

Dove season opens Thursday

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Dove season opens Thursday, Sept. 1, in Kansas.

While a blistering summer may have punished crops and people, mourning doves seem to thrive in hot, dry weather. Reports from many parts of the state suggest ample numbers of this elusive, fast-flying game.

Although the mourning dove is the primary quarry, Kansas hunters enjoy hunting four species of doves in split fall and winter seasons. The season for all doves runs Sept. 1-Oct. 31 and Nov. 5-13.

During these times, two native species (mourning and white-winged doves) as well as two exotic species (Eurasian collared and ringed turtle doves) may be taken. In addition, an exotic species season runs Nov. 20-Feb. 28, 2012. During this time, only Eurasian collared and ringed turtle doves may be taken.

Hunters can buy licenses at the clerk's office in the courthouse, at K-Store, Majestic Service, and Mobe's Archery, all in St. Francis. The licenses can also be bought online at www.kdwp.state.ks.us.

Rules require that shotguns be plugged to hold no more than three shells and the daily bag limit for mourning and white-winged dove is 15. No more than 30 can be possessed. There is no bag limit for Eurasian collared and ringed turtle doves.

A Kansas hunting license and Harvest Information Stamp are required to hunt doves except for those Kansas residents younger than 16 or older than 65.

According to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and

Parks, mourning doves are one of the most common bird species in North America. Kansas typically is noted for having one of the highest breeding numbers for mourning doves in the U.S.

Mourning doves nest in trees, shrubs, and on the ground in crop fields and grasslands. A mourning dove pair can produce up to three to four broods of two young per year in Kansas.

Although most mourning doves migrate south by October, many remain in Kansas throughout the fall and some throughout the winter. Kansas' dove harvest is in the top five in the U.S.

Doves in Kansas are primarily hunted in harvested grain fields (particularly sunflowers and millet) and small water holes or windmill ponds in pastures.

Baiting

It should be noted that baiting doves by placing grain out to intentionally attract birds is illegal for any migratory bird hunting.

More information

For more information about hunting places in Kansas and regulations, stop by the county clerk's office in the courthouse in St. Francis or go to www.kdwp.state.ks.us.

Upcoming hunting seasons Other fall hunting seasons coming up include:

Fall Turkey season, archery and shotgun: Oct. 1-Nov. 29; Dec. 12-31; and Jan. 9-31.

Deer season: Youth and disability, Sept. 10-18;

muzzleloader only, Sept. 19-Oct. 20; Archery, Sept. 19-Dec. 31; regular firearm, Nov. 30-Dec. 11.

Pheasant season: Nov. 12-Jan. 31.

Quail season: Nov. 12-Jan. 31.



DR. MARY BETH MILLER and Dallas Walz, former St. Francis resident now completing a rotation at the hospital and clinic, check over a chart before making rounds. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Student completes rotation at clinic

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During the past several years, there has been a number of medical students completing rotations at the Cheyenne County Clinic and Hospital

under the direction of Dr. Mary Beth Miller, Dr. Rebecca Allard and the staff. They have been students from across the state and country but, the past month, there has been a familiar face.

Dallas Walz spent the last

month doing a rotation at the clinic and hospital. Dallas, who was born and raised in St. Francis, is a 2003 high school graduate.

"I always knew I wanted to be a doctor," he said, noting that there was no lifesaving experience or a person in his family guiding him.

When he was in high school, the emergency medical service offered high school students the training and experience of becoming an emergency medical technician. He took the training and used it further when he was going to Colby Community College. At Kansas University he earned his Undergraduate in Cell Biology. He then attended KU Medical in Kansas City for two years and has spent six months in Wichita and Salina in the Rural Track Residency

program. Dallas graduates in May and will have three years residency.

When he has finished his schooling, he would like to come back to St. Francis and Cheyenne County and practice family medicine.

"I'd like to help people I've known my whole life," he said.

Dr. Miller, he said, has been the best teacher for me.

"Even when we are busy, she takes the time to teach," he said. "Someday, I hope people will feel the same about me."

Not only is he graduating in the spring, but he plans to marry Heather Morton. He said he has known Heather for several years. She is a clinical lab scientist in McPhearson.

Dallas is the son of Greg and Susie Walz and Terri Cappel.

Club Clip

Red Hat Mamas

Aug. 16 was the day the Red Hat Mamas of Bird City and McDonald caravanned to Colby for a morning of touring the Prairie Museum of Art and History. The many quilts on display featured the talent of Theresa Aschenbrenner. Thomas County Historical Society volunteer, Ray Imhof, showed an educational video highlighting the history of the museum.

The professionally displayed exhibits were mainly from the world-class Kuska family that lived in Colby for over 50 years. Nellie Kuska had a radio show on KXXX called "The Hobby Lady."

The Prairie Living Site of the museum features The Cooper Barn, which is one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas Architecture. This barn was formerly known as the Foster Farm barn and is the largest barn in Kansas, measuring 66-feet wide, 114-foot long and 48-foot high. The barn built in 1936, was moved 16 miles in one piece, in 1992 to become part of the museum.

To complete the hamlet are: 1930s farmstead of the Eller house, Vacin barn, Nicol

School, sod home and Lone Star Church.

A relaxing lunch was enjoyed at Village Inn. The humorous reading chairwoman, Phyllis Wingfield, read the story "A few of our favorite things."

Acting Queen, Beverly Higgins, presented Vernetta Haack with a red hat framed music box in honor of her being selected the 2011 Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show queen.

Attending were: Florence Antholz, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Edna Roesener, Connie Rooney, LaVina Waters, Phyllis Wingfield and guest Betty Weaver.

On Saturday, Bonnie, Vernetta, Bev, Iris, Carol, LaVina and Phyllis accepted the invitation to attend the annual ladies brunch at Bird City Wesley Community Church.

Kim Zwegardt movingly narrated "The Woman at the Well."

Bonnie and Connie will announce September meeting plans.

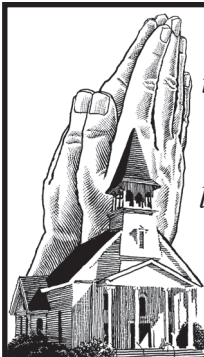


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Livestock market holds cattle sale every Wednesday

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The St. Francis Auction Market, operated by Jerry, Jay and Darren Fortin, held the first livestock sale on Wednesday, Aug. 24. Over 1,000 head of cattle were sold.

The Fortins have been operating the sale barn in Oberlin since 1984. When the St. Francis sale barn was available to lease, they decided they wanted to return a good, quality service

back to the area.

The sale in St. Francis will start at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Weigh cows sell first. To consign, call Jerry at 785-475-8203, Jay, 475-8303 or Darren, 470-7156.

Sally Priest will once again be running the sale barn cafe, offering breakfast and lunch. A lunch special is offered each sale day. On Wednesday, it was pot roast, potatoes and fresh green beans and she was busy.

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