

Fenceline

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Don't Rush the Season!

I saw on the Internet, that each Christmas tree that goes up before Thanksgiving, an elf shoots a reindeer! Now that's consequences.

Back in the good ole days, when our office was in the courthouse, I used to give the custodians trouble when the Christmas decorations would go up. It seemed that each year they did it earlier and earlier. I especially liked to find the Christmas tree, abandoned. I "might" have hidden the top from Cheryl and Teresa a time or two. I think the tradition caught on, and I wasn't the only one giving them trouble. So this year when the town square was going to turn on the lights the second Friday of the month, I faced a real dilemma. We felt obligated to decorate our door and entrance. Of course I got an earful about being a hypocrite. Post-election season, tis the season for that too!

We have some exciting stuff coming up! We have planned a Deer School, with our KSU Wildlife Specialist, Charlie Lee. Charlie is going to talk about antler growth and deer nutrition. If you are into deer habitat, he will tell you how to grow the big bucks. Then we will have a representative from Kansas Wildlife Parks and Tourism tell us about the deer population and the effects of these diseases. They tell me there are a lot less deer, my night time sightings haven't decreased. Plus the blood stains on the highway beg to differ, but I'll keep an open mind. That meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Jefferson county fair building in Valley Falls. We had to reschedule, from November 30<sup>th</sup>. I guess that was opening day of the rifle season or something.

Secondly, we are having a Basic Bee Keeping School. The interest in bee keeping is at an all-time high. We have Sharon Dobesh, KSU Entomology Department coming to present this program. It will be December 16 at 1:30 pm at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex in Holton, (new fairgrounds). We would love to have new and experienced beekeepers to add to the discussion.

Both of these programs are free to anyone interested. There is no need to register, RSVP or the like.