

## The Extension Connection

By Megan Vig

This week I share news of upcoming Extension events. I will be returning from maternity leave next Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The courthouse is also hosting an open house on Friday from 2 to 4 pm, so be sure to stop on in and visit the Extension Office. This time of the year we have many requests for publications and questions on land rent, pruning and gardening. Stop by to visit and I hear there will be cake and hot coffee to celebrate the open house.

May 10<sup>th</sup> the Extension Office will be providing a do-it-yourself seed tape workshop at the Griggs County Public Library. Seed tape is a convenient method of planting your garden. Especially when sowing those small seeds like carrots and lettuce. When shopping for seed tape, you will notice limited varieties are supplied. Do you have a favorite variety of vegetable that you cannot find in seed tape form? Or are you frustrated with spending extra money on seed tape? Bring your seed for the garden this year and join us on May 10<sup>th</sup> to make your own seed tape. Small sized seeds work the best and you won't have to waste time thinning seedlings this summer. There is no registration fee for the workshop but we ask that you register by calling the Extension Office at 797-3312 and remember to bring your own seed.

June 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a bee house workshop. There is a registration fee of \$5 for the workshop and limit of 20 participants. Participants will learn about the beneficial bee population and will have the opportunity to build a home for the bees. Participants are asked to bring their own hammer and the rest will be provided. Location for the workshop is tentatively set for the fairgrounds.

The Spring Fever Gardening Forums are finished for this year. If you did not attend the forums at the courthouse, hopefully you were able to catch them at home during the live stream. If not, the recordings of the forums have been archived and are available online at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever>. Many great topics were covered. My personal favorites were "Flowering Shrubs for Home Landscapes" and "Adventures in Shade Gardening." I highly recommend checking these videos out if you are thinking of making any changes to your landscape or want to brighten up your flowerbeds.