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Office of 4-H Youth Development

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Pennsylvania 4-H Week **Christy Bartley**

March 12-18, 2006 should be a special time of celebration in your counties. Pennsylvania 4-H week comes around once again. Many counties have clubs prepare store front displays. Others hold their recognition banquets during this week. It's a time to step back and let all the groups who participate in the 4-H Youth Development program show and tell you what they have been doing for the last year. In this issue, read Marilyn Corbin's article on ceremonies and work with your youth to celebrate successes. Let volunteers know that there is an opportunity to inform national congressional representatives about 4-H and encourage them to join the 4-H caucus. Provide the opportunity for your youth and volunteers to be recognized not only by 4-H but by the many national organizations who support volunteerism and youth involved in their communities. Think about how you can make Pennsylvania 4-H Week special this year.

What is the 4-H Caucus? **Christy Bartley**

The 4-H Caucus in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives creates educational opportunities for 4-H youth to learn how the U.S. government functions, encouraging greater and better informed involvement in the political process. The Caucus will also provide members of the House and Senate with more current and complete information on the mission, activities and accomplishments of the 4-H program. One Pennsylvania representative, Tim Holden, has joined the 4-H caucus. There are many senators and representatives who are eligible and have not joined. As you meet with your congressional representatives, be sure to mention this opportunity. Volunteers and teens might also help you to inform this group.

Graduate Classes Available through Ag & Extension Education **Christy Bartley**

For those educators working on graduate degrees, you might want to consider the one week graduate courses being offered in 2006. Courses and time offerings are based on a recent survey of agriculture teachers, extension educators, and FCS teachers. The courses are:

AEE 424-Workforce Guidance in Agricultural Industry
YFE 438-Teaching in an Increasingly Diverse Society
AEE 501-Foundations of Agricultural and Extension Education

Registration and enrollment information is available through Continuing Education at:
<http://www.outreach.psu.edu/CE> or 814-865-3825.

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Ceremonies

Marilyn Corbin

Special events are often recognized with a ceremony. In 4-H, ceremonies are an uplifting celebration where we acknowledge with a special time and event something special to the organization. It is a wonderful way to recognize a new member, a new 4-H club, 4-H club anniversaries, awards, honors, the United States and 4-H flags, or closing an event. They are a time for reflection and deeper expression of how 4-H is creating a meaningful experience for youth.

Recently, when Christy Bartley and I were in Mexico to help launch the new 4-H program we were impressed with the ceremony the Guanajuato leaders organized to acknowledge the beginning of the 4-H Club program in their community. It was a special time with speeches, banners, a cornerstone to mark the occasion, flowers, photos, music and refreshments. The enthusiasm of the youth and their families that the 4-H program was coming to their community was very exciting to see and experience. The leaders were clearly indicating they were committed to making the 4-H youth development program a success.

As you include ceremonies in the 4-H program, you are helping our leaders and youth create memories about 4-H. The ceremonies add enthusiasm, meaning, sincerity, and a feeling that “you are special” to the occasion. The following website includes general information about 4-H ceremonies, as well as, scripts for some common 4-H ceremonies. We encourage you to initiate some new ceremonies that will create some new traditions for the 4-H program in your county. <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/ceremonies/>



4-H Member Recognition Awards

Christy Bartley

Each year the College of Agricultural Sciences recognizes outstanding 4-H members from across the state. Counties are to identify a 4-H member who has excelled in their program and submit the individual’s application to the State 4-H Office by April 1. For those applicants who are juniors or seniors in high school, they can be considered for a scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences if the necessary information is submitted. The application can be found at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/PDFs/4HColAwrApp.pdf>.

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

◆ Resources Available

Take and teach resources on bullying, peer pressure, and risky behaviors have been developed by the University of Minnesota Extension. The materials are on CD and can be ordered from www.parenting.umn.edu.

◆ 2006 Leaders Forum

Will be held on April 1. For registration and program information, visit the news/issues section of the Pennsylvania 4-H web site: <http://pa4h.psu.edu>.



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The Pennsylvania CYFAR Program: YET Phil Hoy

The Youth Engaged in Technology program is an after-school program for high school youth (in Potter and Washington Counties) that uses technology as a vehicle through which young people are engaged in learning and contributing to their community. YET is designed to enhance young people's skills (especially those related to information sciences and technology), social skills, and prosocial skills.

The Youth Engaged in Technology (YET) after-school program is a New Communities Project funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture under its National Children, Youth, and Families At-Risk (CYFAR) Initiative. Dr. Daniel Perkins is the principal investigator and director for the grant and Phil Hoy is the project coordinator. YET is designed to enhance young people's marketable skills (especially to information technology), and prosocial employs technology which young people are engaged in contributing. We hope to launch the after school curriculum being developed from this project within the next two years.



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The major focus of the program's meetings is technology such as robotics, GPS/GIS, web page development, and nano-fabrication. Club members participate in service-learning activities related to technology, such as teens helping seniors learn computer skills (e.g., internet and email).

This past school year two new curriculum areas, GPS and GIS were launched. The GPS curriculum introduces members to the world of Global Positioning System and geocaching. The youth's GPS experience with a culmination of each site establishing a geocache posting on geocaching.com. The Geographical Information System (GIS) curriculum was pilot tested by the YET sites. This curriculum is being developed by the Penn State Land Analysis Lab and the YET project. The YET member's experience enabled them to provide feedback about this curriculum has helped in the refinement of this statewide 4-H curriculum.

YET members are currently working on Web development and robotics curriculum. Through the YET program the members have developed several Web sites for local non-profit organizations. YET members have also trained over 150 senior citizens on basic computer skills, including surfing the web, creating Word documents, and using email. Some members have reported significant increases of technology knowledge throughout the past three years. The YET program continues to grow and serve the needs of the youth and their communities in Potter and Washington Counties.

Tidbits of Information

◆ Journal for Youth Workers Published

The journal, *Working Together for Healthy Youth*, has been published on-line at <http://www.nydic.org/nydic/programming/newideas/documents/YouthWorkerNews-February2006.pdf>. Topic areas found in the journal include promising practices, program resources, and research and funding.

◆ FAQ on 4-H Member Age Change

A Frequently Asked Questions document on the 4-H member age change can be found at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/EEonly/Documents/FAQ4HAge.pdf>.

◆ 4-H Development Council Meets April 11

For those who are thinking about submitting funding proposals for review, please note that they should be submitted by March 27 to be reviewed before the meeting. Information on submitting a proposal may be found at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/EEonly/Documents/FundingProposals.doc>.



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February Is Black History Month - Test Your Knowledge

Patreese Ingram

Match the names of Black Americans on the left with the biographical information on the right.

1	Marian Anderson	a	Invented the first automatic traffic signal
2	Frederick Douglas	b	Became World Heavyweight Boxing Champion at the age of 22
3	Harriet Tubman	c	Writer, poet, and playwright whose works have been translated into many languages
4	George Washington Carver	d	Participated on the US Olympic Team in Berlin, Germany in 1936. Won the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter dash, the broad jump, and was member of the winning relay team.
5	Rosa Parks	e	Conducted research at Tuskegee Institute on peanuts, sweet potatoes, and soybeans. Discovered many products which could be made from these sources.
6	Garrett Morgan	f	The most famous conductor on the underground railroad. Led more than 300 slaves to freedom.
7	Charles Drew	g	A gifted physician and surgeon who discovered the process for separating plasma from blood and storing it until needed. Established the first blood bank. His blood banks saved the lives of thousands of soldiers during World War II.
8	Muhammad Ali	h	Started the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott by refusing to stand on the bus.
9	Langston Hughes	i	An outstanding abolitionist speaker; published the antislavery newspaper, the <i>North Star</i>; and lectured in England on the evils of slavery.
10	Jesse Owens	j	Vocalist who was the first Black American to sing at the Metropolitan Opera in 1955. Also sang at President John F. Kennedy's inauguration in 1961.



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Introducing the 2006 Pennsylvania State 4-H Council

Jackie Bruce

Pennsylvania 4-H and the Pennsylvania State 4-H Council Advisors are proud to announce the delegates to the 2006 Pennsylvania State 4-H Council. These eight young people will be inducted at the end of the month at the State 4-H Leadership Conference during Closing Ceremonies, and their one year terms will formally begin. Please check the State Council web-site, soon, for more about these dynamic young people as well as to find general Council information (<http://ps4-hc.cas.psu.edu>).

Northwest Region

Lissia Thomas
Josh Bell

Southeast Region

Wayde Taylor

Southwest Region

Renold Sossong
Sarah Smith

Northeast Region

Amanda Miner

Central Region

Jessica Ritchey
Joshua Mosteller

2006 ESRI GIS Grant Program for 4-H

From Clover Corner News

ESRI announces two grant options for the ESRI GIS Grant Program, designed for 4-H in cooperation with National 4-H Headquarters, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)/U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support its geospatial outreach, education, and community involvement efforts. The goal of this program is to foster and support the integration of geographic information system (GIS) software in 4-H clubs across America.

Grant categories include an introductory grant for 4-H clubs new to GIS and global positioning systems (GPS) and an intermediate grant for those 4-H clubs that received previous ESRI 4-H grants and completed the grant requirements.

Eligible applicants include any 4-H community or in-school clubs, 4-H Afterschool programs, 4-H special interest groups, 4-H school enrichment groups, 4-H camps, or similar 4-H units across America that meet regularly and are recognized as authorized 4-H groups within the state's 4-H program. Application period is **January 1–March 31, 2006**. To learn more about the 2006 4-H Grants, go to http://www.esri.com/grants/esri/06003_4-h_fy06.html.

Lewis and Clark Essay Contest

From Clover Corner News

The Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous is an event for students who will be high school juniors or seniors during the 2006-2007 school year. It is centered on the 200th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery and the exploration of the west and will take place August 13-18, 2006 in North Dakota.

Ten students from each state and territory will be selected to participate in the Youth Rendezvous based upon a Lewis and Clark essay competition. The event, including transportation, will be free of charge for those students with the winning essays along with two chaperones from each state and territory. The essay will be evaluated on original thought about the Lewis and Clark expedition. It must be a minimum of 1,000 words, but not more than 1,500 words. Entries will be accepted until midnight **February 28, 2006**. To learn more go to <http://www.lcyouthrendezvous.com/>

Nominate Your Huggable Hero

From Clover Corner News

For the third year in a row, Build-A-Bear Workshop is conducting a search for kids who are involved in their communities and helping other people and organizations.

Huggable Heroes are kids 18 years of age and younger who have been recognized by Build-A-Bear Workshop for their efforts to make the world a little brighter by volunteering and helping others. Build-A-Bear Workshop is again searching for 12 kids to be named the 2006 Huggable Heroes. Each of the 12 Huggable Heroes will receive a \$2,500 donation to their cause, a trip to Los Angeles and will be featured in the 2007 Huggable Heroes calendar. Nominations for the Huggable Heroes program will be accepted through **February 14, 2006**. To nominate your Huggable Hero go to the following web site: <http://huggableheroes.buildabear.com/>.

4-H State Achievement Days - August 1-3, 2006

Lydia Everhart

Plans are well underway for this year's state conference. You can find updated information regularly by going to the 4-H State Achievement Days web-site at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/Activities/AchieveDays.html>. Please note that all forms, posters, photographs, essays, and registrations are due no later than July 10, 2006. The new Extension Educator Handbook will be available towards the end of February. Keep your eyes posted for this helpful addition to the web-site.



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4-H Capital Days — April 23-25, 2006

Lydia Everhart

Capital Days registration is up and running, and the committee is looking forward to a successful and rewarding event. This year we encourage you to send your delegates for the entire three days, which are packed full of educational workshops and fun. We also are very excited to announce some of our speakers for the 2006 4-H Capital Days Event. Our opening speaker will be Christy Bartley, State 4-H Program Leader. Lori Connelly, Communications Director for PennAg Industries and 4-H alum will speak at lunch. Lt. Governor, Catherine Baker Knoll will present at the evening banquet. Finally, at our closing brunch we will hear from the Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Steve Crawford.

For more information on workshop presenters and schedule please visit the Capital Days Web-site at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/Activities/CapitalDays.html>.

4-H Capital Days — Impact Study

Lydia Everhart

A study examining the impact of 4-H Capital Days has been approved, and will take place during the 2006 4-H Capital Days Event. We need your help, in making this study successful! We have posted on the web two documents that need to be sent to the parents of the delegates prior to attending this event. The parental consent form must accompany your delegate's medical and code of conduct forms to the event. This study will aid in interpreting the value of the event, improvements that need to be made, and potential behavior changes of the delegates due to participation in Capital Days Event. You can find the parental letter and consent forms on the Capital Days web-site at: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/Activities/CapitalDays.html>. If you have any questions in regards to this study please contact Lydia Everhart at jak146@psu.edu

Philly Celebrates Ben's 300th Birthday

Jackie Simon

Happy Birthday Ben! That was the theme of the day, January 17th, 2006, the anniversary of Ben Franklin's birth. I listened to one of our local stations as I made the early morning drive to the National Constitution Center's celebration, "Years & Still Current: America Celebrates Franklin's 300th Anniversary. Ben celebrations were the talk of the town! I had seen Mr. Ralph F. Archbold (Franklin speaker/actor) around town for many years, but I didn't think he was that old.

Upon arriving at the National Constitution Center, I was escorted to a private breakfast area, and then directed into the Kimmel Center (room) to be briefed along with the others who were attending the celebration. 4-H was included in the entrepreneurship/self-improvement group and, as a group," promised to do well by doing good". Our group would have one representative to light a section of candles on the cake, and another representative who would make a wish. We had the honor of having Dr. Rosalind Remer, Executive Director, The Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, as a member of our group. One of her areas of expertise is the history of entrepreneurship in the colonial and early national periods.

As we waited for our rehearsal, we received the following information regarding the celebration - The celebration was made possible by The Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, a private non-profit alliance established to mark the three-hundred-year anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth (1706-2006) with a celebration dedicated to educating the public about Franklin's enduring legacy and inspiring renewed appreciation of the values he embodied. The Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary represents a consortium created in 2000 by the American Philosophical Society, The Franklin Institute, the Library Company of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the University of Pennsylvania. The consortium is supported by a \$4 million gift to the nation from the Pew Charitable Trusts. The Tercentenary's projects will form the official national celebration for the America's first founding father to reach 300.

We had about ten minutes to get ourselves together between rehearsal time and celebration time. We were all a little nervous and excited at the same time. We got back into our groups and made our way to the stage. Members of the staff at the National Constitution Center were so helpful and encouraging, guiding through the entire morning. The members of CBS (Channel 3, here in Philadelphia) broadcasting team arrived and were interacting with the us, the participants of the celebration. Then the celebration officially began. The CBS team shared the announcing with The Honorable Chaka Fattah, who announced my name, Penn State 4-H and our motto, "To make the best better". It was exciting to hear those words.

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After all of the candles, with the exception of one, had been activated by the magical lighting wand, the Governor, Mrs. Rendell, and Ben made their way to the top of the cake to light the final candle. We had been told not to join in with Mrs. Rendell as she sang "Happy Birthday" to Ben. We were joining in on the second chorus. Mrs. Rendell has a beautiful voice, but looked a little surprised when she realized she was on her own. Finally, we joined in, sang another verse and enjoyed the confetti and balloons that were filling the air around us.

I noticed that only a lock of my hair was in the photos in our local paper, The Inquirer. However, I was positioned behind the two youth who held up the oversized Franklin coins during the event. I was placed where I should be – with youth. And, I learned things about Ben Franklin that I hadn't known or have forgotten over time. In addition to having fun, I learned a thing or two on that Tuesday morning.

Reference sources:

<http://www.benfranklin300.com/about.htm>, 1/20/2006

The Philadelphia Inquirer, Sunday, January 15th, 2006, Wednesday, January 18th, 2006

4-H Annual Fund

Michael Martin

You recently received our 4-H annual fund appeal letter from Charles Brosius asking you to consider making a gift of \$100 - or an amount appropriate for you to – to benefit 4-H. Penn State employees can contribute through payroll deduction or a one-time gift by check or credit card.

As you know, we are in the process of creating a sustaining source of private funds for 4-H. The annual fund appeal is one step in our 4-H fund development initiative. Last year we received nearly \$18,000 from the annual fund appeal and \$315,250 in total charitable contributions. This year we are on track to bring in even more.

If you would prefer to support a particular 4-H activity or endowment other than the annual fund, please contact me for the appropriate allocation code. For more information about how to support your favorite 4-H program, please contact Michael Martin at 405 Keller Building, University Park, PA 16802; 814-863-2754; or email mmartin@psu.edu. For information about giving online go to: <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/YDfund.html>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



The 2006 4-H Calendar can be found at:

<http://pa4h.psu.edu>

- ◆ **February 15-16**
4-H Afterschool Conference
- ◆ **February 21**
Meet Up Professional Development Call Management of 4-H Club Accounts
- ◆ **February 22**
Youth Program Advisory Committee Mtg
- ◆ **February 24-26**
State Leadership Conference
- ◆ **February 28**
4-H Capital Days Registration Due
- ◆ **March 1**
ATS Deadline
- ◆ **March 12-18**
Pennsylvania 4-H Week
- ◆ **March 23**
Meet Up Professional Development Call-Working with 5-8 Year Olds
- ◆ **March 25-30**
National 4-H Conference

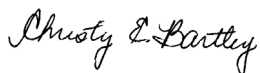


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