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Casting call sounded for February 21 trout tourney

MURPHY (February 12, 2015) A casting call of the fishing variety is filling the air around town as anglers of all ages are being called to participate in Murphy's second annual Rainbow Trout Roundup, says Special Events Coordinator Kayla McFarland.

"Casting a fishing line into the City pond begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21," she said. "And, at the end of the tournament, awards will be presented for the longest trout, the shortest trout and the heaviest stringer of five Rainbow trout in each of three categories."

The categories include six years of age and younger; seven to 11 years; and 12 to 17 years of age. The Murphy Walmart, 115 West FM 544, is co-sponsoring the roundup and providing prizes for each winner. The Murphy Community Development Corporation is the roundup's co-sponsor and will provide trophies to winners. Site of the tournament is the City of Murphy pond, just east of City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road. While everyone is welcome to participate, the competition is limited to boys and girls in the three age categories.

In addition to the fishing action, several area vendors will be on-site offering food, drinks, discount coupons and other give-aways. These include:

- Race Trac, providing free coffee and hot chocolate;
- Chick-Fil-A, whose mascot cow will be passing out food vouchers;
- Raising Cane's, providing sweet tea and lemonade. The store is providing the overall winner a Raising Cane's "Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner" gift basket. Also, each child will receive a Raising Cane's achievement award, redeemable for one free kid's meal at the restaurant;
- Cabela's, which will present a number of gift cards and give-away prizes;
- The Murphy Recreation Department, raffling off two gift baskets, and presenting the official "First Catch" trophy to the person who catches the first fish of the tournament; and
- North Texas Game Wardens, who will be on-site with their OGT (operation game thief) trailer. Several wardens will be on hand to demonstrate proper fishing techniques to kids, especially the safest way to remove hooks from caught fish.

Fishing at the City pond is not allowed from Feb. 18 to 20 in anticipation of the tournament. And, while all persons over 17 years of age must have a valid fishing license, everyone fishing at the City pond on Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. is exempt from this regulation. After 4 p.m., however, the license rule goes back into effect.

Early registration for the catch-and-keep roundup is now open at www.murphytx.org. Volunteers to assist with various aspects of the tournament are still needed. Plentiful parking is available in the recently expanded City Hall lots.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.