



Tyler Stafford, physical education sophomore, stands proudly next to his pile of quail. (Tyler Stafford/Courtesy photograph)

Pheasant season opens Saturday

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“Every chance I get, I go hunting,” said Tyler Stafford, physical education sophomore.

Hunting is a passion of Stafford’s and has been since he was 10.

“My grandpa has always hunted quail, pheasant and upland game and just passed it on to me,” said Stafford.

Pheasant and quail hunting seasons both open on Nov. 8 this year.

Stafford enjoys a variety of hunting. Duck hunting is his favorite but he says he will go quail hunting too.

Back home which for Stafford is Cyril, Oklahoma, there aren’t many pheasants. There are places to find quail though.

Stafford said, “We scout for the quail and hunt them in CRP fields, milo fields, and wherever we find them.”

CRP fields are part of the Conservation Reserve Program. To sum it up, the government pays farmers to enroll their land in the program. Once enrolled they plant grasses and such that attract quail and deer.

Stafford says he will for sure go out hunting over Thanksgiving break.

“Thanksgiving we will gather

up a bunch of buddies and head out to kill something, probably ducks but maybe quail. There’s a lot of season around then deer, quail, and pheasant though we don’t have much pheasant back home.”

His dad is Stafford’s usual duck hunting partner but he will typically go quail and pheasant with his uncle and grandpa. He also said he goes with his friends and anyone who ask to go he will take.

Stafford’s grandma plays her role in cooking the quail.

“Once we kill enough we usually take them back and clean them. It’s easy to do just tear their breast right open, pop wings out and pull the breast out. After my grandma fries their breasts in a skillet, we cook them and sometimes save them for Christmas dinner or whatever,” said Stafford.

The three most commonly used guns for hunting according to Stafford are a 12, 20, or 16 gauge shotgun. He prefers a 12 gauge.

Stafford enjoys hunting for the simple reasons. “I like being in the outdoors, being with family and friends, watching the dogs work, and shooting, I like shooting a lot.”

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Tyler Stafford, physical education sophomore, stands with his girlfriend Jennifer Myers, psychology sophomore, showing off their ducks from a hunt. (Tyler Stafford/Courtesy photograph)