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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 24th for the 2008 Club Officer Training. We will meet at the Extension office at 6:30 p.m. This 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 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

- ♣ Blood Drive
April 16, 2008
- ♣ Rabbit School
April 19, 2008
- ♣ Wildlife Field Day
April 20, 2008
- ♣ 4-H Officer Training
April 24, 2008
- ♣ 4-H Horse Clinic
April 24, 2008
- ♣ 4-H Board of Director Mtg.
May 1, 2008
- ♣ Fashion Revue Planning
May 5, 2008
- ♣ Livestock Weigh-In
May 10, 2008
- ♣ SW Regional Camp
June 15-18, 2008

4-H Capitol Days

The 44th annual 4-H Capitol Days will be held April 13-15 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 we have 9 members attending. Justene Testa, Jonathan Ebert, Zoe Brooks, Chris Ament, James Androstic, Robyn Wright, Isaac Cornell, Trisha Johnson and Rachel Wolinsky will be representing Westmoreland County. We hope they will learn how important it is to vote. Be sure and ask them about their trip.

4-H Horse Clinic Scheduled

There is a county-wide 4-H Horse clinic scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2008 and it will be centered around you and your horse learning about patterns for the show ring. Is it all about you 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. Patty Specht from Somerset County will be the clinician.

Special points of interest:

- ♦ *SW Regional Camp "Go for the Gold"*
- ♦ *Westmoreland Co. Members Get Ready for State 4-H Capitol Days*
- ♦ *Dairy and Beef Cow Camp*
- ♦ *Camp counselors are needed for the summer*

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April 2008

WILDLIFE FIELD DAY COMING SOON



*Wildlife Field Day
Saturday, April 20, 2008
9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. APD
site near PSU*

This year's Wildlife Field Day will have two tracts. The "Exploratory Tract" for the younger 4-H'er (age 8-11) offers hands' on wildlife education and guest speakers. 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 18, 2008. If you are interested in attending, contact the Extension office today for more information and to register. The event is held at the APD site near Penn State at Rock

Springs. There is no fee for this event and a free picnic lunch will be provided. Call the Extension office today and register!



PSU DAIRY JUDGING

On Saturday, April 5th the PSU Dairy judging contest will take place. Over 200 4-H and FFA members participate at this event. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Club members select classes, prepare animals and tabulate results from the event. Contestants

judge eight classes and give one or two sets of reasons. More information is available at <http://www.das/psu.edu> or call the Extension office.

Yard Signs

Next time you're in the vicinity of the Extension office why not pick up a 4-H promotional yard sign? Help us support 4-H by displaying one in your yard. They're popping up all over the county!

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

On Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. the Westmoreland County 4-H Travel All club and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a blood drive. They will be in the

Conservation District office "Barn" behind the Extension office. Please make a difference and help us help the Red Cross.

POULTRY 101 ~ MAY 3, 2008

This program is designed for all youth 13 years of age and older and adults who enjoy teaching youth about poultry. Sessions will be conducted by PSU poultry faculty, American Poultry Association judges and other poultry experts. The registration fee is \$12 and will cover all the instruction cost, parking, breaks, lunch and conference T-shirt. Registration deadline is April 18. If you would like more information you can log onto: <http://poultryextension.psu.edu/youth%20poultry%20101.html>



Penn State Equine Science Showcase and Registered Quarter Horse Sale

The event will take place April 26, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It will be held in the Penn State Ag Arena. Highlights include a demonstration of sale horses, training demonstrations and educational exhibits. Also see sires and dams of sale horses and take a Penn State Horse Farm tour. A complementary lunch will be provided. For more information or to view an online catalog log onto <http://www.das.psu.edu/user/equine/sale/> or contact Brian Egan at began@psu.edu or 814-863-3957.

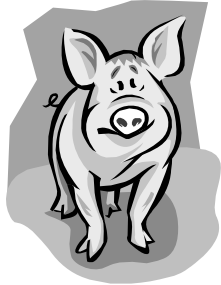
LIVESTOCK MEMBERS CIRCLE MAY 10, 2008

All market lamb, hog and goat project animals must be ear tagged on May 10, 2008 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!*



DAIRY DAYS COW CAMP

This year's Cow Camp will take place on May 30th through June 1, 2008 at the Penn State University. This annual educational event is held for dairy youth. The participants stay in the Penn State dormitories and attend different workshops such as fitting, animal health, calf nutrition, farm safety, reproductive technologies and

dairy promotion. In addition to the workshops there are other social activities and a barbeque. You can find registration information on the Penn State Dairy and Animal Science website.

Penn State Beef Cow Camp

Youth 13-18 years old are invited to experience modern beef production practices with hands on activities in all phases of beef cattle management. Camp will be held June 22-26, 2008 at Penn State University. The cost is \$225/camper. Camp activities will include clipping, fitting, showmanship instruction, pastures and grazing systems and using ultrasonography. Instruction at the camp is provided by faculty and staff of the Department of Dairy and Animal Science and the Department of Veterinary and Biological Sciences. The cost includes meals, lodging and all program materials. Registration deadline is May 15th.

Camp will have a maximum enrollment of 40 so get your registration in a.s.a.p. For more information log on to www.das.psu.edu

GO FOR THE GOLD AT 4-H CAMP

Hey kids are you ready for four days of fun filled activities at this year's SW Regional 4-H Camp? Camp will be held June 15-18, 2008 at the Laurelville Mennonite Center in Mt. Pleasant, PA. A great week of activities are planned for you. You will be learning about the 2008 Summer Olympics, competing in your own Olympics, testing your summer sports knowledge and much more. And don't forget there will be campfires, skits, nature study and cabin fun. The cost of

camp is \$135.00 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 \$110.00. 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 an 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.



FASHION REVUE PLANNING MEETING

All textile science leaders, teens and members are invited to a planning meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5 at the Westmoreland County Extension office at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be to plan the 2008 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! Fashion Revue will take place on June 24, 2008 at Mt. View Inn.



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 the SW Regional 4-H Camp. Camp will be held June 15-18, 2008 at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Applications are available from the Extension office. The first selection training is set for April 26, 2008. Get your application today!

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED



Roll the Dice. . .
Everyone's a Winner at
4-H Horse Camp. . .
teens age 13 years and

older are needed to serve as counselors for the 2008 4-H Horse Camp, June 23-26, at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Counselors will not bring their horses

to camp but will have the opportunity to ride under instruction at the Counselor Training Camp, June 18-20, 2008 also at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due by April 30, 2008.

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, 2008. For more information on the leasing program call the Extension office at 724 837-1402.

FORESTRY FIELD DAY

This year the Forestry Field Day is May 10, 2008 and will have two tracts. 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. 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 5, 2008.

Lunch is **NOT** provided at this event you must bring your own bag lunch and drink. The event will be held at the Laurel Haven Conservation Education Center in Julian, PA.

CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Penn State's Conservation Leadership School (CLS) is held every summer at the Stone Valley Recreation Area. More than 7,000 youth have completed CLS, one of the oldest conservation education programs in the country. The CLS classroom consists of a 72 acre lake, 700 acres

at Stone Valley and more than 7,000 acres of Penn State's experimental forest. This is a great opportunity to learn about the environment, meet new friends and learn leadership skills. The program is open to high school students ages 15-18. For more

information, you can log on to the website at: visitconfernces.cas.psu.edu or call 814 865-8301.



A PLACE FOR ALL SEWERS



This year 4-H Fashion Revue is scheduled for June 24, 2008 at Mt View Inn, Route 30, Greensburg.

The Fashion Revue 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 revue by exhibiting their non wearable project. So if you make a pillow or tote bag or some other item that you can not wear, you will have the opportunity to participate, watch for details.

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.

HORSE PRECISION DRILL TEAM REORGANIZING

The next 4-H Board Meeting will be May 1, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Penn State Extension Office.

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.

DAY CAMP NEWS!

Westmoreland County 4-H Day Camp will take place July 15-17, 2008 at Cedar Creek Park. So 4-H campers, put it on your calendar! We are looking for teens who would like to serve as counselors for camp. Please call the office for an application. More news about camp will be coming soon!

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 August 5-7, 2008. Teams are forming in the following areas:

Rabbit
Horse
Horse Bowl
Hippology
Dairy
Dog

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Air Rifle
Shot Gun
Orienteering
Communications
Livestock

Contact the Extension office if you're 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, 2008 for:

Dairy Cattle Breeding Beef
Breeding Swine Breeding Sheep
Breeding Goats Llamas

Dogs
Horse Performance (May 1)
Horse Production (May 1)
Rabbits (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, 2008.

Penn State Livestock Judging Contest

Penn State's annual Block and Bridle Livestock Judging Contest will be held on April 5th, at the Penn State Livestock Center. We will be taking a bus to the competition. You would be expected to pay for your own lunch. If you're interested in participating please contact the Extension office or Krystal McCracken at 724 493-8486.

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, 2008.

SMALL ANIMAL ESSAY CONTEST

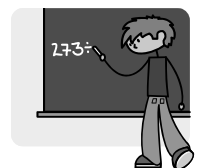
Do you have a small animal project? Why not write an essay about your experiences? It could be a dog, cat, rabbit or other pet care project. The title of the essay should be "What I Have Learned in my 4-H Small Animal Project" and the top essays from the county will be sent to Penn State for state competition. The deadline date is June 1, 2008.

WERE YOU A SMART 4-H'ER?

Over 200 gathered at the Laurelville Church Center for the 44th 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 Speak Out for Military Kids, being smarter than a robot, leadership managing your time, 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 Androstic, Becca Baker, Leah Blasko, Craig Blystone, Zoe Brooks, Emily Farah, Krystal Iman, Andrew Johnson, Trish Johnson, Marissa Keys, Jodi Lenhart,

Corissa and Rachael Lute, Alex Mills, Jodi Musick, Amanda Ogg, Sydney Richardson, Jason Roland, Marla Sacks, Justene Testa, Renee White and Robyn Wright.



HORSE SHOW DATE CORRECTION



The Covered Bridge 4-H Club has changed the date of their horse show. Following is the corrected schedule.

June 1 ~ Hoofbeats Game Show
June 8 ~ Trailblazers Club Show
June 28 ~ Salem Saddle Club Show
June 29 ~ Covered Bridge Show
July 12 ~ Hoofbeats Pleasure Show
August 10 ~ JHSC Show
August 16 ~ County Round Up
August 30 ~ Blazing Saddles Show

NERVF

The North East Regional Volunteer Forum (NERVF) is an opportunity for 4-H Leaders from the 13 states in the Northeast Region to come together for a long weekend of fun, learning and networking with other leaders. Conference Activities include:

- Tours
- Workshops
- Inspiring Speakers
- Evening Entertainment including NH

Humorist *Rebecca Rule* and Musicians, *The Shaw Brothers*

- 4-H Talent Revue
- Optional Trip to the Keene Pumpkin Festival

The 2008 conference will be held in New Hampshire, October 23-26. For more information, visit the following web site:

<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HVol/08/NEVF.htm>.

Give the United Way

If you plan to contribute to the United Way Campaign this year please consider contributing to the agency program that lists Westmoreland County 4-H as the agency. The agency code for those employed in Westmoreland County is 1327169.

2008 FAIR BOOK CHANGES

In photography, the old photography books will still be used but we have added a class for the new photography materials "Focus on Photography" and the requirements are as follows:

Focus on Photography

- Total of 40 photos
- 5 landscape photos under 5 different outdoor lighting conditions
- 5 landscape photos under 5 different indoor lighting conditions
- 4 photos either portrait or landscape using: 1 front lighting, 1 back lighting, 1 side lighting, 1 top lighting
- 4 Flash photos of a person from a distance of 3, 5, 8, 12 and 15 feet
- 4 photos taken from the position of your stomach, back, leaning over,

and bent sideways

- Photo story (no words) of a 4-H activity or project using a minimum of 10 photos
- 2 photos of the same scene: main subject in the foreground in one; main subject in the background in the other
- 2 photos of an interesting shadow and its object
- 4 action shots
- 2 photos of close-ups
- 2 photos of medium shots
- 2 photos of long shots

In the **Baked Goods** it will be specified as to no boxed cakes may be entered and a Unit III Cake Decorating was added.

And in the **Demonstration and Public Speaking** contest - open class youth classes have been added for those presenting oral presentations on tobacco free use topics. And team demonstration classes for presentations and theatrical interpretations have been added.

And a level four electric class has been added.



4-H Club News



Alwine Community 4-H Club

The Alwine Community 4-H Club held election of club officers at their March meeting. They elected Mike Frescura, President; Krystal Iman, Vice President; Becky Forney, Treasurer; Emily Mahoy, Secretary and Jolene Belak, News Reporter. After elections they played Mad-Lib.

They also sang songs and had snacks. The next club meeting is April 21 at 7:00 p.m. The club meets at the Alwine Civic Center.

News Reporter ~ Jolene Belak

Covered Bridge 4-H Horse Club

The Covered Bridge 4-H Horse & Pony Club elected 2008 officers at their first meeting in January. The officers are: President, Lyndsey Androstic; Vice President, Sophie Banasick; Treasurer, Sarah Geshinsky; Secretary, Alex Zeleznik; News Reporter, Allison Geshinsky; and Social Director, Lauren Androstic. Project books and

enrollment forms and horsemanship skill books were passed out. The club show is scheduled for June 29. The club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Yukon Firehall.

News Reporter ~ Allison Geshinsky

Salem Saddle Club

The Salem Saddle club kicked off another year with a visit to Dr. Keith and Jennifer Brown Veterinary Clinic in Somerset. Club officers were elected at our February meeting, they are: President, Marissa Rega; Vice President, Julia Tuttle; Secretary, Lydia Kepple; Treasurer, Kerri Zelenak; JHSC Representative, Matt, Jesse and Lydia Kepple, Kerri Zelenak and Kathryn Jacob; News Reporter, Kathryn Jacob; Hospitality, Christopher Butcher, Julia Tuttle and Sarah Johnson; Photographer, Megan Johnson and Carly Marsh.

Junior Horse Show Committee

At the last Junior Horse Show Committee meeting 2008 club officers were elected. This year's officers are President, Jillian Masciantonio; Vice President, Justene Testa; Secretary, Becca Welch; Treasurer, Lacey Petika; Show Chair, Rachel Wolinsky; Banquet Chair, Kerri Zelenak; Kitchen Chair, Elizabeth Buck; Point Secretary, Jodi Lenhart; and News

Reporter, Lydia Kepple. The date for the year end banquet was picked. The banquet will be held at the Roosevelt Room in Norvelt on November 15, 2008. The club held an Easter pie sale which did very well. We also discussed the JHSC Club show scheduled for August 10th, and the Junior Horse Show Committee Show for Points Program

Rules for 2008. The committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Extension office in Greensburg.

*News Reporter
Lydia Kepple*



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Ride for the Cure

- Circle JUNE 15th

Westmoreland County 4-H horse teens are rallying the troops and are offering horse lovers a chance to help raise needed dollars and energy for Cancer Awareness. Plan to join the fun at the first annual "Ride for the Cure" Horse Show to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation on JUNE 15th at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds at the 4-H Horse Center. The show will have a variety of classes; pleasure, equitation, gymkhana and several of the classes will be premium paid classes. The show will offer classes for both 4-H youth and for any age horse lover. The show will begin at 9:00 AM. Thanks goes to Chelsea Smouse and Lyndsey Androstic for chairing the show and the show will be dedicated to Breast Cancer Survivor, Janet Palimeri, other cancer survivors and for all others who are actively being treated!

Sincerely,

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

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



Think Spring!

4-H dog leaders and
teen leaders are
invited to a dog
program planning
meeting on Tuesday,
April 29 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Extension
office.

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