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October 2009

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT. . . A CHANGE OF VENUE!

The date is set

**Achievement Night
Tuesday
November 10, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

For many years we have had our recognition evening at a local hotel. But, this year we are moving the evening to the Wildlife Club, a renovated barn on the west side of Ligonier. In addition to the award presentations, we will have a family dinner for all who attend thanks to the local clubs who have

graciously agreed to give food or a cash donation to support the dinner. We are asking \$3.00 a person to offset the rental of the facility.

Registration for the evening is very important and is needed by October 30, 2009. Come have a nice dinner with your 4-H friends and help give a pat on the back to the outstanding 4-H youth that we have in Westmoreland County.

Return enclosed form by the October 30 deadline.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*OCTOBER 23, 24, 25
STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW*

*NOVEMBER 10
4-H ACHIEVEMENT*

*NOVEMBER 12
4-H BOARD MEETING
NIGHT*

*NOVEMBER 21
JHSC AWARD BANQUET*

*DECEMBER 8
ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS
MEETING*

SQUARE DANCE TEAM REORGANIZING

Join the fun and exercise by square dancing. Any age, any ability welcome. We will start on Monday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. Practices will be held at South Greensburg Boro Building. The building is located between Poplar and Elm Street. The team will practice Monday 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:

- *Project books and award forms are due*
- *Scholarship Applications are due*
- *2009 Steer Weigh In Scheduled*



PA State 4H
Horse Show
October
23, 24 & 25

GOOD LUCK TO STATE HORSE SHOW PARTICIPANTS

Thirty-eight 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 2009 State Horse Show. Our county representatives are: Rachel Bitsko, Autumn

Bower, Brittany & Chad Coles, Allison & Anna Frye, Amanda Gerken, Sarah Geshinsky, Amanda Golkosky, Hattie Henderson, Lexie Ives, Jakob Kalp, Lydia Kepple, Allison & Lacey Lukondi, Katherine Jo Lynn, Chelsea & Cristy Marsh, Sara Martucci, Casey & Colleen Mauro, Cassie Maywood, Faith Miller, Courtney Moats, Alana

Nestico, Madelyne Pieringer, Ashley & Natalie Roberts, Adria Schlesman, Stacey Sever, Rachel Sheffler, Jared Stern, Anna Viazanko, Jared Welch, Hunter Wilson, Rachel & Sarah Wolinsky and Kerri Zelenak.

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.

E-DATA COMING TO WESTMORELAND COUNTY

The new online extension reporting system, known as e-data, is set to launch for Pennsylvania on October 1. Extension staff members are being trained on using this new system. The system will be used for enrollment, activity registration, communication, newsletters, and more. The first step will be to get all current and new 4-H members enrolled

through this system, because paper enrollment forms will be a thing of the past. Trainings for organization leaders is scheduled at the extension office **December 8, 2009**. Once leaders are trained, they in turn will guide members through the online enrollment process. Our goal as a county is to get all the current members enrolled on e-data by

mid April. We realize that this is a big change and we will utilize the different options of the system as time goes on. This will be a learning process for everyone as Penn State University implements this new use of technology and we will do everything we can to guide and support everyone through this new process.



Is your project book
a winner???

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 15th**. 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 forms and descriptions are available on the web site and at the Extension office.

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 up to 12 members to receive educational scholarships.

Application forms are posted on the 4-H page at <http://westmoreland.extension.psu.edu>

Remember a transcript is part of the application process. Completed applications are due to the Extension office by October 15, 2009.



Get those scholarship applications in no later than October 15, 2009!

ATTENTION HORSE MEMBERS

Horse member project books, safety posters and wooden nickel forms are due. This is a reminder! Horse safety posters are due to your club leader by October 13, 2009 for

consideration for the County Horse Leaders Committee poster safety contest. Winners will be recognized at the JHSC Banquet. Also, Wooden Nickel forms are due to your leaders by

October 13th. The Wooden Nickel Auction will be scheduled in the near future, WATCH for more details.

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 mid November. Applications are available from the Extension office and will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until October 30th. The tour itinerary will make

stops at producers, agribusinesses and Land Grant Universities. 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.



Fall Ag Study Tour Taking Applications

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



Send in your registration for 4-H Achievement Night today!! See enclosed form.

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 2009. 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 or food and home products 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 October 30, 2009.

Attention Market Steer Members

Market Steer members are reminded that the mandatory steer weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, November 28th From 9:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds

HELP ANDO THE K-9 POLICE DOG

Ando was a K-9 Police dog that died recently from cancer. The Invisible Fence Company is raising money to help pay for Ando's medical bills and train the new K-9 police dog. They need help to implement this fund raising effort called: "You've Been Hounded Campaign" They put 15 - 20 wooden cut outs of dogs in someone's yard. The owner is given an option to either pay \$20.00 to have the dogs removed by the pound (4-H members) or \$10 and give them names and addresses of two people who are next to be hounded.

Dogs are only removed when an email is received with instructions of either pick-up with \$20.00 or move to new address for \$10.00. We would collect the money and everything we get we give in a check to the K-9 Unit of Westmoreland to help pay for K-9 training, medical bills and other miscellaneous expenses.

You might askwhat will invisible Fence do...ok, FAIR QUESTION. When the dogs are removed....a care/thank-you package will be left. It will have goodies and \$100 off an

Invisible Fence System with a note that says...when redeemed Invisible Fence will donate \$50 to the K-9 Unit of Westmoreland County. Together we could raise about \$300-\$400 a month. We could run the campaign during Sept.-Nov. and March - May. It could raise \$1500 - \$2000 for a very good cause. Contact Susan Albers, Director of Marketing, Invisible Fence of Pittsburgh 412 680-8745 or email ifpgh_salbers@comcast.net.



4-H'ers lend a helping hand when needed

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.

**Annual 4-H
Organizational
Leaders Meeting
December 8, 2009**

**SW Regional 4-H
Leader Symposium
February 19-20, 2010**

See you there!!



Scholarships are available from the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation

PA FARM BUREAU LOOKING FOR TEENS

The Westmoreland County Farm Bureau is looking for two teens (sophomore or junior year in high school) to attend the first annual FACE conference for teen leaders in

Agriculture. The conference is scheduled for June 21-25, 2010 at Bucknell University. The FACE Conference stands for Fueling Agriculture and Cultivating Excellence. All expenses would be

covered but the young person would need to provide their own transportation. Applications are available at the extension office and are due by February 1, 2010.

DISTRICT SHOW COMPLETES 4-H'ERS CAREER

Congratulations to 11 year member Robyn Wright as she wins high point award with her Laborador Retriever "Riley" at the S.W. Regional Dog Show. Robyn has been a very active 4-H member showing llamas, dogs and various other 4-H projects over her tenure.

Robyn is teen county council president and served on the State 4-H teen Council as well as in her local clubs. Great job Robyn, we will miss you in the program. First place was also captured in the dress up fun class by Clair Sirofchuck. Other county 4-H dog

members participating were Sierra Bateman, Michelle Crise, (also a last year member) Devan Dudley, Joella Gearhard, Annika and Michaela Milko and Carla Womack.

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

Caitlin Stoner, of New Alexandria captured first in both of her Ayrshire Breed 3 year old cow classes. Caitlin also received Best Owned and Breed award for her Ayrshire Sr. 3 yr. old. In the Guernsey Breed Sara Halferty of New Florence placed first in

the Jr. 2 yr. old class and the 5 yr. old cow class. Sara also received Best Owned and Breed Cow with her Jr. 2 yr. old Guernsey. Dylan Miller of New Florence placed first with his Jr. 3 yr. old Guernsey cow. Master Showman awards were

given to Sara Halferty, Jonathan Ebert and Cody Cross. Other members who showed at the state competition were Britney Lux, Dontae Boggio, Jessica Hice, Ali Cross and Chuck Miller.



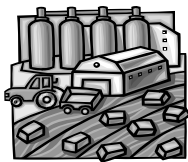
Congratulations to our 4-H Dairy Members who attended the PA Jr. Dairy Show.



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 **Wednesday, 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.



2010 PA Farm Show
January 9-16

THANKS TO ALL!

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, \$12,000 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 Mt. View 4-H Club, whose donations raised \$1,881; second was the Alwine Community Club with \$1,853; third place was Sunshine 4-H Club

with \$1,302. Regardless of what your club donated, we appreciate all the hard work you put into it, because every bit helps! This year, 20 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 Frye Auctioneers, Ferry Auctioneers, Hare Auctioneers, and Darin Cole Auctioneering.

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.

TRASH CAN CONTEST A SUCCESS!!

4-H County Council's first annual decorated trash can contest at the Westmoreland Fair was a great success! There were 17 clubs in Westmoreland County that got involved in the contest and the decision was very hard for the 3 judges. The big winner was the Conservation Club under the leadership of Bonnie Belak and President, Jolene Belak. The runner up was Brush Creek under the direction of 4-H Leaders Sandy and Kevin Keller and President, Kelsey Keller. County Council also decided to add a

fans choice trash can. Anyone at the fair could vote on the can that they liked the best and the fans choice was Llamas R Us with 4-H Leader Sue Falbo. County Council would like to say thank you to all who participated in the contest and good luck next year as we bring on the 2nd annual trash can contest. Calling all clubs for 2010 Fair, please watch for next year's entry form and join in on the fun!

Submitted by
Danielle Roland
Youth Chairman
Trash Can Committee



JR HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE BANQUET

The JHSC Banquet will be held November 21, 2009 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 Zelenak (724-640-0942)



Daylight Savings
Time Ends
November 1, 2009

2009 OUTSTANDING 4-H YOUTH ANNOUNCED

The 2009 Outstanding 4-H Members of Westmoreland County are two very talented and mature young women. Daughter of Dorothy and Mark Testa of Latrobe, PA, **Justene Testa** is a nine year member of 4-H. Justene has had a varied experience in Penn State University conducted 4-H experiences. Justene has focused her educational experiences in the animal sciences by raising, breeding, training, showing and even learning to judge, swine, lambs, beef, dairy cattle and equine. Within these project experiences Justene has won numerous awards from standing in the champion circle at the Westmoreland Fair with her lambs to earning the opportunity to represent Westmoreland County at the PA State 4-H Horse Show seven times. At the PA Farm Show she has won the young Sheppard's skillathon two times in her respective age division. Justene has developed keen leadership abilities that helped her in the elected role of President of her local 4-H club, as Chairwomen of the countywide Junior Horse Show Committee and president, of the very active cultural and citizenship

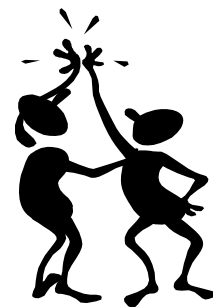
county wide Travel All Club. She is a responsible leader, completes tasks timely and sets attainable goals. Justene has given back to 4-H by mentoring younger club members with their market lamb and swine projects, served as a camp counselor at Horse Camp. She represents the 4-H lamb project members on the Jr. Livestock Show and Sale Committee and has taken leadership to increase marketing efforts for the 4-H livestock members.

The other young adult named Westmoreland County Outstanding 4-H Youth for 2009 is **Marla Sacks**. Marla is a 2008 graduate of Latrobe High School and a 10 year member of 4-H. Marla is one of those young women that wants to do it all! She has carried projects that range from Llamas and Veterinary Science to the needle arts, shooting sports, arts and crafts, dog obedience, wood working, scrapbooking and theater arts. In addition, she perfected her leadership and communication skills to make a mark on the 4-H program in Westmoreland County and in the state of Pennsylvania. Marla put her skills to use, locally also as president of the Mt View 4-H Club,

Veterinary Science 4-H Club, and the Llama's R Us Club. Over the years, she also held all the offices in the County Teen Council. In her leadership roles, she has had the opportunity to influence and guide many younger 4-H members. Marla has been an active member of a not so traditional 4-H Program called "Busted". As a member of the Teens against Tobacco 4-H Project, she worked to help area business to go "smoke free". She demonstrated through role playing the high incidences of poor health and eventual death for tobacco users and has been a strong supporter for encouraging adults and youth to not begin smoking. Marla encouraged the public to stop smoking at the World No Tobacco Day event. Marla has dedicated much energy to community service projects through 4-H initiatives by visits to nursing homes, pop can tab collections, food drives, personal care items for veterans and blood drives. Marla is a doer and her career in 4-H has offered Marla the opportunity to make a difference in her life and in her community. She is the daughter of Dave and Barbara Sacks of Greensburg, PA.

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 15, 2009.



**Congratulations
Justene and Marla**



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**WE'RE ON THE
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*Our apologies to those who
sent in club reports, we did
not have enough space to
include them in this issue.*

Sincerely,

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

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

SEEKING NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being sought for the Westmoreland County Friend of 4-H Award. Please help us give a public thank you to someone who has given of themselves in a 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, 2009.

DATES TO REMEMBER

4H Achievement Night
November 10, 2009

Junior Horse Show Committee Awards Banquet
November 21, 2009

Organizational Leaders Meeting
December 8, 2009

S.W. Regional 4-H Leaders Symposium
February 10-20, 2010

S.W. Regional Teen Leader Retreat
March 5-7, 2010



Happy Fall Y'all!!

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I pledge my head,
my heart, my hands,
and my health. .

Pledge to Join Us!

Westmoreland County 4-H Achievement Night
Tuesday, November 10, 2009
Mill Creek Restaurant, Ligonier PA
6:00 p.m.
Cost is \$3.00 per person

***** Tear off and Return. *****

4-H Club _____

Member Names _____

Adult Names _____

Number attending @ \$3.00 each _____

Total enclosed \$ _____ (make check payable to 4-H Development Fund)

Return to: 4-H Achievement Night
214 Donohoe Road Suite E
Greensburg PA 15601

Reservations are due by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009