

# Ringneck Classic started Thursday in Oakley

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Oakley has been gearing up this week for the second annual Kansas Governor's Ringneck Classic pheasant hunt, is running from Thursday to Sunday at the new Buffalo Bill Cultural Center west of town on U.S. 83.

Organizer Raelene Keller said this year's event is similar to the inaugural last year, except with an extra day for more activities.

The Classic raises money for four nonprofit organizations: the Kansas Classic Conservation Foundation, the Logan County Health Care Foundation, the Buffalo Bill center

and Pheasants Forever.

On Thursday, the Classic began with open trap/sporting clay shooting from 1 to 5 p.m. and a reception for landowners and hunters at 6.

Today, the Governor's Sporting Clay Tournament will go from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Mountain Time). At the same time, open trap shooting will continue.

Keller said two chosen youth hunters were invited to join either of these events along with the main hunt.

There was going to be an archery sharp-shooting demonstration by Heath Getty, Kansas bow hunter and sharpshooter, today. However, he was not able to make it to

the Classic, so the demo has been canceled.

"We're sad about that," Keller said. "That was going to be a fun kind of thing."

Team photos will be taken from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) and then the main event of the weekend will start.

The Governor's Reception will run from 5 to 9 p.m. (Mountain Time), with a barbecue dinner, live and silent auctions and a concert.

The concert will be put on by Joey+Rory, a Nashville country-singing duo. Keller said they will sell tickets, \$40 each, until they are gone. For information or tickets to the dinner and concert, she said,

people can call the center at (785) 671-1000.

On Saturday, the main hunt will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time); snacks, lunch and beverages will be provided.

Guides, hunters and birds will determine the actual duration of the hunt; bird cleaning and packaging will be offered at Mitten's.

Joining Gov. Sam Brownback for the hunt Saturday will be Robin Jennison, secretary of the state Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; state Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer; state Rep. Ward Cassidy; and Rep.-elect Travis Couture Lovelady. More than 60 hunters are scheduled to participate, including

former Kansas City Chiefs player Bill Maas; Howard Vincent, national president of both Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever; and freelance outdoor photographer Larry Kruckenberg.

Soldiers with the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Riley will be Gov. Brownback's special guests, including 1st Lt. Josh Willis, Maj. Andrew Thueme, Capt. Tad Slatter and Sgt. Maj. Robert Allen.

Pheasants Forever is going to film the hunt for the Outdoors Channel.

Then, from 5 to 9 p.m. (Mountain Time), will be the awards dinner, with a musical performance by Rivers Rutherford, a top country music songwriter.

On the last day, a bonus hunt will be offered for those interested, with participants leaving for the field at 7:30 a.m. (Mountain Time).

All the activities surrounding the classic will be held at the cultural center, an 8,000-square-foot facility that includes a 3,200-square-foot multi-purpose event space capable of handling meetings and events for groups of up to 300 people.

Keller said the Classic is the first event for the center.

"We will have a grand opening on Dec. 1," she said, "but the public is welcome to see it after the event."

For information, call the center at (785) 671-1000 or e-mail contact@kansasingneckclassic.com.

## Fun at Max Jones during buffer week



Goodland High School student formed teams and played in a wiffle ball tournament in Max Jones set up by the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America organization last week after

school. Last week and this week were buffer weeks before the winter sports of basketball and wrestling start. Wiffle ball is like softball or baseball but uses a plastic ball and bat. Some teams

dress up in costumes and the teams are both boys and girls. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

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**MONDAY, November 12th at 7 p.m.**  
**WEDNESDAY, November 14 at 12 p.m.**  
**FRIDAY, November 16 at 7:30 a.m.**

You only need to come to one session as the same information will be presented.

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