Upcoming Events
Jan. 12th- 4-H Pizza Ranch Fundraiser, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Jan. 17th- 4-H SW District Archery Match, Bismarck
Jan. 24th- 4-H Leader’s Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Maddock
Feb. 3rd-April 28th- 4-H Archery Practice, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Maddock
Feb. 7th- 4-H Exchange Poker Tournament, Harvey
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- 4-H State Scholarship Applications Due
April 7th- 4-H Spring Council, 7:00 p.m., Minnewaukan
April 11th- Shotgun Instructor Training, Leeds
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
May 2nd- Missouri River 4-H 3-D Shoot, Bismarck
June 12th-14th- 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 17th-25th- ND State Fair, Minot

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.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
The Benson County 4-H Exchange will be having a fundraising night at Pizza Ranch in Devils Lake from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on January 12th. Please mention you are there to support the Benson County 4-H Exchange and we will receive a percent of the profits.

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
Benson County 4-H will be hosting a shotgun instructor training in Leeds, ND on April 11th from 9:00-5:00 p.m. We are looking for interested adult volunteers to be part of the program. Please contact the Extension Office at 473-5363 for more information.
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:

- Jan. 17th: 4-H SW District Archery Match, Bismarck
- Feb. 3rd-4th: 4-H Archery Practice, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Maddock
- Feb. 14th-20th: 4-H 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.

Citizenship in Action
Citizenship in Action (CIA), is for youth in grades 7th-12th who are interested in citizenship and the political process. Registration is available online via 4hOnline. A registration worksheet is available at www.ndsu.edu/4h. The registration fee is $65.00, but remember that Benson County will pay for half of the registration fee for up to $200/year. All 4-Hers need to do is fill out a short application.

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.

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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