



Dear DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever Supporters:

Due to COVID-19, our 36<sup>th</sup> annual Banquet will again be a Drive-Thru Banquet held on **April 10, 2021**. Last year, our traditional banquet date of early April was modified to a late August Drive-Thru Banquet and it was successful, with over 460 dinners served and strong support from our sponsors. This year we will move back to our traditional April Banquet date, we will maintain the Drive-Thru format and we have added an On-Line auction. We appreciate the support from many area businesses over the years and anticipate another strong turnout at this year's event. The importance of Pheasants Forever in Dubuque County remains constant.

DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever is a completely volunteer, nonprofit organization of area pheasant hunters and conservationists working to improve wildlife habitat on the ground and introduce more youth to our great hunting and conservation heritage. The funds raised stay with DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever to support our many projects in Dubuque and surrounding counties. Some recent examples of work done through your support are:

- Leading the purchase of 206 acres in Jackson County which will adjoin existing Eden Valley and McAndrews Wildlife areas. We are also involved in the recent purchase of 160 acre addition to Hale Wildlife area. This adds to our history of leading wildlife land purchases which include 508 acres near Oxford Junction and the 96 acres Leifker Wildlife Area south of Cascade in 2016. These purchases compliment previous land acquisitions at Whitewater Canyon, near Bernard, Iowa and Ringneck Ridge, near Worthington, Iowa. We continue to evaluate new sites for public hunting in our local area.
- Improve and upgrade habitat on public and private land. Enhancements include seed donations, food plots, controlled burns, tree/shrub plantings, and winter cover plantings.
- Co-Host the annual Heritage Classic Youth Day at Izaak Walton. This free event attracts over 100 youths, ages 10-16, to experience gun safety, shotgun and rifle shooting, fly-fishing, dog training, archery, and more.
- Host our annual Mentored Youth Hunt at Ringneck Ridge. This free event provides 20 youths a pheasant hunt experience.
- Co-Host both the winter and summer local "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" (BOW) programs.
- Host the annual Veteran's Hunt. This event provided a free pheasant hunt for over 100 local Veterans.
- For more information and pictures on our many events go to [www.dubuquepheasants.com](http://www.dubuquepheasants.com).

DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever needs your support and ask that you become a Proud Sponsor of our chapter in 2021. With the change to a Drive-Thru Banquet and On-Line Auction, we have modified our Sponsorship Packages this year. Please review the sponsorship levels for our 36th Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds. We thank you for your support of DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever. Together, we can make a positive impact on our youth and wildlife.

Sincerely,

**DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever**