



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!

# Woodson County 4-H

K-State Research & Extension

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## A Message from Dale and Barbara:

Dear 4-H Families,

February and the months ahead will be busy, so be sure to note event dates and times from each newsletter on your calendars at home.

The Extension Office will be closed on February 20th for President's Day.

Good luck to everyone participating in County and Regional 4-H Days!

*Dale*

*Barbara*



It's not too late to sign up for the 10th annual Willie and the Beanstalk competition. The challenge is to grow the largest soybean plant in a 40 day time span and document this effort.

Prizes will be awarded for the top entries in each judging category, and all entrants win a tee shirt.

The deadline to register is February 20. Contest forms and rules are available at: <http://beanstalk.agronomy.ksu.edu> and at the Extension office.

## WoCo Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting

The 4-H Council will be serving the Woodson County Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting Supper on Saturday, February 4th, at the Yates Center High School Commons.

The 3-In-1 Club should bring 3 Mexican Chocolate cakes; Eager Beavers should bring 2, and Piqua should bring 1. Cakes need to be at the Commons by 6:00 p.m. One adult and

two older youth from each club will need to help with set-up (6:00) and clean-up.

The menu will be BBQ beef sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, and cake.

## K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Leadership skills are essential for young people interested in advancing the animal science industry. High school youth from across the nation are invited to apply for the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The four-day session will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate

based on educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process.

The academy will welcome students to the Department of Animal Sciences at K-State and provide on-campus housing. Students will receive interactive leadership training at Weber Hall and tour K-State Animal Science facilities. The program will also allow students the opportunity to tour businesses and organizations within Kansas' livestock industry.

Participants will have the opportunity to enhance personal

leadership development, learn about current industry topics and concerns, interact with K-State faculty and staff, and collaborate with other young leaders.

Applications are available in the Extension office and online: [www.bit.ly/KSUASILeadershipAcademy](http://www.bit.ly/KSUASILeadershipAcademy) and are due April 1st. You can also look at their page on Facebook:

[Fb.com/KSUASILeadershipAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/KSUASILeadershipAcademy)

The event will be held June 14 - 17, 2017.

## SKI SNOW CREEK!



We are planning a trip north of Kansas City to the Snow Creek Ski area over President's Day weekend. If we get at least 15 people signed up by February 13, the group rate applies. We will plan to take a bus if we get enough people interested in going.

Sunday afternoon February 19th from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Snow Creek rates are as follows:

Group rate		Regular rate
Youth (7-12)	\$43.00	\$60.00
Adults	\$48.00	\$68.00
Children (under 6)	\$33.00	\$41.00

This includes ski rental and lift ticket. If you want to tube, the rate is \$28.00 for two hours or \$45.00 for four hours for all ages. For those who haven't skied before, lessons are highly encouraged. The cost for a group lesson is \$14.00 per person.

You don't have to be an athlete to ski! Walking briskly, jumping rope, or stretching are great ways to prepare for a day on the slopes.

An email will be sent prior to the trip with suggestions on what to wear based on current weather conditions. You can check trails open, lifts running and more on the Snow Creek website: [www.skisnowcreek.com](http://www.skisnowcreek.com)



## 4-H Calendar

### FEBRUARY

- 4 Soil Conservation Supper
- 11 Wildcat Women's basketball
- 18 County 4-H Day
- 22 Jr. Swine Producer Day registration due

### MARCH

- 3 Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day registration due
- 4 Regional 4-H Day
- 11 Jr. Swine Producer Day at KSU
- 25 Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day at KSU
- 29 4-H Council

### APRIL

- 29 Woodson County Spring Beef, Sheep and Goat Shows
- 29 Coffey County Spring Beef and Sheep Shows

### MAY

- 1 Last day to add or drop projects
- 1 Last day to ID steers for State shows
- 1 Greenwood County Shows
- 31 - June 2 Discovery Days

### JUNE

- 15 Last day for state nominations for sheep, goats, and swine
- 20 Area contests at Emporia
- 24 - 27 County Camp
- 27 - July 4 4-H Council Fireworks sales
- 29 Area Livestock, Meats, and Skill-a-thon in Yates Center

### JULY

- 6 District Horse Show in Parsons
- 15 - 20 Woodson County Fair