February 2015

Dear 4-H Families:

I hope everyone is having a great 2015 so far. With a new year comes lots of new opportunities. Watch the newsletter for new events, deadlines, and opportunities.

Remember 4-Hers, you must go online and verify your Beef weigh-in information by February 1.

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Babysitting Classes

Babysitting classes will be offered by the Page County Extension office in Shenandoah on January 21, 28, and February 4 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM both.

Participants will learn ages and stages of children, first aid, nutritious snacks and how to be a good sitter. The class is open to 5th grade and above. Cost for the course is $20 and you must attend all three sessions.

Please contact the Page County Extension office to register and for any questions at 712-542-5171.

2015 Recognition Materials

The 2015 4-H Recognition materials and applications are available at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognitionopportunities.

All applications must be submitted online by February 1.

The 2015 4-H Recognition Day will be held March 28 on the Iowa State University campus. If you have questions, please call the Page County Extension office at 712-542-5171.

2015 Iowa 4-H State Volunteer Retreat

The 2015 Iowa 4-H State Volunteer Retreat is February 6 & 7. Registration is open!!

Registration is free!!

To register or learn more about the retreat go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/page/state-volunteer-retreat
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:
February 15, March 15, 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.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2015

The theme for the 2015 4-H Youth Conference will be “Dare to Discover.” The conference is open to all youth who have completed the 8th grade.

For registration forms go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference or call the Page County Extension office.

FSA Loans

FSA makes loans to individual youth to establish and operate income producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs and FFA. A youth loan is available to young persons between the ages of 10 and 20 years. The maximum loan amount is $5,000.

For more information, contact your local FSA office at 712-542-5137.

Page County 2015 Fair Dates
July 21 - 26
“Open the Gate” to Livestock Management

Tri-Valley Bank has created a special customer service and loan opportunity for youth wanting to have a livestock project.

Tri-Valley will offer “Open the Gate,” a youth based program that provides one-on-one financial guidance with the basics of livestock record keeping, projecting, tracking cash flow, and how to create a balance sheet.

Youth, ages 9 years to 19 years old, who are involved with 4-H or FFA livestock projects are encouraged to attend. The project does not have to exhibit at the county fair. Even youth who are not enrolled in the project but want to learn more about the livestock business are encouraged to apply.

Interested youth and their parents are encouraged to schedule an appointment at the bank. Tri-Valley has locations in Randolph and Essex. Please call Amanda Moore at 712-625-2201 or email her at amoore@tri-valleycenters.com

Four County 4-H & FFA Sheep Workshop

Youth interested in raising sheep are encouraged to attend the 4-County workshop on February 21. Dan Merrical, Extension Sheep specialist from Ames will be the guest speaker.

The program will begin at 10 AM, and last for 2 hours. The four counties hosting the event are Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, and Page counties.

Topics to be covered will be:

- Selecting Market Lambs
- Feeding and caring for your lambs
- Diseases your lambs can get

The program is free.

Registration will be accepted through February 18 by 4:30 P.M.

For an application or more information, call Heidi at 712-374-2351.
2015 Animal Science Roundup

Some big changes are happening for this year’s Animal Science Roundup held in conjunction with the annual state 4-H Conference. This year each livestock species will be limited to the first 20 applicants. Deadline is March1.

Ag Discovery Program

Iowa’s Ag Discovery program helps teenagers learn about careers in veterinary medicine, animal science, laboratory technology, and wildlife ecology. Students live on the Iowa State University campus and learn from professors, scientists, and local agricultural producers. For more information and an application, please call the Page County Extension office at 712-542-5171.

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

The first class will be March 4. We will be glass etching, learning about hair care, making jewelry, learning about make-up, making snacks and lots more fun stuff!!! Please see the enclosed registration for more details and dates. The registration deadline is March 2.

Girl Talk

Girl Talk is a program for 5th and 6th grade girls and their mothers or another adult. 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.

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Stierwalt Cattle Clinic

There will be a Kirk Stierwalt Cattle Clinic at Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa on March 13-15. Cost is $200 per participant including a $100 deposit.

To reserve a spot contact Rob Long at 641-344-3028.

4-H County Council

The 4-H County Council will host a Club Officer Training on March 14 from 9:30 A.M. through 11:00 A.M. Officers will learn their role in the 4-H club, how to conduct a 4-H meeting and the order of the meeting. I encourage all leaders to encourage their officers to attend!!

Dodgeball

The 4-H County Council will host a Dodgeball Tournament for all 4-H clubs on March 28. Leaders will receive registration forms so be thinking of how many teams your club will have.

Moove N Groove

Are you ready to Moove n Groove again! We Are!! Moove N Groove will begin April 6. We will be swimming, bowling, playing volleyball, hiking, making snacks, and lots more fun. Please see the enclosed flyer.

Swine Weigh-in - March 21 - Bring COOL form 10 AM - 11:30 AM, Page County Fairgrounds
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.
- Dogs 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.

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 - Livestock and carcass, Pet, Historian, Cherry Pie, and Cupcake Decorating Deadline
- July 1 - Stair Fair Deadline - Livestock entries
# Calendar

## FEBRUARY

- **February 1** - State Scholarships deadline
- **February 4** - Babysitting class in Shenandoah @ 6 PM
- **February 6** - 2015 Iowa State Volunteer Retreat
- **February 7** - 2015 Iowa State Volunteer Retreat
- **February 15** - Safety and Education in Shooting Sports @ 2:00 P.M.
- **February 18** - Four County 4-H & FFA Sheep Workshop @ 10 AM

## MARCH

- **March 1** - 2015 Animal Science Roundup
- **March 4** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 PM
- **March 9** - Girl Talk @ 6 PM
- **March 11** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 PM
- **March 13 - 15** - Stierwalt Cattle Clinic
- **March 14** - 4-H County Council @ 9:30 AM
- **March 15** - Safety and Education in Shooting Sports @ 2:00 P.M.
- **March 16** - Girl Talk @ 6 PM
- **March 18** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 PM
- **March 23** - Girl Talk @ 6 PM
- **March 25** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 PM
- **March 28** - 2015 Recognition Day
- **March 28** - Dodgeball
- **March 30** - Girl Talk @ 6 PM

## APRIL

- **April 1** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 PM
- **April 6** - Moove n’ Groove
- **April 8** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 PM
- **April 19** - Safety and Education in Shooting Sports @ 2:00 P.M.