

Volunteers needed to help with the Community Garden

Plants in the Bird City Community Garden are growing... and so are the weeds! Volunteers are asked to help maintain the garden, which is located south of the Cheylin School's bus barn.

What do you get in return for helping maintain the garden? Fresh produce and a sense of community!

All we ask is that you help us track the hours you work in the garden watering and weeding, and the pounds of produce that are harvested.

Community Gardens can come in many shapes and sizes, they can grow flowers or vegetables and the community itself. The Bird City Community Garden was created to serve as a catalyst

for community development, provide an opportunity for social interaction, nutritious food, and improve the quality of life for the volunteers.

This year's Bird City Community Garden is a late summer pilot garden of Bird City Century II Development Foundation, led by summer intern Mary Anne Orten, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service. All plants, tomatoes, squash, onions, peppers, carrots, beans, and swiss chard, were donated by Walkers Garden Center in Atwood and Conservation Service. Volunteers tilled the plot, erected a fence for the tomatoes, planted the plants and have helped maintain and water the garden.

Plants are growing and producing, but the weeds have taken over so a few more volunteers are needed to help get the garden plot back into shape. A work-day has been scheduled for this Friday morning, Aug. 30th at 9 a.m. at the garden site. If you are unable to make it at that time, please feel free to stop by anytime!

To volunteer, contact the Foundation Office at 107 West Bressler, info@birdcity.com or 785-734-2556 for a volunteer form. Then simply find your way to the southeast edge of town behind the schools to pick a weed or two and take home fresh produce for dinner.



BRAVING THE HEAT to pull weeds from the Community Garden is top of the task list for volunteers Bernadette Luncsford, District Conservationist (left), and Mary Anne Orten, Bird City Century II Summer Intern.



AUGUST BIRTHDAY cakes were cut by Mike Boyson, Val Coleman, Treva Henry and Bill Jackson at the Senior Center

Brass Jazz Quintet concert scheduled

The Denver Brass Jazz Quintet will perform at St. Francis Community High School, 100 S. College St., on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Trumpeter Alan Hood enjoyed coming last year with the Denver Brass Five so much that he has agreed to bring his jazz quintet back to St. Francis to teach and play jazz. The group consists of trumpet, saxophone, piano, bass and percussion.

A workshop for students will take place in the band room from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by lunch for the students in Sawhill Park. Lunch is included in the workshop cost.

At 4 p.m., the public is invited to enjoy a concert by the Denver Brass Jazz Quintet in the high school auditorium.

Student tickets are \$10 and include workshop, lunch and concert. Student tickets for the

concert only are \$5. Adult tickets for concert only are \$10.

Tickets are available at all three St. Francis banks, the Bird City bank, Milliken Law, Jaqua Abstract, Kite and Day Law, Frewen Insurance, The Classic Rose, Hometown Market in Bird City, and from music teachers, Debbie Fiala and Rose Hengen.

Last year, local trumpet player Jim Milliken arranged for the Denver Brass Five to perform in St. Francis and now he is busy promoting this concert and workshop with the Jazz Quintet. For several years, Mr. Milliken has been instrumental in getting Cheyenne County brass players to downtown Denver to play at the Denver Brass annual Christmas BrassFest.

Mr. Milliken hopes to fill the high school auditorium for this musical event.

Hunters look forward to dove season opening day

For avid bird hunters, the summer has slowly dragged on, but the Sept. 1 opening day of dove season will be here on Sunday. It's time to stock up on shells, practice wing shooting skills and scout for water holes and feed fields doves are using.

Kansas is often referred to as the Sunflower State, and maybe that's why so many mourning doves summer here; they love sunflower seeds. Doves are one of the most numerous game birds in the U.S., and Kansas usually ranks near the top when state dove breeding populations are surveyed.

By the end of August, Kansas is literally teeming with mourning doves. In 2012, an estimated 37,791 hunters harvested 753,390

doves in Kansas.

Dove season is open Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 and Nov. 2 through 10 for mourning, white-winged Eurasian, and ringed turtle doves. The daily bag limit is 15, and the possession limit is 45, which applies only to mourning and white-winged doves, single species or in combination. There is no limit on Eurasian collared and ringed turtle doves, but any taken in addition to a daily bag limit of mourning and white-winged doves must have a fully-feathered wing attached while in transport.

An extended exotic dove season for Eurasian collared and ringed turtle doves is open Nov. 20-Feb. 28. There is no daily bag

or possession limit, but a fully-feathered wing must remain attached while in transport.

Residents 16-74 must have a hunting license and Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit, unless exempt by law, to hunt doves. All nonresidents, regardless of age, must have a nonresident hunting license and a Kansas HIP permit.

Finding doves

Finding a productive dove hunting spot requires some advance scouting, and this can be as simple as driving back roads during the early morning hours looking for fields doves are using. Birds will often congregate along power lines or dead trees. Before hunting on private land, get

landowner permission.

Public land hunting

Public lands can provide outstanding hunting opportunities, especially on managed dove fields. Many Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism wildlife areas have fields managed specifically to attract mourning doves.

The small fields are planted to sunflowers or wheat and managed to make them attractive to doves. When the weather cooperates, dove hunting around these fields can be fantastic.

Thirty-nine wildlife areas across the state feature managed dove fields and some special restrictions may apply. Go to www.ksoutdoors.com, click on "Hunting," "Migratory Birds," then "Doves" for a listing of dove field locations and special regulations.

Many of the dove fields will be designated as "Non-toxic Shot Only," and some may be set aside for youth hunting opportunities. Fields designated as "Non-toxic Shot Only" will be marked with signs.

The impending autumn brings with it the optimism of the 2013 hunting season, and it won't get here a day too soon for avid hunters. Get out and take advantage of the great hunting opportunities available here in Kansas.



Club Clip

By: Linda Carroll

Annie Antholz, Rita Officer, Bethel Goltl, Florence Antholz, Phyllis Wingfield, Joan Tongish, Betty Lewis, Marlene Young, Teresa Knapp, Vernetta Haack, Bonnie Burr, Edna Roesener, Lois Morelock, Queen Mother Margaret Voorhies, and Linda Carroll gathered at the Bird City Diner. They were seated at a beautifully decorated Red Hat themed table for lunch together for the celebration of August Birthdays.

The Red Hat Mamas spent the afternoon at the Bird City Senior Center enjoying Red Hat Mama Phyllis Wingfield's witticisms, comedian Anita Renfro's DVD, and playing dominoes Red Hatter style.

Thank You to our Red Hat friend Rod. We appreciate you and all you do for us.

Letter to the Editor

Landowners are liable for leaks and spills.

If Canada hath oil to export-pipe it to the Atlantic or Pacific-build refineries sell U.S. fuel.* Eminent domain is for roads,

schools, public use *, not casinos, Walmarts and foreign companies *.Concentration of the nations fuel supply in one spot is a perfect target for a Pearl Harbor-911-grand slam!!! "There is a way

that seemeth right unto a man, but the ends there of are the ends of death." Prov 16:25

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