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Live, Learn, Serve Through 4-H

Come One Come All

4-H Club officers are invited to join us on April 30th for the 2007 Club Officer Training. We will meet at the Extension office at 6:30 p.m. This a great way for club officers to learn the details of running a meeting and handling the specific duties of each office. Participation certificates and incentive rewards will be given to each club that participates. Also you will have the opportunity to participate in some fun and interactive team building activities! Even if you're not a club officer, you are welcome to attend and represent your club. Please call the Extension office (724-837-1402) and let us know who will be attending.



Mark Your Calendars

- ♣ Fashion Revue Planning
April 9, 2007
- ♣ 4-H Horse Clinic
April 26, 2007
- ♣ Tack Swap
April 28, 2007
- ♣ 4-H Officer Training
April 30, 2007
- ♣ 4-H Board of Director Mtg.
May 3, 2007
- ♣ Livestock Weigh In
May 12 2007
- ♣ SW Regional Camp
June 17-20, 2007

4-H Capitol Days

The 43rd annual 4-H Capitol Days will be held April 15-17 at the Hilton Harrisburg & Towers. 4-H members visit the Capitol, meet with legislators and learn first hand about the different state agencies. This year Christina Potts and Ryan Komar will be representing Westmoreland County. We hope they will learn how important it is to vote. Be sure and ask them about their trip.

Special points of interest:

- ♦ *SW Regional Camp "CSI"*
- ♦ *Westmoreland Co. Members Get Ready for State 4-H Capitol Days*
- ♦ *New 4-H T-shirts are here*
- ♦ *Check out all the Camp and Contest Information*
- ♦ *Camp counselors are needed for the summer*

4-H Horse Clinic Scheduled

There is a county-wide 4-H Horse clinic scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2007 and it will centered around getting your horse in shape for the show ring. Is it all about what you use or is it about what you do? Participant fee is \$2.00 and the clinic will begin at 6:30 p.m. It is in the Kelly Livestock Center at the Westmoreland fairgrounds. Refreshments will be available to purchase.

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April 2007

WILDLIFE FIELD DAY COMING SOON



*Wildlife Field Day
Saturday, April 21, 2007
9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

This year's the Wildlife Field Day will have two tracts. The "Exploratory Tract" for the younger 4-H'er (age 8-11) is an educational tract. The theme is "Habitat Improvement". Wildlife habitat is everywhere in Pennsylvania and there

are many things people can do to help improve it. Come explore the habitat improvement practices and activities! The "Competitive Tract" for the older youth (ages 12 to 18) will be centered around Wildlife Habitat Evaluation. This will be a competitive experience. Contact the Extension office for the project book for this tract. The registration

deadline is April 13, 2007. If you are interested in attending contact the Extension office today for more information and to register.



FORESTRY FIELD DAY

This year the Forestry Field Day will have two tracts also. The Exploratory Tract for the younger 4-H'ers (ages 8-11) will be "Forestry Skills". All 4-H'ers are invited whether they carry a forestry project or not. This tract will introduce you the skills that foresters use on the job and help prepare them for future involvement in forestry judging. The "Competitive Tract" for

older youth (ages 12-18) is a competitive tract and the theme is "Forestry Judging". The project book for this tract can be obtained from the Extension office. All registrations should be submitted through the Extension office. Registration deadline is May 7, 2007. Lunch is NOT provided at this event you must bring your own bag lunch and drink.

A Correction to the Farm Show Results

Isaac Cornell received first place for his Electricity project, a simple telegraph and Phebe Cornell received a first place for her computer newsletter.

FASHION REVUE PLANNING MEETING



All textile science leaders, teens and members are invited to a planning meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9 at the

Westmoreland County Extension office at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be to plan the 2007 Fashion Revue. We will join other counties in the planning session by way of the video

conferencing technology. Come and help us make this the best Fashion Revue ever!

HORSE TACK SWAP

Circle Saturday, April 28, 2007 for the annual 4-H Horse Tack Swap at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tables are available at a rate of \$15.00 or \$35.00 by contacting Kristy Pitzer at (724) 830-0130 or Jane Emanuele at (724) 836-6551. Or, you can come and purchase items for the upcoming show season.

New 4-H T-Shirts Are HERE!

Want a new great looking t-shirt for this summer? Then you don't have to look far. New 4-H t-shirts are on sale now, and they are cool! Maybe you have seen some of your friends wearing the new shirt, but if not, you can stop in at the Extension office. They have the 4-H logo on the front and "Head, Heart, Hands and Health" you have a choice of brown or green. There are also youth sizes available. The cost of the shirts is \$8.00.



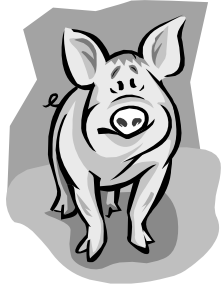
LIVESTOCK MEMBERS CIRCLE MAY 12, 2007

All market lamb, hog and goat project animals must be ear tagged on May 12, 2007 at one of two locations in the county, either at Derry Area High School or Westmoreland Fairgrounds between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. If you want to be considered for the Daily Rate of Gain Contest, you must have your animals weighed that day. Participation in the daily rate of gain contest is your choice, but you must have your animals either ear tagged or tattooed that day! If you have trouble getting



your animals hauled contact Dustin Heeter or one of the Jr. Livestock Show and Sale Committee

members. *County and Homebred animals must be identified at this time also!*



PROJECT GRASSLANDS CONTEST

Be one of the first place teens and win a \$500 award. And, if you're the high individual you could win an additional \$500 at the Project Grasslands Evaluation Contest. Each member of the second place team wins \$250. The contest is limited to 4-H and FFA members who are currently enrolled at the high school level. Contest

categories are pasture condition, plant identification, soils interpretation and wildlife habitat. The contest is May 2nd at Penn State University. Registration for the contest is due by April 1st to Bobbi Bailey (724) 834-9063 ext 116.

Horsemanship Skill Examiner Training April 18 & 25, 2007

The Horsemanship Skill Training is a consecutive skill development training that each 4-H horse member can work to master to improve their riding and horsemanship skills. A team of three adults serve as examiners for these skills. Training for interested adults is set for two evenings in April; Wednesday the 18th and the 25th from 6-9 PM in the evening. A participant is expected to attend both evenings to receive certification for examining. Both trainings are scheduled at the 4-H building at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Registration cost is \$10.00 a person to cover facilities and refreshments. Contact the Westmoreland Extension Office by April 13th to participate.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT "CSI" 4-H CAMP

Hey kids get ready for four days of fun filled activities at this year's SW Regional 4-H Camp. Camp will be held June 17-20, 2007 at the Laurelville Mennonite Center in Mt. Pleasant, PA. A great week of activities are planned for you. You will be investigating the mysteries food safety, researching good bacteria versus bad bacteria, questioning Pesticide Pete and much more. And don't forget there will be campfires, skits, nature study and cabin

fun. The cost of camp is \$125.00 which includes all camp expenses, meals and swimming. The 4-H Development Fund will cover \$25.00 of your camp fee, so your cost will be \$100.00. Look for your registration form in the mail really soon! Camp is for youth ages 7-11 years old. Once your registration form is received you will be mailed and information packet



with more details. Each family is asked to return an income eligibility form from the PA Department of Education. Income need not be disclosed but by returning the form you help us supplement the food cost for camp and make really yummy meals! Thank you in advance for your help with this.



GUERNSEY CALF AVAILABLE TO 4-H MEMBER



The Guyer Family is offering a \$500 award to any eligible 4-H member under 15 years of

age interested in purchasing a Guernsey heifer calf. The member must be a member or willing to join the PA Junior Guernsey Breeders Association. Applications including two essay

questions must be received by the family by April 15th. Application information is available from the Extension office.

STRAIGHT TALK FOR TEENS

4-H adult leaders and parents are invited to join human service agencies to get the message about issues surrounding sexual teen activity on April 24, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Westmoreland County Community College, Founders Hall. Topics include

Media and Teen Sexuality, Birth Control, Reproductive Rights and STD's and Preventing Sexual Violence in Our Community. Lunch is provided. Pre-registration is necessary by April 17 to Westmoreland Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (724) 522-1718.

LAST CALL!

This is the last call for teens age 14 years of age or older who would like to serve as a resident camp counselor at SW Regional 4-H Camp. Camp will be held June 17-20, 2007 at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Applications are available from the Extension office. The first selection training is set for April 21, 2007. Get your application today!

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

The next 4-H Board Meeting will be May 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Penn State Extension Office.

"4-H Horse Camp is SWEET!"

Teens age 13 years and older are needed to serve as counselor for the 2007 4-H Horse Camp, June 12-15, at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Counselors would not bring their horses to camp but would have the



opportunity to ride under instruction at the Counselor Training Camp, June 7-9, 2007 also at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due by April 30, 2007. Teens who wish to have a leadership role at camp but want to bring their horse may serve as a Team Leader and would also need to complete the application form.

ANIMAL LEASING FOR DAIRY AND LIVESTOCK

The intent of the 4-H animal leasing program is to provide opportunities for 4-H dairy or livestock project involvement of youth who:

- ♣ lack financial resources needed to purchase and care for an animal
- ♣ lack facilities and equipment necessary to provide proper daily care for a large animal
- ♣ are prevented from participating in project experiences requiring ownership and daily care of a large animal due to circumstances beyond their control

Breeding animals owned and housed by a sponsor are leased by 4-H members for the project year. A schedule for sharing with the owner in the care and training for each animal is developed and agreed upon. 4-H members may exhibit leased animals only at 4-H shows permitting showing of leased project animals. A project plan needs to be completed for each leased animal and returned to the Extension office with animal identification. Even if your lease agreement is verbal we still need a project plan on file in the office for each leased animal by May 1, 2007. For more information on the leasing program call the Extension office at 724 837-1402.

ARE YOU A TECHNOLOGY GURU?

Then Penn State Technology Camp is for you. Youth that are in 10 through 12 grade are invited to the PSU Technology Camp, July 30- August 3, 2007. Cost is \$95.00 until May 31,

2007 after that date, the cost increases. There are some scholarships available. Attendees will learn about global Position Systems and software in addition to field

mapping activities. Contact the Extension office for registration information.



CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Do Pennsylvania elk intrigue you? Or understanding riparian zones? Or exploring the dramatic changes in land over the past 150 years? Or do you just enjoy the out-of- doors? Then the Penn State School of Forest Resources Conservation School is something for you. A one week

program for teens 15-18 years old is offered June 24-30 and July 8-14, 2007 at Stone Valley Recreation Area near Penn State. There are some scholarships available from Conservation Districts and Sportsman's Groups, Contact Conference.cas.psu.edu or 814 865-8301.

Ladder of Achievement

Set those goals! Now is the time to work with your leaders to set up your goals for the clover level award.

Remember there are six levels, white, green, bronze, silver, gold and diamond. The levels coordinate with a members age. Check it out! The forms are on our web site westmoreland.extension.psu.edu or are available at the Extension office.

A PLACE FOR ALL OUR SEWERS

Penn State Dairy Science Club is again sponsoring Cow Camp, June 15-17, 2007. Contact the Extension office if your interested.

This year 4-H Fashion Review is scheduled for June 26, 2007 at Mt View Inn, Route 30, Greensburg, PA . The fashion review has always offered an opportunity for members to



showcase their construction skills, modeling ability and

completing their outfits. GOOD NEWS even those that do not make a garment can participate in fashion review by exhibiting their non wearable project. So if you make a pillow or tote bags or some other item that you can not wear, you will have the opportunity to participate watch for details.

HORSE PRECISION DRILL TEAM REORGANIZING

Any 4-H Horse member is welcome to join the county 4-H Horse Drill Team. The team practices weekly at the

Westmoreland Fairgrounds May through August with performances at the County and District 4-H Horse Shows and others

upon request. Contact Jen and Mark Lucas 724 238-9897.

STATE DAYS TEAMS NOW FORMING

Test your knowledge and skill in your project area. Join a team for competition for PSU State Achievement Days scheduled for July 24-26, 2007. Teams are forming in the following areas:

Rabbit	22 Riflery
Horse	Air Rifle
Horse Bowl	Shot Gun
Hippology	Orienteering
Dairy	Communications
Dog	Livestock

Contact the Extension office if your interested in being a part of the competition.

TIME TO IDENTIFY PROJECT ANIMALS

Remember that members with animal science projects need to identify the animals that they will be working with again this year. Forms to identify your animals are available from your

leaders. All forms are due by June 1, 2007 for:

Dairy Cattle Breeding Beef
Breeding Swine Breeding Sheep
Breeding Goats Llamas

Dogs
Horse Performance
Horse Production
Rabbits (due July 15)

STATE POSTER CONTEST

The 4-H Poster Contest is designed to publicize 4-H work and allow 4-H'ers to use their artistic talents. The top posters from the county will be sent to Penn State for state competition. Anyone wishing to enter a poster should call the Extension office for rules and details. The posters will be due in the Extension office on June 1, 2007.

Congratulations to Lydia Kepple, Joshua and Christian Shugars, and Tyler Piper for showing their 4-H spirit and wearing their 4-H gear to school during National 4-H week! Don't forget to come and collect your prizes!

STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Photograph your projects, friends, family or pets and enter your pictures in the State 4-H Photography Contest. (You do have to be in the photography project.) Contest is limited to one entry per member. Entries may be black and white or color photos. They must not exceed 8" x 10". Your name, age, address, county and a short caption must be attached to the photo. Deadline for entries is June 1, 2007.

SMALL ANIMAL ESSAY CONTEST

Do you have a small animal project? Why not write an essay about your experiences? It could be a dog, cat, rabbit or other pet care project. The title of the essay should be "What I Have Learned in my 4-H Small Animal Project" and the top essays from the county will be sent to Penn State for state competition. The deadline date is June 1, 2007.

TLR DEAL OR NO DEAL

Over 200 gathered at the Laurelville Church Center for the 43rd Annual SW Regional 4-H Teen Leader Retreat the first weekend in March. The teens attended workshops on a variety of subjects on everything from embryo transfer, to biofuel production, to making healthful decisions, and the list

goes on. The highlight of the weekend is always the dance and the "just hangin' out" kind of time over the weekend. Special thanks to the teens that served on the planning committee: They are: James and Lyndsey Andros-tic, Rebekah Baker, Zoe Brooks, Trisha Johnson, Marissa Keys, Ryan Komar,

Rachael Lute, Ryan McNeil, Alex Mills, Christina Potts, Nat Stas, Cody Torock, Jake Wright, Jill Rowe and Brittany Scales.



NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR JODI LENHART

Jodi Lenhart was nominated and selected to receive the Youth Teen Horse Member of the year by the American Youth Horse Council of Colorado. Jodi is from the New Florence area of Westmoreland County and has been an active 4-H member and has been a lifelong horse. Jodi

has been a self made horsewoman. She began learning to ride following in her sisters footsteps with her Arabian pony. As Jodi's riding skill increased so did her confidence and abilities. In addition to her horsemanship skill, Jodi has been in numerous quiz bowl and equine presentation contest and was

the 2005 PA Outstanding 4-H Horse Member. Last week, Jodi received a \$500.00 scholarship, a signed western print and new horse equipment for the American Youth Horse Council Teen of the year in Denver Colorado.

ESCAPE TO PARADISE

Indiana County may not sound like paradise to some people, but Westmoreland County 4-H leaders thought it was. The 4-H leaders escaped to Indiana County in February to discover new ideas and have fun with other brave leaders at the SW Regional 4-H Leaders Symposium. They heard everything from new ideas to help involve their textile sciences and food

members to ways to teach Vet Science project materials. Thanks to the leaders who served on this year's planning committee; Jim and Emma Dunmire, Thelma Heide, Kelly Rowe, Teresa Seh, Lori Johnson and Nadine Bruce.



4-H TRAVEL-ALL CLUB REPORT

Members received financial updates of their accounts so everyone should now know how much more money they need for the exchange. We collected all the cards that the members made to send to the soldiers. The club has a Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for April 18,

2007. Don't forget there is a sub sale scheduled for Saturday, March 17 at the Latrobe Wal-Mart. This will help cut the cost for the bus trips on the exchange and some money will go to community service projects. A last reminder was given that final payments for the 2007 exchange will

be due on or before April 1, 2007. The next meeting will be held March 28, 2007 at the Extension office.

Our apologies to Kerri Zelenak and Joshua Shugars on being missed in the State Horse Show winner circle. Kerri took first place with her 2 year old draft gelding and Josh took first place with his 2 year old draft pony!

JUNIOR HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE

At their March meeting the JHSC elected officers for the 2007 season. The are as follows: President, Lindsay Androstic; Vice President, Justene Testa; Secretary, Rebekah Baker; Treasurer, Jodi Lenhart; Points Secretary, Lacey Petica; Banquet Chair, Amanda Prtichard;

Show Chair, Brittney Coles and News Reporter, Elizabeth Buck. This year's advisors are Kathy Kepple and Donna Lenhart. We are currently doing a fundraiser selling pies from the PIE SHOP, they will be delivered on Thursday April 5, 2007.

- Elizabeth Buck



4-H Club News



Chestnut Ridge 4-H Club

The Chestnut Ridge 4-H Club had its first meeting on March 7, 2007. During that meeting we discussed past and upcoming events. We also recognized leaders, old members and welcomed new members to the club. The main thing we did was elect officers. Ryan Komar and Kelly

Komar became president and vice president, respectively. Jodi Lenhart was elected secretary and Maria Parish became the treasurer for the club. Cassie Rummel and Phebe Cornell volunteered to be the news reporters. - *Phebe Cornell*

Harrold Alwine Horse & Pony Club

Harrold Alwine's has started meeting for the new year. At our first meeting we elected officers, they are as follows: President, Rebekah Baker; Vice President Lauren Gaskey; Secretary, Lindsey Fadish; Treasurer Justene Testa and News Reporter, Aleeah Sheedy. At our March meeting we had Demonstration Day, we had judges and family and friends

joined us. We also welcomed new members and prepared for Hippology night. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 24 at 7:00 p.m. Any one interested in joining our club should contact Kristy Pitzer at (724) 830-0103 for more information.

Blue Ribbon Ag 4-H Club

Blue Ribbon Ag club welcomed new members and elected officers for 2007 at their March meeting. This year's officers are: President, Kelsey Reed; Vice President, Justene Testa; Secretary, Zoe Brooks; Treasurer, Kim Ciotti; News reporter, Christopher Rob; Refreshment Chairperson, Mikayla Reed. Come join our "Blue Ribbon" team at a regular club meeting. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the UCC Church in Trauger. Our next meeting will be April 12th at 6: 30 p.m.

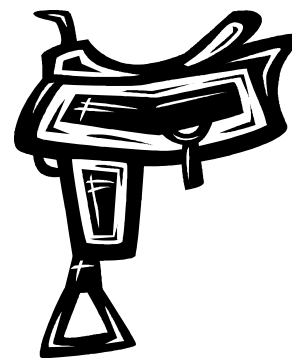
- *Christopher Rob*

Salem Saddle Club

Salem Saddle 4-H is in full motion. We had election of officers, they are: President, Matt Kepple; Vice President, Kathryn Jacob; Secretary, Lydia Kepple; Treasurer, Julia Tuttle; News Reporter, Joshua Shugars; JHSC Representatives, Matt Kepple, Jesse Kepple, Tyler Piper and Joshua Shugars. The club will hold its first point show and are planning a

few fun show as well. Several committees were formed and demonstrations were started. A big thank you to Laidlaw Transit and bus driver Barb Shugars for their help with our trip to Harrisburg for the World Horse Expo.

- *Joshua Shugars*



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4-H Member Challenged With Health Problems

4-H member, Jill Rowe, recently had brain surgery and is recuperating from the surgery in Children's Hospital. Jill is an active member with the Brush Creek 4-H Club, 4-H Travel All Club, Square Dance Team, and is active as horse and resident camp counselor. If you want to send good wishes you can send them to Children's Hospital Website and they will be delivered to her room. The website is www.chp.edu

Jill's mom has asked if you have any pictures or even want to send stories about Jill. She will be putting together a story album for Jill to look at during her many months of recovery. Her address is 540 Keystone Street, Greensburg PA 15601.

Sincerely,

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Extension Educator, 4-H and Youth Development

Cindy K. Arblaster
Extension Educator, 4-H and Youth Development



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