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Legislature report

Q2 Review and Q3 '23 upcoming highlights.

What's happened since we last met:

Master Gardeners: hosted workshops on Sustainable Lawn Care (26), Tomatoes (28), and Mason Bees (38). They also did some renovation of garden areas around the grounds including moving the compost display to the site that will eventually become the "Garden based learning site".

4-H: Two youth attended Capitol Days April 16-18 in Albany. The annual fashion was held in April (20). Our program hosted Spring Schooling horse show April 30. Conservation Field Days brought the 6th graders from all five schools to the grounds in May. Bruce Landis hosted Photography workshop just last week (13). Regular club and school programming continued and has for most taken the summer break for fair.

MFP: Offered three classes in May and June. Intro to canning (80) Jams (11) Cheese and Sausage (9)

Nutrition Programming: Elderberries continued monthly with two groups of ten seniors participating in social cooking group. Stone Soup has now completed three cohorts. Pop-up Pantries will continue for the duration of 2023.

Digital Literacy: 1:1 and pop-up hours continue to see high use. Katie has been asked to work on the national curriculum for developing a CCE digital literacy volunteer program. Tech 360 has had 30 participants complete the course and is beginning to ramp up speed of classes as well as offering variations on scheduling.

Fairgrounds and Fair: Free WIFI.

Rental events highlights include Arc self-advocacy event, craft shows, horse shows.

What's coming up before our next committee meeting:

Ongoing classes and cohorts through October: Master your garden, Master food preservers classes, Elderberries, Tech 360, Stone Soup

Stone Soup: Two summer youth cohorts, Social Services Cohort will begin soon working with youth in transitional services.

Fair: All pre-fair indicators are good. Ad reach is above normal, sponsorship is above budget, ticket sales are normal, vendor response was highest in years resulting in several we were not able to accommodate. Grounds are well prepared. Youth numbers have increased 158 youth are exhibiting just in the animal areas. This includes several from neighboring counties.

Growing Resources for Tomorrow

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.

Ongoing projects, challenges, and other:

Ag Tech Response Project and other capital projects: Project continues to move forward and is now at the contracting phase through USDA. It's been communicated we will soon be given the ok from USDA to solicit bids.

Solar Project: Installation was set to happen in June, however an engineer report returned that they would like to see the purlins under the unit doubled as a precautionary measure. This is scheduled for August and the solar is now scheduled for September.

NYS Ag and Markets: One of three grants were approved for final submission of reimbursement. Still waiting on two others. Ag and Markets held a webinar in June announcing additional funding, but we have not seen the award letters yet. These programs while a boon, are very frustrating and have made planning projects and work complex.

Ed Center Roof: Project was completed in May.

Air Quality: Several CCE's are becoming part of the State air quality monitoring program and we will receive our equipment to install sometime in July. This will allow for accurate Orleans information with the closest current site being Middleport.

 7. 6.23

Meeting: Planning & Development

Date & Time: 7-6-23 9:30 a.m.

Location: Legislature

Attendees: Bill Eick, Ed Morgan, Lynne Johnson, Jack Welch

Agenda Item	Leader/Presenter	Discussion	Action
1. Resolution: Adopting Additions to Certified Agricultural District	J. Bensley	Without objection, J. Bensley proposed a resolution to adopt the annual enrollment of parcels as requested by owners into Agricultural District No. 1. At L. Johnson's request, J. Bensley confirmed the action would follow the public hearing during the conference session at 4:20 p.m.	Resolution for Public Hearing on July 18th at 4:20 p.m. to be placed on the July Legislative agenda
2. Snowmobile Trail Grant Program Status	J. Bensley	J. Bensley expressed serious reservations about the new policy imposed by NYS OPRHP on now mandating that counties be responsible for the audit and verification of documents provided by snowmobiles clubs. He further stated that during all past years where his Department was involved	
		in administering the program without the obligation of direct auditing, most documents were delivered late and lacking detail required by NYS. J. Bensley had a possible remedy of this that he would eventually propose. E. Morgan felt the snowmobile clubs should acknowledge the benefit to them of cooperating with the County and NYS. J. Bensley said we would follow the suggestion of L. Johnson by consulting other counties to learn their strategies.	
3. Upcoming Meetings/Events	J. Bensley	Future meetings and events for J. Bensley are Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (Albion) - July 12th; NYSAC Planning Directors (Virtual) - July 21st; Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority Employee Appreciation (Medina) - July 25th; RGRTA Quarterly & Annual Meeting (Rochester) - August 3rd	

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Bensley

5-11-23

Date

Meeting: Tourism
Date & Time: 7.6.23 @ 9:00am
Location: Legislature

Attendees: Dawn L. Borchert,

Agenda Item	Leader/Presenter	Discussion	Action
Marine Park Update	Dawn	*ONNA Concert - Tuesday, July 11th *F/U on the questions about the Dock at Pt. Breeze	Updated
Tourism Office/Sportfishing	Dawn	* OC Fishing Guide will go to print in Aug	Updated
Tourism Office	Dawn	* Orleans County - The Eclipse April 8th , 2024 * Eclipse Glasses - Discussion Cost to Print: #25,000 = .35 each/ #50,000 = .32 each/ #100,000 = .30 each	Updated and 25,000 glasses were approved to be ordered.
Tourism Office	Dawn	Cycle the Erie Canal Event - July 9th to 10th (Sun to Mon) 650 Riders (+100 Volunteers) =750	Updated
Tourism Office	Dawn	Capital Plan - New Signage for OC Marine Park	Updated
Tourism Office	Dawn		

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Borchert

7.10.23

Date