

Dove season opens Tuesday

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Dove season will open Tuesday in Kansas. It is a split season with the first opening on Tuesday through Saturday, Oct. 31; then it will close for a couple of weeks and reopen Nov. 7 through 15.

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.

Mourning doves and white-winged doves are migratory game birds and are federally regulated. The season for the exotic doves, Eurasian collared and ringed turtle doves, is open during this time but, also runs Nov. 20 through Feb. 28.

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.

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 date 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 the bands 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. 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, archery and shotgun: Oct. 1-Dec. 1; Dec. 14-31; and Jan. 11-31.

Deer season: Youth and disability, Sept. 12-20; muzzle-loader only, Sept. 21-Oct. 4;

Archery, Sept. 21-Dec. 31; regular firearm, Dec. 2-Dec. 13.

Pheasant season: Nov. 14-Jan. 31.

Quail season: Nov. 14-Jan. 31.

Treasure Hunt coming again soon

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The U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt will once again be held from Thursday, Sept. 18, to Saturday, Sept. 20. It should be noted that the *Kansas!* magazine has the dates wrong so people might want to consider setting up on Thursday, said Carol Northrup, one of the committee members.

She said the magazine staff has received many calls concerning the Treasure Hunt. One was from as far away as Florida, others were from Washington, Oregon and California asking which was the closest airport.

This is the fifth year for the 400-mile long yard sale that runs from the Colorado border to the Missouri border along U.S. 36.

People read from left to right, Mrs. Northrup said. So, St. Francis is the first stop on the long trek across Kansas and many are expected to hit this area first.

Last year, there were 20 locations with yard sales set up in the St. Francis area. They sold antiques, farm primitives and just plain garage sale stuff. This year, there is even more interest.

We have had all sorts of items being mentioned on the St. Francis map. There are the antiques and farm primitives but this year, there are two houses — one in Wheeler and the other at 107 W. Spencer. The latter will have a household dispersal sale with the house to be shown to interested buyers. Jerry Bier has an interesting collection of farm/mechanic/gas station memorabilia which will be on sale during the three days.

Besides the Northrup lot set up at 300 S Benton St., Rodney Neitzel, Hilltop General Store, is going to have his annual porch sale and some of the vendors setting up on his lot include Kathy Vandike with her cinnamon rolls and Kevin

Andrews with his roasted peppers. Mrs. Vandike and Mr. Andrews will be serving only on Saturday.

Doug and Marla Ross will be serving biscuits and gravy every morning at their location north of the Northrup lot. They will also serve barbecue burgers and beans.

This will be a good time for restaurants and other organizations to advertise treasure hunt specials. Everyone needs food, Mrs. Northrup said.

GAM Antique Shop and Country Collage Antiques are expecting many shoppers. Then there will be the individual yard sale around town. Maps will be available for everyone.

Through the years, people come to St. Francis, stay overnight, so they are up by 7 a.m. to start the three-day shopping spree. Some come in vans and motor homes, others in pickups, and then there are those who are pulling trailers, making sure they have enough room for all the treasures they pick up along the way.

Maps
Maps for St. Francis vendors will be available next week. There are also statewide maps showing vendors in the different towns down U.S. 36. They are available at the Extension office in the basement of the courthouse.

Mrs. Northrup said that it is too late for vendors to be added to the map. However, she suggested people check out those vendors on the map and see if they can bring their items to that location.

Look for more information in upcoming issues of *The Herald*.



Gilliland

Birthday celebrated

Joel Todd Gilliland celebrated his first birthday on Aug. 14. He had a party in the park with a "cars" theme due to the fact that his sister, Molly, was going to name him Lightning McQueen before his arrival one year ago.

Cake, ice cream and presents were enjoyed by sister, Molly; his parents, Dustin and Kari Gilliland; grandparents, Jim and Ruth Miliken and Don and Sherry Gilliland, as well as great-grandmas, Ethel Whitten and Ilone Keller. They also had a visit from Joel's friend, Gus Gardner, and his parents, Justin and Danielle Gardner.

Divison updates computer system

The Division of Vehicles is in the process of modernizing its computer system. The modernization project will replace the current system that is over 20 years old. A key piece of the implementation is data conversion from the old system to the new system.

Each time an individual visits the county treasurer's office to do title and registration processing, they will be required to provide/show their driver's license. If the vehicle is owned by a business, the business should provide/show their Federal Employer Identification Number documents. The name on the title

will appear as it is on the driver license or employer identification documents.

The new system is customer centric, meaning vehicle and driver records are accessed and cross referenced. Currently several vehicles can be registered differently to the same person. Example John Q Public:

- John Public
- Johnny Public
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Asking individuals to provide their driver license or employer identification documents will ensure consistency and sync-up existing vehicle records.



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