

Garry Haynes memorial youth pheasant hunt dubbed a success

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Twenty-eight area youth were educated on various skills related to the hunting of upland game birds Saturday, Oct. 2. The event was held at the Haxtun Gun Club and was coordinated by the NE Colorado and Frenchman Creek Pheasants Forever chapters with assistance from the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the National Rifle Association.

The youth were broken into three groups and each youth was accompanied by an adult mentor. The groups learned first hand about educational and safety related skills they will need to participate in the sport of upland game hunting.

Each youth was provided shells for their guns and a number of educational materials on the merits of hunting. Hunting necessities were also made available to youth who didn't bring their own.

The youth completed a series of skill stations which included rifle shooting, a habitat and conservation discussion, trap shooting, sporting clay shooting and the highlight of the day was the live rooster pheasant hunt.

Hunt masters and their dogs volunteered to guide the youth during their hunt for the farm-raised pheasants. The youth completed their education with a stop at the cleaning station where they learned the proper skills to field dress their game.

The hunt is a combined effort of both the Northeastern Colorado and Frenchman Creek Pheasants Forever chapters.