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## 4-H F.Y.I.—MAY 2009

May 18, 2009

### HOT TOPICS. . .THE DO NOW LIST

- ✓ Lamb, hog and goat tagging is Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Westmoreland Fairgrounds and the Derry Area High School. You will need to identify if you are carrying a breeding project at this time to qualify for Home and County Bred awards.
- ✓ Make your reservations for the County Presentation Contest being held 9:30 a.m. at the Extension office in Greensburg on May 30, 2009. Held in conjunction with Representative Mike Reese's Children's Day. Call the office a.s.a.p. to make your reservation.
- ✓ 4-H is Going GREEN... come along! Last call for reservations for S.W. Regional 4-H Camp, June 14-17 at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Camp. Youth age 7-11 are welcome to attend. You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend, so bring a friend. Cost is \$140.00 the 4-H Development Fund is paying \$25.00 of that.
- ✓ SURVIVOR WESTMORELAND, the theme for this year's horse camp. Reservations are being accepted NOW. Space is limited. You'll enjoy riding instruction, stable management practices and fun with your horse and other 4-H members June 21-24.
- ✓ Horse ID papers are due NOW to the office with CVI indication inoculations and negative coggins report. Time to sign up for JHSC Points program also!
- ✓ Fashion Revue registrations are due June 15th for the June 23, 2009 Regional Fashion show being held at the Word of Life Ministries Church in Greensburg, PA. You should have received into in the mail, if not contact the Extension office.



Mark Your Calendars!

### FAIR BOOK CHANGES FOR 2009

Here's a heads up on some changes for fair requirements.

.22 and shot gun competition age is raised to 12 years old and the contest has been moved to 2:00 p.m.

Criteria for entomology displays has been changed.

Beeswax exhibits have been added to 4-H classes.

Additional categories for club scrapbooks have been added.

Market Hog weight changes 230-280 lbs.

Watch for health requirement changes for livestock.



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## LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY

Livestock members are reminded that the Jr. Livestock Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2009. It will be at the Westmoreland fairgrounds and registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. Quality Assurance and best management practices will be covered. A session will also be offered on getting ready for the show ring and how to judge livestock.



Livestock Field Day June 10, 2009

### KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

scholarships are available. Check out the KILE website to see if you may be eligible for scholarship help. Applications are due June 15th. Information and the application is on the KILE website.

[www.agriculture.state.pa.us/kile](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/kile)

**4-H Horse Drill Team** is reorganizing under the leadership of Marc and Jen Lucas. Practice begins next week. Contact Jen at 724 454-7226 to get the whole scoop!

## LEVEL I & II HORSEMANSHIP SKILL REVIEW

4-H horse members need to set a goal for their self and their horse this summer and plan to pass Level I and Level II Horsemanship Skills.

These common sense steps increase your safety and pleasure as a rider

*Horsemanship Skill Testing*  
 May 26, 2009  
 Westmoreland Fairgrounds 4-H Horse Ring

and make it safer for others around you. Testing will take place May 26th at the Westmoreland fairgrounds 4-H

Horse ring. To schedule a time call Bonnie at the Extension office or email [bls23@psu.edu](mailto:bls23@psu.edu).

**PONY MEASUREMENTS** for 4-H members riding a pony must be done by an official 4-H horse measurer. Measuring will be done at the May 30th horse show from 4:00—5:00 p.m., the May 31st show from 8:00—9:00 a.m. and June 20 show (time will be announced).

## SPEAKERS BUREAU SET UP

The Jr. Livestock Committee has prepared teen livestock members to make presentations to area groups. They hope to recruit more buyers or contending buyers for the Jr. Livestock Sale, August 29, 2009. The general population is often intimidated by livestock auctions.

Others don't even know that the Jr. Livestock Sale exists. The speakers bureau topics range from buying local and fresh to recognizing a young person who works hard. There is no



Jr. Livestock Speaker's Bureau Available

charge for the group to speak in Westmoreland County. If you think your club, church or other organization would be interested in having the teens come and talk to your group, contact Livestock Promotion Chairperson Krystal McCracken at 724 493-8486.

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Westmoreland County 4-H Program

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Web!

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#### *New Web Postings*

- ♣ 2009 Jr. Livestock Handbook
- ♣ Livestock Record Books Level 1 & 2
- ♣ 2009 4-H Horse Club Show Bills

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## PRETTY GARBAGE!

We all know garbage isn't pretty. But where we throw our garbage can be chic! County Council is sponsoring a garbage can decorating contest. The Fair Association has agreed to place these cans throughout the Fairgrounds during Fair week. The donation to adopt a can is \$25.00. The top two winners will receive a percentage of the total donations received. Cans will be available for pick up at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday June 10 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. or Saturday June 13 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office. Deadline for registration is June 1, 2009. Cans must be returned to the fairgrounds the night of Fair Clean Up (August 17). The winners will be announced at the Queen Contest. Contact Susan Falbo at 724-423-8107 or Danielle Roland at 724-309-2866 for more information.



### State Contests

Deadline for the State Photography, Poster, and Small Animal Essay Contests is June 1, 2009. If you are interested in participating in one of these contests, contact the Extension office for rules and details.