## Fur harvesters invited to event in Osborne

sociation will hold their annual come. Fall Rendezvous at the Osborne fairgrounds, starting at 6 a.m., Friday and continuing through noon on Sunday, Oct 7-9 this

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.

session on coon dog training at 1 in the area, call either (785) 346p.m., Saturday, with a coon hunt 5413 or (785) 454-3345.

Student News

Dane G. Hansen Foundation

offers scholarships

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation

will make 220 scholarships avail-

able in five categories to students in

26 northwest Kansas counties for

Students from an accredited high

school, registered independent, pri-

vate 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, Sher-

Scholarships are also available

for students who will graduate in the

man, Smith, Trego and Wallace.

current academic year.

the 2005-06 academic year.

The Kansas Fur Harvester As- that night. The public is wel-

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-Some houndsmen will hold a 2773. For those needing a motel

To qualify for scholarships, a stu-

The student should be an active

participant in extracurricular school

and community activities, display

good citizenship, leadership, moral

integrity and be proficient in writ-

Students planning to enter the

competition for Leaders of Tomor-

row, Hansen Scholar or Hansen

Student scholarships must register

at their school and take the qualify-

ing test at locations that will be an-

Information on all scholarships

Tentative test dates have been set

has been sent to qualifying area

nounced in the near future.

for Sept. 22 and 23.

dent must have at least a 3.50 grade

point average.

ten and verbal skills.

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 24-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 in-

troduce 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

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 with a core aerator. 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 courses and professional sports broadleaf herbicide treatment such fields gets overseeded every year if as 2,4-D or trimec. Next mow your lawn short, somewhere around 1.5

Now go over your lawn twice

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 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

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 pur-

chasing 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.

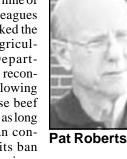
After the grass begins growing, approximately 2 weeks, begin reducing the irrigation frequency, but do continue watering into November and even December is we have relatively warm and dry weather for that time of year.

Good Luck!

## 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. In a letter, the lawmakers complained that Japan's food regulators have unreasonably delayed the resumption of beef trade with the United States despite scientific evidence that U.S. beef is safe.

"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," the letter said.

It is not the first time U.S. lawmakers have threatened economic retaliation against Japan, but the chorus of complaints has grown louder as the ban lingers on.

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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

'We have a very friendly relationship with Japan and we've wanted to resolve this through the sufficient testing procedures were 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 Japanese beef. Public comments

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 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

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.



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

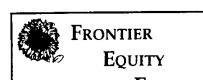
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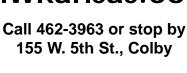
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