Clover Connection
March 2015

Upcoming Events
Feb. 3rd-April 28th- 4-H Archery Practice, 7:00- 8:00 p.m., Maddock
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, Devils Lake
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 15-18- 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 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 on February 22nd.

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 Maddock Public School. 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 entries.

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.

The March 3rd practice will be moved to Thursday March 5th. Please keep this in mind.

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 NYSD experiment with your club.

County News

Pizza Corner Fundraiser
The Benson County 4-H Exchange will be selling pizza corner pizzas now through April 1st. Pizzas will be delivered on April 13th. Please contact an Exchange member if you are interested in supporting the cause.

4-H Exchange Meeting
The next exchange meeting will be March 22nd at 1:00 p.m. We will be discussing flights, housing assignments, and a lot of important information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Silent Pie Auction
Come and bid on a pie at the silent pie auction that will be held to support the Benson County 4-H Exchange. The auction will take place at the 4-H Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 22nd.
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. Please contact the Benson County Extension office for more information at 473-5363

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.

Lake Region 4-H Project Day
Lake Region 4-H Project Day will be held April 11th in Devils Lake. This is an awesome event, and a great opportunity to get a head start on a few projects for achievement days. This event is open to all ages of 4-Hers. To register, please call: 701-662-7027

Upcoming Archery Events
There are several upcoming archery events that should be kept in mind:
- Feb. 3rd-April 28th- 4-H Archery Practice, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Maddock
- 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.

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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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