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Legislature report

Q3 Review and Q4 upcoming highlights.

What's happened since we last met:

Master Gardeners hosted workshops on Local Waterways (17), Native Plants (20), Dahlias (12).

SNAP Ed had two events at Orleans CCE coordinated with PUP Food events. These were in addition to several in the community at various partners.

Digital Literacy hosted several public trainings and will continue with a series aimed at non-profit organizations this fall. They just held new mentor orientation for six new volunteers over the course of two sessions.

Master Food Preservers hosted workshops on Bread Making (9), and Apples (9).

The robotics program fall season has started with seven youth in FLL Discover (ages 5-7), ten in FLL Lego League (ages 7-12) and open house for teen member recruitment when that season begins in December.

The fair was hosted with an estimated attendance of 26,176. A calm fair with very few issues or ordeals. Following in August project and livestock by 32 Orleans County 4-H Youth were entered into the NYS Fair.

The Lake Ontario Fruit Team hosted their fruit tour in Orleans County this year with 135 participants, followed by the Spanish Speaking Fruit Tour attended by 102 participants. Presentations at both focused on grower and researcher work to improve orchard efficiency.

Attended the presentation for the recent unveiling of the results of WNY Regional Food Systems project funded by the WNY Foundation. This project is connected to our county and is anticipated to have long term direct impact on the WNY food system. <https://www.foodfuturewny.org/>

Grounds was used for four horse shows, two Windsong Mobile Mammogram sessions, one open rabbit show, the recent Medina Lions Scarecrow Festival, Head Start provider training event, two food distributions, and one county Rabies Clinic with a "cat-astrophe!"

What's coming up before our next committee meeting:

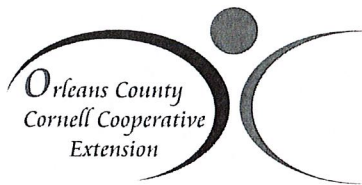
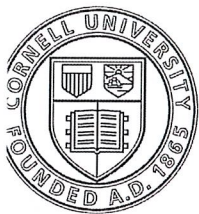
Master Gardeners will have workshops on Winter Squash (10) and wreath making. They have recently returned to having subcommittee structure and will be working this fall and winter to plan for the fairgrounds gardens, integrating sustainability suggestions for the fairgrounds and a public campaign focused on homeowners, and planning for the 2023 workshops.

Master Food Preservers have completed the 2022 planned series but will be actively volunteering with a new food waste and preservation program launching in coming months.

4-H clubs have begun meeting again. Three schools have active elementary clubs lead by Kristina. This month the dog program will host a dog educational day. In early November we will host the annual Produced in NY contest. This is followed by holiday workshop and holiday faire.

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Two Pop-Up Pantries remain for 2022. Foodlink has shared the program will continue through the first six months of 2023. We are committed to continuing this program.

Cornell Local Roads program will host a workshop for municipalities next week on Routine Highway Maintenance at the fairgrounds. We have been seeing increased work with Cornell at the University level in our area including Cornell Law working remotely with individuals in our county.

Coming months will be filled with nutrition as we begin work on the Stone Soup project with Community Action. A posting is currently running for a Nutrition Program Coordinator. This project will bring nutrition education to about 50 families, provide a portable kitchen to these families, and in year two introduce a Food RX program to the county.

The WNY Health Foundation has extended an offer to fund a yearlong program called Elderberries which involves hosting Seniors who will prepare or preserve food to reduce food waste and then be able to use for personal use or contribute to local food pantries or community kitchens. Final details of this project are still being completed. It will be done in coordination with Stone Soup and staffed by that new individual.

In December we will host WNY Farmworkers Coalition's Christmas Event as a way of the association supporting the work done by our farmworkers. This will also be an opportunity for programs to increase our outreach to Spanish speaking audiences.

Orleans CCE's annual meeting is December 6 at Maison Albion. We will be recognizing Marty Zwifka as Friend of Extension and Erik Seielstad as Outstanding 4-H Leader.

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.

Solar Project: After some dormancy we have had a few calls with Everybody Solar who has experienced a leadership change but is moving forward on this partnership.

Horse Arena: There has been a donation that has spurred volunteers to begin a project to refurbish the current arenas and expand the warmup arena to be a second large arena. This would allow for us to host larger shows. NYS AFIP Funding Application is waiting for reply. We are also waiting on Ag and Markets for the 2021 NYS Fairs Pandemic Response Funding.

Meeting: Planning & Development

Date & Time: 10-11-22 12:30 p.m.

Location: Legislature

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

Agenda Item	Leader/Presenter	Discussion	Action
1. Proposal for Mapping and Demographic Services	J. Welch J. Bensley	A proposed agreement with SUNY Research Foundation at New Paltz was explained by J. Welch to assure mandated social equity. J. Bensley felt the proposed cost of \$11,253 was very reasonable.	Resolution approving agreement and budget transfer on October Legislature agenda
2. Post-Ceremony Status: NYS REDI Dredging Hand-Off	J. Bensley	J. Bensley described successful NYS REDI Dredging hand-off meeting on Sept. 27th. Next step would be to hold core meeting with R. Klavoon of Wendel present, and be mindful of permit deadlines.	Permit data to be distributed by J. Bensley to qualifying Regional Dredging Council members
3. Announcement: Adult Use Cannabis Cultivation Licensing	J. Bensley	NYSAC had just made available list of all announced adult use cannabis sites in NYS. Addressed were unknown, but 3 sites are in Orleans County. J. Bensley said as a safety precaution he would share the public list with Sheriff Bourke. L. Johnson agreed with that practice.	None
4. County Planning Board Membership	J. Bensley	The pending resignation of Paul Hendel from the County Planning Board was announced by J. Bensley. His successor as Vice-Chairman could be settled at the CPB's annual organization meeting in January.	None
5. Upcoming Meeting/Events	J. Bensley	J. Bensley announced that he and Corey Winters for professional development would be attending the Upstate NY American Planning Association Conference on October 12-14 in Buffalo. J. Bensley stated that he would also be attending the RGRTA Policy Retreat in Rochester on October 19th.	None

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Bensley

10-27-22

Date

Meeting: Tourism

Date & Time: 10.12.22 @ 9:45am

Location: Legislature

Attendees: Dawn L. Borchert, Bill Eick, Ed Morgan, Jack Welch, Lynne Johnson, John Fitzak, Fred Miller, Skip Draper

Agenda Item	Leader/Presenter	Discussion	Action
Marine Park Update	Dawn	*Increase the rates for 2023 30 Ft Sail Boat @ \$1.50 per ft. = \$45.00 (Old Price \$21.00) #15 (30Ft. Sail Boats @ \$1.50 per ft) @ \$45.00 per stay = \$675.00 (Old Price \$ 315.00) Net Increase to Budget: \$ 360.00	Approved rate increase for 2023, Dawn will work with Lisa on a resolution for November
Marine Park Update	Dawn	* Archer Club - Sponsorship of Breakfast * USGS - KAHO Research Vessel	Agreement and Fact Sheet for Archer Club - Sponsorship of Breakfast
Tourism Office	Dawn	* Marketing Campaign in Canada with WY Cty * NYS Canal Conference - Rochester *NYS Canals Site Visit last week to our area. Concern on the Lake Level so LOW! *NYS Canals coming back Oct. 20th & 21st (Photo Shoot)	
Tourism Office	Dawn	* OC TG for 2023 - Printing Cost *Lynne and Ron Contracts for 2023	November Resolution for Lynne and Ron's 2023 contracts
Travel Dates	Dawn	* NYSTIA Annual Mtg. Oct. 26th - 28th, NYC	

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Borchert

10.12.22

Date