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## 4-H CLIPBOARD

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### Get Out of the Rain and Into 4-H



All 4-H leaders are invited to **GET OUT OF THE RAIN AND INTO 4-H** at the 2007 4-H leaders kick off evening on Thursday, February 15, 2007. The event will be held at Giannelli's II on Route 30 East of Greensburg. The evening will honor our leaders for their service to the 4-H youth of our county. The festivities will include entertainment and audience participation with our award winning square dance sets and good fellowship with other 4-H leaders. The cost is \$10.00 for leaders and members and \$18.00 for guests. Our special award honors will be the guests of the Westmoreland County 4-H Development Fund. Tell these leaders thank you for their commitment to 4-H as we close 2006 and move

ahead to 2007. This year's honorees are as follows:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> year honorees

Marci Beal, Thomas Ceraso, Lisa Ciesielski, Jocelyn Debick, Stan Debick, Linda Dudley, Alex Gibson, Lisa Godor, Lisa Ives, Laura Katinsky, Kathy Kepple, Janet Kreuzberger, Vincent Mastrococco, Krystal McCracken, Rebecca Milko, Caprice Mills, Gregory Mills, Susan Misko, Donna Painter, Darlene Richardson, Kelly Rowe, Johanna Sheppard, Michelle Sinsabaugh, Sandra Stas, Kimberly Stepinsky, Janice Summy, Penny Turner, Karen Uhrin

#### 5<sup>th</sup> year honorees

Christina Ahearn, Melonie Androstic, Jennifer Bier, Paul Ciotti, Pastor John Custer, Eleanor Hill, Julie Ann Holtz, Wayne Jones, Kevin Keller, Sandra Keller, Alesia Lauffer, Mark Lucas, Kelly Masciantonio, Becky Penich, Tonya Perfetta, Melanie Peterman, Donna Thorpe, Greg C. Vidakovich, Shari Wright

#### 10<sup>th</sup> year honorees

Cathy Guzzo, Mary Schindler, Tammy Shusko

#### 15 year honorees

Glenn Ganassi, Becky Lauffer, Eugene Schramm, Pam Turner, Greg E. Vidakovich

#### 20 year honorees

Jane Guyer, DonnaLenhart

#### 25 year honorees

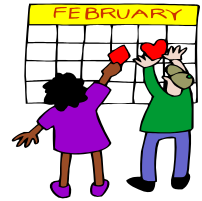
Lynn Komar, Carolyn Martz

#### 35 year honorees

Emma Shirey

#### 45 year honorees

Jean Bash, James Dunmire



### Mark Your Calendars

**February 15**  
4-H Leaders Kick-off

**February 23,24**  
SW Leader Symposium

**March 1**  
4-H Board of Directors Meeting

**March 2-4**  
SW Regional Teen Leader Retreat

**March 20**  
New Leader Orientation

### Special points of interest:

- ◆ Frozen Food Sale in progress
- ◆ 4-H Judging Teams reorganizing
- ◆ Check out the Farm Show results



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## DEAL OR NO DEAL

4-H Teens from across Southwest Pennsylvania will be dealing at the annual SW Regional 4-H Teen Leader Retreat March 2-4, 2007 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Any



*SW Regional Teen Leader Retreat March 2-4, 2007*

4-H teen is welcome to come and participate in their choice of workshops on everything from embryo transfer in livestock production to learning interview skills to watching that your identity is not used by others to actually driving a VW Bug that simulates driving under the influence of

alcohol. Reservations are accepted until the center is full. Cost which covers everything for the week end is \$125.00 but you pay only \$100.00 and the 4-H Development Fund will pay the difference. Don't miss the fun!

## ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

**Guess what, 4-H Week is March 11-17, 2007.** So, are you up to the challenge? Can you take the heat? In order to support the 4-H program in your community you are challenged to wear a 4-H shirt to school every day

that week. Have your teacher sign a note that you wore your shirt each day and bring it to the office for your "I stand up for 4-H" award. If wearing your 4-H attire doesn't work for you, make a poster and put it up in your post office or a library in your area.

Bring a friend to 4-H too! Let's let Westmoreland County know that 4-H is almost heaven in 2007"

## STATE 4-H HORSE FORUM

4-H Horse Leaders are invited to participate at the 2007 PA State 4-H Horse Forum. The forum will be held at Penn State March 2-4 at the Days Inn. Dr. Clint Deprew of Louisiana State University will be the featured presentation. Workshops and clinics will cover topics

on Essential Elements of 4-H, Tips for Successful Judging Teams, Horsemanship Skills, Gymkhana, Healthy Competition, Trail Riding Essentials, Equine Nutrition and much more. If any of our leaders would like to attend the \$75.00 registration will be covered by the 4-H Development Fund. Travel and lodging will be at your own cost.

Hurry registration closes soon.



**Support  
Westmoreland  
County 4-H  
National 4-H Week  
March 11-17, 2007**

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## WINNING WAYS HORSE CLINIC

The Wining Ways Horse Clinic is scheduled for March 17-18, 2007 at the Penn State AG Arena another great opportunity for both leaders and older members to learn from an expert. Andy Moorman is the featured speaker on Western and English seat horses and riders

exercises, correct balance for acceptable rhythm. The cost is \$30.00 for both days which must be sent before March 1, 2007. To register or for more information contact:

Jennifer Michaels  
814 857-7604  
or the PQHA  
at  
[pqha@pqha.org](mailto:pqha@pqha.org).

### Don't Forget!

Just a reminder that registration is due for the 2007 Southwest 4-H Leader's Symposium that will take place February 23-24. There is still time to register, so get your forms in today!

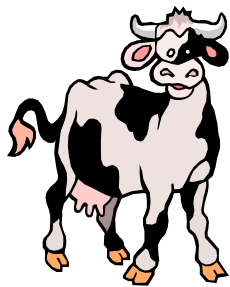
## NEW LEADER ORIENTATION DATE SET

As part of the 4-H programs commitment for a safe environment, each volunteer leader is expected to complete an orientation and personal interview. New leader

orientation for 2007 is March 20th at 7:00 PM at the Donohoe Center Penn State Extension meeting room. In order to plan for hand outs, it is appreciated

if you would contact the office and register for the evening. Thanks for caring about kids and taking the opportunity to help kids GROW as a 4-H leader.

## PENN STATE DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST



Calling all dairy members. No matter what your age YOU can

participate at the Spring Dairy Judging contest at Penn State on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We will try to carpool transportation either by

school bus or private autos that morning and return by early evening. SO, if you would like to try your hand at judging then you can begin here.

## HEADS UP TWEENERS !

Frustrated that your not old enough for Teen Leader Retreat? Then plan to attend the Regional In-Betweeners event scheduled for March 30 to April 1, 2007. It is held at

the Lutherlyn Conference Center in Butler County. This year's conference will help you to look at your positive traits and your leadership potential. Hold

the date, more information will be coming soon.

## PSU SPRING JUDGING CONTEST

The Livestock Judging Team is up and running but don't let it leave town without YOU.

The Penn State Spring Judging Contest is scheduled for March 24th at Penn

State. Any age member is welcome to judge. If you are interested in being part of the Westmoreland County Livestock Judging team then contact

Dawn Dancy at 724 537-7108. Or you can contact the Extension office.

## JOIN THE FUN

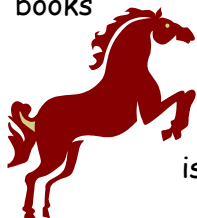
The Horse Bowl, Hipology and Horse Judging teams are beginning to prepare for upcoming competitions. Any age is welcome to learn with the teams. Contact the Extension

office if you're interested in joining. The first competition will be in March at Penn State.

**Announcement  
The March  
reorganization  
meeting for the  
Westmoreland County  
4-H Board of Directors  
is set for March 1,  
2007, 7:30 p.m. at the  
Extension office.**

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HORSES

Start hitting those horse books and build your knowledge. The County Hippology Night is scheduled for



Monday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. We will be at Commissioners Hall at the Westmoreland County Community College. This is a fun night for horse

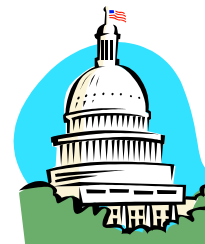
members to test their knowledge of horsemanship and horse science. This evening will qualify for the annual quality assurance training.

## A CAPITOL IDEA!

PA State 4-H Capitol Days is a first hand look and experience with our state government. The program offers 4-H members a chance to learn about state related agencies like the Department of Transportation, the Department of Agriculture, the Liquor Control Board and others. In addition, it's a chance to see local representatives to discuss

issues affecting 4-H and kids today! Teen 4-H members are invited to represent Westmoreland County at the State 4-H Capitol Days in Harrisburg April 15-17, 2007. We may only send a few delegates. Contact the Extension office by March 1st if you're interested. The cost for Capitol Days is \$240.00. You would be responsible for \$100.00 of the cost and the remainder

would be paid by the 4-H Development Fund.



State 4-H Capitol Days  
April 15-17, 2007

## ANNUAL KICK OFF DANCE

The annual 4-H Kick Off Dance will be held Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Join us in the 4-H building at the fairgrounds for fun, games and lots of dancing.

The cost is \$3.50 per person. Guest are welcome, so bring a friend.



## CPR AND FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Start off the new 4-H year in the know. Learn valuable skills that could save someone's life. County Council is sponsoring an American Red Cross CPR and First Aid certification program. The 4 hour CPR class will be held at the Extension office starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday,

March 24, 2007. The 2 hour First Aid course will be the following Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m. The fee for the CPR course is \$20.00/person and the combined course fee is \$25.00/person. Certification will be given to those over age 11 who meet

the course requirements. 4-H members under 11 may participate and will receive a participation certificate. County council will provide morning refreshments. Contact the Extension office to register.

## OFFICIAL 4-H CLOTHING FOR SALE



Now you can get official Westmoreland County 4-H clothing through County Council. Attend camps

and other 4-H activities showing your pride in our county 4-H program. All items are grey with dark green lettering. To see what's available contact the

Extension office for an order form today!

### PA Beef Expo Planned

**The PA Beef Expo is scheduled for March 31-April 1, 2007 at Penn State. It offers the 4-H Market Breed Beef Members livestock workshops, clinics and more. Deadline for the steer and heifer show is March 18th. Check out the PA Cattleman's website for more details.**

## HELLO 4-H TECH O'S

If you want to learn more about geospatial technology that is Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Global Positioning System (GPS) and remote sensing, you will want to attend Penn State Geospatial Technology Camp, July 30—August 3, 2007. For more information contact Stewart Bruce at 814-863-7609 or email [stew@psu.edu](mailto:stew@psu.edu).

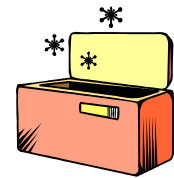
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## FROZEN FOOD SALE GOING ON

Westmoreland County 4-H Clubs are once again sponsoring a truckload frozen food sale. The deadline for orders is February 20, 2007. The pick up date is Saturday,

March 10 from 9:00 a.m. till noon. Order forms are available at the Extension office or from a 4-H Travel-All club member or leader. Help support Westmoreland

County 4-H, pick up an order form today.



Why not fill your freezer?

## PIONEERING THE WAY

Rachael Lute, Marla Sacks, Robyn Wright and Jillian Rowe will be pioneering the way at this year's State 4-H Teen Leader conference on February 23-25, 2007 at Penn State. The state level

leadership conference offers members a chance to learn new leadership skills and meet teen leaders from across Pennsylvania. You can call on these members to come to a club meeting and

do a presentation for you. Contact the Extension office to get in contact with them. Thanks to Shari Wright for chaperoning the delegates this year.

## TWO WESTMORELAND COUNTY TEENS

An application, a personal interview and then a letter of commitment is what Robyn Wright and Marla Sacks had to do to be selected to serve on the State 4-H Teen

Council. As a state council member they will serve as spokes persons for the PA 4-H Program and will be responsible to help with state level events such as State 4-H Capitol Days,

State Achievement Days, Ag Progress Days and more. Congratulations to these teens and good luck in this new leadership role.

## FARM SHOW RESULTS ARE IN

Westmoreland sent projects for 14 4-H youth to the 2007 Farm Show. Participants included: Chris Ament with a first for an oak key cabinet; Rebekah Baker, first for a star shaped pillow; Maddy Begonia had a first for a stuffed bear and one for a PowerPoint presentation; Brittany Coles' insect

collection placed first; Stephanie Kline made a knit outfit that placed first; Marla Sacks made a wooden bench that won first place; Second place winners include Maddy Begonia, Brittany Coles, Isaac Cornell, Trisha Johnson, and Cody Stepinsky. Third place awards were given to Heath Coles, Marla and Bethany Sacks, and

Timothy Schmider. Marla Sacks received an Honorable Mention for her crocheted doily. Seven county youth participated in the Honey competition; they include Kelly, Scott, Ryan and Brandon Komar, along with first time entries from Ryan, Dylan and Joel Marks.



## 4-H Club News



### Hoofbeats Horse Club

On December 28, 2006 The Hoofbeats Horse Club had their Christmas Party at Grandview Fire Hall in Jeannette. There, they had a pizza party and played games. Every active club member earned a jacket with their name and Hoofbeats on it! They also had a Grab-Bag! They elected the 2007 Officers: President - Jillian Masciantonio; Vice President-Al Gredence; Secretary-Abby Burkardt; Treasurer-Sarah Wolinsky; JHSC -Allie Jones & Jillian Masciantonio; County Council-Melanie Loughner & Sarah Masciantonio News Reporters - Sarah Masciantonio & Emma Olsen

Submitted by Sarah Masciantonio

### Alwine Community 4-H Club

At our December meeting, Tom Trumbetta reported on his trip to National 4-H Congress. After the meeting we had our annual Christmas Party. Everybody joined in the fun. First we had a toilet-paper snowman competition, and then traded gifts in the Yankee Swap organized by Mrs. Belak. After the games we had punch and snacks. It was a great party. Alwine's next meeting will be in February.

Submitted by Tim Panzigrau

#### *2007 4-H County Council Officers Elects Officers*

Congratulations to this year's 4-H County Council Officers! They are as follows: President- Marla Sacks; Vice President- Jake Wright; Secretary- Robyn Wright; Treasurer- Jodi Lenhart. If you are interested in having your club represented at County Council, please call the extension office, or come to one of the meetings, which are held the first Monday of each month.

### Travel-All 4-H Club

Travel-All club members met at Green Meadows to do our annual Christmas get together with the residents. Nine members changed into reindeer outfits, four members changed into elf outfits and of course there was Santa. We greeted the residents by singing Santa Claus is coming to town. While Santa passed out gifts The gifts were snow flakes, hard tack candy and Christmas cards that the club members made. Robyn Wright read a story about the candy cane and how it came about. Rebecca Summy read a story about the holly bush. Justene Testa read a story about the poinsettia. Then all of the members got together and did a skit on the twelve days of Christmas. The rest of the night was spent singing Christmas songs, passing out cookies and talking to the residents. It was a really nice way to get everyone in the Christmas spirit!



## 4-H Club News



### Veterinary Science Club

The 4-H Vet Science Group visited the Green Meadows Nursing Home to help spread the holiday cheer. Club members brought their dogs to entertain the residents. We started by holding a "party" in the country kitchen. We passed out cookies,

gave everyone decorated ornaments, and sang Christmas songs while Bolana and Marla played the piano. Then we went down the halls offering cookies and ornaments. The dogs liked the attention, and the residents even more! Everyone had a

wonderful time, and every resident got a taste of holiday cheer; literally!

Bolana Fuge-Hary  
News Reporter

### Trailblazers 4-H Club

At our December meeting we held nominations for new officers for 2007 they are: President Amanda Pritchard; Vice President Jillian Manning; Secretary Ashley Roberts; Treasurer Cait Zakutney; JHSC Representatives Amanda Pritchard and Natalie Roberts; County Council Brooke Hebrank; Hospitality Rebecca Welch and Kerri Zelenak and News

Reporter Rebecca Welch. We had presentations this month by Cait Zakutney and Madison Herrle. Cait did her presentation on different kinds of braided necklaces. Madison did her presentation on different colors of horses. We decided on our high point award and adding in an older Walk-Trot class for people 13 and over.

At our January meeting Rebecca Welch did her presentation on playing the flute. We began filling out our enrollment forms and are also preparing for Hipology night which is coming soon.

Rebecca Welch  
News Reporter

### Harrold Alwine Horse & Pony Club

The Harrold Alwine Club is has elected 2007 Officers. The are: President, Rebekah Baker; Vice President, Lauren Gaskey; Secretary, Lindsay Faddish; Treasurer, Justene Testa; News Reporter, Aleeah Sheedy; Refreshments, Hannah Stanley; JHSC Reps., Rebekah Baker & Justene Testa (Lauren Gaskey alternate). The next meeting date is set for February 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. We will be handing out Project books, Horsemanship Skills Books, Wooden Nickel Forms and enrollment forms. We will have an educational learning program after the meeting followed by refreshments. We also will be handing out of our sponsor information for the year. Our club show will be held on July 14, 2007. We have hired a judge and starting to plan for the event. For more information on the Harrold Alwine Club contact Kristy Pitzer 724 830-0180.

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### LIVESTOCK MEMBERS DO WELL

Congratulations market livestock members for a great showing at the PA State Farm Show. Of the four species exhibited at the Farm Show. Westmoreland County had winners in two species. Colton Zundel of New Alexandria won Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog out of 411 animals shown. Jacob Logan of Irwin had Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer out of 78 market steers exhibited. Josh Ebert captured the Reserve Grand Champion Purbred Yorkshire Market Hog. Courtney Moats was Reserve Champion in her market hog weight division. The other Ebert boys, Jonathan and Jacob placed well in their market hog class as did Chase Logan. Justene Testa also did well placing 2nd in her market lamb class.



### SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION

Adult volunteers who would like to lead the shooting sports projects must attend certification training in that specific shooting discipline. The Westmoreland County Development Fund will cover the registration cost. Please contact the Extension office if you are interested. Two trainings are offered. One is scheduled for February 23-25th at WVU Jackson's Mill for anyone 18 or older interested in getting certified to instruct Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery, Wildlife Conservation, Shotgun and Black Powder. You can only register for one area. The cost is \$85.00 for full time. Full time with no lodging is \$63.00, deadline for registration is February 9th. The second training is April 20-22nd at the "His Thousand Hills Camp" just North of Wellsboro, PA. Disciplines offered will include Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading. You must RSVP by March 1, 2007. The cost is \$100.00 which includes lodging, meals and training materials.

Sincerely,



*Have A Sweet  
Valentine's  
Day*

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