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4-H CLIPBOARD

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Live, Learn, Serve Through 4-H

GUESS WHAT TIME IT IS??

Believe it or not, the GREAT Westmoreland Fair is almost here! We need all 4-H'ers to come out and help clean up the 4-H building. Bring your rags, brooms and buckets. This year's clean up night is scheduled for Monday,

August 11 at 6:30 p.m. The evening will last until everything is squeaky clean and ready for fair week. All help will be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be provided.



Mark Your Calendars

August 11
Fair Clean Up

August 16-23
Westmoreland Fair

August 16
4-H Horse Round-Up

August 22
4-H Dog Round Up

August 19-21
Ag Progress Days



4-H BOARD

MEETING SCHEDULED

The 4-H Board of Directors will meet on July 31, 2008. This will be a family picnic with the Extension Board of Directors at their annual family picnic at Twin Lakes Park in Greensburg. The picnic will be held in pavilion #5 at 6:00 p.m.

HAD YOUR QA TRAINING?

Did you remember livestock, horse, llama, rabbit and market meat pen chickens are all required to participate in an annual Quality Assurance session? Any 4-H member who has not participated in a Quality Assurance Training will not be allowed to participate in the livestock shows at the fair. There is a final training scheduled

for August 4, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. It will be held at the Extension office in Greensburg.

Reminder

If you had a training in your club, we need a signed form returned to us or a list of names from your 4-H Leader.

Special points of interest:

- ♦ Annual 4-H Dance at the Fair
- ♦ Information Booth Sign up
- ♦ Magazine Sales Profit 4-H
- ♦ First time ever 4-H BBQ Dinner

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ARE YOU UP TO DATE ?

Livestock and Dairy members are reminded that they need to bring their up-to-date 4-H project books with them to the fair. The books will be reviewed by the Dairy



Leaders and Jr. Leaders before the member will be permitted to show. Don't forget, bring your project book to the fair! Times for book review will be posted on the scales. Plant Science members also need to bring their books which will be reviewed during the fair. Project books and designated

plant science exhibits must be presented at the time of entry. Members will have a conference with the judge to review the project exhibit.



CARCASS ANIMAL DESIGNATION

All carcass lambs and hogs must be designated before you leave the scales at the weigh-in on Saturday, August 16. All market livestock exhibitors except swine must advise the Extension office (in the 4-H building on the fairgrounds) by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20 of animals they do

not want to sell through the Jr. Livestock Sale. Swine exhibitors must decide by the conclusion of the Hog show. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market animals are required to be sold. Please be reminded also that all carcass hogs must be removed from the grounds by designated times which will be posted. Be sure to check for times.

GOT YOUR MEMBER CARDS YET

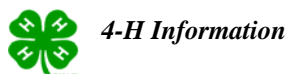
A note to remind you that Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of fair week are free admission days for 4-H members who present their 4-H cards. 4-H leaders can pick up cards for their members and leaders at the Extension office.



4-H INFORMATION BOOTH

The Westmoreland Fair is a great place to attract new young people to join the 4-H program. Parents and kids all have questions about what 4-H has to offer. This is why we need your help. Word of mouth is a great way that members and leaders can inform the public about our program. Please sign up and come and answer the public's questions concerning the 4-H program.

This year volunteers are asked to man the booth for two hour shifts. We will provide four



passes for each time slot. A letter of confirmation will be mailed to the organization leader or individual designated with the passes. Check with your club leader if you're interested in helping. See the enclosed schedule to see what slots are open as some have already been filled.

MON VALLEY DISTRICT DAIRY SHOW

The best of Westmoreland County's 4-H dairy members will earn the right to participate at the Mon Valley District Dairy Show by qualifying at the Westmoreland

Fair. The District show is scheduled for August 29 and 30, 2008. Check in will be from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29. The show is held at the Fayette County Fairgrounds.

Qualifying animals should be registered at the 4-H office at the fairgrounds the week of the fair. Good luck to all!!!

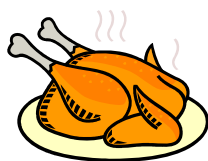
WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS !

We hope you have been collecting items to be auctioned off at the Annual 4-H Benefit Auction. This year's auction will be held on Thursday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m. The auction will be held in the Show Arena. Proceeds from this event contribute to the 4-H Development Fund to provide

programs and scholarships to 4-H members. Without the help of all our club members, leaders and volunteers this event would not be successful. Due to the current funding situations, we really need your support ! And, don't forget to pick the "We Support 4-H" signs for your donors.

Don't forget
The deadline for all fair entries is August 1st.

ARE YOUR TICKETS SELLING?



All clubs received a supply of tickets to sell for the first 4-H

County-wide BBQ Chicken Dinner to be held on August 14, 2008. The Applewood Cookery will be preparing the meals and they will need an idea of how many tickets have been sold. The general 4-H fund has been cut for 2008 and for future years. The 4-H Board of Directors will either need to cut

programs i.e. leaders kick off, Achievement Night, presentation contests, horse camp etc. Everything will be affected if we don't raise about \$5,000. So please sell those tickets! Tickets are \$7.50 per dinner of ½ BBQ Chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, butter and drink. The dinners will be available to pick up between 3:00 and 7:00 PM at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds on the 14th. Any unsold tickets and the money for the ones you have sold need to be turned into the

Extension office by August 1. The 4-H Board of Directors thanks you for helping to raise money for members and leaders to participate in county, regional, state and national 4-H experiences. SOOOO..why not take a friend to dinner for \$15.00 and help 4-H's budget stay stable. Tickets are available from club leaders and the Extension office.

ANNUAL 4-H FAIR DANCE

The annual 4-H member fair dance will take place on August 23, 2008, the last night of the fair. 4-H members 8 years and older may attend. This year the cost of the dance is \$4.00 per person. You will

need to have your 4-H card to get in. Also, you are permitted to bring one friend with you. We hope to see you all there!



COUNTY & DISTRICT HORSE SHOWS

Westmoreland County's best riders will qualify at the County 4-H Horse Round-Up on August 16, 2008 at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds for the District X 4-H Horse Show.

District X Show is scheduled for September 5, 6 and 7 this year. Members who qualify at the District X Show will then move on to the state competition.

Come out and join the excitement!

MAGAZINE SALES PROFIT 4-H



Did you know you can renew your household magazines subscriptions and raise money for the 4-H Program? Magazine subscriptions are about 60% profit for the company so they are very anxious about sending you renewal offers and notices to keep you coming back thus making them the profit. You can give that profit to the 4-H youth program simply by renewing your subscription online

at the same or similar price that the company is offering you. Simply go to the following website and select your magazine and indicate that it is for renewal. Using the Westmoreland County 4-H code you now have made a donation to keep 4-H alive in your community. ONE PERSON has done this and the 4-H program received \$12.00. Butler County 4-H with half the membership of Westmoreland made \$4,000 from

this last year. Why not help the 4-H kids out? Help us keep camp, help us send our outstanding kids to national competitions, help us acknowledge the dedication of our volunteer 4-H leaders... just renew your magazine at the web site.

Store ID: 897108

Hyperlink: <http://store.gafundraising.com/landing.aspx?SID=897108>

REMINDERS FOR HORSE MEMBERS

4-H Horse members are reminded that you need to have your project books up to date and reviewed by your 4-H leader before you send in your fair entries. Also remember that your round up entries are to be sent to the Extension office by August 1, 2008, not to the fair. This would also include your VCPN form along with your blue round up form.



Don't forget about the last horse show of the season. It will be sponsored by the Blazing Saddles 4-H club and the date is August 30, 2008.

2008 REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Eight members from Westmoreland County competed at the Regional Communications Contest at West Hempfield Church. Issac Cornell competed in the Sr. Presentation and the Sr. Impromptu where he won the blue ribbon and high point trophy for both. Phebe Cornell competed in the Jr. Presentation and Jr. Impromptu, she received a blue ribbon for both and the high

point trophy in presentations. Philip Cornell also competed in the Jr. Presentation and Jr. Impromptu competitions and received blue ribbons for both speeches. Sara and Jill Rowe competed in the Dramatic Interpretation and won the blue ribbon and the high point trophy. Sara also did a Jr. Presentation with Monica Panichelle. Monica

also competed in the Jr. Impromptu contest. Amanda Panichelle received a blue ribbon for her Jr. Presentation. Lastly, Sarah Clegg won a blue ribbon and a high point trophy for her Sr. Presentation. We are extremely proud of all these contestants. They represented Westmoreland County well!!

4-H PROJECT RUNWAY



Once again Westmoreland County's textile science members qualify in the top honors group for their construction skills, modeling ability and all around look with their garments. Congratulations to our senior honors group participants from the New Alexandria Home Economics

Club; Carla Mattei and Angela Hone. Angela elected to compete at the state level during State 4-H Achievement Days. Senior members; Jodi Lenhart and Emily Gabriel received recognition with their garments. Junior contenders who were in the top honors group were; Gina Mattei, Brooke Stewart, Lydia Kepple, and Mara LeJeune. Jesse McCreery, Taylor

Rubino, Mallory Jefferies, Monica Panichelle and Janine Schomer were also recognized for their outfits. Again this year non-wearable project members participated and congratulations goes to Caelan McChesney and Amanada Panichelle for receiving a blue ribbon with their pillows.

ROLL THE DICE EVERYONE'S A WINNER

Sixty youth from across Southwestern PA, gathered at the Westmoreland fairgrounds for the annual multi-county 4-H horse camp to try their luck and learn about horses. This year's horse camp had a game theme entitled "Roll the Dice... Everyone's a Winner!" Over this time period youth learned the importance of sportsmanship and proper lunging techniques. They also learned about judged trail riding, and how to know

when a young horse is ready to ride. They learned how to become one with their horse and themselves in a Tai Chi workshop and some horses even became chipped for better tracking! A special thanks goes out to our counselors; James and Lyndsey Androscopic, Bekah Baker, Sophie Banasick, Kristina Begonia, Craig Blystone, Autumn Bower, Abby Burkhardt, Brittany Coles, Laura Daverio, Leah Deglau, Erin Girona, Matt

and Jesse Kepple, Jodi Lenhart, Dylan Marks, Carly and Chelsea Marsh, Jillian Masciantonio, Riley Miller, Meredith Monsour, Kim Musser, Alana Nestico, Jillian Rowe, Rachel Sheffler, Justene Testa, Rachel and Sarah Wolinsky, Kerri Zelenak, and Alexandra Zeleznik!!



FORCES OF NATURE 4-H DAY CAMP

Over 40 youth gathered at Cedar Creek Park in Belle Vernon to attend this year's day camp entitled "Forces of Nature." Over these three days kids learned about water quality, a presentation put on by the Extension Educator Dana Rizzo. They learned about alternative energy form Extension's Ed Johnstonbaugh. Extension EFNEP staff Cora Overdorff, Onedia Sedok, and

Candace Lockett presented some great nutrition workshops. Other highlights of camp were a visit from the Rostraver Volunteer Fire Department, Falconer Earl Shriver and his birds of prey, and water games by summer assistant Jen Ganassi. The last day of camp was highlighted with a canoe trip down the Youghiogheny River. THANK YOU to our wonderful counselors who helped at camp:

James, Lauren, and Lyndsey Androscopic, Bekah Baker, Leah Blasko, Zoe Brooks, Isaac Cornell, Emily Farah, Emily Gabriel, Amber Griest, Krystal Iman, Trisha Johnson, Corissa Lute, Kylie and Samantha Newhouse, Amanda & Cody Ogg, Danielle & Jason Roland, Natalie Ryall, John Smerkar, and Jake Wright.

GO FOR THE GOLD! SW REGIONAL 4-H CAMP!

Southwest Regional 4-H Camp took place on July 15 – 18, 2008 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Around 40 campers and 27 Counselors attended. This year the theme was "Go for the Gold", inspired by the upcoming 2008 Summer Olympics being held in Beijing, China. Campers learned about different sports that will be held at the Olympics, and even had Olympic challenges of their own, with medals to be won! They also learned about China, the host country, and customs they have

that are different from the United States. They were taught facts about past Olympic Games, and had a trivia tournament at the end of the week. Everyone had a great time learning the camp songs and preparing their cheers for the parent program. Special thanks go out to all the Westmoreland County Counselors, Jake Wright, Zoe Brooks, Trisha Johnson, Rebekah Baker, Sydney Richardson, Emily Farah, Emily Gabriel, Andrew Johnson, Jason

Roland, Renee White, and Carly Marsh! We hope to see you next year at SW Regional 4-H Camp!



4-H CLUB NEWS



CHESTNUT RIDGE 4-H CLUB

Chestnut Ridge 4-H Club participated in the Fugitive Tire Clean-up collecting 707 tires. Demonstrations were given by club members, a requirement for members of the 2 year and up. Ryan Komar participated in the Jr. Livestock Team Judging for Westmoreland Co. at Butler Co. on May 3, 2008, placing 1st with the Sr. Team. Sara Halferty and Dylan Miller went to the PA

Guernsey Annual meeting held in Bedford, PA. in April 2008. Sara had 1st place PA. All American Sr. 3 yr. old cow, Hi Field DL Holly-TW, and Dylan had 1st place Pa All American Winter calf, Hi Field Grumpy Raleigh and he also had Best Bred and Owned with the same calf. Dog Training practice for members started Monday nights at Chestnut Ridge Community Center. Shooting

and Archery practice for 4-H members will be Monday nights at Lonnie Lenhart's. Regular 4-H meeting night is the first Wednesday of every month with the next meeting on June 4, 2008 at 7 pm at Chestnut Ridge Community Center, Rt. 259. For more information, call Nancy Schaller, 724-238-2297 or Sue Henderson at 724-235-9357.

JR HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE

The JHSC committee has made final plans for their annual horse show which will be held Sunday, August 10 at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Members will help with the gate and kitchen. They also made plans for a

photographer to be there the day of the show. Plans were also made for the year end banquet. The decoration ideas were made and talk about the awards to be passed out. The committee will hold a clean up night Friday night

before the show. Their next meeting will be the second Tuesday of August.

News Reporter, Lydia Kepple

SALEM SADDLE 4-H CLUB

Salem Saddle 4-H horse club held their annual show in June and it was a huge success. There were 101 horses and the weather was good.

The club held a Level 1 skill test in July. The also had a swim party and picnic at the Kepple's home. The members are working

on a scrapbook to enter in the fair and getting their project books complete.

News Reporter - Lydia Kepple

TRAVEL ALL 4-H CLUB

The Travel-All members and their families got together in July at Mammoth Park for their annual pre-exchange club picnic. Everyone had a wonderful time socializing and discussing the exchange that is right around the corner! After the fun and games, we reviewed the exchange rules & dress code and made sure everyone was prepared for the Wisconsin delegation who will be in our county from July 18 to July 27. The club members and their leaders have worked hard to put together an outstanding variety

of tours for their Wisconsin guests. Delegates from the two states will spend a day in Pittsburgh. They will spend a day traveling east on Route 30 visiting several historic attractions along the way. Shanksville is one of the stops where the troop will place a memorial wreath before attending the Jennerstown Race track. A local day trip will find the delegation on tour at the Tribune Review and Friendship Farms before heading to a pool party. They will travel south on another day, through Fayette county to Laurel Caverns and Ohio Pyle, before spending the evening

at Caddie Shack. They will also take an overnight trip to Hershey and Lancaster before bidding farewell. The Travel-All club selected Alexandria Zelenznik to represent Travel-All 4-H Club in the 2008 Westmoreland Fair Queen contest; we wish her the best of luck!

Our next meeting will be held during the exchange to prepare the group for the upcoming food booth fundraiser at the 2008 fair.

4-H Information Booth Sign-Up Sheet

August 15-23, 2008

Day	2:00-4:00 p.m.	4:00-6:00 p.m.	6:00-8:00 p.m.	8:00-10:00 p.m.
Friday, August 15	XXXXX	XXXXX		
Saturday, August 16			Just Buggy Club	
Sunday, August 17	Laurel Mt. & Chestnut Ridge	Laurel Mt. & Chestnut Ridge		
Monday, August 18				
Free Day Tuesday, August 19				
Wednesday, Aug. 20				
Free Day Thursday, August 21	New Alex Home Ec	New Alex Home Ec		
Friday, August 22	Brush Creek	Brush Creek	Brush Creek	Brush Creek
Free Day Saturday, August 23				

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a part time 4-H youth position employee.

Penn State Cooperative Extension is looking for an individual to serve as a regional 4-H events coordinator and to coordinate the 4-H school enrichment work in Westmoreland County. The position is for 20 hours a week and is a wage payroll position. The individual would be responsible for data management on the computer as well as direct teaching in the classroom. Please contact Joann Logan or Cindy Arblaster if you are interested by August 8, 2008.

Full time AmeriCorps position for 4-H available

Westmoreland County has been granted an AmeriCorps position for the 08-09 year. This individual will conduct after school 4-H Youth programs at the Westmoreland Housing Authority sites. More information is available at the extension office. Applications with resume are due by August 1st to the Extension Office.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE HOMELESS CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE

Westmoreland County 4-H Council is continuing its community service for the Homeless Children's Initiative this summer by having a "Sock Drive" at the fair. On **Tuesday, August 19**, please bring a package of **NEW**, your-sized socks to the 4-H Information Booth. The socks you donate are needed by homeless children in Westmoreland County as they prepare for the school year. So, let's "Sock it to Em" and see how many packages we can donate! Any questions, please contact Susan Falbo at 724-837-1402.

Sincerely,

Joann E. Logan
Extension Educator, 4-H and Youth Development

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

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