

# Fur harvesters invited to event in Osborne

The Kansas Fur Harvester Association will hold their annual Fall Rendezvous at the Osborne fairgrounds, starting at 6 a.m., Friday and continuing through noon on Sunday, Oct 7-9 this year.

This allows central and western Kansas trappers and fur hunters more opportunity to attend this traditional gathering, said Ron Ruthstrom, wildlife biologist, Glen Elder.

Admission is free and the public is welcome.

A food stand and concessions will be present.

Other highlights include an educational and social event featuring a dealer trade show with a large selection of trapping and fur harvesting supplies. Trapping methods and predator calling demonstrations will feature six well know professional Trappers from Minnesota, Texas, Iowa, and Nebraska.

In addition, Ruthstrom said, there will be "top notch Kansas experts" showing the latest in new sets and equipment.

Some houndsmen will hold a session on coon dog training at 1 p.m., Saturday, with a coon hunt

that night. The public is welcome.

Fur handling techniques by North American Fur Auctions will be ongoing both Friday and Saturday as well as the trapping demonstrations for Bobcat, Coyote, Raccoon and other furbearers, he said.

This will be a great opportunity for anyone interested in techniques to see and ask the professionals first hand.

Also on Friday will be an evening social and bonfire. A field trip for kids will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday and that evening, a banquet meal, the Kansas Fur Harvester awards, and a Fur Style show followed by a white elephant auction is scheduled.

There will be games for children and a tailgate flea market, along with lots of camper and tent space available.

For questions or schedule of events, call W. R. Brecheisen, president of the association, at (620) 431-2772 or Roger Macy, event chairman at (785) 346-2076 or Cleo Hahn (785) 346-2773. For those needing a motel in the area, call either (785) 346-5413 or (785) 454-3345.

# Want a better lawn? Try seeding now

September is the best time to plant or overseed and fertilize cool season lawns such as Kentucky Blue Grass and Tall Fescue. Warm season grasses like Buffalo Grass and Bermuda shouldn't be fertilized this time of year but may benefit from a broadleaf herbicide application like 2,4-D.

I won't cover planting a new lawn as you should already have decided if you're going to plant and started making seed bed preparations. However, if you have an existing cool season lawn you should consider overseeding now.

Overseeding is a good way to introduce new improved varieties and will thicken your yard and thus improve your lawns ability to fend off weeds.

The best turf such as on golf courses and professional sports fields gets overseeded every year or not several times a year.

For those of you who strive for perfection overseeding every year



## Doug Musick

• Thomas County Extension Agent

is recommended Others who want a nice lawn but don't have to have the best, I recommend overseeding once every three years.

There are many ways overseeding a lawn can be accomplished. The method I recommend is to fertilize the lawn first, but make sure you don't use a "weed and feed" product.

Also make sure you don't overseed within 30 days of your last broadleaf herbicide treatment such as 2,4-D or trimec. Next mow your lawn short, somewhere around 1.5 inches.

Now go over your lawn twice

with a core aerator.

These machines can be rented from at least two stores in town or some of the lawn care companies can do it for you. Make sure though, that what you use is a core aerator that removes a plug of turf and soil.

There are several products out there that push a hole in the ground and cause a lot of compaction which is something we don't want in our lawns.

In place of a core aerator a power rake is the next best option followed by hand raking for those who don't want to rent equipment.

Now spread your seed. Use 2 to

3 pounds per 1000 square feet for Kentucky Blue Grass and 6 to 8 pounds per 1000 square feet for Tall Fescue.

Make sure and use certified seed of a known variety. Do not use K-31 fescue as it is no longer a true variety and is not certified.

Frequently it and other non-certified seed is very high in "other" seeds which you don't want in your lawn. Look for a label on the bag or bin that says "certified" when purchasing your seed.

Once your seed is spread, water and continue watering frequently, at least once a day and as much as 4 times a day during hot, dry, windy weather.

After the grass begins growing, approximately 2 weeks, begin reducing the irrigation frequency, but do continue watering into November and even December is we have relatively warm and dry weather for that time of year.

Good Luck!

## Student News

### Dane G. Hansen Foundation offers scholarships

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation will make 220 scholarships available in five categories to students in 26 northwest Kansas counties for the 2005-06 academic year.

Students from an accredited high school, registered independent, private or home school in one of the following 26 counties are eligible to apply: Thomas, Cheyenne, Cloud, Decatur, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, Republic, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Trego and Wallace.

Scholarships are also available for students who will graduate in the current academic year.

To qualify for scholarships, a student must have at least a 3.50 grade point average.

The student should be an active participant in extracurricular school and community activities, display good citizenship, leadership, moral integrity and be proficient in written and verbal skills.

Students planning to enter the competition for Leaders of Tomorrow, Hansen Scholar or Hansen Student scholarships must register at their school and take the qualifying test at locations that will be announced in the near future.

Information on all scholarships has been sent to qualifying area schools.

Tentative test dates have been set for Sept. 22 and 23.

# Roberts calls for Japan to lift beef import ban

WASHINGTON (AP)—Kansas

Sen. Pat Roberts and nine of his colleagues have asked the U.S. Agriculture Department to reconsider allowing Japanese beef imports as long as Japan continues its ban on American beef.



Pat Roberts

**“It is simply unfair for Japan to demand the ability to sell beef to the United States while simultaneously setting unscientific demands on U.S. beef.”**

Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts, and nine other lawmakers

USDA spokesman Ed Loyd said the agency recognizes the frustration. He said Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has put "an extreme amount of effort" into getting Japan to move.

"We have a very friendly relationship with Japan and we've wanted to resolve this through the negotiation process rather than retaliation," Loyd said.

Japan was the United States' largest overseas market for beef before Tokyo banned all U.S. beef imports after the first case of mad cow disease surfaced in 2003.

Japan had imported about \$1.5 billion of U.S. beef annually and the

ban has cost over \$2 billion in sales.

The United States also has banned imports of Japanese beef since 2001, after the first case of mad cow disease was discovered in Japan. Last fall, the two nations reached a good faith agreement for both nations to resume trade once sufficient testing procedures were put in place.

But Japanese safety officials have taken their time acting on the agreement, in part due to domestic pressures from regulators who are not satisfied with U.S. safety procedures. In August, the USDA issued a proposed rule to ease the ban on Japanese beef. Public comments

are due by Sept. 19.

The lawmakers said in their letter that the rule should not be finalized until the Japanese take similar steps to allow U.S. beef back into their country.

Earlier this year, Rep. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., introduced a resolution calling on the U.S. Trade Representative to seek economic sanctions against Japan if it failed to resume the beef trade once testing procedures were set. Moran has said House leadership could bring the measure to the floor if Japan doesn't act soon.

Loyd said the USDA has told Japan it's time to establish a firm deadline for lifting the beef ban.

"Japan has taken a number of positive steps, but they've been small tentative steps and they've been painfully slow," Loyd said.

Besides Roberts, the letter was signed by Sens. Wayne Allard, R-Colo.; Larry Craig, R-Idaho; Mike Crapo, R-Idaho; Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas; John Cornyn, R-Texas; Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.; Conrad Burns, R-Mont.; Craig Thomas, R-Wyo.; and John Thune, R-S.D.



**Brewster Homecoming Royalty Candidates** Pictured back row L-R: Jalyn Reid, Sr.; Kasie Stevenson, Sr. and Caitlan Rush. Back row L-R: Aaron Horinek, Sr.; Branson Gilley, Sr. and Jonathan Collett, Sr.

# BREWSTER HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING

## Homecoming Festivities

**Thursday, September 15th**

Bon Fire and spirit rally @ 7:30

**Friday, September 16th**

Parade - Downtown @ 3:00 p.m.

followed by pep rally

Booster Club Tailgate Party

School Cafeteria @ 5:30

Brewster vs. Hitchcock, NE

@ 7:30

2005 Homecoming King &

Queen crowned during half-time

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