Upcoming Events
January 11th: 4-H Exchange Fundraiser, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Devils Lake Pizza Ranch
January 16th: SW District Archery Match, Bismarck
January 17th-18th: 4-H Citizenship in Action, Grand Forks
January 23rd: 4-H Leader’s Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Maddock
January 23rd: 4-H Archery Training, Berthold
February 2nd: April 26th: 4-H Archery Practice, Maddock
February 13th: NE District Archery Match, Cando
February 21st-3rd annual 4-H Pancake Breakfast, Maddock
February 21st: 4-H Archery Training, Bismarck
March 5th: NW District Archery Match, Minot
March 12th: SE District Archery Match, West Fargo
March 19th: 4-H Beef Project Day, Benson Farm
April 5th: Spring 4-H Council, 6:00 p.m., Minnewaukan
April 9th-14th: National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C.
April 11th: SC 4-H District Archery Match, Edgeley
April 17th: Communication Arts, 2:00 p.m., Maddock
April 30th: Missouri River 3-D Archery Shoot, Bismarck
May 13th-14th: State Archery Match, Washburn
July 7th-9th: 4-H Achievement Days
July 22nd: ND State Fair Begins

4-H Leader’s Banquet
Our annual 4-H Leader’s Banquet will be January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Invitations have been sent, and we hope to see you all there. Please RSVP by January 8th (Friday).

For those of you that have never been a part of this event, it is where 4-Hers and Leaders receive award recognition, we have entertainment (this year is the Cowboy Humorist), and play Bingo. There is also a wonderful meal that will be served by the Maddock FFA group. It is a fun family event that you won’t want to miss out on!

2017-2018 4-H Exchange
If you are interested in being a part of the 2017-2018 exchange group, please let me know. I am beginning to look for our next group, and we need a rough number of 4-Hers that will be traveling/hosting.
4-Hers need to be 12 years old by June 1st, 2017. For more information about the 4-H exchange, please contact the office.

4-H Archery Instructor Trainings
Interested in teaching 4-H archery in Benson County or know someone that is? Here are the dates and locations for the 2015/2016 trainings.

January 23: Berthold (Ward County)
February 21: Bismarck (Burleigh County)

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser- 4-H Exchange
The exchange group will be having a fundraiser January 11th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The 4-Hers will get a percentage of the sales during this time, along with any tips. The money will go towards hosting Dewey County, Oklahoma this summer.

4-H Archery Begins February 2nd in Maddock
4-H archery practice will begin February 2nd at the event center in Maddock. The practice will be from 7:00- 8:00 p.m.

Youth need to sign up for 4-H and the 4-H archery program to participate. If you are unsure if you have signed up please contact the office. You can also sign up the evening of February 2nd, as I will be at practice then. Participants need to be 8 years old by January 1st, 2016 to be a part of 4-H archery this year.
4-H Committee Members Welcome
We have set up committee members for horse, small animal, large animal, and static. We are still looking for additional members for the small animal and static committee. The committees are currently as follows:

**Horse**
1. Kelly Wang
2. Roxanne Gillespie
3. Rachel Maddock
4. Steve Anderson

**Livestock**
1. Lynn Arnold
2. Justin Green
3. Jared Benson
4. Justin Maddock

**Small Animal**
1. Kelly Wang

**Statics**
1. Pam Schmid
2. Tracy Kallenbach

Rockets to the Rescue AND Motion Commotion Kits Available
National Youth Science Day kits are available to clubs free of charge. Last year’s experiment Rockets to the Rescue as well as this year’s experiment Motion Commotion are available. The experiments are simple to teach, and always a great time. Call or e-mail if you would like more details. Please e-mail Kimberly.braulick@ndsu.edu if you are interested in doing the NYSD experiment with your club.

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 4-H 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.

4-H Archery Match Dates
The following are the dates for the upcoming archery matches this year. Mark your calendars so that you can attend as many as possible!
- SW District Meet: Jan. 16th, Bismarck
- NE District Meet: Feb. 13th, Cando
- NW District Meet: March 5th, Minot
- SE District Meet: March 12th, West Fargo
- South Central Meet: April 11th, Edgeley
- Missouri River 3-D Shoot: April 30th, Bismarck
- State Match: May 13-14, Washburn

4-H Leadership Conference—Bus Seats Available for Edmonton
Past 4-H members who have attended this event often refer to the Volunteer Forums as one of the top learning experiences they have participated in.

Edmonton, Canada will be hosting the Western Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum, March 16-19, 2017. We have reserved a chartered bus for the journey and have extra seats available for a charge of $225 per person. All 4-H members who will be between the ages of 16-19 in 2017 and interested parents and leaders are welcome to join us!

Additional costs of registration for the conference and hotel rooms and making those arrangements will be the individual responsibility of 4-H members, parents and leaders from other counties. At this time, Edmonton does not have their conference online but past costs have been approximately $250 for conference registration and $100 a night for hotel rooms with two to a room.

For more info on the Forum, contact the Ramsey County Office at 701-662-7027. You also might wish to check the website of the 2014 Montana event at: wrlf2014.com for a general idea of scheduling at the forums.

Paving the Way Campaign
As many of you may be aware, North Dakota 4-H is in the middle of a huge renovation of 4-H Camp. You have an opportunity as a club, business, family, or individual to support this great cause. If you give $100 or more to the ‘Paving the Way’ campaign, you will get an engraved brick that will be used to make the patio at 4-H Camp. If you have additional questions about this, contact your club leaders or the Extension office.
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 Extension:

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 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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