

K-State planning its annual swine conference next month

Kansas State University's annual Swine Day will be Thursday, Nov. 21, at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan. This year's program will focus on ways to improve net returns for swine businesses, with a special emphasis on disease prevention and management. Two prominent Kansas veterinarians will discuss porcine epidemic diarrhea virus, first discovered in the United States this year. The day includes a technology trade show, which starts at 8 a.m.,

with the program starting at 9:45 a.m. K-State faculty members will provide updates on current swine production research at the university. Attendees will be able to talk with graduate students who conducted some of the research. Presentations include: "Recent Disease Challenge to our Industry - Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea" by Steve Henry, veterinarian at Abilene Animal Hospital and Dick Hesse, professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology at K-State; and "Recent On-

Farm and Commercial Feed Mill Innovations to Improve Whole Herd Feed Efficiency" by Charles Stark, K-State associate professor of Grain Science and Industry. The day ends with a tour of the O.H. Kruse Feed Technology Innovation Center Feed Mill and a reception. The fee is \$25 if paid by Saturday, Nov. 9, and \$35 after that date. Information is available online at www.KSUswine.org or by calling (785) 532-1267.

Thief returns 100-pound pumpkin to boy who won it in festival contest

YORK, Pa. (AP) - A thief has returned a 100-pound pumpkin that a central Pennsylvania boy won by correctly guessing its weight - along with a note apologizing for the theft. Nine-year-old Jaiden Newcomer of York won the pumpkin at an Oktoberfest celebration in Windsor Township. He had dis-

played the giant pumpkin on his family's porch until it was stolen. But the *York Dispatch* reports (bit.ly/16pZ6hd) the pumpkin was back on the family's porch after it returned from a weekend trip. The thief also left a note saying: "I'm really sorry about tak-

ing your pumpkin, it was wrong of me, you earned the pumpkin, I didn't think my actions through nor realize who they were affecting. Sincerest apologies." Amy Newcomer says her son is "very excited. He's beside himself."

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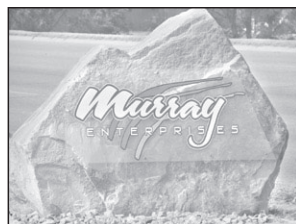
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