

NDSU Extension – Kidder County

1st Quarter Narrative: January- March



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Office Changes

The new year brought some unexpected changes to the office. My daughter decided to make an unexpected, extra early arrival into the world on February 11th. She has been in the NICU in Fargo since. I have been working part-time remotely. Sandra's last day in the office is April 24th. I have been looking for a new office assistant, and I will be on leave for a little while longer.



Baby Rose

January Ag in the Classroom

I was able to start the 3rd year of my Ag in the Classroom series. January focuses on learning about the tree life cycle, learning how to count tree rings to tell how old a tree is, and learning how trees benefit us.

Grazing Logic Event

I planned a grazing logic event in partnership with the ND grazing coalition. The event was originally scheduled for January, but inclement weather moved it to February 9th. The event hosted a speaker on succession planning, and my dad gave a talk on implementing bale grazing on your operation.

34 producers attended the event from several different counties.



NO
COST TO
ATTEND

Grazing Logic

Learn More About
Succession Planning and
Winter Grazing Strategies

— NEW DATE —
Monday, February 9, 2026
12 p.m. CT – Lunch | 1 p.m. CT – Program

Pifer's Auction Center
510 7th St NW, Steele

SUCCESSION PLANNING PANEL
Chad Njos, NDGLC Mentor | Heidi Olson, Pathfinder Legacy

BALE GRAZING SPEAKER
Alden Fitterer

Register at ndglc.com/events

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I Wanna be a Vet Camp

I surveyed my 4-H'ers last fall about what project areas they would like to learn about, and of course, animal science was the most popular. It's also been a goal of mine to offer a vet camp for kids and use my veterinary background. Heart of Dakota Vet clinic in Tappen was gracious enough to host a group of 4-H'ers and share their knowledge to the youth. We did many fun and educational vet activities, such as learning how to read X-rays, doing a physical exam on patients (my own pets were willing participants), suturing, injections, and ear tagging. The event was limited to 15 youth ages 9-18 to create an interactive experience for all. We have many aspiring future vets in Kidder County.



4-H Happenings



Judging Teams

The livestock judging season ended in March. This year, there were 6 participants. The Hippology team will compete at their state contest the weekend of April 11th. The hippology team had 13 members this year.



Project Days

Our other 2 project days were focused on creative arts and horticulture. Volunteers lead the mini barn quilt project day in February. 4-H'ers learned about geometric design, painting, and design planning. For the horticulture project day, I taught 4-H'ers about succulents and propagation. Everyone got to make their own fairy garden that they can bring to the fair.

Communication Arts Contest

On March 28th, the annual county communication arts contest was held. Communication arts helps youth build confidence with public speaking. Youth gave demonstrations, illustrated talks, prepared speeches, and did interpretive readings. Cloverbuds can also participate by presenting a simple recitation, such as the Pledge of Allegiance. This year we had 19 participants, which is the most we've ever had in many years.

