

# Renville County Extension Narrative

October – December , 2024

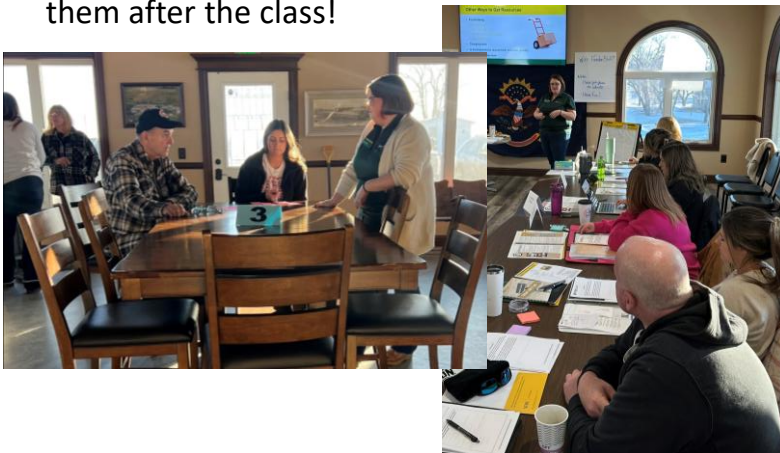
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## Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing Workshop

In December agents from Renville, Bottineau, and Ward counties held the first part of two days of the Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing workshop in Maxbass with 10 participants representing private and government groups.

The workshop is designed to walk participants through the parts of the grant writing process and to give them the tools to successfully apply for grants on behalf of organizations that they work or volunteer for. In our small rural communities people often serve in many leadership roles, so our goal is to provide the resources they need to make positive changes.

Participants appreciated the opportunity to network with others and to spend time focusing on projects they are passionate about. It will be exciting to see them for day 2 in mid-January and to see where their new grant-writing skills take them after the class!



## 4-H Awards Night

In October Renville County 4-H held our annual 4-H Awards Night, which celebrates the work done by 4-H members in the previous year and kicks off the new 4-H year. 4-H'ers receive recognition for years of involvement and other accomplishments. They can apply for awards by writing a short story about a project that they completed in the last year. Our judges really enjoyed reading the reflections from the youth on how much they had learned through the process.

We also enjoyed spending time playing dodgeball and yard games, doing art projects, and enjoying a potluck together.



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## Seed Show Date and Speakers

The Annual North Central Seed Show & Ag Expo will be back in Mohall for its 80th year on Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This year's speakers will include Lynsey Aberle and Linda Burbidge with the North Dakota Farm Management program speaking on Farm Succession Planning, Jonathan Rosencrans (NDAWN Meteorologist) with NDAWN Tools & Resources, and a panel discussion on What are Commodity Councils Doing for You?



The North Central Seed Show & Ag Expo continues to be put on by the Renville-Bottineau Ag Improvement Association, which is made up of farmers, ranchers, and others involved with ag in Renville and western Bottineau counties, along with the Renville County Extension Office.

Board members meet throughout the year to plan the variety plot and Crop Tour and work on the Seed Show.

## National 4-H Conference

In mid-October I (Bethany) attended the National Conference for the Association of 4-H Youth Workers in Boise, Idaho. It was a great chance to spend time with my North Dakota coworkers and form connections with 4-H professionals from across the country.

I am excited to start using some of the ideas I saw in Renville County.

## Upcoming Events:

January 16—Day 2 of Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing, Maxbass

23—Commercial Pesticide Recertification Training, Mohall

29-30—KMOT Ag Expo Ag in the Classroom, Minot

February 5—North Central Seed Show & Ag Expo

26—Private Applicator Training, Tolley

February 23-March 30—Virtual Kids Baking School

March 5-6—Western Crop Scout School, Bismarck

11—Stop the Bleed training, Mohall

20—Private Applicator Training, Mohall

27—Private Applicator Training, Online via Zoom

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