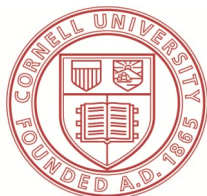


November & December 2011



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## Awards & Recognition Bruncheon

*Date: Saturday, January 21, 2012*

*Place: Rusty Rail Party House, Route 5, Canastota*

*Time: 9:45 am — 12:30 pm*

*Cost: \$9.50 per person or maximum \$38.00 per family (parents and children).*

*Deadline for reservations: January 10, 2012*

*Please call or e-mail Kim with your reservation 315-684-3001 ext 109 or [kjw34@cornell.edu](mailto:kjw34@cornell.edu)*

*Celebrate your 4-H members' achievements*



**Check out our website for more information  
and 4-H forms!**

**[www.madisoncountycce.org](http://www.madisoncountycce.org)**



# Letter To Our 4-H Families ...

Dear 4-H Families,

There are some important updates regarding the 4-H staff that we wanted you to know about. The staff works hard everyday to make the Madison County 4-H program the best it can be and to provide the information and support our leaders and families need. Right now we are experiencing some significant challenges that are affecting how we do business.



- Due to some serious financial difficulties in our association, we have implemented a reduced work week through the end of 2011. This means that staff have fewer paid hours and fewer hours in the office. The office is still open every day and everyone is here to help but it may take a little longer to get the information you need. We are optimistic that things will improve next year and we will share further updates in the future.
- One of our 4-H staff members, April Winslow, is finishing a college degree. She is on a part-time study leave through December 2011. She will be back to "4-H full speed" in January.
- We have also had some sad news about Terri Becker. Most of you know that Terri has been a core part of our Madison County 4-H team for over 20 years. She has recently been diagnosed with ALS, a serious illness, and is now on a medical leave. She will be retiring in a few months, so she has officially finished working for 4-H and Cornell Cooperative Extension in Madison County. Needless to say, this has impacted us all on both a personal and work level. We are planning a **retirement party for Terri on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM here at the Cooperative Extension Center** so you can send her good wishes. More details will be coming soon. If you want to connect with Terri, her snail mail address is: 4200 Waldron Road, Union Springs, NY 13160 and her email is still [tll7@cornell.edu](mailto:tll7@cornell.edu)

Staff and volunteers are working hard to cover responsibilities and to continue important programs and activities. It may take a little longer to respond to requests or there may be times when there are no 4-H staff in the office. It would be good to make an appointment ahead of time if there is a specific person you need to talk to. We may also have to change dates for some programs or depend on more volunteer help for some activities. Please watch the Flash, website and Listserve for updates and ways you can help.

I hope you will understand and work with us to keep a strong 4-H program in Madison County. If you have questions or comments feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, Debbie

## Your Flash has a new look!

With a reduction in staff time and a need to conserve money in every possible way without impacting our 4-H program, we are trying a new format for the *Flash*. This new format will save us about \$60-\$70 per month in mailing costs and will also use less of Peg's and Darlene's time in producing the *Flash*. We will be using the website for longer articles and stories about past events. We will also be putting more photos on the website.

**Be sure to check out [www.madisoncountycce.org](http://www.madisoncountycce.org) more often!**

If you are willing to receive your *Flash* as well as other information electronically, please let Peg know your correct e-mail. We don't want you to miss out on all the things happening in 4-H.



## What Township do you live in? Who is your Town Supervisor?

By Peg Lewis, Community Educator

Twelve Local Government Interns will learn the answers to these questions and a great many more facts about Madison County government this semester. The Local Government Interns program has been an important part of our 4-H

program for several years under the able guidance of Terri Becker. This semester Peg Lewis will be guiding the interns from four local high schools in learning about Madison County government. These interns applied for admission to the program and were approved by their school. They will attend 8 sessions in

Wampsville exploring the various areas of our local government and will also create and carry out a community service project in their home school or community. Interested in being part of this exciting program? Call Peg to find out about being an LGI next semester.



# 2011-2012 Upcoming Events

**November 11 – Veterans Day** – office closed

**November 17 - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County Annual Meeting**, Ag Center, Morrisville from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Come celebrate 100 years with Cornell Cooperative Extension. This annual event is FREE! Enjoy a harvest dessert buffet, a silent auction and a trivia contest with prizes. Wear your Cornell Red! Call Kim by November 14<sup>th</sup> to let her know you plan to attend, 315-684-3001 ext 109.

**November 19 – Volunteer Forum at Cornell**

**November 21-25 – Thanksgiving** – In order to conserve on energy costs during a week when many employees take vacation time, our offices will be closed all week. All staff will be using vacation and holiday time during this week.

**December 11 - Retirement Party for Terri Lanterman Becker** – Ag Center, Morrisville – 2-4 PM. Come celebrate Terri's contributions to Madison County's 4-H program. We will have some simple refreshments. If you have special memories to share, there will be a book for you to record them.

**December 26-30 - Winter Holiday** – In order to conserve on energy costs during a week when many employees take vacation time, our offices will be closed all week. All staff will be using vacation and holiday time during this week.

**January 16 – Martin Luther King Day** – offices closed

**January 21 – 2011 Awards & Recognition Bruncheon** – Rusty Rail, Canastota – 9:45 am – 12:30 pm, See front page for complete information. See below for reservation form.

**February 10-12 – Teen Winter Weekend** at Camp Oswegatchie, Teen Winter Weekend is a fun winter activities weekend held in Lewis County. Possible programming for 2012 includes: cross country skiing, snow sculpture, ice skating, snowshoeing, night hike, ice breakers, hands-on project workshops. Lewis County Teen Ambassadors plan the program and workshops. Cost for the weekend (includes lodging and meals) is \$65

**February 20 – Presidents' Day** – offices closed

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**At Rusty Rail, Canastota**

Cost is 9.50 each or \$38.00 per family (not clubs please)

**I would like to make reservations for the bruncheon on January 21, 2012**

**Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.**

Please list people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: Madison County 4-H Foundation and mail to: Madison County 4-H, PO Box 1209, Morrisville NY 13408.**

**Deadline for Reservations is January 10, 2012.**



## Pumpkins, Sunflowers and Treats!

The second annual Pumpkin Night was held on October 19<sup>th</sup> with the Morrisville Garden Club joining the fun. Several well-decorated pumpkins were awarded ribbons while Maria Groetz won the award for biggest pumpkin and Will Groetz had the largest sunflower. Thank you to the Garden Club for hosting this event and providing the prizes for the largest and smallest pumpkins and sunflowers.

**Look for your sunflower and pumpkin seeds in the spring!**



You are receiving this newsletter because you are on the mailing list for the *Madison County 4-H Flash*, published by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County Youth Development Program. If there is a topic you would like to see covered, please contact us. If you do not wish to receive our newsletters, please contact Peg Lewis at PGL5@cornell.edu.

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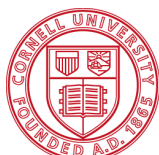
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