



# 4-H CLIPBOARD



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## WELCOME 4-H MEMBERS OLD & NEW

We would like to welcome back all our returning 4-H members and all those of you who have just joined us. 4-H is a great program and offers lots of learning and fun for all. Remember. . . 4-H is a vital part of Penn State Cooperative Extension. As you go out and about the county at various 4-H and other functions please remember to represent us well. As a 4-H member there are certain behavioral expectations we expect you to uphold. We ask you to please always be trustworthy, respectful,

responsible, fair and caring; a model citizen we can be proud of. We expect that you will always follow the 4-H code of conduct. Let's make the 2007 4-H year the best ever! We look forward to seeing all of you this

summer at the many, many 4-H events ahead. Have a great summer!

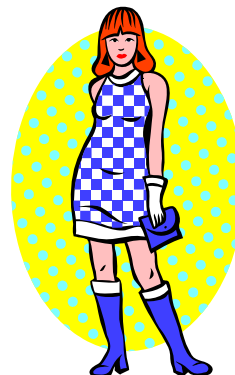
### Welcome to Jennifer Ganassi!

Jennifer Ganassi will serve as our summer assistant this year. We are pleased since Jennifer has been a 4-H member and is studying education at St. Francis University in Loretto, PA. Welcome aboard Jennifer!

## REGIONAL 4-H FASHION REVUE

Show off your textile science skills at the Regional 4-H Fashion Revue June 26, 2007 at Mt. View Inn, Route 30 East of Greensburg, PA. Juniors age 8-12 and seniors age 13 and over will model their garments and **NEW** this year is the chance for members to exhibit their

fiber arts and textile non wearable items. Registration is due by June 11, 2007. Club leaders have the registration information. Cost to members is \$10.00



### Mark Your Calendars

- S W Regional 4-H Camp  
June 17-20, 2007
- Swine Field Day  
June 19, 2007
- Dog Handling Clinic  
June 23, 2007
- Regional Fashion Revue  
June 26, 2007
- Regional Presentation Day  
July 9, 2007
- Extension Board Picnic  
August 2, 2007

### Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Westmoreland Co. Livestock Judging team on the move.*
- ♦ *Time to sign up for State Achievement Days*
- ♦ *Changes for 2007 Westmoreland Fair*

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## A FIELD DAY FOR DOGS

Bring your dog to the county-wide dog field day hosted by the Westmoreland Obedience Club. The field day is scheduled for Saturday,



June 23, 2007 at their training facilities in Delmont. Club members and leaders were mailed registration forms, but if you didn't receive one, please contact the Extension office. The cost is \$5.00, which includes lunch. A reminder, all dogs are required to have rabies inoculations and be on a leash.

### *Practice Dog Show*

Plan to put your dog and you through the paces on Wednesday, June 13, at the Derry Area Township Fair. Entry information is on the Derry Township Ag Fair website.

## JUDGING TEAM TO VISIT WORLD PORK EXPO

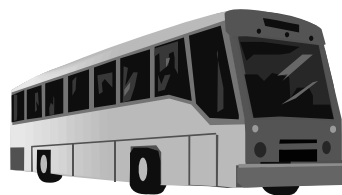
Greeting and meeting some of the world's experts in the pork industry is on the itinerary of the County Livestock Judging Team as they head out for Iowa this week to the World Pork Expo. Along the way they will be visiting agricultural support industries such as John Deere and seed stock

operations. Safe travels to Rachel Cline, Carrie Hyduke, Cody Torock, Nat Stas, Kelvin Nelson, Sara Penich, Leah Deglau, and chaperone Dawn Dancey.

## STATE ACHIEVEMENT DAYS WANTS YOU!

State 4-H Achievement Days, July 24, 25, and 26, 2007, offers a chance for you to test your knowledge and skills. There are over 60 contests offered for members who are enrolled in those projects to compete in. This year there are also other experiences that are not competitive. If you would be interested in attending and participating in any of the contests or educational opportunities, please contact the office and speak with Jennifer. Some of the contests have adults that have offered to coach those interested. Others you will need to study and prepare for on your own. Westmoreland County 4-H members will travel as a delegation to Penn State University by chartered bus. The first day activities include participating in community service activities, opening assembly and a chance to meet 4-H'ers from across the state. Early the next morning contests and other activities begin.

The day will end with fashion revue, a choral concert and a dance. Day three is the awards assembly and time to travel home. There will be contests for Riflery and Archery, Bowls for Avian, Canine, Dairy and Horse members, Judging contests for Dairy, Horse, Meats and Livestock, Fashion Revue, Chicken and Turkey BBQ, Orienteering, Physical Fitness, Presentations, Public Speaking, Rabbit/Cavy, Theatre Arts, Tractor Driving also including State Chorus and a talent show. If you plan on attending State Achievement Days, return the enclosed sign up sheet by June 26, 2007.



### **Calling All Talent**

Do you have a special talent that you would like to share? Do you sing, dance, do dramatic readings? Then this year's State Achievement Days talent review is for you! We are looking for talented 4-H members to perform at our opening and closing ceremonies this year and also at a show on Wednesday evening. All participants in the talent competition must be registered in another event/contest. Applications are due by June 26th to the Extension office .

# NEW VENUES ADDED TO STATE DAYS

**Theatre Arts**—Here is a chance to explore your dramatic talents with performance tips and reviews. You will attend a local theatre and receive a behind the scenes tour. Anyone coming for the theatre session must:

1.) come ready to do a dramatic reading, skit, monologue or duet. Last year 3 boys did a skit from Monty Python, it is okay to add a third person to a skit.

2.) decide if you want tickets for the show on Wednesday night at the Boal's Barn Playhouse. The play, "An Unexpected Guest" is a typical Agatha Christy



murder mystery.

**Careers in Ag Science**— This workshop will take you through the opportunities that await a person interested in Agricultural Sciences but are not sure what there might be for them.

**Beam Busters**—Engineering

**CSI**— Small Animals

**Natural Resources**— What Does That Mean?

**Food Science**—It's a Matter of Sense

**So You Want to be Veterinarian**

**Start your Engines**—Electricity and Machines

**You be the Lion**—Rural Sociology and Leadership

**THE APPRENTICE**—This year our mission will be to target a department or portion of Penn State University and design a marketing scheme to attract others to see it. **NO FIRING, JUST HIRING!**

## SW REGIONAL COMMUNICATION DAY IS COMING

Regional Presentation Day will be held Monday, July 9, 2007. This year's event will be held at the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church in Irwin, registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Deadline to register for the event is July 2, 2007.

## PRESENTATION. . . A GREAT WAY TO LEARN

### 4-H Board Meeting

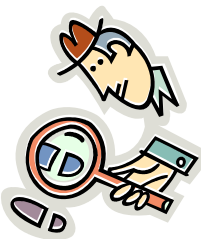
The next 4-H Board Meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2007 at the Extension office.

4-H Members are invited to participate in the county presentation contest, Sunday, June 24, 2007. The contest is being held at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds Horse Ring area. This year the contest is being run by the Laurel Mountain 4-H Club. Categories will be offered for Jr. and Sr. divisions in presentations, public speaking and

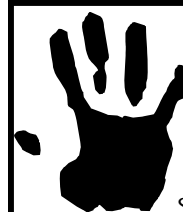
impromptu. Top awards will be given in each category. Remember times for Presentations Jr. 5-7 minutes, Sr. 12-15 minutes, public speaking Jr. 3-5 minutes, senior 5-7 minutes, in length. Reservations are due to the Extension office by June 15.

## A MYSTERY TO BE SOLVED

Regional 4-H Camp is fast approaching. This year's theme is CSI: Camp Scene Investigation. You be the detective, or lab rat or the investigator as we figure out how to figure out what went wrong with the food at 4-H CAMP. Registration is due NOW. The cost is \$100.00. Why not bring a friend and



introduce them to 4-H. Camp is open to any 4-H members ages 8—11 years old. Camp is held at the Laurelville Church Center in Laurelville, PA Call the Extension office today to register.



**STOP**, did you know, there is a new regional 4-H T-Shirt available! The shirts are brown or green and we have youth and adult sizes. If you attend Regional Camp, Horse Camp or other events this summer, you will see them. Or, you can stop by the office and pick one up. The cost is \$8.00 and proceeds benefit regional 4-H programs.

## HATS OF THE WORLD

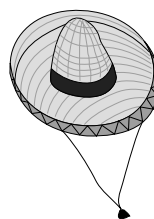


July 17, 18 and 19, travel the globe without leaving home. How? Join us at the

annual 4-H Day Camp. This year camp will take place at Round Hill Farm Park on Route 51 in Elizabeth. The three day camp for youth between the ages of 5-11 years will take you to other countries such as Europe, China, Israel, Mexico???? With each workshop and event we will learn by doing about the world around us. Round Hill Park is a working farm that we will use as a learning



laboratory. We will have a bus that will travel from Greensburg each day for those campers that want to ride. Cost of the camp will be \$20.00. A brochure with registration particulars and form is included in this letter. Thank you to Greensburg Kiwanis for partial support of this youth educational experience.



### TEEN COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED FOR DAY CAMP

Teens 13 and older are asked to apply as a camp counselor for the upcoming Day Camp. Applications are due by June 22. Training day is set for July 6. Call the Extension office A.S.A.P. for an application. A limited number of teens will be selected so get your application in early.

## HELPING TO ASSURE A QUALITY EXPERIENCE

We again will be holding species nights instead of one general field day. The first species night was held on May 31, 2007. The second meeting was **June 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. This species night focused on beef cattle. We will had segments dealing with breeding cattle as well



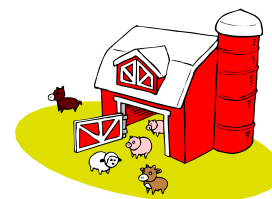
as market steers. There was a discussion focusing on some reproductive issues and management steps. We will also had a fitting and showmanship demonstration. **June 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds will be the species night dealing with hogs. We will also have segments dealing with feeding and showmanship. This evening is still in the planning phase. We may also have a discussion centered around ultrasound and body types.

The Southwest Regional 4-H Small Animal Show date has been set. This year's event will be held on **September 29, 2007.** Look for more details in the next clipboard.

## BARNYARD BUDDIES ARE HERE.....

This year's Glory Bee collectibles are barnyard buddies. They are fuzzy and really adorable. They are available now at the Extension office. The cost is \$10.00 each. There is a bunny, chicken, dog, sheep, pony, cow, pig, bear and a

cat. They are on display at the Extension office. You won't be able to resist buying one!! We also still have the small animal ornaments from last year which are \$5.00 a piece.



# 2007 WESTMORELAND FAIR CHANGES

The Westmoreland County Jr. Livestock Handbook has been revised and copies are now available.

Below are changes that have been accepted for the Westmoreland Fair. These are the ones that affect many 4-H project completions.

- ♣ Class addition in Dairy Cattle, Fall Yearling in Milk
- ♣ Rule addition in Beef Cattle, Yearling and older bulls are required to have a nose ring or lead
- ♣ Class additions in Beef Cattle Junior Bull calves – calved after January 1, 2007 Senior Bull calves – calved between September 1 and December 1, 2006
- ♣ Breed Change in Beef Cattle Other Purebred changed to Other Registered Breeds
- ♣ Breed Changes in Breeding Sheep Cheviot changed to Tunis Romney changed to Rambouillet
- ♣ Change in Market Lambs Elimination of Pair of Lambs
- ♣ Change in Swine Rules
- ♣ Ear Notching is NOT an acceptable form of identification
- ♣ Change in Poultry NEW poultry entry form
- ♣ Addition of Market Chicken Pen
- ♣ Class elimination in 4-H Horse Round-up—Four Corner Stake
- ♣ Addition to Llama rules Members may identify two animals for project work. One of the identified project animals is to be used for their respective showmanship class.
- ♣ Addition to Pet Care Show Rules Proof of current rabies inoculation must be presented for any dog or cat wishing to participate in the pet care show. Certificate of inoculation is preferred.
- ♣ Additions to Baked Goods classes Homemade noodles Homemade pasta Homemade soap
- ♣ Additions to Arts & Craft classes Leatherwork Metalwork
- ♣ Elimination of a class in Photography—Unit 3 Classes now based on Camera Book A & B
- ♣ Addition of a section in Conservation and Wildlife

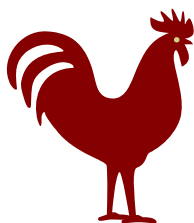
7 classes under Water Quality and Conservation

- ♣ Addition of Self Determined Engineering Lego Design
- ♣ Change in Small Engine Classes Illustrate and identify the parts of a lawn mower small engine and their function Illustrate at least six types of small engine tools and their use
- ♣ Addition of classes to Vet Science-Animal Science-Pet Care 2 classes for Unit I – Pet Care 3 classes for Unit II – Pet Care 2 classes for Unit III – Pet Care
- ♣ Shooting sports Shot Gun Competition will shoot 50 marks instead of 25 Air Rifle eliminates sitting

## Don't Forget Ladder of Achievement Time

A new recognition system has been initiated for members to earn through their participation in 4-H. There are six levels of achievement that challenge the member to achieve. Each level is designated by a clover color, i.e. green, white, silver, bronze, gold and diamond. They are designed for members to complete one level each year by participating in various 4-H educational and personal growth experiences. A short report is due by October 1 each year that is signed off by the member, the leader and a parent as to your achieving the outlined tasks. Everyone who completes their respective level will be recognized at the County 4-H Achievement Night.

## MARKET CHICKEN PEN ADDED



Members may grow out a pen of 3 chickens that will be sold at the Jr. Livestock Auction On August 25, 2007 at the Westmoreland Fair. The chickens must be identified with a leg band by July 15<sup>th</sup> with their club leader. More details are available from the extension office or your club leader.

## WORKING ON YOUR PROJECT BOOK?

4-H members are reminded that now is the time to be working on those project books. It is much easier to write down feed records or beginning weights on market animals or the cost of your textile fabric or plant materials than the night before round up. All animal and plant science books will be

reviewed before you will be permitted to participate in round up. Livestock members and plant science members books will be reviewed at the fair.



Attention all 4-H'ers! Now is the time to be collecting items for the 4-H Benefit Auction. The more the merrier!! This year's auction is scheduled for Thursday, August 23. Let's get out there and get some good stuff and make this year's auction bigger and better than ever!!

## STATE WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE

The state teen council is organizing a state wide community service effort called Check Out the Silver. This project is in conjunction with the PA Farm Bureau. Both organizations are collecting silver for the benefit of the five Ronald McDonald Houses in PA. Clubs members and families are asked to collect the tabs off of pop cans and any silver coins. These

collections are to be brought to the County 4-H Achievement Night this fall. Our delegates to the PA State Teen Council will take Westmoreland County's contribution to the state teen conference in February. The county with the highest amount will be honored. SOOOOO...everyone knows Westmoreland County always does things in a big way, let's make this a

big deal too! Teen Council President Robyn Wright and Vice President Marla Sacks, both 4-H members in Westmoreland County ask for your support of this effort.

## CALLING FOR 2007 OUTSTANDING MEMBER APPLICATIONS

The outstanding 4-H member selection process has been revamped and will now make life easier for you to apply (we hope). The award will be limited to members who are 14-17 years old. The process consists of a simple one page application with the members

name, etc., a personal resume that outlines the members experiences in 4-H specifically during the past three years, a personal interview and two letters of recommendation on the members behalf. Resume, application and recommendation letters must be

to the Extension office by July 20, 2007 for consideration for selection. More details on this process are available from the Extension office and will be posted on our website.

## LYNDSEY ANDROSTIC ATTENDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Lyndsey Androscopic of the Covered Bridge Club enjoys the world of politics and policy decision making. As one of three PA delegates to the National 4-H Conference in Washington. D.C.,

Lyndsey had her chance! Lyndsey along with 300 other teens and volunteers from across the U.S. looked at the changes in society, the mix of urban and rural youth and how this is affecting the 4-H Youth Development Program. Only time will tell the impact

that Lyndsey's viewpoint had on the 4-H Youth Program throughout the United States.

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# WESTMORELAND 4-H'ERS KNOW THEIR WILDLIFE

WOW.....Westmoreland County 4-H members demonstrated their ability to support wildlife habitat as they participated in the PA State 4-H Wildlife Habitat Competition in May. Congratulations to Brush Creek member Kelsey Keller who placed 5th in the Sr. division and qualified to participate in the National Wildlife

Habitat Evaluation contest in Utah. Krystal Gwenn and Cody Ogg placed 3rd and 4th respectively in the Jr. Divisions.

Congratulations!!



## COUNTY HIPPOLOGY NIGHT RESULTS

Horse Members and courageous parents tested their knowledge at the county hippology night at WCCC. Congratulations to the following:

**Cloverbuds-** Jordan Miller Trailblazers, Andrew Welch Trailblazers, Matilyn Wilson Trailblazers, Samantha Dickson, Laurel Mt, and Grace Millward, Mt. Creek

**8 Years Old Beginners**— 1. Sarah Kalp, Trailblazers; 2. Abigail Welch, Trailblazers; 2. Seth Thompson, Salem Saddle; 3. Kelli Jacob, Salem Saddle; 3. Chad Coles, Mt Creek

**9 Year Old Beginner**—1. Hunter Wilson, Trailblazers; 2. Madison Herrle, Trailblazers; 3. Erik Thompson, Salem Saddle

**9 Year Advanced**—1. Aleeah Sheedy Harrold Alwine; 2. Maria Adams, Laurel Mt.

**10 Year Old Beginner-** 1. Ethan Barbus, Salem Saddle; 2. Maggie Millward; Mt. Creek; 3. Tyler Piper, Salem Saddle; 3. Sydney Stotler Hoofbeats

**10 Year Old Advanced**— 1. Keegan Miller, Trailblazers; 2. Sarah Masciantonio, Hoofbeats; 3. Morgan Rohm, Trailblazers

**11 Year Old Beginner**— 1. Kelly Thompson; 2. Andrew Watson, Mt. Creek; 3. Alex Elizeus, Blazing Saddles

**11 Year Old Advanced**—1. Maddie Costa, Hoofbeats; 2. Faith Miller, Hoofbeats; 3. Melanie Loughner, Hoofbeats

**12 Year Old Beginner**—1. Margaret Kennedy, Harrold Alwine; 2. Ryan Gironda ,ETC; 3. Sarah Thompson, Salem Saddle

**12 Year Old Advanced**— 1. Abby Burkhardt, Hoofbeats; 2. Chelsea Marsh, Mt Creek; 2. Amanda Kowalczyk, Salem Saddle; 2. Rachel Sheffler, Salem Saddle; 3. Kelli White Flour Bag Fort

**13 Year Old Advanced**—1. Brooke Hebrank, Trailblazers; 1. Kerri Zelenak, Trailblazers; 2. Rachel Wolinsky, Hoofbeats, 3. Meredith Monsour, Hoofbeats

**14 Year Old Beginner**—1. Katherine Kennedy, Harrold Alwine

**14 Year Old Advanced**—1. Riley Miller, Hoofbeats; 2. Justene Testa, Harrold Alwine; 2. Krystal Wallbaum, Harrold Alwine; 3. Sarah Geshinsky, Covered Bridge

**15 Year Old Beginner**— 1. Leah Fontana, Harrold Alwine

**15 Year Old Advanced**— 1. Sarah Hendricks, Hoofbeats; 2. Marissa Rega, Trailblazers; 3. Erin Gironda, Hoofbeats

**16 Year Old Advanced**— 1. Andrea Bruno, Flour Bag Fort; 2. Deanna Merendio, Harrold Alwine; 3. Natalie Roberts, Trailblazers

**17 Year Old Advanced**— 1. Jodi Lenhart, Laurel Mt.; 2. Stephanie Roberts, Laurel Mt.; 3. Chad Hoover, Laurel Mt.

**18 Year Old Advanced**— 1. Amanda Pritchard, Trailblazers; 2. Sara Bousfield, Hoofbeats

**Adults**— 1. Linda Hendricks, Hoofbeats; 2. Kim McGinnis, Trailblazers



# 4-H Club News



## 4-H CONSERVATION CLUB

In March, the members of the 4-H Conservation Club elected our officers. We elected Jacob Wright for President, Isaac Schindler for Vice President, Jolene Belak for Secretary, Nichole Gregg for Treasurer, Joella Gearhard for Social Chairperson and Samantha LeMaster for News Reporter.

Our business meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of every month, at 6:00 PM at the conference rooms outside the Murrysville Library. We also have project book meetings every 2nd Sunday, at 1:30 PM at PV Park in Murrysville.

Have your club news published in the Clipboard. Contact Bonnie at the Extension office. (724) 837-1402

## SUNSHINE 4-H CLUB

The Sunshine 4-H Club elected 2007 officers, they are President, Lauren Hill; Vice President, Craig Blystone; Secretary, Symanthia Hoover; Roll Call, Katrina Nemcheck; Treasurer, Maggie Harrold; News Reporter, Jacque Brown; Game/Activity leaders, Katie Johnson,

Katelynn Mastrorocco and Sarah Clegg. Club members participated in a game to learn the names of new members and get them acquainted with old members. Congratulations to Elly Hill for being recognized as a 5 year leader. We voted to do a plant

sale as our fundraiser and for our community service project we will be working in Mammoth Park. Sunshine 4-H Club holds its meetings at the United Church of Christ in Mt. Pleasant, PA. Our organizational leader is Vicki Johnson.

## NEW ALEX HOME EC CLUB

The New Alexandria Home Economics 4-H Club held election of officers. Our new officers are President- Stephanie King, Vice President- Monica Panichelle, Secretary- Maria Hone, Treasurer- Chris Ament, News reporter- Carla Mattei, Social Chair- Stephanie Kline, Co Social Chair- Jenna Gardone, and Game Leader- Amanda Panichelle.

We would like to recognize and thank last year's officers on a job well done. Thank You!!! Our club projects include cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, scrap booking, quilting, rockets, computers, woodworking, latch hook, embroidery, geology, babysitting (must be 12 or older), Photography, and macramé. If any of

these projects holds an interest with you, please consider joining our 4-H club. You can contact the club leaders Jean Bash at 724-668-7615 or Betty Flowers at 724-668-2364.

## TRAVEL-ALL 4-H CLUB

Travel-All Club news for the clipboard from Kimberly Ciotti, club news reporter. The annual Red Cross Blood Drive was held April 18, 2007, from 2 p.m to 7 p.m. We also held a hoagie sell on April 18th at the Latrobe Walmart. Members final payments for the 2007 exchange were due.

## ALWINE COMMUNITY CLUB

At our April meeting, new officers took over their positions: Mike Frescura as President, Tom Trumbetta as Vice-President, Breanna Smith as Secretary, Krystal Iman as Treasurer, and Sophia Mintas as News Reporter. John Smerkar shared about the 4-H 'Tweeners camp where he climbed a rock. State Days were announced.

Some of our members aspire to be counselors. After the meeting, Krystal and Breanna led an activity in which people had to give directions, describe an action, or act out a scene by performing a short skit. It was fun! New club directories were distributed. *Sophia Mintas and Timothy Panzigrau*

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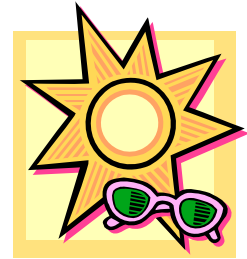


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**Are You Ready  
 for Summer!**

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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)
- Appliances (i.e. grills, TV's microwaves, CD players)
- Gift certificates to stores, businesses, restaurants
- Clothing (hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts)
- Themed baskets (i.e. chocolate, hair care, snack)
- Quilts/afghans Framed pictures & wall decorations
- Garden vegetables & fruits
- Beauty items Recreational items (bikes, scooters, skateboards)
- Non-perishable food items (cubes of soda, snack foods)

- Hand Crafted items (i.e. wood crafted decorations, cross stitched decorations)
- Livestock & pet supplies (i.e. food, water buckets, toys)
- Tickets to shows, sports events, and cultural attractions
- Kids' toys/books
- Plants/gardening items
- Collectible items (i.e. toy tractors, beanie babies, baseball cards)
- Autographed items (pictures, sports equipment)
- School supplies (i.e. notebooks, folders, markers)

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