



## Dove hunting season opens on Saturday

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 backroads 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

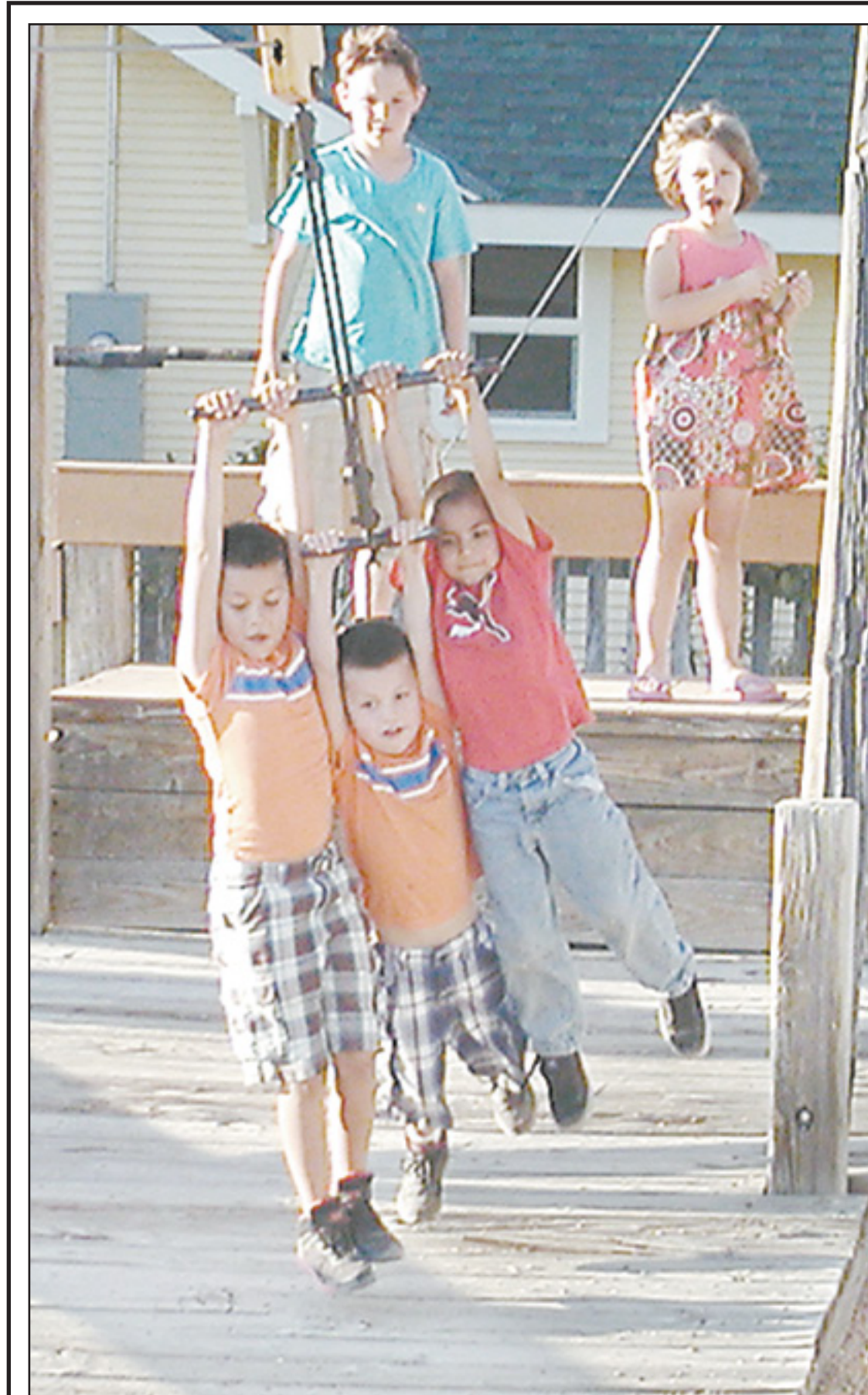
Public lands can provide outstanding hunting opportunities, especially on managed dove fields. Many Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism wildlife areas have fields managed specifically to attract mourning doves.

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](http://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.



**THREE TIMES THE FUN!** Children were busy playing while their parents were meeting the teachers Monday evening.

*Herald staff photo by Tim Burr*

## Brass quintet returns to Sainty

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.

## New teachers found in both high school and elementary

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For a number of years, St. Francis schools didn't add new teachers. There were few students and state aide dwindled. When a teacher quit or retired, the staff just assumed those duties.

However, in the past two years, there have been new teachers in both the grade school and the junior-senior high school. Last year, Meghan Kinen, Seth Swihart, Lori Rieger were added to the grade school and Nick O'Loughlin to the high school.

This year, four more teachers were hired including Amy Christensen, sixth grade; Jackie Cole, high school language arts, speech and drama; Tiffany Poet, high school vo ag and careers; and Peggy Moberly, art teacher, kindergarten through 12th grade.

Each of the new teachers said they are excited to start the school year and have goals and plans to help their students succeed.

### Peggy Moberly

Peggy Moberly is the new art instructor, teaching kids from kindergartners through seniors. She replaces Mary Beikman, who retired at the end of the school year.

Mrs. Moberly may be a new teacher at St. Francis but she has been teaching art for years. Following graduating with a bachelor's degree from Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design in Denver, and then a master's at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo., she went to work teaching at Stratton, Colo. She was teaching art to all grades. She also was a long-term substitute art teacher at the Idalia schools.

Lately, while she hasn't been teaching in the schools, she has been teaching classes to adults and children while pursuing her own creative talents by painting scenes on turkey feathers, painting on windows as the different seasons and events rolled around, and doing some sign painting.

Her goal in the classroom this year is to help all students develop a greater understanding of art and strengthen their artistic skills in a way that they can benefit



**ART INSTRUCTOR, Peggy Moberly let her students go outside where they enjoyed drawing.**

from them during their lifetime.

"I have always enjoyed art and nature," Mrs. Moberly said. "Now, I am looking forward to doing new projects with students."

"We will do a little of everything ranging from drawing and painting, to pottery."

Peggy was born in Burlington, Colo., and grew up on the farm 13 miles east of

Idalia with her brother, Matt.

She is married to Josh Moberly and they have three children. Josh is a St. Francis high school graduate.

I found it neat that I taught where my mom, Peggy, graduated (Stratton). Now, I am teaching in St. Francis where my dad, Clinton, and my husband graduated.

It is a great privilege to be teaching here in St. Francis and doing something I love.

### Amy Christensen

Amy Christensen is a familiar face in the St. Francis Elementary as she completed her student teaching under Robin Burr, resource room teacher, and Shirley Swihart, second grade teacher. She was then the long-term substitute teacher for Lori Beth Rieger in kindergarten.

This year, she is the new sixth grade teacher, filling the shoes of Julie Wolters, who retired at the end of the school year.

Ms. Christensen has 22 students in her class, but she also teaches fourth and fifth grade math. My goal this year, she said, is implementing the common core standards in all areas of my classes. I will also be helping my students achieve their individual goals throughout the year.

Before coming to the St. Francis schools, she taught preschool in Arizona for a few years. I have always enjoyed working with kids, she said.

Ms. Christensen's daughter, Addy, is in the second grade and enjoys the opportunity to say "hi" to Mom in the halls.

Ms. Christensen was born in Aurora, Colo., but grew up in Gilbert, Ariz. She attended Highland High School, graduating in 1999 with a class of almost 1,000 students. There were over 4,000 students in the high school.

She took time off to work in corporate America and have a family. She then went on to further her education, graduating from Grand Canyon University in 2012.

Her parents, Shelley Christensen and Russ Christensen, both live in St. Francis. Her older brother and his two daughters live in Arizona, and her younger brother lives in Hastings, Neb.

I'm very excited about the school year



**AMY CHRISTENSEN, sixth grade teacher, talked to parents at the meeting Monday evening.**

and feel truly honored to be working in the St. Francis School District, she said.

### Tiffany Poet

Tiffany Poet is the new vocational agriculture and careers teacher. She will also be the advisor for the St. Francis FFA Chapter, which will include running the concessions at home sporting events. She replaces Lyn Wiley, who retired last year.

Ms. Poet has 46 different students

throughout the day, but several she sees twice and sometimes three times a day.

As the vo ag teacher, she will teach classes in agriculture. She will also teach careers to seniors.

"I know there is a proud tradition with the livestock judging events and

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