January 2015

Dear 4-H Families:

I hope everyone is having a great holiday!

There are many events coming up so please make sure that you read your newsletter thoroughly.

Remember 4-Hers, you must go into 4-H online and verify the weigh-in information. You need to call Debbie if there is wrong information. If you don’t verify the information, it stands as is.

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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:
January 18, 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.

4-H & FFA Beef Weigh-In Date

Weigh-in for Market Beef will be December 29 at the ClarindaLivestock Auction from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

4-Hers who only want their calves weighed and tagged, please come from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

If a 4-Her wants to nominate a calf for the State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, please come from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

No calves will be nominated for State for or Ak-Sar-Ben before 11:00 A.M.

Please bring your livestock Country of Origin with you. You will not be able to weigh in without the Country of Origin. So if you have purchased your calf and need to have the seller sign it - do so before weigh-in.

There is one enclosed in this newsletter.

Babysitting Classes

Babysitting classes will be offered by the Page County Extension office in Clarinda on January 5, 19, and 26 and in Shenandoah on January 7, 21, and 28 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM both places.

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.

Pre-registration is required by January 2. See enclosed flyer. Please contact the Page County Extension office to register and for any questions at 712-542-5171.
**4-H Night at the Lancers**

4-H Night at the Lancers will be January 17. Included in this newsletter are forms to order tickets. All forms need to come in as a club and need to be in by December 22 at noon.

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**New State Rule**

New this year, livestock exhibitors at both the county and state levels will need to take FSQA.

4-Hers can test out and not have to take the class. More information will follow at a later date.

I will be sending out more information at a later date and setting up meeting times.

Remember Intermediates, and Senior

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**Girls Just Wanna Have Fun**

The first class will be March 4. We will be glass etching, learning about hair care, making jewelry, make-up, making snacks and lots more fun stuff!!! Watch for future details and registration materials.

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**Page County 2015 Fair Dates**

**July 21 - 26**

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**OUR VISION**

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE
**“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

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**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.

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**4-H Pledge**

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
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
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