

# Renville County Extension Narrative

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## 80<sup>th</sup> Annual North Central Seed Show & Ag Expo

The Renville-Bottineau Ag Improvement Association (RBAIA) held the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual North Central Seed Show & Ag Expo in Mohall on February 5.

The gym was full with many new and returning exhibitors who commented on the connections and conversations they were able to have with farmers, ranchers, and other attendees. Many classes from MLS took the chance to walk through the booths and learn more about agriculture in Renville County.

There were speakers on a variety of topics, including several ND Farm Management educators, Jonathan Rosencrans from NDAWN, and representatives from several state commodity councils.

To celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> year of the Seed Show, members of the community were invited out to the Community Center for a free supper and entertainment from the Fun Pianos. A great time was had by all!



Free VIRTUAL Course Open to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

## Virtual Kids Baking School

This winter I once again had the chance to partner with Extension agents in 7 other counties to offer a Virtual Kids Baking School to youth in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. The virtual class gave kids the chance to learn online and bake the recipe of the week in their own kitchen and schedule, and then to come together each week in a Zoom call to chat with agents and other participants about how their baking went and to go over any questions. Each participant received a baking kit at the end of the season. This kit contained a lunch box cooler, apron, can opener, slotted spoon, measuring items, oven mit, spatula, a small cutting board, meat thermometer and a whisk.

This year there were 5 participants from Renville County, and I really enjoyed getting to see the excitement of learning and producing tasty food for their families.



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## Upcoming Events:

- April 8-10 NDSU Extension Spring Conference in Fargo
- April 12 4-H Horse Clinic at Quarter Circle S arena
- April 29 Weed Board Cost Share Pickup
- April 27 4-H Showcase, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Mohall Community Center (open to the public)
- April 27 YQCA Training, 5-6:30 pm at the Mohall Community Center
- May 7 4-H Communication Arts contest, MLS School
- May 14 4-H Consumer Decision Making contest, Mohall Community Center
- May 28 4-H District Communication Arts Contest, Minot
- June 4-5 4-H Awards trip to Medora
- June 10-12 West Farm Safety Camp, Williston
- June 13 4-H Horse Show at Quarter Circle S area
- June 18 Fairgrounds Cleanup Day
- June 23-25 Renville County Achievement Days



## Stop the Bleed in Mohall

In March I partnered with Tami Aberle, the Renville County Health Nurse, to put on a Stop the Bleed training in Mohall. Tami taught the hands-on Stop the Bleed tourniquet and bleeding control portion while I covered the importance of having these skills in a rural community and next steps to take.

Stop the Bleed is a national program to teach lifesaving bleeding control techniques to a wide audience. The 8 attendees included farmers and other rural residents and were able to take home a Stop the Bleed tourniquet kit thanks to a grant that First District Health has received.

## Pesticide Trainings

Pesticide Training season has just wrapped up and this year was a big one! I held 3 in-person Private Applicator trainings in Tolley, Mohall, and Bottineau (due to an agent vacancy) and one online via Zoom. Overall, we certified or re-certified 68 general Private Applicators this year and 1 fumigation Private Applicator.

In addition to providing certifications, these trainings also give applicators updates on regulation chemicals, safety, and other information for the upcoming season.

Below lower left was taken at the Mohall training in March.

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