



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. And we expect that you will always follow the 4-H code of conduct. Let's make the 2006 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 Bethany!
Penn State Cooperative Extension welcomes Bethany Sacks. Bethany is a sophomore at Penn State Altoona Campus. She is majoring in Ag Business. Bethany was a 4-H member and has already proven herself to be a great asset to the program.

REGIONAL 4-H FASHION REVUE

Reservations are due now for the SW Regional 4-H Fashion Revue which will take place June 27, 2006 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Any 4-H clothing member is welcome to participate in fashion revue. The cost of the day including lunch is \$21.00 but the Westmoreland

County 4-H Development Fund will pay \$11.00 of that price. Your portion is \$10.00 which is due with



registration. The deadline to turn in registration is June 23, 2006. Don't delay, the Lights, Camera, and the Action are waiting for you!



**Mark Your
Calendars**

- Dog Handling Clinic
June 24, 2006
- S W Regional 4-H Camp
June 18-21, 2006
- Regional Fashion Revue
June 27, 2006
- Regional Presentation Day
June 29, 2006
- Extension Board Picnic
July 18, 2006

Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Westmoreland Co. Livestock Judging team on the move.*
- ♦ *Two new 4-H clubs in Westmoreland County*
- ♦ *Time to sign up for State Achievement Days*

DOG HANDLING AND TRAINING CLINIC

4-H Dog members should have received an invitation to take part in the county 4-H Dog Clinic to be held Saturday, June 24, at the Westmoreland Obedience Training Facilities in Delmont. Check in starts at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$5.00 per

member. Reservations are due. If you have any questions concerning this event. Contact your 4-H leader or Dr. Melissa Voll-Stouffer, VDM at 724 309-2015 or damels@aol.com.



ATTENTION 4-H HORSE MEMBERS

Circle the date June 22, 2006 for the horsemanship skill level 1 & 2 review and the Horse Production training clinic. Both events will take place at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds starting at 6:30 p.m. Contact the Extension office to set up a time slot for your review. Remember, horse

production members must pass Level 1 handling skills before they will be permitted to show at the Area Horse Production Show. Also that night, area 4-H leader and instructor, Jim Bower, will be conducting a clinic on "training the babies". The clinic and review will be held simultaneously. No

reservation is necessary for the clinic but there will be a cost of \$2.00 without a horse and \$5.00 with your horse. If you are planning on bringing your horse, contact the Extension office 724-837-1402.

STATE ACHIEVEMENT DAYS WANTS YOU!

State 4-H Achievement Days, August 1,2,3, 2006, 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 Bethany. 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, Food & Nutrition, 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, contact the Extension office or return the enclosed sign up sheet by June 30, 2006.

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 July 1 to Lydia Everhart, 416 Ag Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802. Contact the Extension office for an application and guidelines.

"SERVING OUR STARS"

Join the State Days statewide service project "serving our stars". This year we will be collecting items to help support our troops who are serving overseas. If you know of servicemen in your counties, please forward their names and addresses to Joann Logan by July 1, 2006 so that they can be forwarded to the state office. We anticipate mailing the boxes the second week of August. We will be collecting items



such as phone cards, toiletries, etc.

Items being donated for the servicemen should be brought to the Extension office by July 28, 2006 so that we can get them ready to go to Penn State.

SW REGIONAL COMMUNICATION DAY IS COMING

County presentation contest winners will be moving on to join their peers at the Regional Presentation Day on Thursday, June 29. This year's event will be held at the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church in Irwin, registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Good luck to Nicol Adams, Isaac Cornell, Phebe Cornell, Emily Farah, Angela Hone, Krystal Iman, Trisha Johnson, Jodi Lenhart, Marianna & Philomena Parrish, Marla Sacks, Jessica Turner, Robert Vasinko, and Catherine Venditti.

THE APPRENTICE

Another opportunity at State Days this year is to explore journalism, graphic and visual arts and college life by participating in the "Apprentice". This educational track will include a series of hands-on activities in digital photography, journalism and graphic design. This track will begin Tuesday afternoon of State Achievement Days with a meeting with the client and the instructors. It will finish Wednesday

afternoon with a presentation to a client. If a member is participating in this event, they will not be able to participate in any other educational or competitive event at State Achievement Days.

Sing, Sing, Sing

Join the State Chorus Educational Event. This is a noncompetitive event for those who enjoy singing. Youth from all across PA have the opportunity to learn and perform at State Achievement Days opening and closing ceremonies. Youth who participate in this event will be instructed by a professor of music from the University. If you are interested call the extension office. Also for more information about this event visit the State Achievement Days website at :

<http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/activities/achievedays.html>

A MYSTERY TO BE SOLVED

This year's 4-H Horse camp is just around the corner. The theme for camp is CSI: WESTMORELAND.



Campers will solve the mystery of the missing foal. Counselors Lyndsey Androstic, Audrey Antolovich, Rebekah Baker, Andrea Bruno, Julie Deeds, Anna

Frye, Becca Gibson, Alexandra Gredence, Andrew Henderson, Beth and Michael Herder, Chad Hoover, Jesse and Matt Kepple, Heather Kifer, Jodi Lenhart, Samantha Mancu, Dana Mock, Allison Neeven, Alana Nestico, Lacey Petika, Madelyne Pieringer, Raylynn Porco, Jill Rowe, Jackie Schwirian, Justene Testa, Cicely Verstein and Vickey Winner have their detective hats on and are anxiously

waiting the campers arrival. Campers should arrive Sunday, June 25 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. If you registered for camp and have not received your information packet, please contact the Extension office A.S.A.P.

DAY CAMP IS BACK

Pump up your Potential at 4-H Day Camp. Camp will be held at Cedar Creek County Park, July 18-20, 2006. Camp will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition to workshops that help you figure out what makes you great and what you would like to do with your future, we will also have recreation, skits, crafts and a four mile canoe/float trip down the Youghiogheny River. Day camp is designed for members 6-11 years old. The registration flyer is enclosed. The cost is \$25.00 and the deadline for registration is July 14th.

PUMP UP YOUR POTENTIAL

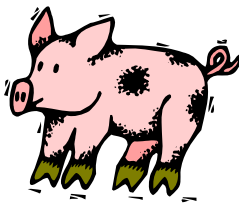


TEEN COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED FOR DAY CAMP TOO!

Teens 13 and older are asked to apply as a camp counselor for the upcoming Day Camp. Applications are due by July 5, 2006 with training day set for July 7, 2006. Call the Extension office A.S.A.P. for an application

LIVESTOCK LOVERS ALERT

It's never too late to join the ranks of others who enjoy learning about livestock evaluation. Westmoreland County livestock judging team members are on the move this summer. They will be traveling to Louisville, Kentucky to the National Jr. Swine Association livestock judging contest on July 6th. If you are interested in becoming part of the livestock judging team, contact the Extension office or team coach Dawn Dancy 724 537-7108. The team did



really well at the Butler Livestock Field Day and Judging contest. This is a multi-county event. Our junior team consisted of Heather Sullenberger, Rachel Cline, Dakota Schall and Ashley Cline. They placed fifth overall. Senior team members were Carrie Hyde, Nat Stas, Kelvin Nelson, and Ryan Komar. The senior team placed first over all. Individual member Josh Shugars also attended the event. All Westmoreland County members placed in the top 10 in all divisions and both teams placed in the top five in all divisions. And congratulations to Rachel Cline who placed first over all

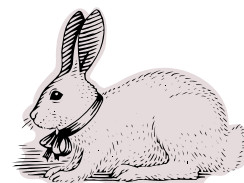
individually and Nat Stas who placed third over all individually. Good job! The best of luck to you on your trip to Kentucky!

The Southwest Regional 4-H Small Animal Show date has been set. This year's event will be held on September 23, 2006. Look for more details in the next clipboard.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES

Attention 4-H Rabbit and Dog project members. The Westmoreland Fair is just around the corner. That means it's time to sign up your projects. Check your mailboxes next week for

identification forms and return them to the Extension office by the scheduled dates. Rabbit members, don't forget, each rabbit needs to be identified with a tattoo.



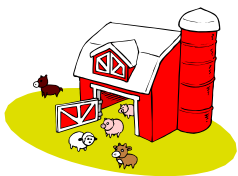
PETS ON PARADE

Hey you guys, all kids doing the Pet Care and Dog Projects are invited to parade your pets. Want to use your animal dress up costume that you worked so hard on for the Fair again? Want to have fun with your dog at different rally stations? Then you need to come to the "Pet Friends Animal Fair" Pet Friends, an animal shelter in North Huntingdon is sponsoring a "Pet Friends Animal Fair". This event will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at the Oak Hollow Park in Irwin, PA. There will be an animal dress up parade and a rally run. Registration will begin at

10:00 a.m. The parade will start at 10:45 a.m. The rally run will be after the parade. The cost for the parade is \$3.00 and \$1.00 for the rally run. There will also be different demonstrations going on, a flea market, food booth and bake sale. If you can help or want more information about the event please contact Sue Misko at 724 863-2196.



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, a cow, a pig, a 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, and the green rubber bracelets that are \$2.00 each.

Hello Ladder of Achievement, Good Bye Orange, Pink and Green Forms

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.

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

A BIG 4-H WELCOME

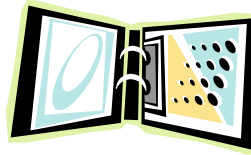
How about a big 4-H welcome to two new area clubs. In Bell Township we have a new club up and running. The club leaders are Jocelyn and Stan Debick. The name of their club is the Flying High 4-H Club. And we also have a new horse club forming this year. The name of the club is Blazing Saddles and the organizational leader for that club is Laura Katinsky. Welcome to both clubs, we look forward to seeing you this summer at all the 4-H functions!

PROJECT BOOKS, PROJECT BOOKS,OH MY!

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. Horse members' books need to be reviewed at one of the first two August horse shows or at the August 7, 2006 4-H

Horse Leader's Meeting from 7:00—8:00 p.m. at the Extension office.

Livestock members and plant science members books will be reviewed at the fair.



Are you working on those project books???

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 24. Let's get out there and get some good stuff and make this year's auction bigger and better than ever!!

QUALITY ASSURANCE. . HELPING TO ASSURE A QUALITY EXPERIENCE

Livestock members are reminded that annually they need to participate in a quality assurance training based on ethical decision making and best management practices. Most members should have received training during a regular club meeting. The Livestock field days will offer an opportunity for members to participate in quality assurance trainings too. The remaining ones are: Hog Field Day

July 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds.

Sheep and Goat Field Day, July 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Those members attending the Multi-County 4-H Horse Camp, June 25-28, 2006 will also have met their quality assurance training requirements. Other members circle August 10,

2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Extension office meeting room

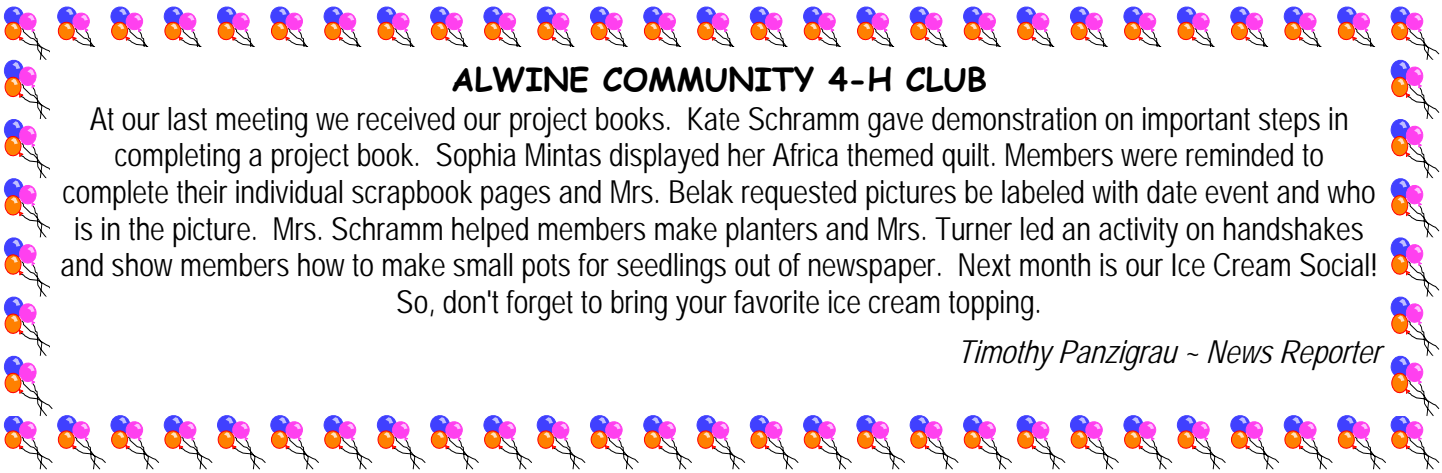
CALLING APPLICATIONS. .FOR 2006 OUTSTANDING MEMBER

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 21, 2006 for consideration for selection. More details on this process are available from the Extension office and will be posted on our website.



4-H Club News



ALWINE COMMUNITY 4-H CLUB

At our last meeting we received our project books. Kate Schramm gave demonstration on important steps in completing a project book. Sophia Mintas displayed her Africa themed quilt. Members were reminded to complete their individual scrapbook pages and Mrs. Belak requested pictures be labeled with date event and who is in the picture. Mrs. Schramm helped members make planters and Mrs. Turner led an activity on handshakes and show members how to make small pots for seedlings out of newspaper. Next month is our Ice Cream Social! So, don't forget to bring your favorite ice cream topping.

Timothy Panzigrau ~ News Reporter

BLUE RIBBON AG CLUB

The 2006 officers for the Blue Ribbon Ag club are: President, Kelsey Reed; Vice President, Justene Testa; Secretary, Candis Mosco; Treasurer, Kim Ciotti; Newsreporter, Christopher Rob; County Council Representatives, Rebecca Summy and Rebekah Baker; Social Chairperson, Sydney Richardson. Blue Ribbon holds club meetings the second Thursday of each month at 6:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Church in Trauger. New members are always welcome. Deputy Conservation officer, Jeff LeJeune of the PA Game Commission gave a presentation on bluebirds at our May meeting. Following the presentation members built nesting boxes to be hung and monitored by the club members.

Christopher Robb ~ News Reporter

SALEM SADDLE CLUB

The Salem Saddle club held a fun show on June 11 with a great turnout of members and horses. The food was great, the weather was great and we had a great judge. She was very good at sharing knowledge with the kids and provided a learning experience for all ages. The club is also planning a fishing out with special needs kids as our community service project.

Lydia Kepple, News Reporter

SLICKVILLE 4-H CLUB

The Slickville 4-H Club has been very busy. Members have been doing their demonstrations, we marched in the Memorial Day parade in Slickville, we held a cake decorating contest. We had cakes decorated like a rainbow, a cow, a Memorial day cake, and several 4-H cakes. The cakes were judged by age groups. Everyone had fun, the cakes looked great, and they were delicious!

Megan McQuaide ~ News Reporter

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

SUNSHINE 4-H CLUB

Sunshine's Club's 2006 officers are: Lindsey Johnson, President; Symanthia Hoover, Vice President; Jennifer Harrold, Secretary; Maggie Harrold, Treasurer; Jessica Hoover, Roll call; Reed Hays & Craig Blystone, Game Leaders; Sarah Rudy, News reporter. We had a bonfire at the Hoover farm, roasted a few hotdogs and performed skits. The skits allowed the members to work as a team.

Sarah Rudy ~ News Reporter

4-H TRAVEL-ALL CLUB

The 4-H Travel-All Club is making final preparations for their exchange with a group of 4-H'ers from Oregon. The group will arrive on July 25 and will be in our county until August 4, 2006. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our guest.

Kim Ciotti ~ News Reporter

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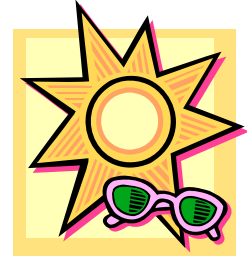
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Sincerely,

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