



4-H CLIPBOARD

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Fair Clean Up

Calling all 4-H'ers, bring your rags, your brooms and your buckets. We need your help to prep the 4-H building for the Westmoreland Fair. Clean up night is

scheduled for Monday, August 14th, at 6:30 p.m. and will last until everything is ready for fair week. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Refreshments will be provided.



County & District Horse Shows

The county's best riders will qualify at the County 4-H Horse Round Up on August 19, 2006 at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds for the District X 4-H Show. The District X Show is scheduled to be held at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds on September 9 & 10, 2006. Come out and join the excitement!

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 2, 2006. Check-in is from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2nd. The show is once again being held at the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Qualifying

animals should be registered at the 4-H office the week of the fair. Good luck to all!!



Mark your calendars

August 14
Fair Clean Up

August 15-17
Ag Progress Days

August 18-26
Westmoreland Fair

August 19
4-H Horse Round Up

August 25
4-H Dog Round Up

Special points of interest:

- ♦ Check out all the fair updates and be prepared
- ♦ County Dog Night a Success
- ♦ Have you done Quality Assurance training?

2006 Westmoreland Fair Updates

Get Those Project Books Up-to-Date

Livestock and Dairy members will 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. Bring your project book to the fair! Times for book review will be posted on the scales.



The Fair is coming fast, are you prepared?

Reminder to Plant Science Members

Don't forget, your project books will be reviewed during the fair also. Project books and their designated plant science exhibits must be presented at the time of entry on Thursday, August 17.

The member will have a conference with the judge to review the project exhibit.

Notes of Importance

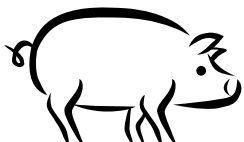
Don't forget to check dates and show times!

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday until 7:00 p.m. are free admission days for 4-H members who have their 4-H cards with them. Membership cards are available through your 4-H leader.

Reminder to 4-H leaders, you can pick up your 4-H member and leader cards at the Extension office.

Carcass Lambs and Hogs

All carcass lambs and hogs must be designated before you leave the scales at the weigh-in on Saturday, August 19. All market livestock exhibitors except swine must advise the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on



Wednesday, August 23rd 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 Market Champions are required to be sold. Just a reminder to you, all carcass

hogs must be removed from the grounds by designated times which will be posted. Be sure to check for times.

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, members and leaders, to inform the public by answering questions at the 4-H exhibit in the 4-H building. This

year volunteers are asked to man the booth for two hour shifts. We provide four passes for each time slot. A letter of confirmation will be mailed to the organizational leader or individual designated with the



Help spread the word about 4-H

passes. Check with your club leader if you're interested in helping and call the Extension office today to reserve a time slot.

4-H Benefit Auction ~ 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 24 at 6:00 p.m. The auction will be held in the Show Arena again this year. 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 and due to current funding situations, we really need your support! Don't forget to pick up "We support 4-H" signs for your donors.

Lights, Camera, Fashion



Westmoreland 4-H Textile Science members and leaders can be congratulated on a great showing at the Regional 4-H Fashion Revue. Seven Springs Mountain Resort was a gorgeous back drop for showcasing the fashion creations of the 4-H members. Youth ages 8-18 years of age were evaluated by a panel of professional judges, on their techniques, modeling ability and the total look that they created.

Congratulations to our gold ribbon winners, in the junior division; Brooke Stewart from the New Alex Home Ec Club; Mara LeJeune of the Blue Ribbon 4-H club and Maria Hone of the New Alexandria Home Ec Club Senior division winners were Carla Mattei of the New Alex Home Economic Club, and Jodi Lenhart of the Chestnut Ridge 4-H Club. Senior gold ribbon recipients represented our region at the PA State 4-H Fashion Revue.



Help Plan for 2007

All interested 4-H clothing leaders and/or parents are invited to attend a planning session for the 2007 Regional Fashion Revue on Monday evening, September 18, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension

office. We will connect with leaders from across the Southwest by way of video conferencing equipment to discuss location, date and format for next year.

Equine Events Ag Progress Days

Horse members and interested equine enthusiasts should plan to attend the 2006 Ag Progress Days at Rock Springs, PA. This agricultural show demonstrates new machinery and other new production practices. All three days, August 16-18 there will be equine demonstrations by nationally known instructors and newly emerging training methods. A Horse skillathon will be held on the 18th. Visit the Department of Dairy and Animal Science website or contact the Extension office for more info.

"Clovers Among the Stars"

At this year's State Achievement Days 36 4-H members from Westmoreland County assisted with service learning, participated in tests of skills and knowledge and endured the hottest temperatures on record in State College in this century, all at the 2006 State 4-H Achievement Days.

Marissa Keys and Carly Marsh were this year's song birds as members of the PA State 4-H Choir at State 4-H Achievement Days. Keon Kelly, Ashley Wall, Abria Hairston and Brittny Scales were part of the theater arts program and polished up on their dramatic presentations.

Congratulations goes to the first place rabbit and cavy team of Katie Gurnick and Jason Roland. They brought home a revolving trophy that will be on display at the fair! And hoorah goes to PA's second place Food and Nutrition Team of Leah Blasko, who was also the high individual in the state,

Rachael Lute, who was third high individual and other team members Amanda Ogg and Stephanie Cline. The Food and Nutrition Team was coached by Thelma Kline.

Watch out world! The Westmoreland County Air Rifle Team is on the rise as they moved to 4th place this year with team members, Craig Blystone, James Knouse, and James and Joseph Parrish. And a good showing to the livestock gang, Cody Torock, Ryan Komar and Kelly Komar for placing 4th in the state also. Nat Stas was 10th high individual out of 40 participants. Canine Super Bowl challengers were 4th in the state with team members Sarah Clegg, Claire Sistik, Jennifer Brown and Michelle Crise.

Although not in attendance, poster participants, Sophia Mintas and Sarah Clegg were honorable mention in the 2006 poster contest for the age 13

and older division. And Ashley Cline was 1st place winner with her small animal essay in the 8-10 year old division.

Good Work Westmoreland...
We are all proud of you!

You Can Help
Feed the Hungry!

Have you ever wondered what happens to those award winning fruits and vegetables at the Westmoreland Fair? This year open class exhibitors have the option of donating their produce to the Westmoreland County Food Bank after fair week. All you have to do is write "Food Bank" on the back of your entry tags. We will need help to pick up these donations at the fair on closing day and drop them off at the Food Bank. Contact Nadine Summy to sign up 724 424-5362 and do your part to help the hungry in our county.

Fair Signs for your Neighborhood

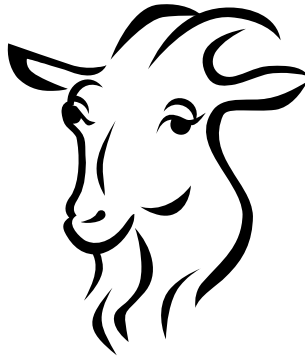
The Westmoreland Fair Board is asking members to put up signs in their neighborhood for this year's fair. The signs are about 24 inches wide and 15 inches high. They come with a wire frame that easily goes into the ground. They are like campaign signs. Let's help out our partner to get the word out

about the fair so we can showcase the accomplishments of all you 4-H members. If you would like some signs please contact the Westmoreland Fair Office at the fairgrounds.



Western PA Small Animal Show

Goat, rabbit and dog members should circle the date of September 23, 2006 which has been scheduled for the Western PA Small Animal Show. Entry forms will be available at the Westmoreland Fair. This is a great show to stack your



*Western PA Small
Animal Show
September 23, 2006*

animals up against other 4-H members from across the region. Don't forget any member carrying the small animal project can enter the photography and poster contest also. Any entries from members attending must be at the Extension office by the

close of the work day on Thursday, September 18th.

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Be a Part of It!

Interested teens should plan on attending a planning meeting for the 2007 Teen Leader Retreat on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Westmoreland Extension office. Bring your ideas for workshops and who may present, as well as keynote speakers you would be interested in contacting.

Looking for Salute to Excellence Leaders

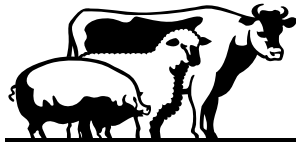
You can nominate your leader for this year's Salute to Excellence Life Time Award (Leaders with 10 or more years of service) or for the Leader of the Year Award (leaders with under 10 years). What you need to do is write a short essay about your leader and tell us why you are nominating them. Essay's should be sent to the Extension office by October 1, 2006.

Keystone Livestock Exposition Stockman's Contest

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and has special activities planned to celebrate this milestone. They will have commemorative items, including a western style coat, for sale during the show. All KILE exhibitors will receive a 50th anniversary commemorative clock. The dates for this year's Exposition are September 30 ~ October 8.

The Pennsylvania Livestock Association will be awarding six \$1000 scholarships for 2006. The scholarships will be awarded at the Opening Ceremonies on October 5.

Livestock members who are interested in competing at this year's Exposition should contact the Extension office. Entries are due by August 31st.



*Don't forget to send your
entries for Keystone
Livestock Exposition*

Join Us at the Fair Dance !

This year's fair dance will take place on August 26th. It is for 4-H members 8 years and older and the cost is \$3.00/person. Remember to bring your 4-H card to get in. You can bring one friend with you to the dance. We hope to see you all there!



Westmoreland Shines!

An estimated 30 Westmoreland County 4-H'er's attended the County Presentation Night. The event was a positive experience for both the senior community and the 4-Hers involved! The top scorers in each event were as follows: in the senior events high scores were, Impromptu, Jessica Turner followed by Nicol Adams and Emily Farah. In the senior presentation category Nicol Adams pulled away with first while second went to Jodi Lenhart and third to Angela

Hone. Also Senior Public Speaking High Scorer was Krystal Iman followed by Marla Sacks and Jodi Lenhart. To conclude the senior division there was a tough match up in the theatrical interpretation; Marla Sacks took first with Trisha Johnson not far behind. In the junior events high scorers were; presentation winners Phebe Cornell, Isaac Cornell, and Robert Vasinko. Isaac and Phebe collected first and third in impromptu

completing the top three was Catherine Venditti receiving second. In junior theatrical interpretation the team of Marianna and Philomena Parrish received first place. Other participants include: Courtney Moats and Robyn Wright in senior division, Maria Hone, Monica Panichelle, Maria Parrish, Christine Venditti in junior division.



4-H Teens Support Smoke Free Air



On June 23, 4-H teens involved with the Westmoreland "Teens Against Tobacco Use" (T.A.T.U.) program showed their support of smoke-free air by participating in the third annual "Smoke-Free Air

Affair" at Idlewild Park. During this event, the teens helped to educate the public about the dangers of tobacco use and how it pollutes our air, our bodies and our earth. They accomplished this by offering crafts, skits, puppet shows, and tobacco trivia

games to the park goers. It was a fun and educational day for all! If you are interested in starting a TATU program in your 4-H club, please contact Cindy Arblaster or Anne Lail at the Extension office.

Showdown in "L" Town...

Westmoreland County 4-H swine members went, saw and unfortunately didn't conquer. But, they did in fact stand up to the "big guys" at the National Junior Swine Association national judging contest in Louisville, Kentucky. They judged against college age youth and were respectful in

their placings. Congratulations goes to Nat Stas, April Hawkey, Dane and Jacob Logan, Cody Torock Bill Ebert, J.J. Himler, Ryan & Kelly Komar, Ashley Cline and Carrie Hydeuke for taking on the big guys and learning from the judging experience.

Are you interested in becoming a livestock judging team member? Contact the Extension office today for more info.

Results Show off Our Members



Congratulations to our Westmoreland County 4-H

members who took their oral communications activities to the next level at the SW Regional 4-H Communication

Contest. Our trophy winners who also received a blue ribbon were Phebe Cornell with her Jr. Food and Nutrition Presentation, Isaac Cornell with his Jr. Animal Science Presentation on sheep and Marla Sacks with her Senior General Category Presentation. Issac received a perfect score of 100 for his presentation. Other blue ribbon presentations were done by Nicole Adams, both in Sr. Presentations and Impromptu, Emily Farrah with

her impromptu and Phebe and Issac Cornell and Marla Sacks also received blue ribbons in public speaking impromptu and dramatic interpretation.



4-H Club Reports



Alwine Community 4-H Club

The Alwine Community club has been very busy this summer. Congratulations to club member Krystal Iman who won first place at the County Presentation Contest for her speech "How to Give a Speech". We also had a really fun time at our annual Ice Cream Social. At the July meeting, John Smerker gave a

"non-report" on regional camp-he liked the trout farm. Jolene Belak, Becky Forney, Jesse Turner and Karlee Rubright reported on Dairy Fair. All won several prizes; Jesse was Fair Queen and helped entertain the crowd during the judging. Karlee demonstrated how to show a pig; Jolene demonstrated

making paper airplanes, and held a fun race for both members and parents. Timothy Panzigran demonstrated testing the pH of soil. Following the meeting was a lively game of 4-H Jeopardy developed by Krystal Iman. Next month's meeting is a pool party!

Timothy Panzigran,
News Reporter

4-H Club Reports

The Greater Greensburg Community Club

The Greater Greensburg Community 4-H club has been doing fun things all summer long. We had a cookout and elected officers. They are: President, Mara LeJeune; Vice President, Janine Schomer; Secretary, Abby Cormack; News Reporter, Bethany McPherson; and social chairs Josh McPherson, Nathan Schomer and Jacob LeJeune.

We have also held project meetings, a planning meeting and went on a tour of the Stone Church Berry Farm.

Bethany McPherson
News Reporter

Mt. View 4-H Club

Mountain View 4-H Club held its annual family fun picnic. Members brought food to share and the Espey family donated hot dogs. Members played kick ball, ran three-legged and wheelbarrow races and had a tug of war. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

**WE SUPPORT
4-H SIGNS**
The 4-H program is supported by so many community groups in all kinds of ways. Signs are available at the Extension office that you may give to recognize donations. The signs read, "We Supported the Westmoreland County 4-H Program in 2006" Just stop by and request some for your donors.

Laurel Mt. Horse & Pony Club

The Laurel Mt. 4-H Horse Club held a barn tour which gave everyone the opportunity to meet other member's horses and see their barns. The leaders checked project books during the tour. After the tour we held a cookout at the Community Center. The food was great !

Then we discussed plans for a club trail ride. Discussion was also held on the club scrapbook and the Horsemen's Association Show. We also talked about the upcoming Westmoreland Fair and fair books were handed out.

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4-H Veterinary Science Club

The Vet Science Group had an exciting opportunity to meet a K-9 officer from Ligonier. Officer Eric Eslary and his K-9 partner Ando attended the last Vet Science meeting. Ando is a German Sheppard that was actually bred in Germany. All of Ando's commands are in German. Officer Eslary and Ando cover the Greensburg area, they did an obedience and tracking demonstration for our group. This dog was amazing! We also got a tour of the police dog car. A very special thanks for Officer Eslary and Ando for attending our meeting, we all enjoyed having them there.

Bolana Fuge-Hary, News Reporter

Silver Bisquits 4-H Dog Club

This year's club officers are: President, Jessica Turner; Vice President, Robyn Wright; Secretary, Brigette Morgan; Treasurer, Trisha Hellein; News Reporters, Michelle Emert and Kristen Tapper. Club officers and members held a PA Highway Clean Up on Schmucker and Sessi Roads and we also held a walk-a-thon for Meals on Wheels. Members also attend Dog Days and the Derry Fair Dog Show. And we have been meeting weekly to train for the Westmoreland Fair.

Michelle Emert & Kristen Tapper, News Reporters

Sincerely,

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

Cindy K. Arblaster
Extension Educator, 4-H/Youth

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