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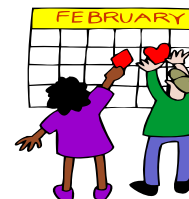
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Live, Learn, Serve Through 4-H

Annual Kick Off Dance



Join the fun and bring a friend to the Annual 4-H Kick Off Dance. The dance will be held March 8, 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. The event is sponsored by the County 4-H Teen Council. In addition to great music, the TATU (Teens against Tobacco Use) will be holding contests and giving away some cool prizes. The cost of the evening is \$4.00 per person. Don't miss out, come join the fun



Mark Your Calendars

March 8
Annual Kick-off Dance

March 16-22
Pennsylvania 4-H Week

March 18
New Leader Orientation

March 20
4-H Board of Directors Mtg.

March 29
4-H Horse Tack Swap

A Challenge for You !

So, are you up to the challenge? Can you take the heat? Pennsylvania 4-H Week is March 16-22nd. We challenge you to get out there and support the 4-H program in your community. Wear your 4-H gear everyday that week and let people know about us! Then, have your teacher sign

a note that you wore your shirt each day and bring the note to the Extension office for your "I stand up for 4-H" award. You can also make a poster and put it up in your post office or a library in your area. Tell a friend about 4-H too! Let's spread the word that the Westmoreland County 4-H program is awesome!

Calling All Horse Members

Can you identify the parts of a saddle or tell which plants are poisonous to horses? Where did the breeds of horses originate? What color is your horse, really? These and other equine science topics will be asked at the annual Hippology Contest and Quality

Assurance Training on March 17th at the Westmoreland County Community College, Commissioners Hall, from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We may not have food at the evening, so please plan to grab something on the way! Parents be sure to come... there is a division for you too!

Special points of interest:

- ♦ *David Guyer Calf award available*
- ♦ *Poultry class for youth available*
- ♦ *Rabbit school coming soon*
- ♦ *State Days Teams will begin forming*

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VIP Training for New Leaders

Volunteer adults who would like to serve as a 4-H leader must attend a VIP (Volunteer Information Packet) training in addition to written



*New Leader VIP Training
March 18, 7:00 p.m.*

application, personal interview, Act 33 &34 Clearances and two character references. Plan to attend the training on Tuesday, March 18th 7:00 p.m. at the

Westmoreland Extension Office, 214 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA.

Announcement

The March reorganization meeting for the Westmoreland County 4-H Board of Directors has been moved from March 6, to March 20, 2008. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Penn State Extension office in Greensburg. If you have any items for the agenda please contact Joann Logan, Cindy Arblaster or a Board member.

4-H International Cultural Experience

Western Pennsylvania will be hosting a delegation of twelve Japanese youth ages 12 – 16 and one adult chaperone from July 21 to August 18, 2008. The delegates need to be placed with families with a child of the same gender, of similar age, and with similar interests. Families without children are asked to consider hosting an adult chaperone for a two week period. (Chaperones move to another family midway through

the home stay.) Additionally, youth from Finland and Costa Rica will be coming to the U.S. in much smaller numbers to visit for one month, and families are also needed to host these youth. The delegates from Finland will visit from June 15 – July 13, and those from Costa Rica will be here from June 22 – July 19. These youth are ages 15 – 19, and most have an association with 4-H in their home country. Delegates will be placed in homes with a host sibling of the same gender and similar age.

Host Family Applications are available at the Extension office or on our web site at Westmoreland.extension.psu.edu and are due by **March 15th**.

Questions? Contact Ellen Linamen at the Butler County Cooperative Extension Office 724 287-4761 or email ehl3@psu.edu.

Something Old, Something New

4-H Horse members and families are reminded about the **March 29, 2008** Horse Tack Swap at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds 4-H Building and area. The doors open at 10:00 AM and will close at 2:00 PM. A \$1.00 donation is asked for at the door. Refreshments will be available also. Nearly 30

vendors are expected. This is a great way to get some riding outfits that other 4-Hers have grown out of.



Westmoreland
County 4-H
celebrates
Pennsylvania
4-H Week
March 16-22, 2008

Counselors Wanted—Apply Now

Teen counselors are needed for the SW Regional 4-H Resident Camp June 15-18, 2008 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Laurelville, PA. This is a selection process with intensive training provided. Applications are available at the Extension office and are due back to the office by , **March 31, 2008.**

Knowledgeable teens are also needed for counselor positions at the Multi County Horse Camp June 23-26, 2008 at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds, Greensburg, PA. Training and riding instruction is provided June 18-20, 2008 at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Applications are available at the Extension Office and must be returned by **May 9, 2008.**

Don't Forget!

The Sr. Member Dairy Trip reservations are due **NOW** for the dairy career field trip to Blacksburg, VA, June 13-15, 2008. You'll visit the WVA Vet School, a peanut farm, and Jefferson's Mountain View Farm. The Westmoreland County 4-H Development Fund will supplement your fee by \$100.00.

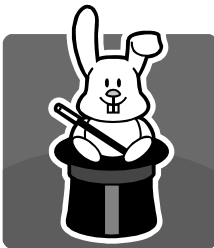
Livestock Members Circle April 5

The PSU Spring Livestock, Dairy and Horse Judging Event is scheduled for April 5, 2008. Members of any age are encouraged to participate at the annual judging contests at

Penn State. This is a great opportunity to test your skill as a judge as well as to experience a judging contest. If there is enough interest in participating, we will take a bus to the contest. For more

information, contact Dustin Heeter or Joann Logan at the Extension Office. The cost of the day is \$10.00 a person which includes your lunch.

Rabbit School . . . Not for Dumb Bunnies



The Westmoreland County Rabbit Club in conjunction with the 4-H program is

offering a Rabbit School, not for dumb bunnies but for smart rabbit owners and breeders. Mark your calendar for April 19th, 2008 at the Greensburg Salem Middle School, Main Street, Greensburg, PA from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration is \$3.00 and due by **March 20th**. Lunch is available for an additional \$5.00. A registration form is available at the Extension office or on our web site: Westmoreland.extension.psu.edu.

POULTRY 101 !

Who should attend? This program is designed for all youth 13 years of age and older and adults who enjoy teaching youth about poultry. It is the next step for the older more advanced youth, this is the reason that no youth under 13 will be accepted. We have asked the presenters to include advanced topics in their presentations and plan to allow hands-on learning as much as possible. Why attend?

Sessions will be conducted by Penn State poultry faculty, American Poultry Association judges, and other experts. The program will cover the following areas: Selection and preparation of birds for show, Anatomy, Incubation, Breeding, Egg grading, College and career information Registration fee is \$12 and covers all costs of instruction, parking, breaks,

lunch, and conference T-shirt. **Registrations are due by April 18, 2008.** No registration will be accepted without payment or after April 18. Cancellations received prior to April 18 will be eligible for a full refund, no refunds will be given after that date. For a schedule and more information go to our website.

Training for Club Officers

Please join us April 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office for Officer's Training Night. This night is 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 awards

will be given to each club that participates. Also this night 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 and let us know how many will attend from your club.

David Guyer Sr. Calf Award

4-H members may apply for a \$500 cash award to be used to purchase a Guernsey Calf. You should be a member of the Jr. Guernsey Breeder Association or plan to join. The application contains a few essay questions to answer.

Applications are due to Jane Guyer, (360 Shannon Creek Road, New Florence, PA 15944) by April 25. Applications are available at the Extension office.

Horse Clinic scheduled!

April 24, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
at the Westmoreland
Fairgrounds.
"What Are Patterns and
How Do I Do It!"
Clinician-Patty Specht,
Somerset PA
Cost is \$2.00.

Mock Horse Show



There will be a mock horse show May 31, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. This will be a show that instructs the rider on do's

and don'ts in the show ring, how to manage your horse in a group and to be sure you, your horse and others are safe in the show ring. The Clinician is Clay Alter, horse trainer and respected judge, from Northern

Westmoreland County. Watch for more details.

Horse Show Dates Announced

Circle the following dates and don't miss the fun at the upcoming summer horse shows held at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds.

June 1, 2008
Hoofbeats Game Show

June 8, 2008
Trailblazers Horse Show

June 28, 2008
Salem Saddle Club

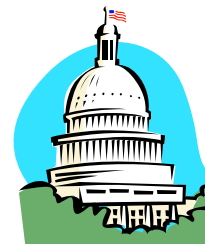
July 12, 2008
Hoofbeats Pleasure Horse Show

July 20, 2008
Covered Bridge Horse Show

August 10, 2008
Junior Horse Show Committee
Horse Show

August 16, 2008
County 4-H Horse Round -Up

August 30, 2008
Blazing Saddles Horse Show

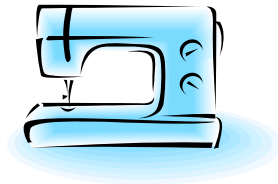


State 4-H Capitol Days
April 13-15, 2008

Fashion Revue Opportunities

As you start your textiles science (sewing) projects for this year, remember you don't need to make a garment to participate in the summer Fashion Revue. Non wearable's i.e. pillows, tote bags, knitted items, needlework have the

opportunity to exhibit and get feedback from judges at the SW Regional 4-H Fashion Revue June 24, 2008 at the Mt View Inn, Greensburg, PA. So pick what you like to make and plan to be a part of this year's review.



Competitive Teams for State Days Forming

Test your knowledge and skill in your project area. Join a team for competition for Penn State Achievement Days. This year the event is be held August 5-7, 2008. Teams are forming in the following areas:

Rabbit	Horse
Horse Bowl	Hippology
Dairy Judging	Dairy Bowl
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Shot Gun	Orienteering
Public Speaking	
Food and Nutrition	

If you are interested in participating on any of the teams you need to contact the Extension office now. JEL3@psu.edu

Personal Accomplishments, Personal Pride

Welcome new 4-H members and returning members. Every 4-H member should be challenging themselves to do better, learn more and expand their experiences further than last year. With each opportunity members have



the chance to grow in their knowledge and their personal skills. Take the challenge and make a plan to complete one level of the clover awards on the personal 4-H **Ladder of Achievement Program**. White, Green, Bronze, Silver, Gold and even the Diamond levels offer

you a plan to work towards that will help you be better than you were last year. Those who complete the levels will be honored at the annual Achievement Night this fall. Forms are available at the Extension office or on the web.

PA State 4-H Teen Conference

Over 200 teens gathered for the 2008 PA State Teen Leadership Conference at Penn State earlier this month. Isaac Cornell and Emily Gabriel represented Westmoreland County at the conference. The weekend had interactive workshops, motivational speakers and opportunity for teens from across Pennsylvania to meet.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Robyn Wright** and **Marla Sacks** on completing their year term as the President and Vice President of the PA State Teen Council. In this role, they worked with a select council of teens from across Pennsylvania to be the voice of 4-H. They were involved with the Farm City Day at the Keystone International Livestock Exhibition, PA Agricultural Progress Days, PA Farm Show, PA State Capitol Days and many other events to promote 4-H. Their yearlong commitment opened doors of experiences and promoted friendships across the Commonwealth. Thank you to Robyn and Marla for their dedication to 4-H and sharing the story.

State 4-H Leaders Forum

Volunteer 4-H leaders from across Pennsylvania attended the PA State 4-H Leaders Forum at Penn State earlier this month. **Merle and Betty Harr** presented a workshop

on "Getting Your 4-Hers and Your Club Information into the Newspaper." They shared their secrets, helped leaders understand what to send and

gave suggestions on how to send the information to the news. Thanks Betty and Merle for sharing your knowledge!



Farm Show Info

This year Westmoreland County had a slew of youth participating in a variety of categories at the 94th PA Farm Show. A large number of youth showed livestock in the following contests:

Rabbits: Danielle & Jason Roland, Tiffany Mottle, Kylie & Samantha Newhouse; Grace & Nate Painter and Becky Forney.

Goats: Dontae Boggio, Samantha Frenchik, Amanda Golkosky, Symanthia Hoover, Caitlyn & Caralynn Hyde, Alexandria Mills, Joshua Shugars, and Tom Trumbetta

Swine: Dontae Boggio, Jacob & Jonathan & Joshua Ebert, Joe & Sarah

Espey, Abigail Gillis, Adam & Amanda Golkosky, Jessica Himler, Brian Holleran, Symanthia Hoover, Jacob, Chase & Dane Logan, Courtney Moats, Enrico & Francesca Mucci, Kelvin & Stephanie Nelson, Karlee Rubright, Morgan Sirianni, Ethan & Nat Stas, Ben & Josie Staymates, Chad Whittaker, Colton & Hannah Zundel.

Sheep: Jonathan Ebert, Jennifer Harrold, Caitlyn & Caralynn Hyde, Dylan Marks, Justene Testa, Robin Wright and Samantha Zundel.

Steer: Colton and Hannah Zundel. There were also several inside Exhibits: Kelly, Ryan and

Brandon Komar and Nathaniel Painter competed with their honey entries. Monica Panichelle, Stephaine Kline, and Jenny Phillips had clothing entries. Monica also had needlework and photography entry. Isaac Cornell had entries in poster, wearable and fiber art and painting categories. Christopher Ament entered a wooden dog food bin.

Congratulation to all of our 4-H youth.

Leaders Honored at Annual Kick Off Evening

The annual Leader Kick Off evening Honored volunteers for their years of service to the 4-H Youth of our County. County Commissioner Kim Ward, Executive Administrator for Congressman Tim Murphy, Lou Lazzaro and Senator Robert Regola's aide, Ben Wren

personally helped to honor the leaders. Congratulations to Emma Dunmire for her committed dedication of 45 years to the 4-H members of this county. This year's honorees:

First Year

Barb Balega
Gerrie Clegg
Sonia Hasson-Richardson
Christy Hutchison
Joy Keating

Laurie Knouse
Robert Knouse
Scott Komar
Branden Kreuzberger
Rosemary Larkin
Erica Loughner
Amanda Mathias
Brianna McCusker
Tracy Mottle
Helen Mucci
Jeff Mucci
John Rice
Pamela Rice
Linda Schoeffel
Andrea Sosko
Kevin Sosko
Kathleen Stypula
Steven Stypula
Heide Torock
James Williams
Gloria Wolfe

Five Year

Laura Ament
Rob Boulware
Teresa Cockeram
Carol Galya
Dennis Harrold
Tracy Hice
Joseph Kerber
Tammy Marsh
Dave Muellerleile
Leslie Muellerleile
Barbara Sacks
Debbie Smith
Floyd Snyder
Deborah White
David Zundel

Ten Year

Connie Blystone
Gary Blystone
Lonnie Lenhart
Barbara McMillan

Diane Murphy
Jolene Naugle
Kristy Pitzer
Samuel D. Small
Vicki Snyder

Fifteen Year

Ronald Hodoba
Esther Seranko

Twenty Year

Jane Emanuele
John Squib
Becky Wolinsky

Twenty-Five Year

Dorinda Baker
Nadene Bruce
Diane Ebert
Rick Ebert
Carole Hellein

Thirty-Five Year

Shirley Acosta
Forty-Five Year
Emma Dunmire

Thank you to PA Senator Don White for providing certificates of recognition for the 4-H honorees that evening also.



4-H Club News



Harrold Alwine Horse Club

The Harrold Alwine Horse club is asking for your support. If you eat at Pizza Hut in New Stanton on Sunday, March 9, 2008 or if you get take out, from there 20% of your purchase will go toward their

club. You must present a coupon at the time of ordering. To receive a coupon, contact Kristy Pitzer at (724) 830-0103 or email her at singsing7@yahoo.com. The club members thank you for supporting their club with this fundraiser.

The Livestock Weigh-In will be held in May. The date will be announced, so all market lamb, goat and swine members should be alert for more details. Your project animal must be ear tagged on that day and if you wish to participate in the Daily Rate of Gain contest your animals must also be weighed in.

Slickville 4-H Club

The Slickville 4-H club has kicked off another year. New officers were selected as follows: Trisha Johnson, President; Cheyenne Shaffer, Vice President; Stephanie Knight, Secretary; Joella

Gearhard; Treasurer; Devon and Courtney McQuaide; Activity Coordinators; Megan and Melissa McQuaide, Photographers and Devan Dudley, News Reporter. Congratulations to all. The Slickville club meets at the Slickville Civic

Center. Our next meeting is March 14th, at 8:00 p.m. For more information contact Joan or Ted Thompson at (724) 668-7039.

Submitted by Devan Dudley

2008 4-H County Council Elects Officers

Congratulations to this year's 4-H County Council officers! They are as follows: President– Robyn Wright; Vice President– Zoe Brooks; Secretary– Emily Farah; Treasurer- Jake Wright. If you are interested in having your club represented at County Council, please call the Extension office, or come to one of the meetings, which are held the first Monday of each month.

Veterinary Science 4-H Club



The Veterinary Science 4-H Club is looking for new members between the ages of 8 thru 18 years old. Club meetings are held at the Westmoreland County Extension office every fourth

Tuesday of the month. Meeting times are 6:00 p.m. This year's activities include the Westmoreland Fair, a behind the scenes tour of the Pittsburgh Zoo (which took place in January), Pet Therapy at nursing homes which will include singing songs and talking with the residents. We also plan to tour the Action for Animals shelter in the near future. We

hope you will join us. If you have any questions about our club you can contact our organizational leader Barbara Sacks at 724-875-6989.

Submitted by Sara Clegg

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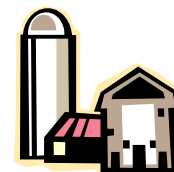


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Livestock Members Do Well

Congratulations market livestock members for a great showing at the PA State Farm Show. Of the four species exhibited at the Farm Show, Westmoreland County had winners in two species. Hannah Zundel of New Alexandria won Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog out of 423 animals shown. Courtney Moats was Champion in her market hog weight division. Other market swine exhibitors placed well also capturing first in their market weight class; Abby Gillis, Dane Logan. But, the most impressive placing was that 17 out of 25 hog exhibitors from the county were awarded Master Showman.



Hannah Zundel of New Alexandria also captured the Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer title out of 62 steers exhibited this year.

Our market sheep members also exemplified themselves with Jennifer Harrold and Justene Testa taking first in their weight classes. Again our sheep exhibitors were awarded master showman awards.

Interested in Livestock Judging ?

If you are, then come and be a part of the Westmoreland County Livestock Judging Team. The team is reorganizing and our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Westmoreland County Extension office. Dustin Heeter, Extension Educator/Livestock and other volunteers will be working with this group. The second practice session will be March 15th. Contact the Extension office or Dustin Heeter if you are interested in attending.

Sincerely,



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

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Extension Educator, 4-H and Youth Development

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