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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 17 at 6:00 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.



4-H BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

The 4-H Board of Directors will meet on August 6, 2009. 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 6:30 p.m.



Mark Your Calendars

August 1
Ride for the Cure

August 17
Fair Clean Up

August 18-20
Ag Progress Days

August 21-29
Westmoreland Fair

August 22
4H Horse Round Up

August 28
4H Dog Round Up

HAVE YOU MET THEM

Welcome to Jennifer Harrold of Latrobe and Lyndsey Androstic of Scottdale as our summer interns for the 4-H youth Program. Both Lyndsey and Jennifer were former 4-H members in Westmoreland County. Jennifer is an Animal Science major at Penn State University and Lyndsey is a Political Science major at St. Vincent College. Lyndsey has

been using her expertise with horses while Jen brings organizational skills and versatility to the position. They have been busy at regional camp, horse camp, communication contests and with area recreational park programming. Look for them at this year's fair and say hello!

Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Annual 4-H Dance at the Fair*
- ♦ *Information Booth Sign up*

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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 22. 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 26 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 MEMBER CARDS?

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. Also, reduced amusement ride all week tickets will be available with your member card.

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



4-H Information



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 September 4 and 5, 2009. Check in will be from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4. 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 27 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.

UPDATE FOR SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS



The shooting sports round up contests at this year's fair have been tweaked a little due to the start of some of the schools during the Westmoreland Fair. The .22 rifle contest was moved to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27,

due to Norwin and Hempfield School districts beginning on that same day. We will continue to have the shoot at 2:00 p.m. and then for those members who have school we will have a second time to shoot at 4:00 p.m. Once all the participants have shot, the scores will be calculated and winners announced. This year the .22 Rifle Contest will

have a safety test as part of the contest. The Shot Gun Contest will consist of 50 rounds instead of the 25 indicated in the fair book and will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Sportsman's Association of Greensburg. Please be sure your members are aware of these changes.

ANNUAL 4-H FAIR DANCE

The annual 4-H member fair dance will take place on August 29, 2009, the last night of the fair. 4-H members 8 years and older may attend. This year the cost of the dance is \$5.00 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!



HAD YOUR QA TRAINING?

Please keep in mind that Project books will be due by October 15th for consideration for the Outstanding 4-H Project Book Award at this year's Achievement Night.

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 6, 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.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM



The 4-H International Exchange program is well under way in Westmoreland County. Jillian Rowe is hosting Helga Kvalsvik from Norway. Youth delegates from Japan will also be coming to Western Pennsylvania. The excitement is building as families await the arrival

of their new friends. Delegates will be with their host families from July 22 through August 19. For the 2009 program we have four youth delegates visiting our area. Futaba Kono will be hosted by Sara Rowe, Yumi Adachi will be hosted by Kayla Griest, Yukino Yamamoto will be hosted by Monica Panichelle and Ayumi Takohaski will be hosted by Victoria Goldsworthy. Thanks to

these ambassadors who are true reflections of the fun and learning that can take place when a 4-H family opens themselves to the idea of intercultural exchange. Interested in learning more? Contact Kelly Rowe at 724 757-5576.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE TO EDUCATE COMMUNITY

The "Just Buggy" 4-H entomology club plans to add a walk-in butterfly house at the fairgrounds. To most of us, butterflies are pleasant to look at in our gardens, and we don't give them much thought past their beauty. However, butterflies play an important role in our ecosystem. They, along with the honeybees,

pollinate flowers and are economically important to crops. Butterflies, because of their sensitivity to ecological changes, are also an indicator of environmental health. In the US, some species of butterflies are on the verge of extinction, which could negatively affect our

agricultural industry. We look forward to having this educational tool at the 2009 Westmoreland Fair. Stop in and enjoy this lovely new habitat!



RIDE FOR THE CURE

Westmoreland County's second annual "Ride for the Cure" will be held on August 1, 2009 at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. This year 4-H members Justene Testa, Rachel Wolinsky and Carly Marsh are organizing the event. The show will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. There will be a basket drawing where people can buy tickets, the kitchen will be open, and for those solely horse

riders, the show going on. Bring everyone one you can! The more people we have, the more we can donate. We are looking for participants and sponsors. Let Jennifer Harrold, 4-H Summer Assistant, know if there are any businesses that would like to donate. All proceeds will go towards the Susan G. Komen organization in memory of Lynda Renchko, a past 4-H mom lost to

breast cancer and in memory of her daughter Rachel Parker who was killed in a tragic car accident. So come and help us support this great cause! Hope to see you there! Contact Justene Testa 724 423-7542, Rachel Wolinsky 724 446-5996 or Carly Marsh 724 953-6283 for more information.

The Area 4H Horse Production Show will be held at Crooked Creek Horse Park on August 4, 2009. Good luck to all our participants.

TRAVEL ALL MEMBERS HEAD TO WISCONSIN

Travel-All 4-H members are off to the Big Cheese State of Wisconsin. The delegation of members will left on July 16th and will return July 25th. They are having a busy trip with many fun activities planned. Starting off by visiting an Avian Education Center, Mt. Olympus Water and Theme Park, Holsum Dairy Tour, and ending with Cave

Spelunking. The delegation hosted Wisconsin 4-H members last year and showed them everything Pennsylvania had to offer! We wish them luck traveling across the country and hope they enjoy their stay in America's Dairy land!



SQUARE DANCE TEAM GETTING READY

The Westmoreland County Squares 4-H dance team will begin preparing for the competition at the 2010 PA Farm Show. Practices will begin in September. We are looking for anyone interested in being a

team member. We have an adult square that still needs about 4 people. If any parents are interested please call. The team has been going to the Farm Show for the past 3

years. And have been very successful! Please Contact: Shari Wright at 724-261-7500 or Laura Ament at 724-423-8978. Come join in the fun!



Reminders for Horse Members

4-H Horse members are reminded that you need to have project books up to date and reviewed by their 4-H leader before sending in their fair entries. Also remember that your round up entries are to be sent to the Extension Office by August 1, 2009, not to the fair. This includes your VCPN form along with your blue round up form. Don't forget about the last show of the season sponsored by the Blazing Saddles 4-H Club and the date is September 5, 2009.

HORSE SHOWS

Westmoreland County's best riders will qualify at the County 4-H Horse Round-Up on August 22, 2009 at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds for District X 4-H Horse Show. The District X Show is scheduled for September 11-13 this year. Members who qualify at the District X Show will then move on to the state competition. Come out and join the excitement!!

KELSEY KELLER TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONTEST

Congratulations to 4-H'er Kelsey Keller who became a member of the Pennsylvania State 4-H Wildlife Evaluation Team. As a part of the team Kelsey is representing

Pennsylvania 4-H at the State Wildlife Evaluation Contest in Louisiana. Kelsey earned this honor by placing first in the state at the PA State Wildlife Contest at Penn State earlier this summer.

Kelsey is a member of the Brush Creek 4-H club and daughter of Kevin and Sandra Keller.

Way to go Kelsey!

4-H MEMBERS ATTAIN HIGH HONORS

Five members from Westmoreland County participated at the Regional 4-H Presentation Day. These members advanced from the County contest. In the Senior division, Isaac Cornell earned a blue ribbon for his demonstration entitled "The Year of the Bee". Also in the senior division Alexander Watt earned a blue

ribbon for his demonstration, "Let's Go Black." In the Junior division, Benjamin Watt was a trophy and blue ribbon winner for two of his demonstrations, one entitled "Woody Plant Juice", and for his Impromptu speech. Phebe Cornell, a junior participant earned two blue ribbons, one for her

demonstration on "Moving Making, on the Flip Side," and another for her Impromptu speech. Phillip Cornell earned a trophy for his presentation "From the Pen to the Oven" and he earned a blue ribbon for his impromptu speech.



4-H MEMBERS GO GREEN

4-H members from all over the Southwest region attended Regional 4-H Camp at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center June 14 - 17. 4-H members and teen counselors took part in environmental activities with this year's theme being "Outdoor Adventures" to better our world. There were 25 counselors and 31 campers who attended. Each day they were taught about the

wildlife of Pennsylvania and learned the different songs and reasons that birds sing. 4-H campers were visited by the 4-H "Just Buggy" entomology club and were taught how to clean a dirty water source. Lori Johnson also helped the kids make bracelets, wallets, and flip flops out of recycled material from around the house! Everyone had a great time learning the

camp songs and preparing their cheers for the parent program. Special thanks goes out to the Westmoreland County Counselors, Jake Wright, Emily Gabriel, Andrew Johnson, Trisha Johnson, Zoe Brooks, Jason Rolland, Renee White, Carly Marsh, Samantha Newhouse, Issac Cornell, Alyssa Sheppard, Corissa Lute, and Leah Blasko.

TEXTILE SCIENCE MEMBERS RECEIVE HONORS

On Tuesday, June 23, 2009 4-H members gathered at the Word of Life Church in Greensburg to compete with their 4-H textile science projects. Senior gold winners advance to the State competition at the end of July at Penn State Achievement Days. From the New Alexandria Home Economics Club, four senior members received blue ribbons, Carla Mattei, Angela Hone, and Brooke Stewart. Light blue ribbon winner in the senior division was Maria Hone. In the junior division, from the Greater Greensburg 4-H Community

Club, Mara LeJeune received first place. Along with her, from the New Alexandria Home Economics Club were Emma Mattei, Gina Mattei, Christina Clark, and Emily McChesney. Light blue, Junior winners, Mallory Jefferies, Amanda Panichelle, and Caelan McChesney are all from the New Alexandria Home Economics Club. Lydia Kepple also received a light blue ribbon as she represented the Salem Saddle 4-H Club. These 4-H members have worked all year to create outfits in various categories to

compete against kids across the southwest region at the "Guide to Style" 2009 4-H Fashion Revue. The members are evaluated on their construction ability, as well as, how they have outfitted the garment and modeled it for the professional judges. Winners in the senior division will travel to Penn State for another competition with 4-H members across the state. Many extension agents, parents, and volunteers work hard to make this event and so many others like it possible.

SURVIVOR WESTMORELAND 2009 HORSE CAMP

Eighty-nine youth from across Southwestern PA, gathered at the Westmoreland fairgrounds for the annual multi-county 4-H horse camp to see who could outwit, outplay, and outride. The theme this year at horse camp was, "Survivor Westmoreland." During camp, the members participated in challenges and learned about horses. They learned about camping with your horse, judging horse conformation, and jumping. Dr. Jim Zeliff presented "Ooie Gooie," where the members got

to touch and feel the insides of a pig, goat, and sheep! They couldn't believe how far the intestines stretched! A special thanks goes out to our counselors James Androstic, Lauren Androstic, Audrey Antolovich, Steven Antolovich, Kristina Begonia, Ingrid Boarts, Abby Burkardt, Brittany Coles, Leah Deglau, Alex Elizeus, Allison Frye, Brooke Hebrank, Hattie Henderson, Lexi Ives, Tessa Ives, Jesse Kepple, Matt Kepple, Garrett Lynch, Carly Marsh, Chelsea Marsh, Sara Martucci, Nicole McCracken, Angela Moretti,

Meredith Monsour, Lauren Overdorff, Adria Schlesman, Rachel Sheffler, Kaylee Simpson, Justene Testa, Julia Tuttle, Rachel Wolinsky, Sarah Wolinsky, Kerri Zelenak, and Sasha Zeleznik.

Interested Poultry People!
From time to time we replace incubators used in the 4-H School Enrichment Program. At this time we have 2 worn but functioning incubators available. For a small donation one can be yours. Call the extension office for more details.

SALEM SADDLE 4-H CLUB

The Salem Saddle 4-H Horse Club is having a very busy year. They have had guest speakers, made banquet plans and held a pie sale. For their community service project

the visited nursing homes and handed out Easter bags. Later this summer they will be working the kitchen for the Tri-State Horse Show held at the Westmoreland

Fairgrounds. They also made plans for their club show.

News Reporter - Lydia Kepple

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 21	XXXXX	XXXXX		
Saturday, August 22				
Sunday, August 23				
Monday, August 24				
Free Day Tuesday, August 25				
Wednesday, Aug. 26				
Free Day Thursday, August 27	Blue Ribbon Ag			
Friday, August 28	Brush Creek	Brush Creek	Brush Creek	Brush Creek
Free Day Saturday, August 29				

COUNTY COUNCIL SEEKS SUPPORT



Breathing Smoke Free Air!

County
Council
Teens
Against
Tobacco
Use

Seek Support For A 100% Smoke Free Penn State Campus

Westmoreland 4-H County Council is committed to the 4-H pledge and they are putting their words into action and seek your support. As a civic engagement project, the teens voted to sponsor a petition to ask Penn State University to strengthen its current smoking policy and make all campuses 100% smoke free. The county council's petition is a way to prove to Penn State University that there

is broad support for this policy change. Tobacco continues to be the leading cause of preventable death and disability in the United State and tobacco smoke pollution, a toxic mixture of over 4,000 chemicals, causes illness, cancer and death too.

The petition statement reads as follows: "We, the undersigned youth and adults, care about our health and the health of those around us. Scientific evidence proves that there is no risk-free level of exposure to tobacco smoke. We are aware of the dangers tobacco poses to each and every one of us whether we are smokers or nonsmokers. We therefore want to make sure that while we and others are on a Penn State campus that exposure to tobacco smoke will

not have to be one of our concerns. This issue is important to us. Therefore, we would like The Pennsylvania State University to support its commitment to a healthful environment for all members of the community at all locations and to enact a 100% smoke free campus policy to prohibit smoking on all college property. " If you are interested in signing the petition or having your friends or family sign, please contact Susan Falbo, 4-H County Council Advisor at **724-423-8107**.

Submitted by: Leah Blasko,
4-H County Council President

SUNSHINE 4-H CLUB REPORTS

Some people think that 4-H is all about the fair and having fun, but it is not! At the last meeting for the Sunshine 4-H club it was all about the election of officers. It took some time but it was obviously worth it. We have many officers like our President who is Samantha Hoover. The job for the president is to run the meeting. However if for some reason the President can not come then that is where the Vice President comes in who is Hailey Lowther. Of course to run the 4-H meeting you need more than just a President and a Vice

President, you also will need a Secretary. Now we have to think about how much money we raise at the fundraisers, but you have to be really good at math that is why Francesca Mucci is perfect for this job. We have to see how many people came to the meeting so we have a job of Roll Call. This job is for someone who always comes to the meetings like Enrico Mucci. If you think that the meetings sound boring so far wait until you hear that you get to play a game, but you need more than one person to make a game so

the game makers are Tyler Keating, Reed Hayes, and Colby Earner. That is just about all of the jobs but there is one more, the News Reporter. If you didn't have the News Reporter who do you think would be writing this? The News Reporter is Emily Walker. My job is to take notes at all the meetings and special events. So you can see, all of these jobs help make up a 4-H meeting and a good story. What more can you ask for? We are part of the Penn State 4-H Cooperative Extension Service in Westmoreland County.

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4-H Benefit Auction Donation Ideas

So you're wondering what type of items could be used as donations for the 4-H Benefit Auction? Here are some ideas! You're not limited to these, though; you may find other things while you're out there. Good luck!

*** Please note, we ask for new or "gently used" items**
**** Please no live animals**

- ♣ Household items (mugs, plates, toasters)
- ♣ Hand Crafted items (i.e. wood crafted decorations, cross stitched decorations)
- ♣ Appliances (i.e. grills, TV's microwaves, CD players)
- ♣ Livestock & pet supplies (i.e. food, water buckets, toys)
- ♣ Gift certificates to stores, businesses, restaurants
- ♣ Tickets to shows, sports events, and cultural attractions
- ♣ Clothing (hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts)
- ♣ Kids' toys/books
- ♣ Themed baskets (i.e. chocolate basket, hair care basket, snack basket)
- ♣ Plants/gardening items
- ♣ Quilts/afghans
- ♣ Framed pictures & wall decorations
- ♣ Collectible items (i.e. toy tractors, beanie babies, baseball cards)
- ♣ Garden vegetables & fruits
- ♣ Autographed items (pictures, sports equipment)
- ♣ Beauty items
- ♣ Recreational items (bikes, scooters, skateboards)
- ♣ Non-perishable food items (cubes of soda, snack foods)
- ♣ School supplies (i.e. notebooks, folders, markers)

Sincerely,

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

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

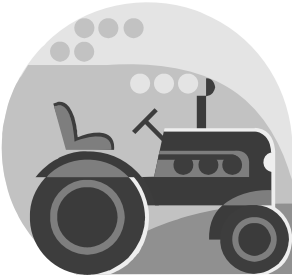
The Just Buggy Entomology Club

Summer is here and the members are swinging into high gear bug hunting. Debbie Schmitter and a few other members went to a Day Camp at Laurelville Mennonite Center and discussed insects. The club also held a "Tag Day" at Sam's Club in Greensburg. They are trying to raise money for a Butterfly House that will be exhibited at the Westmoreland County Fair in August. Bug club members also participated in the Westmoreland County Law Enforcement Day at Mammoth Park. Members displayed their bug collections and did live demonstrations with their pet bugs like the Madagascar Hissing Cockroach!

- Trudy Starr, News reporter

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FARM BUREAU LADIES AUXILIARY SPONSORING CONTESTS



The newly formed Westmoreland County Farm Bureau Women's Committee is coordinating for the County, a state wide Safety Poster Drawing Contest for youth 15 years of age and under. The theme of this year's contest is "**Safety is No Accident.**" Drawings should be in color on 8½ x 11 inch paper. Each drawing should include a slogan of 10 words or less which addresses the theme. Drawings must be original. Tracings, collages, or three dimension items are not allowed. A winner will be chosen in each of the following age categories:

- 8 years old and under
- 9 through 12 years old
- 13 through 15 years old

The Farm Bureau Committee is also sponsoring a Safety Essay Contest for youth 16 to 18 years of age. The essay is also titled "**Safety is No Accident,**" with a minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 300.

All entries **MUST** include the following information on the back of the drawing or essay:

Entrant's Name, Address, Phone Number,
County, Age and Parent's Name(s).

All entries should be sent to Gretchen Winklosky, 961 Keystone Park Road, Derry, PA 15627-3689 by July 29.

County winners in each category will be forwarded to the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Office where a state wide winner will be selected in each area for a Grand Prize Award.

Note: When you attend the Westmoreland County Fair stop in to see the Mobile Ag Lab which the County Farm Bureau is sponsoring .

