs. of Hamburger - 11 Winners
Hunters Welcome!
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