

Dove season to open Saturday across Kansas

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Dove season opens Saturday 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, 2013. 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.



VOLUNTEERS Avis Hazuka, Isabelle Hedrick and Barb Gerdes straighten up the racks at 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store.

Bird City thrift store celebrates it's fifth year in the business

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Bird City business, 2nd Beginnings, is celebrating five years in business.

Cindy Burr, owner and operator, said she started the thrift store because she felt like there was a need for it in Bird City. And, she said, at the time she was bored with sitting at home every evening.

"The kids were grown and gone, and school was no longer a central part of my life," she said. "I thought I needed something to do and cleaning house was not that something!"

The thrift store carries clothing, shoes, housewares and furniture. Volunteer workers are Bonnie Burr, Avis Hazuka, Marlene Young, Linda Carroll and Isabelle Hedrick. Barb Gerdes is in charge of the store when Mrs. Burr is not available.

Anyone is welcome to volunteer including youth, she said. We

can always find something for volunteers to do.

The profits from the store, she said, go back to the local community and schools. Different school activities have received donations as well as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H and the Special Olympics. Other community activities receiving funds include Santa Day, the food bank and the Bird City park restoration.

"I am always looking for places that need help," she said.

The business would not have been successful, she said, if it were not for the all patrons of the store as well as all the donors. 2nd Beginnings could not function without everyone's support.

Being creative, she finds her favorite part of running the business is coming up with ideas for window displays. It is amazing, she said, what you can put together with items that are donated to the store.

With few window fronts in Bird

City, people appear to enjoy driving by just to see what we've come up with.

She also thinks it is rewarding that 2nd Beginnings offers a place for people who don't have a lot of money to shop. One little girl, she said, always asks her parents, "Can we go to the mall?"

"Who says little towns don't have everything?" Mrs. Burr said. "It is all in your perspective."

Her future plans for the business is to just keep it going.

"As long as we all own too much stuff, there will always be a need for somewhere to go with it," she said. "And, who doesn't like a bargain?"

Mrs. Burr said there is a need for furniture so she asks that people keep 2nd Beginnings in mind if they are getting new furniture and need some place to go with the old.

"Consignments of this type have helped out many people over the last five years," she said.

Anniversary sale

In celebration of the fifth anniversary, there will be a \$5 sack sale on everything except consignment items on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 5, 7 and 8. There will also be special prices on consignment items. (See ad in this issue for more information.)

Hometown Hero



Linda Elfers was selected as the August Hometown Hero.

It seems like practically everyone knows Linda. She has worked at the Cheyenne County Extension office for the last eight years which requires numerous things for her to do. On Friday, she was explaining a 4-H program to a kid and was also getting soil samples farmers have brought into the office sacked up and sent to Kansas State for testing.

If there is a 4-H event or a meeting, she is helping Marty Fear, extension agent. I do what Marty tells me, she said, and what needs to be done.

There is something different to do all the time and I like what I am doing, she said.

About a year ago, Linda was diagnosed with breast cancer and had no insurance.

The community and doctor knew that she needed help. Again, practically everyone knows Linda, and they helped with money, chores and support.

All through this ordeal, she was working, laughing and smiling.

I don't feel like I'm a deserving hero, she said. I think this community, the whole county and the doctors are the heroes - They are certainly my heroes!

Linda will go to the doctor this week and she is hoping she will be able to quit taking the chemo treatments and she will eventually have hair again. In the meantime, she ties a hankie on her head, can be found working at the courthouse or the fairgrounds and, almost always, helping people with a smile.

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Departments heads give reports at hospital meeting

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The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Thursday, Aug. 23. Board President Jerry Toler and board member Mike Bandel were not present, however there was a quorum and board member Kari Gilliland presided over the meeting. Great Plains Health Alliance representative Jackie John attended the meeting remotely via ITV.

Department head reports were made by Kathy Hertel, materials management manager, and Michelle Sherman, environmental services manager. Ms. Hertel said she had started using a survey with patients on all supplies and products used during a hospital stay. Mrs. Sherman said she had been using a new floor cleaning product that had better results and would be stripping and re-waxing the physical therapy floor soon.

Board member Erika Zimelman expressed some concerns she had about a newborn baby abducted from a Pittsburgh hospital that made national news and frustration with the new phone system. She said she had a hard time getting her call answered.

Board member Jane Young had concerns as well, saying that she'd heard that the county commissioners didn't give the hospital the full 12 mills, and she had also heard further concerns from community members about Dr. Allard's contract renewal. Les Lacy, hospital administrator, did not know the full amount given by the county, but as to Dr. Allard did state, "The hospital would like to see Dr. Allard stay."

Mr. Lacy said the hospital had met cash needs for the month and that volume is slower. The construction in the kitchen is done and food is being prepared there. They had temporarily used the school kitchen, until school started, then the Village prepared food for hospital patients for the rest of the time. Two people had been hired, Damion Gabaldon

in the kitchen and Mae Ladera in a lab position. Mr. Lacy said that the hospital also needs to replace Dr. Saba as an orthopedist, but that it is difficult to get doctors to travel out here.

Mrs. John said there is a new pharmaceutical pricing program coming up from the Department of Health and Human Services, 340B, that will need to be looked over well to make sure it doesn't hurt local pharmacists.

Heidi Tice, chief financial officer for the hospital, had made a cost

matrix for offsite billing since the last meeting that she and Mr. Lacy went over for board members approximating cost comparisons between using the offsite billing and what it would cost to hire employees to do the same job onsite. Board members present seemed to understand this explanation better than at the last meeting and thanked Mrs. Tice and Mr. Lacy for the work they did to explain it.

The next hospital board meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 3 p.m. in the clinic basement.

Manager attends leadership forum

Karol Lohman, general manager of the St. Francis Mercantile Equity, St. Francis and Haigler, was among 30 leaders from 11 states attending the Land O' Lakes Women in Cooperative Leadership Forum held in Minneapolis, Minn. The theme was "A Future of Growth in a World of Opportunity."

The forum was by invitation only to women in leadership roles in the cooperative agriculture industry. The agenda included industry and economic updates, insights from leaders in the co-op and corporate arenas, leadership development sessions, self assessments and coaching. It also gave Ms. Lohman an opportunity to network with the Land O'Lakes elected board of directors and leadership council members.

Ms. Lohman was honored in February at the Land O'Lakes annual

meeting with an "Outstanding Cooperative Manager" award. The award criteria is based on a minimum of 25 years of cooperative service with 10 of those years in management, along with the growth, and financial performance of the cooperative.

Karol's years of service include 26 years at Leavenworth County Cooperative, Lansing, where she was a department manager then nine years as general manager before moving to her present position in 2007 as general manager of the St. Francis Equity.

Tim Daugherty, regional director of business development services, nominated her for the award. Since Karol was unable to attend the February event, Mr. Daugherty accepted on her behalf. Karol was given a watch from Land O'Lakes for the honor.

— Uses for Baking Soda —

Common baking soda found in most kitchens can be used in other ways besides baking.

- Unclog a drain. Pour 1/2 to 1 cup of baking soda down the drain, then slowly pour 1/2 to 1 cup of white vinegar after it. Let sit for five minutes (covered, if possible). Follow with a gallon of boiling water.

- Remove tough stains from enameled cast iron and stainless steel. Scrub enameled cast iron with a soft nylon brush and a thick paste of baking soda and water. Clean stainless steel with a soft cloth and 4 tablespoons of baking soda dissolved in 1 quart of water. Wipe dry with a clean cloth.

Thank You

We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to ALL of the volunteer firefighters in Cheyenne County for their contribution and commitment to the citizens of Cheyenne County. The night they responded to our fire we know they also were being called to fires all over the county — they can't have gotten any rest that night — but they were there for us, not once but twice. If ever we have to be reminded of just what we had at stake, or how vital their efforts are, we need only look out our back door. We didn't actually see many of the firefighters that responded to our fire, so it is impossible to personally thank everyone. We can only extend a huge thank you to all. We also wish to thank the gentleman who alerted us to the fire and first called 911, as well as the friends and neighbors who called or came by to offer their assistance. Thank you Cheyenne County. What a great place to live!

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