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***Rooster Roundup Awards Announcement***

Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau, Garden City Convention and Visitors Bureau, Liberal Convention and Visitors Bureau, Stevens County Economic Development and Hodgeman County Economic Development are pleased to announce winners from the Rooster Roundup hunting contest.

Each hunter who bagged a bird with a Rooster Roundup leg tag were to bring their tag to one of the approved locations to register the band and receive a Rooster Roundup Hat and a $10 community prize. At the end of the contest, a drawing of all the registered bands was held at each location and each grand prize winner was chosen.

Of the five counties participating, Ford County had 12 bands turned in; Finney County had 8; Seward County had 11; Stevens County had 19 and Hodgeman County had 11. That’s nearly 25% return on the 250 birds released. We feel that’s a good participation for the program. In addition, the promotion was picked up by numerous news outlets which increased awareness of hunting in southwest Kansas.

Dodge City’s winner was Makenzie Rodgers from Ottawa, Kansas, and $500 in Dodge City Chamber bucks were mailed so that Makenzie can return to Dodge City to experience our western hospitality again!

The other communities also gave $500 prizes to their winners: Bob Olson of Liberal; Doyle Adams of Hugoton; Rick Wessel of Garden City; and Gustavo Fierro of Dodge City.

During the 2015 Pheasant hunting season, 250 banded Pheasants were released in Finney County, near Garden City; in Ford County, near Dodge City; in Stevens County, near Hugoton; in Seward County, near Liberal and in Hodgeman County, near Jetmore. If you were lucky enough to bag one of the banded Pheasants, you were to bring your band to one of the approved locations to register your band and claim your prize.

**The Rooster Roundup contest ran from November 14, 2015 to until January 31, 2016.**

There was no cost to enter, all licensed hunters, 21 and older, were welcome to participate and collect prizes.

The mission of the five communities was to promote southwest Kansas hunting, and to create some excitement along the way.

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