Beef Conference, "Strategic Cow Herd Management: Surviving and Rebuilding after Persistent Drought," will start at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, in Frick Auditorium at the College of Veterinary Medicine in Manhattan, with a remote site at the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center of U.S. 83 in Oakley.

cattle specialist with Oklahoma State University, will give the keynote address, "Addressing in beef herds, impending regula-Cow Herd Efficiency in a World tions of livestock antibiotics and

Kansas State University's 2013 of Mixed Message for Producers: capturing strategic opportunities Environmental Conditions."

Other topics will include techniques to enhance the value of low-quality roughage, confinement feeding of cows, management and feeding of early-weaned calves, pasture, rangeland, forage and livestock risk protection, and Dave Lalman, extension beef income tax implications following www.KSUBeef.org or by calling livestock liquidation. Other topics include control of trichomoniasis

Matching Production Levels to when culling/rebuilding the cow

The fee to attend is \$60 per person or \$100 for two or more from the same operation. The early registration deadline is July 30. Information, including how to register for the webcasts or inperson attendance, is available at (785) 532-1280. Remote sites are planned in Pratt and Parsons as

# Without proper pollination, vegetables will not bear fruit

healthy vegetable plants, then watered, weeded and waited. And now your vegetables are blooming, but not producing fruit.

Situations where vegetable plants are flowering, but not setting fruit may indicate a problem with flower pollination, according to Kansas State University horticulturist Ward Upham.

"There may be several reasons for pollination problems, which usually vary by species," Upham said. "One condition that can affect several species at the same time is over fertilization. Too much nitrogen causes the plant to emphasize vegetative growth, often to the detriment of fruit pro-

flowers produced, Upham said.

Squash, cucumbers, watera couple of other problems, he more pollinators," Upham said. added. The early flowers on these production of both male and female flowers becomes more balanced as time passes.

ence between the two because only the female flower has a tiny fruit behind the blossom, he said. If you have both, have not overfertilized, and still have a problem, make sure you have pollinators. Look for the presence of bees visiting the plants. If you don't see above 95 with dry, hot winds. any, try hand-pollinating several Over fertilization can lead to flowers by using a painter's brush

You've set the stage - planted a delay in flower production and to transfer pollen from the anther a decrease in fruit set among the of the male flower to the stigma of the female flower.

"If you get fruit on only those melon, and muskmelon can have flowers you pollinated, you need "Make sure you aren't killing plants are usually all male. The them with overuse or misuse of insecticides."

Tomatoes are wind pollinated so don't depend on pollinators. You can easily tell the differ- But they face another possible problem, high temperatures. Tomatoes normally won't set if the night temperature is below 50 degrees due to sparse pollen production. They also won't set when nighttime temperatures are above 75 and daytime temperatures are

## University gets stolen sword back

says a Virginia antiques collector among dealers for years. has turned over a Civil War-era League school in the 1970s.

Virginia ordered Williamsburg render the Tiffany silver sword Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) – A to Brown. Tharpe bought it for Brown University spokesman \$35,000 in 1992 after it had passed

sword that was stolen from the Ivy Providence Journal (bit.ly/pX8R-band, Col. Rush Hawkins, in 1863 Last week, a federal judge in given the sword to a Virginia at- the Civil War. torney who represented the unicollector Donald Tharpe to sur- versity, and it's being shipped to

Brown officials say the sword was stolen from the Annmary Brown Memorial at the school. A Brown spokesman told *The* The sword was given to her hus-JW) on Monday that Tharpe has for his service to the Union during

#### On the Beat

#### July 6 3:11 a.m. - Caller requested

**COLBY POLICE** 

officer check on subject. Vehicle was there; subject was notified.

4:05 a.m. - Subject called, advised of smoke smell like grass fire in the area. Didn't locate any-

10:12 a.m. - Caller reported white smoke in air. Not found.

11:38 a.m. - Provided information on local gun ranges. 9:59 p.m. – Caller reported fire-

subjects. 10:22 p.m. - Caller wanted information about diesel trucks in

works being shot off. Spoke with

the City of Colby. 10:52 p.m. - Caller reported fireworks being shot off. Spoke with subjects.

July 7

12:07 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked in the area. Everything OK.

12:15 a.m. - Caller reported subjects being loud. No report.

2:58 a.m. - Caller reported subjects being loud. Spoke to all sub-

11:35 a.m. – Caller caught dogs at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

3:09 p.m. - Subject flagged down officer off Range, found

wallet in parking lot. Owner con-

4:35 p.m. - Caller wanted information to see if a subject still lives in Colby for a repossession. Bohall. Provided information.

9:19 p.m. – Provided traffic control for two people working on stalled motorcycle.

9:28 p.m. – Caller reported subjects using fireworks. Not found.

9:34 p.m. - Caller reported accident in parking lot; one vehicle left scene. Report filed, vehicle came back.

**Last Monday** 

suspicious vehicle. Subject sleeping, everything OK. 6:19 a.m. - Caller reported a

subject sleeping. Unable to locate. aid. 8:25 a.m. – Helped subject who had dog jump out of vehicle.

9:09 a.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop. 10:54 a.m. – Walk through at Walmart.

12:38 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew. Contacted a responsible person for subject.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported mation given. trailer broken into.

#### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF July 6

report filed on incident in jail. 6:34 p.m. - Booked Latisha

Morgan. 9:46 p.m. - Booked Ramona

7:46 a.m. - Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop. 1:27 p.m. – Accident with deer

#### **Last Monday**

8:55 a.m. - Brought inmate from Rawlins County Sheriff's Office to Colby for doctor's appointment.

10:39 a.m. - Caller reported 3:03 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of 220 watt power cables from bin site in Levant. Report

11:02 a.m. – Provided traveler's

11:14 a.m. - Helped State of Kansas at Prairie Dog Town. All

12:38 p.m. - Helped Colby Police and ambulance on possible pill overdose at Comfort Inn. 1:55 p.m. – Oakley woman

wanted to speak to deputy about possible credit card fraud. Infor-

2:59 p.m. - Transported female inmate to Rawlins County Sheriff's Office.

3 p.m. - Insufficient funds re-6:30 p.m. – Narcotics violation port filed.

# Menlo farmer to serve as delegate at national meeting for corn growers

including a man from Menlo, will arrive in the nation's capital next week to determine the direction of their national organization.

Lawrence; and Pat Ross, Law- on the Ethanol Action Team.

Leading Kansas corn farmers, gress, some growers will partici- will convene to review policy and pate in association's action team elect leadership. The delegates and committee meetings, where each panel will consider current issues and opportunities. The Five corn producers will repre- farmer-led teams will discuss arsent Kansas at the National Corn eas including public policy, etha-Growers Association meeting July nol, biotechnology, research and 17 and 18 in Washington as del- business development, governegates for the 2013 Summer Corn ment regulation, trade and grower Congress: Brian Baalman, Menlo; services. Timmons serves on the Bob Timmons, Fredonia; Den- Research and Business Developnis McNinch, Utica; Roger Pine, ment Action Team and McNinch

For two days preceding the con- committee meetings, the congress

discuss and vote on policy that guides the group throughout the

Growers will spend an afternoon and a morning meeting with their state's House and Senate delegations on Capitol Hill. Top issues for corn growers this summer are passage of a five-year farm bill with a strong crop insurance program and stressing the importance of ethanol to our nation's rural Following the action team and economies and to energy security.

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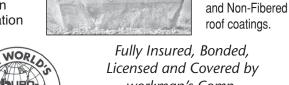
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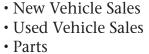
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