April 2015

Dear 4-H Families:

Spring is finally coming!! I don’t know about you, but I am really ready!!

Included in this newsletter is the Junior Superintendent form. You may sign up for two different areas. If you sign up for the events before the fair, you may also sign up for events during the fair. Please consider signing up, it is a great leadership experience.

Also included are deadlines for fair events and events before the fair. Try something new this year! The teen dance will remain on Tuesday, July 21, from 9 PM – 12 AM immediately following the BBQ, Hall of Fame, Queen contest, Cherry Pie, and Cupcake contest.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Swine weigh-in. We weighed in 199 pigs with 26 exhibitors.

Debbie Swanson
County Youth Coordinator
www.extension.iastate.edu/page/4h
Safety and Education in Shooting Sports

Safety and Education in Shooting Sports has started!! SESS is open to all 4th grade through 12th grade in Page County. If you are not in 4-H, the fee is $15.

Shotgun is held at the Conservation building on highway 71. Archery and air rifle are held at the Cow Palace at the Page County Fairgrounds. Both sessions begin at 2:00 P.M.

Following is the schedule:
April 19, May 24, June 28, July No meeting, August No meeting, September 20

Call the Page County Extension office for any questions at 712-542-5171. Listen to KMA and KCSI for any cancellations.

Moove N’ Groove

We are gearing up for Moove N’ Groove. We will be doing archery, swimming, bowling, hiking, and lots of fun and activities.

We will focus on making healthy snacks, have fun, and being outside.

See the enclosed flyer. The deadline for registration is April 3.

2015 ID Requirements

For 2015 animal ID requirements everyone will fill out ID’s online. All animals weighed in, Debbie will put online and you will NEED to go in and verify the information to make sure it was entered correctly.

If not verified, the information will stay as entered. Don’t wait until the last minute, I have to have time to accept it.

Page County 2015 Fair Dates
July 21 - 26
“Dare to Discover”

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Poultry Workshop

On April 11, Kambrea Davies will offer a regional Poultry Workshop in Red Oak at the Gold Fair building from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. She will talk about how to select your birds, how to feed them, how to get them ready to show and how to show them. If you are interested, please register by April 6 at the Montgomery County Extension office at 712-623-2592 or by email to jodsmith@iastate.edu.

Girl Talk

Girl Talk is a program for 5th and 6th grade girls and their mothers or another adult. This program is on April 16, 23, and 30. Being a mother to a growing preteen can be a challenge. Girl Talk increases communication between mothers and their daughters.

See the enclosed flyer for more details. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Swanson at the Page County Extension office at 712-542-5171.

April 17 Scholarship

The 4-H Scholarship Fund Awards scholarships to youth for events and activities. Please find the scholarship enclosed in this newsletter. Deadline is April 17. If you have questions, please call the Page County Extension office at 712-542-5171.

Babysitting Class

The Page County Extension office will offer a babysitting class on Saturday, April 25 at the Bricker Room in Shenandoah from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The class is for fifth grade and above and the cost is $20.00. The fee includes snacks, and materials. Participants need to bring a sack lunch. For registration please call the Page County Extension office at 712-542-5171.

Iowa State Fair

August 13–23

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE
4-H & FFA Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

The 4-H & FFA Sheep & Goat Weigh-in for Page County will be May 2 from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at the page County Fairgrounds. You must bring your COOL forms with you in order to weigh-in. All meat goats (market wethers & breeding does) must have a 4-H tag (or tattoo for does). Remember, you will have to go online and verify your animals. I will enter the sheep and goats that weighed in and you will need to verify the information is correct BEFORE May 15.

Rabbit Tattooing

4-Hers & FFA youth will be able to get their rabbits tattooed on May 2 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Ron Sanson Pavilion on the Page County Fairgrounds. All rabbits must be tattooed.

May 15 Deadline

May 15 is the last day to add and drop projects.

May 15 is also the last day to identify pets and livestock projects.

- Breeding beef and cow-calf must be identified! If you weighed in a market heifer, you must decide if you will keep it in the market class or switch to breeding beef. No dual identifications are allowed.

- Dairy cows and dairy goats must be identified. You will have already weighed in meat goats and completed the Country of Origin Label.

- Doges must be identified.

- Horses and ponies must be identified.

- Pets must be identified.

- Poultry must be identified. Even if poultry have not hatched, such as broilers, you must identify a number.

- Rabbits must be identified. Even if rabbits have not been born, you must identify a number.

Remember all adds and drops and animal identification must be done through 4-H online. Do not wait until May 15. You may identify projects anytime before May 15.

Paper identification form for bottle calves, bottle goats, and bottle lambs are also due May 15 to the Page County extension office.

4-H PLEDGE

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4-H Experience Agronomy

You are invited to attend an interactive day learning about different aspects of agronomy including weeds, seeds, and plants on April 11.

Please see enclosed flyer. For more information, please contact Debbie Swanson at the Page County Extension office at 712-542-5171.

FSQA - New State Rule

New this year - livestock exhibitors at both the county and state levels will need to take FSQA. All species except for Dog, Pet, and Horse need FSQA.

4th - 6th grade must attend the class.

Intermediates and Seniors can test out and not have to take the class. Intermediates and Seniors, please look at your enrollment online to see when you expire.

I will give the tests on May 26, 27, and 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. I will stay on the 28th until 7:00 p.m.

Remember you have to do this in order to show at the county or state level.

June 3 will be the class for 4th - 6th grade. It will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Wibholm Hall.

2015 Equine Extravaganza

The 2015 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza will be held at the Equine Center at the Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. This is a newly combined event of the Youth Horse Jamboree and the State Horse Judging Contest. More details will be available at a later date.
Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

The Conference registration is now OPEN - so you can register online now!!
You also need to bring your money to the Page County Extension office. You are not fully registered until your money is paid.
Conference registration deadline is May 30.
For more information go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.

1st Annual Page County Horse Camp

We are excited to tell you about the 1st Annual Page County Horse Camp. It will be held June 8 & 9 at the Page County Fairgrounds. There will be several presenters throughout the day and evening with lots of helpful information. You will be able to be with old friends, new friends and have a lot of fun!! The registration form is included in this newsletter. Deadline is May 25, 2015. If you have questions please contact Debbie at 712-542-5171.

You will get a detailed letter telling you what to being after you register. Come have fun, ride your horse, see friends, and make the First Annual Page County Horse Camp a success!!
There is also a camp counselor application if you would like to be a counselor.

5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp

Take a ride on the “wild” side! Fifth and sixth grade camp will be held on June 7-10 in Madrid. Please find the registration form in this newsletter. Registrations are due May 22. Also included is a camp counselor application. It is due April3. If you have questions please call Debbie at 712-542-5171 or email debra@iastate.edu
Reminders for Breeding Beef and Poultry Exhibitors

The May 15 deadline is approaching to identify livestock. For the 4-H members who are identifying Breeding Beef, please enter an ear tattoo or ear tag number into the on-line form. When Merlin Swanson, Beef Superintendent, and I are checking classes, we need to know which heifer is coming to the Page County Fair. For the 4-H members who are identifying Poultry, the County of Origin Label Declarations are due into the Page County Extension office by May 15 also. Remember, if you buy poultry, the seller has to sign the form. If you have questions, please call 712-542-5171.

Heidi Carter
Page County Extension Director

2015 Fair Entry Deadlines

- June 15 - deadline for communications, Hall of Fame, Decorator Showcase, Fashion Fair, Clothing Selection, $15 Challenge, Junk In Bucket, Queen Contest, Cook This, Stitch This, and Table setting.

- July 1 - Stair Fair Deadline - Livestock entries

- July 1 - Livestock and carcass, Pet, Historian, Cherry Pie, and Cupcake Decorating Deadline
2015 State 4-H Camps

Youth grades 5-8 will have three special themed 4-H camps to choose from this year. The camps will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid. Campers will enjoy swimming, canoeing, hiking, climbing and camp fires. Dates and themes for the camps are:

June 21-25 State 4-H ....And my World Camp
July 5-9 State 4-H Science Explorers I
July 12-16 State 4-H Science Explorers II

Jim Wallick Scholarship

The family of Jim Wallick is offering a $300 Scholarship to any graduating Page County 4-H or FFA member. The graduate must plan to continue his/her education in the area of Agriculture. An application form is included in this newsletter. The deadline is July 15.

Information about the camps are posted on www.extension.iastate.edu/4h.camping.

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Calendar

**APRIL**

**April 1** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 P.M.

**April 6** - Moove n’ Groove @ 4:00 P.M.

**April 8** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 P.M.

**April 11** - 4-H Experience—Agronomy

**April 11** - Poultry Workshop @ 9 A.M.

**April 13** - Moove n’ Groove @ 4:00 P.M.

**April 16** - Girl Talk @ 6 P.M.

**April 17 & 19** - 4-H Weekend in KC

**April 17** - 4-H Scholarship Fund Award deadline

**April 19** - Safety and Education in Shooting Sports @ 2:00 P.M.

**April 20** - Moove n’ Groove @ 4:00 P.M.

**April 23** - Girl Talk @ 6 P.M.

**April 25** - Shenandoah Babysitting Class @ 9 A.M.

**April 27** - Moove n’ Groove @ 4:00 P.M.

**April 30** - Girl Talk @ 6 P.M.

**MAY**

**May 2** - Rabbit Tattooing @ 10:00 A.M.

**May 2** - Goat and Sheep Weigh-in @ 10:00 A.M.

**May 4** - Moove n’ Groove @ 4:00 P.M.

**May 7** - Girl Talk @ 6 P.M.

**May 15** - Last day to add or drop projects. All livestock need to be identified. Paper ID’s for bottle calf, goats, and lambs are due.

**May 24** - Safety and Education in Shooting Sports @ 2:00 P.M.

**May 26 & 28** - FSQA testing for Intermediates and Seniors @ 9:00 A.M.

**JUNE**

**June 3** - 4th—6th grade FSQA class @ 6 P.M.

**June 8 & 9** - Page County Horse Camp

**June 15** - All communications deadline. All clothing entries deadline. Also, Decorator Showcase, Region 17 4-H Table Setting Contest, Cook This, Junk in a Bucket, Queen Contest, and Hall of Fame deadline

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