**Clover Connection**  
**February 2015**

**Upcoming Events**

Feb. 3rd-April 28th - 4-H Archery Practice, 7:00- 8:00 p.m., Maddock  
Feb. 7th- 4-H Exchange Poker Tournament, Harvey  
Feb. 7th- Benson County 4-H Hippology Contest, Maddock  
Feb. 14th-4-H NE District Archery Match, Cando  
Feb. 15th-16th- Citizenship in Action, Bismarck  
Feb. 22nd- 4-H Pancake Breakfast, Maddock  
March 1st- State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due  
April 7th- 4-H Spring Council, 7:00 p.m., Minnewaukan  
April 11th- National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C.  
April 11th- Lake Region 4-H Project Day  
April 19th- 4-H Rabbit Clinic, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Maddock  
April 25th- 4-H Communication Arts, Project Expo, and Consumer Choices, 10:00 a.m., Maddock  
April 25th- 4-H Shotgun Instructor Training, Devils Lake  
April 26th-27th- 4-H Aerospace Event, Grand Forks  
May 2nd- Missouri River 4-H 3-D Shoot, Bismarck  
June 12th-14th- State 4-H Archery Match, Washburn  
June 15-18th- Extension Youth Conference, Fargo  
June 22nd-28th- 4-H Exchange Trip, Dewey County, OK  
July 9th-11th- 4-H Achievement Days, Maddock  
July 13th - NDSF static entry day, 8:00 a.m., Minot  
July 19th- State Communication Arts, Minot  
July 20th- State 4-H Project Expo, Minot  
July 21st- State 4-H Consumer Choice Contest, Minot  
July 17th-25th- ND State Fair, Minot

**4-H Rabbit Showmanship Project Day**

Benson County 4-H will be hosting a 4-H rabbit showmanship project day on April 19th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Maddock at the Event Center. Please contact the office at 473-5363 if you are interested in attending.

**Communication Arts/Project Expo/Consumer Choices**

This event will be held April 25th, 2015 at the Benson County Event Center in Maddock. If you or your club have any questions about how to participate in these events, please let us know. We look forward to seeing lots of great entrees.

**4-H Archery Practice**

4-H archery practice will start February 3rd and go through April 28th. It will be held every Tuesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Benson County Event Center in Maddock. Youth need to be enrolled in 4-H and be at least 8 years old by January 1st, 2015. They must also fill out the shooting sports form. If you would like more information about Benson County's 4-H Archery program, please contact the Extension Office at (701)473-5363.

**National Youth Science Day Kits**

National Youth Science Day kits are available to clubs free of charge. The experiment this year is Rockets to the Rescue. Everything to make the rockets and launchers is included in the kit. This would make for a GREAT club activity. Please e-mail Kimberly.braulick@ndsu.edu if you are interested in doing the NVSD experiment with your club.

**Shotgun Instructors Training**

Ramsey County will be hosting a shotgun training for all volunteers that would like to be certified. The training will take place in Devils Lake on April 25th. More information to come.

**County News**

**4-H Pancake Breakfast**

Benson County 4-H will be holding their 2nd annual 4-H Pancake breakfast to support the maintenance and upkeep of the Benson County Event Center along with 4-H programming.

We are still in need of volunteers, griddles, and roasters. If you are able to provide any of these, please contact the office.

**4-H Exchange Poker Tournament**

The 4-H Exchange Program will be holding a poker tournament on February 7th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The event will be held in Harvey at the Eagles Club.

There is a $100 buy in. Deep Stack/ Slow blind. For more information, please call: (701)324-2131.
Camp/Leadership Event
Scholarships Available
Benson County 4-H will pay for half of any 4-H camp or leadership event (such as Extension Youth Conference or Citizenship in Action) that an enrolled 4-H member would like to attend up to $200/year. Please contact the office if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

Schwan’s Fundraiser
Thank you to everyone that supported the Benson County 4-H Exchange fundraiser. Please keep in mind that you can continue to support the Exchange for the next year by buying Schwan’s products. 5% of all proceeds will go to the group.

State News
Upcoming Archery Events
There are several upcoming archery events that should be kept in mind:
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- Feb. 14th-NE District Archery Match, Cando
- May 2nd: Missouri River 4-H 3-D Shoot, Bismarck
- June 12th-14th: State 4-H Archery Match, Washburn

If you would like more information about these events, please let me know. We hope you will be able to attend many of these awesome archery opportunities.

Scholarship Opportunities
Did you know that you can receive scholarships from ND 4-H? Follow the link below to find out about the scholarships offered by the North Dakota 4-H Foundation. http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/scholarships/ Applications are due March 1st, 2015.

4-H State Ambassador Application
Would you like to have the opportunity to gain new leadership skills, meet new friends, and work with 4-H programs across the state? If so, consider applying to be a ND 4-H State Ambassador. Here is a link to more information about becoming an ambassador:
http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/member_information/4_h_ambassadors/

You must be between the ages of 16 and 22 to be an ambassador.

4-H Aerospace Event
The 4-H Aerospace Event will be held on April 26 & 27 at the UND School of Aerospace in Grand Forks. The program will begin at 1 p.m. This event is open to youth ages 12 – 15. Youth not only learn about aerospace careers, but they have an opportunity to get into some of the UND planes, see where plane maintenance is done at the airport, learn about drones, practice with the flight simulators and air traffic control simulators and make rockets and paper airplanes to learn more about flight.

Youth must be accompanied by a chaperone. One chaperone may be responsible for up to five youth. Cost of registration is $35 for both youth and adults. Benson County offers scholarships for up to half of the cost of this event.

More Information
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Benson County 4-H:
http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Benson-County-4-H/127001537311993?fref=ts

Benson County Family Nutrition Program:
www.facebook.com/BensonCountyFamilyNutritionProgram

North Dakota 4-H is now on Pinterest!
The address for the Pinterest site is:
http://www.pinterest.com/4hnd/
Websites & Calendar of Events
Benson County Extension website is:
www.ag.ndsu.edu/county/benson

The North Dakota 4-H website is
www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/4-h.htm.

The Calendar of Events can be viewed at
www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/about/calendar.htm

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