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4-H F.Y.I.— OCTOBER 2009

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DEAR 4-H LEADERS:

As fall approaches 4-H clubs should be moving into the evaluation phase of the project work and club experiences. 4-H should be MORE than just showing at the Westmoreland fair! It is the experiences of speaking before a group, participating in community service and keeping records that members will use as they grow into their adult roles.

In order to help you to reinforce these educational experiences for the members, the county 4-H program provides contests and awards to help you motivate the members and families to “learn by doing”.

Enclosed are some of the forms and applications to help recognize the work of your membership and others: These are all due by **October 15, 2009**.

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT FORMS

This is just a short report form that each member should fill out annually. The final step of this Achievement program is the Diamond award which is much more lengthy and winds up a two year project. We have had several members receive this award and encourage others to give it a try. Forms are available from the Extension office or on our webpage.

OUTSTANDING CLUB AWARD

This is a one page recap of your club year and offers your club recognition at Achievement Night. Each club member will receive a commemorative 4-H keychain. An Outstanding Club Award form is enclosed for your convenience. Please fill out and return a.s.a.p.



Mark Your Calendars!

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is for the member who has participated in pretty much the same project their entire 4-H career. An example would be a member who has carried the dairy project, exhibited at round up, district, state and may even been on the dairy judging team or another dairy related experience. But, they were

never on county council or served as a camp counselor. In other words, they have focused in one project area and excelled at it. The member should be at least 14 years and older. If you have members in your club who you think would qualify, contact the Extension office for an application form or get one from our webpage.



PROJECT BOOK AWARD

You can nominate you member's project books for the Outstanding 4-H Project Book Award. A club may nominate as many as 42 different books based on three age divisions and the 14 different general project categories. Make

your member feel special and maybe motivate that, "I have to do a project book member" to complete their books. Enclosed is explanation of the project portfolio award and a nomination form.

4-H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The 4-H Memorial Scholarship is for formal education. This is an opportunity for an older 4-H member to receive financial help for post high school education. The application must be completed and a school transcript submitted by the October

15 deadline date. A member must be planning on attending an accredited college, university or technical school to be considered.

All award forms are due back to the Extension office by October 15, 2009.

MARK THE DATE

October 7—Farm Show Ear tagging for Market Goat, Lamb and Hog members.

October 15—All Award forms are due to the Extension office.

October 23, 24, 25—PA State 4-H Horse Show

October 30—Reservations due for Junior Horse Show Banquet. Contact JHSC representative Kerri Zelenak 724 640-0942.

October 30—Achievement Night Reservations are due to the Extension office.

FARM SHOW

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Attention Livestock leaders, please remind your members that it is time to tag animals for the Pennsylvania Farm Show. There will be a mandatory tagging for Market hog, lambs and goats on

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Westmoreland Fairgrounds

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

November 10— Westmoreland County 4-H Achievement Night, Mill Creek Restaurant, Ligonier PA.

November 12—4-H Board of Directors meeting, Extension office.

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Westmoreland County 4-H Program



Posted On the Web

- ♣ 2009 4-H Memorial Scholarship Application
- ♣ Lifetime Achievement Award Application
- ♣ Outstanding Club Award Application

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COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT IS COMING!

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

6:00 p.m.

We hope to see you all at the County 4-H Achievement Night which will be held at Mill Creek Restaurant in Ligonier, PA. This is a renovated barn facility on the west side of town. It is located just off of Route 30 West. This should be a nice setting to recognize our membership. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by the awards presentation.

Reservations are due to the Extension office by October 30th. Each individual is asked to pay \$3.00 to help offset the cost of the facilities. Please make a reservation by contacting the Extension office.



4-H Board of Directors

The next 4-H Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2009 at the Extension office. If you have any matters for the Board to discuss, please contact Joann or Cindy at the Extension office.