Upcoming Events
Feb. 15th - 4-H Archery Invitational, Cando
Feb. 16th - 4-H Pancake Fundraiser
Feb. 16th-17th Citizenship in Action
March 4th-5th - ND State Crop Show, Valley City
April 5th - Lake Region 4-H Project Day
April 26th 10:00 a.m. – Benson County 4-H Communication Arts/Consumer Choices
April 8th - Spring Council Meeting
April 22nd-28th - 4-H Aerospace Event
May 2nd - State 4-H Archery Match
June 16th-19th - Gear-Tech-21 Camp
June 16th-19th - Extension Youth Conference (EYC)
July 10th-13th - Achievement Days
July 15th-19th - Leadership Washington Focus
July 20th - ND 4-H Film Festival, Minot
July 21st - 4-H State Project Expo
July 21st - 4-H State Clothing Review
July 22nd - 4-H State Consumer Choice Contest

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Benson County 4-H will be holding a fundraiser February 16th at the Event Center in Maddock. All 4-H families are asked to volunteer at the pancake breakfast. There are two shifts: 8:30-11:30 and 11:00-2:00. Please call or e-mail with the number of adults and youth that can help.

4-H Archery Invitational
4-H archery participants will have their first opportunity to participate in a match February 15th in Cando. The cost of the event is $10.00. If you would like to attend this match, please contact the Benson County Extension office. We will need to register you by Feb. 1st. We will carpool, so if you do not have a ride, we can certainly arrange one.

Spring 4-H Council Meeting
The 4-H Spring Council Meeting has been changed from its original date to April 8th. It will again be at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Minnewaukan. If there is anything you would like to discuss at the meeting, please let the office know, and we will add it to our agenda.

4-H Interstate Exchange
The next 4-H interstate meeting will be scheduled soon. Please check your e-mail for a date for the next meeting.

Lake Region 4-H Project Day
The Lake Region 4-H Project Day will be on April 5th in Devils Lake. You will be sure to want to attend this event, as there is a large array of sessions that fit various interest areas. More information on how to register will be available soon.

Thank You!
Thank you to the Rodeo Association for generously donating $500.00 to the Benson County 4-H Program. It is wonderful community support like this that makes 4-H possible.

4-H Shooting Sports
There are still spots available for 4-H youth to participate in shooting sports. If a 4-Her age 8 or older would like to be a part of the archery program, please let the office know. With that being said, we do still have a limited amount of spots. They will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Communication Arts/Consumer Choices/Project Expo
Benson County Communication Arts will be held on April 26th at 10:00 a.m. Consumer Choice judging will follow. If you would like more information on the events, please contact your club leader or the Extension Office.

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**ND State Crop Show**
The ND State Crop Show will be held March 4th-9th in Valley City. You may enter in the 4-H, FFA, or Open division. For more information, please contact the office.

**Gear-Tech-21 Camp**
Gear-Tech-21 is a camp designed for 5th-8th grade students interested in GPS, GIS, and robotics. The event will take place June 16th-19th. You can register for this event through 4-H online. If you would like more information, please contact the office.

**Citizenship in Action**
This event is for youth interested in learning more about our government and citizenship. It will be held February 16th and 17th. The cost of the event is $65 and it will take place at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck. If you would like more information please call 701-857-7682. Registration can be done through 4-H Online.

**4-H Aerospace Event**
The 2014 4-H Aerospace event date has been set. It will be held April 27th and 28th at the UND School of Aerospace. This event is for youth age 12-15. Registration is available through 4-H Online.

**Extension Youth Conference (EYC) 2014**
Mark your calendar for June 16th-19th, 2014. This will be the annual Extension Youth Conference on the NDSU campus. It is an AWESOME event and is a great way to meet 4-Hers from across the state.

**Scholarship Opportunities**
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/

Benson County 4-H also has scholarships available for those wanting to attend 4-H camp, Extension Youth Conference, or other 4-H events. Please contact the Extension Office for more details.

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**More Information**

**Leadership Washington Focus**
This is a new 4-H program for youth in 7th-9th grade. It is modeled closely after the Citizenship Washington Focus which is intended for high school-age youth. The program will take place July 15-19th 2014. It is an amazing opportunity that I recommend to all. The program cost $565 per participant. For more information go to www.4HLWF.org

**Voices of 4-H**
2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act that provided federal funding to the Extension Service. To celebrate, 4-H is asking its members to interview 4-H alumni, volunteers and supports to share their 4-H stories. If you would like more information about this, please go to: http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/voices.

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**National News**

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Family Nutrition Program: www.facebook.com/BensonCountyFamilyNutritionProgram

**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