

## MEADOWLARK EXTENT DISTRICT WEEKLY NEWS FROM AGENTS

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### **Big Bucks, Baby Beef and Basic Bees**

Learning to manage my calendar is always a challenge. However, sometimes things are just out of your control! We have a few meetings coming up, and due to scheduling conflicts, deer season and other obligations, the meetings got all lined up in one week.

The first is our Deer School, originally planned for the first day of rifle season. That wasn't such a good idea, so it has been rescheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Jefferson county fair building in Valley Falls. Charlie Lee our KSU Wildlife Specialist will be the presenter. Charlie will talk everything deer, management for big antlers and nutrition, population and disease.

Secondly Baby Beef will be discussed at our Calving school on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Jackson county fair building, or the NE Kansas Heritage Complex in Holton. I'm really excited to bring this school to this area. Last year we had a fantastic meeting in McLouth, this year we have two Veterinarians to present the information. The life size cow, which I think looks like a Hereford, has two rubber calves that they can manipulate in the different presentations you might see during calving season. They call her number 34, they insist she is a Simmental-Hereford cross, but at least one of the calves is black. Our new beef Veterinarian AJ Tarpoff and Dr Dave Rethorst will be presenting. Together they have over 45 years of experience calving cows. Give me a call if you'd like to attend, as space will be limited.

The last school is on Basic bee keeping, this is really growing in popularity. We are lucky to have Sharon Dobesh on staff, in the Entomology department. Sharon's interest and hobby with bees, is a real asset to the department. The Basic Bee School will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the NE Kansas Heritage Complex, 12200 214<sup>th</sup> Road in Holton.

After my week of Big Bucks, Baby Beef and Basic Bees I will be ready for a BIG BREAK!  
All programs are open to the interested public!