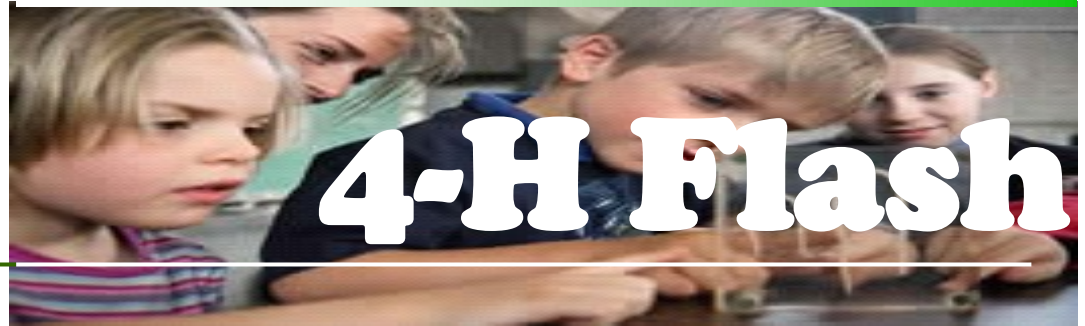
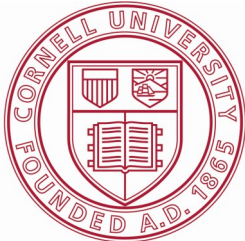




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# 4-H Flash



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## Calling All Club News Reporters (and secretaries too)

According to our officer descriptions, the club reporter's job is to tell the community (both local and 4-H community) about the club and its activities and about special projects club members are doing. The news reporter also collects all newspaper items that refer to the club for the permanent records kept by the secretary.

The club photographer should furnish pictures in cooperation with the club reporter's news stories. The photographer should bring a camera to each club meeting and take as many pictures of the activities as possible (without missing out on the fun of doing the project!)

**We need your stories for the *Flash*...** A good story just tells us **who did what, where and when** and perhaps **why**. If you have a photo or two to add to the story, that's great. All of your clubs have interesting projects you are doing. Some of you are planning some great trips. Other clubs would like to hear about them and maybe get some good ideas for their own clubs.

### We also need some reporters and photographers to help edit the *Flash* in the spring.

Peg will be offering a workshop for those who would like to learn more about putting our newsletter together in March or April. We will have a newspaper reporter to help us with writing stories and a news photographer to help with taking photos and editing them. If you have suggestions for other topics you would like to learn more about, let me know.

**Call or e-mail Peg and let her know what you can do to help make the Flash YOUR newsletter!**



# Save The Date ...

## Awards and Recognition Brunch

January 8, 2011 – Rusty Rail, Canastota  
All 4-H'ers and their families

## Youth Fair Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

January 25, 2011 – Ag Center, Morrisville  
All interested leaders, parents and teens

## Teen Winter Weekend = Fun, Fun, Fun!

February 11, 12 and 13, 2011 – Oswegatchie Educational Center, Croghan, NY  
Open to all teens (must be 13 by Jan 1, 2011)  
**Registration deadline: January 24, 2011**



## NYS 4-H Foundation Scholarship

High school seniors who have been in 4-H for at least one year.

**February 1, 2011 deadline**

**Reminder** - The Awards and Recognition Brunch is almost here. It's at the Rusty Rail, Route 5 in Canastota, on Saturday, January 8, 2011. Registration is at 9:30 am and brunch is served promptly at 10. The program should be finished around noon.

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If you and your 4-H members would like a voice in changes to the annual 4-H Youth Fair, plan to attend this meeting of the Ad Hoc committee to discuss the Fair. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 25, from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Ag Center in Morrisville**. All leaders, parents and teen 4-H members are invited to join us.

Due to budget constraints it will be necessary to make some changes in the way we do the Youth Fair this year. It will no longer be possible to hold a 2-day Fair so it is important to us that we keep the things you like most about the Fair and fix the things that need changing. This first meeting will be a brainstorming session and may be followed by an additional meeting or two to firm up ideas.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to offer some ideas and suggestions, please call Terri and let her know – 684-3001 ext 110 or [TLL7@cornell.edu](mailto:TLL7@cornell.edu)

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This annual event is sponsored by the Lewis County Teen Ambassadors. They plan and organize the activities which will include: a fun weekend of cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking plus a variety of indoor workshops and a dance on Saturday evening. Additional fun stuff may include snow sculpture, ice breakers, ice skating and a night hike. And you will meet 4-H teens from all over the state. The cost is only \$65 which includes transportation and lodging for two nights, LOTS OF FUN, all meals and snacks, LOTS OF FUN, most workshop costs and LOTS OF FUN!

**We also must have at least one chaperone from Madison County** – so talk to your parents and your leaders. We will pay for the chaperone's weekend registration fee and help with gas expense. Parents and leaders - please call Peg and talk about this fun opportunity – 315-684-3001 ext 116 or [PGL5@cornell.edu](mailto:PGL5@cornell.edu).

The registration form (including the medical consent form) will be on our Madison County website ([www.madisoncountycce.org](http://www.madisoncountycce.org)) until January 24. Look under forms for "Teen Winter Weekend." **The forms with your check for \$65 made out to Madison County CCE must be received in the 4-H office by January 24.** Please contact Terri Becker if you have any questions – [TLL7@cornell.edu](mailto:TLL7@cornell.edu) or 315-684-3001 ext 110.

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The New York State 4H Foundation offers scholarships for high school seniors each year. The 2011 application is due by February 15. In order for your 4-H staff to complete the application for you, please plan to have the paperwork in the 4-H office by **February 1**. You can obtain the application form at the following internet address: <http://www.nys4hfoundation.org/programs/foundation-programs/opportunity-scholarship-program/>. Or you can get a copy from Kim at the 4-H office. Call her at 684-3001 ext 109 or e-mail her at [kjw34@cornell.edu](mailto:kjw34@cornell.edu).



## County Communications Day

March 5, 2011 at Morrisville-Eaton high School  
Open to all 4-H members



County Communications Day will be held on Saturday, **March 5** at Morrisville-Eaton Jr-Sr High School. Registration will begin at 9 am with Presentations starting at 9:30. 4-H clubs and members should be starting to plan for their Public Presentation. Check the list and see what you need to do to get prepared.

- Plan a club meeting to discuss the members' topics and if they will participate in Horse Communications, Public Presentations, or both.
- Plan a club meeting to go over the basics of a good presentation.

Check out the website ([www.madisoncountycce.org](http://www.madisoncountycce.org)) for good teaching tips and find out the differences and similarities in Public Presentations and Horse Communications or call the 4-H office to borrow resources we have available. Be sure to contact Terri if you have other questions or would like her to do a workshop with your club.

- Pick a date for Club Presentation Night
- Encourage all presenters to continue to the County Program

Be sure to tell the 4-H office which club members did Presentations so they are eligible for the PP trip in July. The form is on the web or available at the 4-H office.

## Cheese Sale Fundraiser

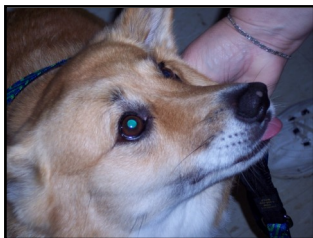
March 1 – 20, 2011  
all 4-H members – support your Madison County 4-H Foundation

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual 4-H cheese sale will be held **March 1-20<sup>th</sup>** with delivery the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>. Tentative date: April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Leader packets and member packets will be ready in mid to late February. They will be available on the CCE website or you can request them from the 4-H office. Independent members may also request sales packets.

## March Dog Madness

March 19, 2011 – Cornell campus  
All 4-H dog club leaders and teen leaders



March Dog Madness (MDM), an annual NYS 4-H Dog Leader Training Program, will be held on **Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Cornell**. This annual conference is an opportunity to bring adult and teen volunteers together with community experts to increase knowledge and awareness of the value of science based information on local CCE/4-H dog training programs. Instructors include university, extension and industry representatives. Mark your calendar and watch for more details in February.

## Madison County 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications

Deadline: April 1, 2011  
Open to all 4-H high school seniors

The Madison County 4-H Foundation offers scholarships for high school seniors each year. The 2011 application is due by **April 1**. You can obtain the application form from our website <http://www.madisoncountycce.org> or you can get a copy from Kim at the 4-H office. Call her at 684-3001 ext 109 or e-mail her at [kjw34@cornell.edu](mailto:kjw34@cornell.edu)



# Look What We've Been Doing...

## Officer Training Workshops – Pirates of Madison County



*“What makes a good leader?” activity at the  
Morrisville workshop*

“Being vice-president isn’t as easy as I thought it was,” was the comment of one of the attendees at the Pirates of Madison County officer training on November 11. Debbie SeGuin as Captain Daring Debbie and Peg Lewis as First Mate Pegleg Peg led the games and planned the mock meetings to show how not to run a meeting and then how a well-planned meeting works. They were assisted by Able Seamen Kelli Getchonis, Kenzie Mohorter, Kait Brandt and Mallory Mohorter at the Canastota session and by Carly Hazer, Sara Russo and Alex Belton at the Morrisville session.

Most of the attendees liked the workshops and felt they learned a lot. They learned the duties of each officer as well as how to make a motion and vote on it. Everyone enjoyed a tropical trail mix and fruited water at the end of the workshops and no one had to walk the plank!

Report on the Officer Training workshop from Emily Braun, Secretary of Tails and Pals 4-H Club:

***The 4-H leadership training was lots of fun.***

***Everyone learned what they wanted.***

***I'm secretary for my club, Tails and Pals dog club. We learned the difference between a good and bad meeting.***

***The pirate theme was neat. We played lots of pirate games.***

***Then at the end we got a nutritious snack, as we made new friends!***

The officer training will be available for individual clubs if they wish. Call Peg or Debbie to request it.

## Growing Green Sale Results

Thank you to all who sold for the “Growing Green” Sale this year. The sale was a great success. 4-H’ers and families joined to celebrate. We ate ice cream, played Bingo and awarded top seller prizes.

### **The top sellers were:**

1<sup>st</sup> – The Heintz Family    2<sup>nd</sup> – The Hale Family    3<sup>rd</sup> – The Loomis Family

### **The top selling Clubs were:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Lincklaen Shamrocks

2<sup>nd</sup> – Whitelaw Wonders

3<sup>rd</sup> – Shooting Stars

The winner of the “Items Sold” contest was Shari Smith. **Can you believe we sold 1380 pieces in our brand new sale?** We look forward to an even more successful sale next year.

## Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup

Louisville, Kentucky

Three Youth from Madison County traveled to Louisville, KY in early November to compete at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Horse Judging. Horse Bowl, Communications and Hippology contests are also part of the Roundup. Over 350 contestants from 30 plus states participated this year and 17 were from NY State. To qualify for this event local youth competed first at the regional level and then went on to State Competitions at Cornell and the NYS Fair.

Congratulations to the following Madison County youth for qualifying to represent the NYS 4-H Horse Program and for placing in the top 10 in the



## Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup (cont.)

Louisville, Kentucky



*Abigail Marcy, "Good Samaritan" award recipient and NYS 4-H Horsebowl Chair Ann Janson.*

Nation: **Abigail Marcy, Nicole Tubbs and Shawna Kimberly** were members of the NYS 4-H Horse Judging Team. The team won the Senior contest at states and as individuals these youth placed in the top 4 in the state. At Nationals they judged 8 classes total including 4 halter classes and 4 performance classes. They then gave 3 sets of oral reasons to the official judges justifying their placings. As a team they finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the performance division and 11<sup>th</sup> overall.

**Congratulations Abby, Nikki and Shawna!**

**Madison County 4-Her wins New York State 4-H Horse Program Perpetual "Good Samaritan" Award.** One of the highlights of our trip was **Abby Marcy** being voted, by her peers, as the NYS 4-H Horse Program Perpetual "Good Samaritan" Award recipient in honor and memory of Laura Beth Janson. This award was created by Jeannie Griffiths, the NYS Horse Specialist, and is given on the bus as the state teams return home. Any of the 17 NYS participants competing at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Horse Communications, Horse Bowl, Hippology and Horse Judging are eligible for this award. Congratulations Abby!



*L-R: NYS 4-H Horse Judging Chair & Community Educator April Winslow, Abby Marcy, Shawna Kimberly, Nikki Tubbs and Katie Hinman*

## Horse Bowl, Hippology and Horse Judging

Beginning January 15, 2011

Open to all regular 4-H members (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up)

**Practices starting January 15, 2011.**

- If you're a regular 4-H member (3<sup>rd</sup> grade or higher) and you're interested in horses, this is a great way to learn about horses and to meet other people who are horse crazy.
- You don't have to own a horse or even be in a horse club to participate. Practices will be held on Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the 4-H office, starting 1/15/11. At the first meeting we will go over the spring schedule and set up the rest of the practices. It's not too late to join the fun!

**Call or e-mail April – 684-3001 ext 111 or [amh36@cornell.edu](mailto:amh36@cornell.edu) for more information.**



# Club Reports ...

## Tis the Season for Eggnog Cheesecake

Recipe from the Madison County Dairy Princess, Nicole Head



Deck the halls with milk, cheese and yogurt, fa lalalalalalala. Tis the season for family and celebration. The snow is here to stay and Santa will soon be on his way!!! Get your 3-A-Day of dairy and you'll be sure to make it on the nice list this holiday season! The Madison County Dairy Court would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Here is a yummy recipe that uses a Christmastime classic as an ingredient.

### Eggnog Cheesecake

#### CRUST:

1 cup Graham cracker crumbs  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/4 cup melted butter

#### FILLING:

3 packages cream cheese (8 oz. each softened)  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
3 tablespoons corn starch  
3 eggs  
2 egg yolks  
2 cups eggnog  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

**CRUST PREP:** mix crumbs, sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon and butter together. Press into bottom of 9 inch pan.

**FILLING PREP:** mix cream cheese, sugars and corn starch together on high speed until completely blended. Add the eggs. Blend in eggnog, vanilla and nutmeg. Pour mixture into the pan on top of the crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 250 degrees and bake for an additional hour or until center of cheesecake is firm. Allow cheesecake to sit in refrigerator over night before cutting.

## Madison County 4-H Dairy Clubs Seeking new members



### Do you know any youth interested in learning more about the dairy industry?

The Madison County 4-H dairy program is looking for new members and volunteers. Madison County 4-H club leaders are volunteers, usually with children of their own, who want to help youth have fun while learning the life skills that will make them successful as adults. 4-H is open to youth ages 5 (or Kindergarten) through 19. Members can get involved as independent members or join a club for a specific project area.

"It is kind of neat to think having fun can also help me learn more about the things I like to do," commented a Madison County 4-H Dairy Club member.

To learn more about 4-H clubs in Madison County, contact April at CCE of Madison County 4-H Program, 315-684-3001 ext. 111 or email [amh36@cornell.edu](mailto:amh36@cornell.edu)

### Club Reporters! Where are your stories?

We want to know what exciting things your clubs are doing. Has anyone had their Club Public Presentation Day? Have you taken any fun field trips? Have you done a cool project? Do you have any community service activity to tell us about? Call or e-mail Peg – 684-3001 ext 116 or [PGL5@cornell.edu](mailto:PGL5@cornell.edu)



# Save the Date

When: April 15-17, 2011

Where: Youth Building, State Fairgrounds



State Teen Action Reps  
Retreat

Who: Any 4-H Teen interested in gaining leadership skills, networking, and having fun!!!

Join us for an awesome weekend of workshops, networking, and fun. There will be a keynote speaker, dinner, and dance on Saturday night! More information to follow, check back with your county 4-H office.



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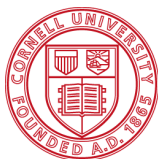
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