March 2015

Dear 4-H Families:

Snow!! Snow!! Snow!! It’s pretty but now it’s time to go! We have a lot of events coming up in March and we want nice weather!

I hope everyone had a good time at the Lancer game. There is another opportunity to go to a Lancer game– your leaders have the information and it will also be included in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Tanley Bebout as she begins her reign as Miss Junior Rodeo Iowa. Tanley is having a celebration March 7th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Wibholm Hall if anyone would want to wish her good luck.

Debbie Swanson
County Youth Coordinator
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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:
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.

Four County 4-H & FFA Sheep Workshop

Youth interested in raising sheep are encouraged to attend the 4-County workshop on February 21. Dan Morrical, 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.

Page County 2015 Fair Dates
July 21 - 26
Girl Talk

Girl Talk is a program for 5th and 6th grade girls and their mothers or another adult. This program is on March 9, 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.

Stierwalt Cattle Clinic

There will be a Kirk Stierwalt Cattle Clinic at Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa on March 13-15. These clinics provide a hands-on course with supervision at all times. You will learn proven techniques and tips on clipping, hoof trimming, show day dressing, showmanship, feeding and general care. 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!!

Page County Fair theme

“Dare to Discover”
2015 DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant for Iowa

The 2015 DuPont Seed Grants for the Community Improvement projects are now available. Applications are due March 15 to the Page County Extension office. For more information and the application go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneer grants

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.

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.

Swine Weigh-In

The Page County 4-H & FFA Swine Weigh-In will be March 21 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Page County Fairgrounds. You may identify 15 pigs. You must have your COOL form with you and signed or you will not be able to weigh-in. You will need to verify your information online prior to May 15.

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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.

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.

4-H Weekend in Kansas City

Attention 7th and 8th grade 4-Hers. A 4-H weekend has been planned for April 17–19 in Kansas City. You will be able to see the Kansas City Royals Hall of Fame, tour the Kauffman Stadium, see the Science City Planetarium, shop, and go to the Royals vs. A’s baseball game at the Kauffman Stadium.

The flyer and registration form are enclosed in this newsletter.

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.

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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.

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.

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 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. You must bring your COOL forms with you in order to weigh-in. More details will follow. If you are going to State fair with your sheep, let Debbie know by April 24.
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.

FSQA - New State Rule

New this year - livestock exhibitors at both the county and state levels will need to take 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.
5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp

The dates for the 5th & 6th grade Junior Camp will be from June 7th - June 10 in Madrid. More details will come later.

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2015 June 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.

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Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

The theme for the 2015 4-H Youth Conference will be “Dare to Discover.” The conference is June 30 through July 2. It is open to all youth who have completed the 8th grade.

There are big changes for the Animal Science Roundup held in conjunction with the State 4-H Conference. This year each livestock species will be limited to the first 20 applicants. The online application deadline is March 1. The fee is $175.00, same as the conference delegates.

For more information go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.

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- July 1 - Stair Fair Deadline - Livestock entries

- July 1 - Livestock and carcass, Pet, Historian, Cherry Pie, and Cupcake Decorating Deadline

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.

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# Calendar

## March
- **March 1** - 2015 Animal Science Roundup
- **March 4** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 P.M.
- **March 7** - Celebration for Tanley Bebout @ 4:00 P.M.
- **March 9** - Girl Talk @ 6:00 P.M.
- **March 11** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 P.M.
- **March 13-15** - Stierwalt Cattle Clinic
- **March 14** - 4-H County Council @ 9:30 A.M.
- **March 15** - 2015 DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant deadline
- **March 15** - Safety and Education in Shooting Sports @ 2:00 P.M.
- **March 16** - Girl Talk @ 6:00 P.M.
- **March 18** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 P.M.
- **March 21** - Swine Weigh-in @ 10:00 A.M.
- **March 23** - Girl Talk @ 6:00 P.M.
- **March 25** - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun @ 3:30 P.M.
- **March 28** - 2015 Recognition Day
- **March 28** - Dodgeball
- **March 30** - Girl Talk @ 6:00

## 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 13** - Moove n’ Groove @ 4:00 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 27** - Moove n’ Groove @ 4:00 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 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.

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**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

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