

Two day reunion enjoyed

The family of A. C. Brown, an early settler in Cheyenne County, gathered for a two-day reunion in St. Francis, on August 9-10. The family of Gladys (Brown) Shafer hosted the event.

Highlight of the two-day festivities began with the family gathering for the fair parade and lunch before departing on a bus tour to Clough Valley to visit the Brown family homestead and the Clough Valley Church and Cemetery.

The group traveled on to the home of A. C. and Emma during their retirement years in Haigler, Neb., and stopped at the Haigler Park to view the restored Gist country school where Gladys (Brown) Shafer taught for a number of years.

The family also enjoyed a trip through the Cheyenne County Museum, which housed various Brown family artifacts.

On Sunday, the family attend church at Ye Old Country Church where services were conducted by Jason Howard.

Following the noon potluck, a quilt raffle was held, which featured the wedding pictures of the children of A. C. and Emma Brown and was designed and constructed by great granddaughter, Cindy Wiley. The winner of the quilt was Becky Brown of Mansfield, Mass., granddaughter of the late John and Eda Brown of Wray.

Those who attended the reunion were: David Brown, Charlotte, N.C.; Marlene Downs, Lees's Summit, Mo.; Russell and Jean Moore; Dale and Dode Faylor; Roger and Chelly Moore; Norvin and Donna Northrup; Debra Harper; Jason, Abby, Gloria, Jeremiah and Josiah Howard; Jeneva Northrup; Helen and Darin Brown; Connie Brown; Ethyle Roelfs; Lyn and Cindy Wiley, all of St. Francis; Katie Moore, Lakewood, Colo.; Myra Northrup, Burlington, Colo.; Betty Brown, Green Bay, Wis.; Joanne Brown, Madison, Wis.; Becky Brown, Mansfield, Mass.; John Brown, Brighton, Mass.; Alvis Brown, Wray, Colo.; Jerry and Verna Brown, Wendy Kaufman, Tiffany Kisner, Bridgeport, Neb.; John and Shirley Schuh, Fort Collins, Colo.; Bob and Opal Phillips, Manhattan; Mary and Rod Vestal, Castle Rock, Colo.; Marge Erdley, Connie Backes, Loveland, Colo.; Lila Shafer, Denver, Colo.; Calvin and Barbara Jones, Stanley and Carol Shafer, Denice Bauchke, Wray, Colo.; Dustin Wiley, Fort Scott; Danielle Stout, Ople; Janice, Katie, Hannah, and Faith Stroup, Benkelman, Neb.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL — The students and staff welcome Hoagie back to school with a bouquet of balloons at the Meet the Teachers night held Monday evening. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Dove season opens Monday

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Dove season will open Monday in Kansas. It is a split season with the first opening on Monday through Oct. 14; then it will close for a couple of weeks and reopen Nov. 1 through 16.

Hunters can buy licenses at the clerk's office in the courthouse, at K-Store, U.S. 36 and Majestic Service, all in St. Francis. The licenses can also be bought online at www.kdwp.state.ks.us.

Mourning doves are migratory game birds and are federally regulated. Rules require that shotguns be plugged to hold no more than three shells and the daily bag limit is 15. No more than 30 can be possessed.

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.

Dove banding

Hunters are asked to look for leg bands on the mourning doves they shoot. The purpose of banding is to estimate annual survival rates, harvest rates and distribution of the harvest, as well as to refine techniques for a future dove-banding program. This data is necessary for understanding population trends and managing dove harvests.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks officials report that hunters are a critical link in the banding study. By checking all harvested doves for bands and reporting the banded doves, hunters help biologists manage this important migratory game bird.

Because dove bands are small, hunters can easily overlook them so they are asked to carefully check all doves bagged. If they find a band, call 1-800-327-2263 or go to www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/. Hunters can keep the bands and will be provided with a certificate identifying the age, sex, date and location the bird was banded.

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

Upcoming hunting seasons
Other fall hunting seasons coming up include:
Fall Turkey season: Oct. 1-Dec. 2; Dec. 15-31; and Jan. 5-31.
Deer season: Youth and disability, Sept. 13-21; Early muzzleloader, Sept. 22-Oct. 5; Archery, Sept. 22-Dec. 31; regular firearm, Dec. 3-Dec. 14.
Pheasant season: Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
Quail season: Nov. 8-Jan. 31.

Behind The Scenes

Tour northeast Cheyenne County cemeteries

The Cheyenne County Historical Society is hosting a tour of the cemeteries of northeast Cheyenne County on Sunday, Sept. 14. Everyone interested is invited to join the caravan of cars at 2 p.m. at the Shelter House at Van Doren Park in Bird City. Stan and Dee Dorsch will lead the way, stopping first at Evergreen near Big Timber.

Evergreen Cemetery

The history of this congregation goes back to 1886, when a Sunday school was organized. Later, this group formed the Evergreen Church. It became the hub of much activity for early settlers north of Bird City. The cemetery is all that remains. To visitors it is a silent reminder of those who lived

and worked in this once thriving community. Family members of Lucius and Nancy Hill Heaton, who homesteaded in the area, are buried in this well manicured cemetery. Some of the names found on other early markers are: L. R. Heaton, E.M. Philips, Jere Miller, Joseph Miller, A. Damar Smith, and W. H. Nelson. In this cemetery, a fence once surrounded the Philips' family plot. The fence is no longer there, leaving these burials unmarked.

Bird City Cemetery

Another stop on the tour will be the Bird City Cemetery. This cemetery was established in 1887 when the city purchased 6 acres of land from Joseph and Polly Mill-

er for \$150. In May 1915, it was reported that every grave in this cemetery had been marked. However at this time, there are several unmarked early burials.

Potters Field is also in this cemetery. During the cemetery visits, Albert Hardin will witch for graves.

Tour these burial places with the Historical Society and hear more interesting stories about early eastern Cheyenne County settlers. Join the group for supper at Heritage Corner Café after the tour.

(Historical information taken from Cheyenne County History, Vol. 1, 1987.)

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