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Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King made the most of the one shot he got at this year's Governor's Annual One-Shot Turkey Hunt.

The Secretary bagged a tom from about 15 yards on Saturday as it emerged with a brood from a wooded area of Butler County. And it turned out to be a good one. It was the fourth largest bird taken at the annual event that was started by then-Gov. Mike Hayden 27 years ago.

Secretary King is a native of Hesston and the former owner of King Enterprise Group in McPherson. He was appointed Secretary of Transportation by Gov. Sam Brownback in 2012.

It was the first turkey and first turkey hunt for the Secretary, who, in the past, has hunted dove, quail and pheasant. The Secretary's turkey was donated to a Butler County charitable organization.

"It was very exciting to get my first turkey and participate in a great Kansas event," said Secretary King.

"I will definitely take part in next year's event and look forward to participating in other events that raise awareness of Kansas natural resources, such as the Governor's Fishing Classic in June at Big Hill Lake near Parsons and the Governor's Ringneck Classic at Norton and Hill City in November."

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CUTLINE – Secretary Mike King, right, and his guide, Will Johnson, display the turkey the Secretary shot at the Governor’s Annual One-Shot Turkey Hunt on Saturday in Butler County. Johnson is also the Butler County Administrator.

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