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## 4-H CLIPBOARD

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### WHAT CAN GREEN DO FOR YOU?

4-H Achievement Night is coming and you are invited to join us to celebrate all your successes at 4-H Achievement Night. What has green done for you? Achievement night will take place on November 10, 2008 at the Four Points Sheraton in Greensburg. The evening's festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments. This will be followed by the

recognition of accomplishments of 4-H members, families and clubs. Please come out and join us for this great evening! Your reservation form is enclosed and needs to be returned to the Extension office by October 31, 2008. 4-H people do make it happen, and we are proud of each and every one of you!! Come join in the celebration!

**SEE YOU SOON!!**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*OCTOBER 18-26  
RED RIBBON WEEK*

*OCTOBER 24, 25, 26  
STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW*

*NOVEMBER 6  
4-H BOARD MEETING*

*NOVEMBER 10  
4-H ACHIEVEMENT  
NIGHT*

### SQUARE DANCE TEAM REORGANIZING

Join the fun and exercise by square dancing. Any age, any ability welcome. We will start on Thursday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. Practices will be held at Hose Company #2 located behind the Palace Theater in Greensburg. The team will practice either Tuesday or Thursday evenings until Farm Show

competition in January. Cost is \$25.00 to help defray the travel expense of our caller. If you can't make the meeting contact Laura

Ament at 724 423-8978 or Shari Wright at 724 261-7500.

DESIGNATE THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY 4-H DEVELOPMENT FUND AS YOUR UNITED WAY ORGANIZATION. THE NUMBER CODE IS 1327169. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

#### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- State Council recruiting interested teens.
- Project books and award forms are due
- Scholarship Applications are due
- 2009 Steer Weigh In Scheduled

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Come join the fun  
and learn to  
square dance!

### LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

All 4-H members don't forget to apply for the 4-H ladder of Achievement Award and get recognized for your 4-H accomplishments. Applications are available at the office or on the web. Applications are due by October 15th.

## GOOD LUCK TO STATE HORSE SHOW PARTICIPANTS

Thirty-seven 4-H members will be representing Westmoreland County at the PA State Horse and Pony Show in Harrisburg at the end of October. That means that 25% of our 4-H horse members in the county earned the privilege to compete at the 2008 State Horse

Show. Our county representatives are: Erica and Marie Adams, Audrey Antolovich, Rebekah Baker, Rachel Bitsko, Autumn Bower, Brittany Coles, Maddie Costa, Laura Daverio, Allison & Anna Frye, Adam Golkosky, Lexie and Tessa Ives, Jakob Kalp, Sarah Kebe, Lydia Kepple, Jodi Lenhart, Chelsea Marsh, Sarah Masciantonio, Casey and

Colleen Mauro, Cassie Maywood, Courtney Moats, Alana Nestico, Rachel Parker, Jesse Petronie, Ashley Roberts, Stephaine Roberts, Adria Schlesman, Lauren Shawl, Rachel Sheffler, Joshua Shugars, Emma Slezak, Julia Tuttle, Jared Welch and Sarah Wolinsky.

## STATE 4-H TEEN COUNCIL APPLICATIONS DUE

The PA State 4-H Teen Council is looking for teens with outstanding leadership abilities and a dedication to the 4-H program in Pennsylvania. Applications are due by **October 10, 2008** to the Extension office. Applicants will participate in a personal interview and

then would be selected to represent the SW Pennsylvania 4-H Program on the council. Presently, Emily Gabriel serves on the State Council. A member must be at least 16-years-old by January 1, 2008. It is recommended that the applicant have leadership experience beyond the club and county level (non 4-H

experience does count; i.e. church groups, breed associations, FBLA, etc.) It is also recommended that the applicant be comfortable with public speaking.

<http://ps4-hc.cas.psu.edu/>

## PROJECT BOOK TIME

Club members need to get their completed project books to their leaders as soon as possible. The deadline for nominating books for the Outstanding Book Awards is near. Leaders should turn the books in to the

Extension office by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. The book should be filled out, a story included, a picture of your project work or experience and a record of what activities you did in 4-H this year. Leaders encourage those club

members to get their books to you!

Awards available to 4-H Youth with forms and descriptions are available on the web site and at the Extension office.



Congratulations to our 4-H Dairy Members who attended the PA Jr. Dairy Show.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NOW

Senior High School aged and older 4-H members are encouraged to apply for the several Westmoreland County 4-H Memorial Scholarship Educational Awards that are available. The Westmoreland County

4-H Board of Directors is pleased to authorize the selection of 12 members to receive educational scholarships. Application forms are posted on the 4-H page at <http://westmoreland.extension.psu.edu>

Remember a transcript and letters of recommendation are part of the application process. Completed applications are due to the Extension office by October 15, 2008.



Get those scholarship applications in no later than October 15, 2008!

## SEEKING NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being sought for the **Westmoreland County Friend of 4-H**. Help us give a public thank you to someone who has

given of themselves in personal effort and commitment or financially to benefit the 4-H Program. Is there someone in your community that really

cares about 4-H? Nominate them for this prestigious award. All nominations need to be received by October 15, 2008.

### LIFETIME PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is for the senior member who has excelled at one particular project area. The focus should be on an increase in educational experiences in that project area, any awards that were earned for that project and demonstration of leadership in that project area. Forms are due October 15.

## AG STUDY TOUR

Senior Animal Science members are encouraged to apply to be one of nine Westmoreland County 4-H members to participate in this year's Ag Study Tour. The tour is set for October 30, 31 and November 1, 2, 2008. Applications are available from the Extension office and will be accepted on a first come first serve

basis until October 13th. Applicants will be notified by October 15 if selected. The tour itinerary will take the group across Virginia with stops at producers, agribusinesses and Virginia Tech University. The experience is to increase awareness of Ag Careers, improve communication skills

and develop job seeking skills. The member will be responsible for their own meals and personal needs during the trip. The trip is being supported by the Jr. Livestock Show and Sale Committee and the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County.



Join the team, Livestock Judging organizing.

## A 4-H CLUB IS A 4-H CLUB.. IS A 4-H CLUB



Send in your registration for 4-H Achievement Night today!!

Not true, every 4-H club is a reflection of its adult leaders and the 4-H families in that club. The award for **Outstanding 4-H Club** recognizes clubs that meet an outlined

criteria that provides a well-rounded educational and developmental experience for the 4-H member. Have your club join the prestigious roster of

outstanding clubs for 2008. Encourage club leaders or officers to fill out an application. Forms are on the web site or at the office and due by October 15th.

## FARM SHOW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Have you completed at least one semester in college? Have you shown market or breeding dairy or livestock animals at the PA Farm Show? Then you could be

eligible for the PA Farm Show Foundation Scholarship. Applications are available from the Livestock office of the PA Farm show, the

county Extension office or the PSU Dairy and Animal Science web page. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2008.

### Attention Market Steer Members

Market Steer members are reminded that the mandatory steer weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, November 29th From 9:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds

## JOIN THE JR LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

Now is the time to begin learning the basic concepts and practicing for next year's judging contests. Shortly after the New Year judging contests will begin. Join your friends and

build that team. The first team practice will be Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension office. Bring any handbooks you may have from last year. Let's keep up the

winning streak at the Butler County judging contest. Contact Dawn Dancey (724 989-5827) or Krystal McCracken (724 493-8486) if you cannot make the meeting but are interested.

## STATE 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE



Teens interested in learning leadership skills are invited to attend the 2008 PA State Leadership Conference scheduled for January 30, 31 and February 1, 2009 at the Penn Stater Conference

Center at Penn State University. Due to budget limitations we will only be able to send four delegates to the conference and preference will be given to first time participants. Contact the Extension office to

learn how to apply. Others may attend at their cost which is \$220.00. Deadline to register is October 31st.

## 4-H VOLUNTEERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4-H volunteers, you will want to pull out your date books and mark these dates. These are great opportunities for you

to travel and learn.

**Annual 4-H  
Organizational  
Leaders Meeting  
December 2, 2008**

**SW Regional 4-H  
Leader Symposium  
February 20-21, 2009**

Hope to see  
you there!!



Scholarships are available from the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation

## WILDLIFE EVALUATION TEAM FINISHES FIRST

The state wildlife evaluation team consisting of Kelsey Keller, Krystal Gwynn, Cody Ogg all of the Brush Creek 4-H club, placed first in the state at the Wildlife Contest

at Penn State. The team declined to participate in the national contest in Oklahoma earlier this summer. Congratulations to our budding environmental

stealth's.

## LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES WINNER

The PA Livestock Association selected Kelly Komar, 10 year 4-H member, from Ligonier as the 2008 PA Outstanding 4-H Livestock Member. Kelly has shown both

market and breeding cattle and market hogs. In addition to her animal science projects, Kelly also does vegetable gardening and bee keeping. Kelly will be

recognized at the Keystone Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg this month.

Congratulations Kelly!

### SMILE EVERYBODY!

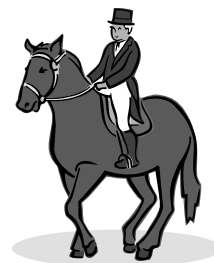
We need your pictures from 4-H summer events for the video year book presentation for achievement night. Please email your pictures to the office a.s.a.p. !!  
cka2@psu.edu

## CONGRATULATIONS 4-H DAIRY MEMBERS

Congratulations to our State Dairy Show participants Sara Halferty and her brother Dylan Miller who stood 1<sup>st</sup> with their Guernsey Jr 2 year Old and the 4 year old cow. Sara also had the 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 year

old cow. Caitlin Stoner exhibited the 1<sup>st</sup> place Jr 2 year old Ayrshire. These member's animals were selected at the MonValley District Dairy Show. Others who exhibited at the MonValley Show were: Timothy Greenawalt,

Amanada Hice, Morgan Eslary, Adam Kerber, Jonathan and Jacob Ebert, Jessica Takitch and Kelvin Nelson.



Good Luck to the State 4-H Horse Show Participants



Thank you to all our donors for making the Benefit Auction a huge success.

### Time to Get Ready

The farm show is quickly approaching and it is already time to tag animals.

Market hogs, lambs and goats must be identified with an RFID Tag and entries postmarked by October 15th. There will be a mandatory tagging on Tuesday, October 7th at the fairgrounds between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. All market animals being entered for farm show must be tagged at this time.



2009 PA Farm Show  
January 10-17

A super big THANK YOU to club members, leaders, families, and friends who worked towards making this year's 4-H Benefit Auction a huge success! This year, \$13,400 was raised! These funds will be used to provide programming and scholarships to YOU, the 4-H youth of this county. The top earning clubs this year were the Sunshine 4-H Club, whose donations raised \$2,360; second was

### THANKS TO ALL!

the Alwine Community Club with \$1,643; third place was Mt. View 4-H Club with \$1,207 followed by Laurel Mt./Chestnut Ridge with \$867 and the Blue Ribbon Ag Club with \$785. Regardless of what your club donated, we appreciate all the hard work you put into it, because every bit helps! This year, 27 clubs participated. A special thanks goes to all the 4-H leaders and members who gave extra assistance

that night. Also, we couldn't do it without those great auctioneers Randy Betton, Mark Ferry, Bill Frye, George Hare, and Josh Sipple.

Please think about the auction throughout the year because it will come around again before you know it! Donation letters can be picked up at the office anytime during the year, in case you have something you want to get ahead of time.

### WESTERN PA SMALL ANIMAL SHOW

Congratulations to our Westmoreland County 4-H members for their excellent work in standing among the best in the winner's circle for their animal exhibits and their knowledge and skills at the 2008 Western PA Small Animal Show.

#### AT THE GOAT SHOW.....

Rachel Sheffler and Dontae Boggio won first place Sr./Jr. division respectively in the test of knowledge skillathon contest.

Sisters, Rachel and Ali Sheffler; brothers Joshua and Christian Shugars; Dontae Boggio and Shawna Dias all exhibited either a Jr. or Sr. Champion goat in their respective breed classes. Caralynn Hyduke also participated and took first in her Sr. Goat Showmanship Class.

#### AT THE DOG SHOW.....

Seven 4-H dog members from the county participated

at this year's dog show. Senior members Sarah Clegg and Joella Gearhard along with Jr. members Devan Dudley, Colton Bateman, Hannah Pelger and sisters Annika Milko and Michaela Milko all placed with ribbons.

The Rabbit Show results are not in....

## JR HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE BANQUET

The JHSC Banquet will be held November 15, 2008 at the Roosevelt Room in Norvelt, PA. The

doors will open at 5:45 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. cost of the banquet is \$15.00. Tickets need

to be ordered through your club leader. Questions, call Kerri Zeleznak (724-640-0942)



Daylight Savings  
Time Ends  
November 2, 2008

## 2008 OUTSTANDING 4-H YOUTH ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to Jodi Lenhart from Bolivar and Andrew Johnson of Tarrs PA for being selected as this year's 2008 Outstanding 4-H Members. **Jodi Lenhart** is an eleven year member in the horse program and received the National 4-H Youth Leader of the Year in 2006 from the American Youth Horse Symposium; the William Borbonus Sportsmanship Award in 2007; and Champion Versatility Pony in 2006 and 2007. Jodi has successfully completed Level I, II and III of the PA Horsemanship skills. She also carried the 4-H dog project for 11 years and captured the County Dog Round up High Point Award in 2005 and 2008. She also carries the flower gardening project, and the textile science project. She qualified for the state fashion revue for the

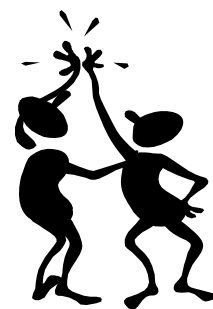
past two years. She enjoys shooting sports projects and has competed at Penn State Achievement Days on the Air Rifle Team. In her earlier 4-H years she showed dairy cattle. Jodi has been a camp counselor and Jr. instructor for the Multi County 4-H Horse Camp, and a member of the county square dance team.

**Andrew Johnson** is 17 years old and attends Southmoreland High School. He is a 10 year member of the Sunshine 4-H Club. Andrew has participated in the Natural Resources with fishing, archery and shotgun. He has shown dairy goats and cattle for 6 years in addition to fancy birds. His favorite project was the small engine project which lead him into starting his own business, restoring and repairing

garden tractors. Andrew enjoys working with the younger members as a teen leader for the shooting sports, the Cloverbud project and serving as camp counselor for the SW Regional 4-H Camp for 4 years after attending as a younger member. He held offices in his local club, served on the planning committee for the SW Regional 4-H Teen Leader Retreat and represented Westmoreland County at the PA State 4-H Capitol Days in Harrisburg lobbying for support for the 4-H Youth Program. Andrew extended his 4-H experience into the community as a agricultural spokesperson for the dairy project at local Dairy Queen Stores and with his poultry projects at historical re-enactments.

### The Borbonus Award

The William Borbonus Family will once again sponsor a good sportsmanship award for a senior 4-H horse member. Leaders should send a letter of recommendation to the Extension office by October 14, 2008.



Congratulations  
Jodi and Andrew



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WEB**

[http://  
westmoreland.extension.psu.edu](http://westmoreland.extension.psu.edu)

## COUNTY WIDE CHICKEN BBQ

Leaders are asked to double check if all tickets and money have been returned to the

Extension office. We did not receive enough money to even cover our costs of the meals. A

special thanks to Applewood Cookery for their help with this project.

## WOODEN NICKEL AUCTION DATE

Hey horse members get those hard earned dollars out and plan to spend spend spend at the wooden nickel

auction and spaghetti dinner. This year's date is Friday, December 5 at the Alwine Community Center

on old Route 66. More details to follow, but hold that date!!

## BEEE.....A LEADER

A winter leadership series for teens will be held at the Penn State Cooperative Extension office on Donohoe Road. It is planned for the four Thursday's in

February. The series will help you develop your potential to assume a leadership role in your club, school and the

community. Members must be 13 years old to participate. Watch for registration details. Circle February 5,12,19, and 26, 2009.

Sincerely,

Joann E. Logan  
Extension Educator, 4-H/Youth

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



**Hooray for  
Westmoreland County!**

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