



May, 2011

## Notes From Gail...

### *Consumer Choices Judging*

Everyday you make choices. It might be what you are going to eat, what you are going to wear, or what to buy.



Consumer Choices teaches you how to make decisions based on information that you have learned and studied and on facts that you have collected. It can also help you learn to defend your decisions.

The 4-H Consumer Choices contest can help you practice making decisions by matching your knowledge, skills and abilities against those of others. You will learn to rank articles or products over others based on standards and quality.

Our first Consumer Choices workout is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00 pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Room at the County Courthouse. Check out the website at:

<http://www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/programs/ConsumerChoices>  
or give me a call at: 857-6450.

### *4-H Council Raffle*



Tickets for the 2011 4-H Council Raffle have been distributed. I hope everyone has received a book. There are a number of wonderful prizes in the drawing this year. Prizes of \$50, \$30, and \$20 will be awarded to the top three individual ticket sellers. If all ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets are returned to the County Extension Office by 4:30 pm on Tuesday, July 5th, 2011, the club will receive a rebate of 25% of their total ticket sales. This makes the raffle a good fundraiser for both the county and the club.

### *Sun Prairie Grain Donation*

The Ward County 4-H program has received a generous donation of \$3,500 from Sun Prairie Grain. At the special meeting on Monday, May 2nd, the council voted to use the donation, which amounts to about \$10 per Ward County 4-H member, to enhance the premium pool. The donation will significantly increase the amount of premium money a member receives for static exhibits at Achievement Days.

*Thank you, Sun Prairie!*

### *4-H T-Shirt Exchange*

If you have gently used 4-H t-shirts that the kids have outgrown, you are encouraged to either donate it to another child or exchange it for a different size. A t-shirt exchange box will be located near the registration table in the Magic Place.

*Check out all the information about Ward County 4-H on the web site at:*

**[www.ext.nodak.edu/county/ward](http://www.ext.nodak.edu/county/ward)**

Click on the 4-H Youth button and find county forms, pictures, and interesting facts.

***NEW: For Online 4-H Information, Forms and/or Literature:***

**[www.ndsu.edu/4h](http://www.ndsu.edu/4h)**

**Check out the Ward County 4-H page on facebook!**



## 4-H Dates to Remember: Remaining 2010-2011 Club Year

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### May

- 1 - Beef Breeding animals, dairy, swine, sheep and goats must be owned/managed by 4-Her
- 1 - Small pets must be owned and managed by 4-Her
- 14 - Granville, Registration at 9:30 am, contest at 10:00am - District Communication Arts Contest (Granville Elementary School)
- 23 - Achievement Day pre-registration forms due in the office

### June

- 1 - Nat'l 4-H Conference/Congress/National Dairy Conference and Awards Applications due
- 14 - Consumer Choices workouts start
- 20-23 - North Dakota Extension Youth Conference, NDSU
- 27-30 - Ward County Achievement Days, ND State Fair Center

### July

- \*(TBD) - County Consumer Choices Contest
- 22-30 - ND State Fair, State Horse Judging, Showcase, and Consumer Choices events

### August

Relax before the new club year begins.

### September

- 1 - New Club year begins

### October

- 1 - "I Dig It!" Award Applications due

\* TBD = to be determined

### ***Silent Auction***

The 4-H Council will once again be having a Silent Auction at Achievement Days which will begin at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, June 28 and will close on Thursday, June 30 right after the 4-H BBQ.

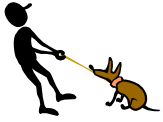
**THE COUNCIL CHANGED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VALUE OF ITEMS DONATED TO THE SILENT AUCTION. *Each club is now asked to donate a silent auction item or multiple items with a retail value of \$50 or give \$50 to help the silent auction.***

You can bring your items to the 4-H office or bring them to the static exhibit judging event. Please attach a note stating that the item is for the silent auction, which club is donating the item and, if from a business, the business name and contact person if you have one. If you know the retail value of the item, you could also include that information.

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### ***"I Dig It!" Year-End Awards***

*The annual achievement awards will be changed some from last year. The name will be changed to the "I Dig It!" awards. In addition, an "Outstanding Teen" and "Outstanding Pre-teen" trophy category will be added. The 4-H member will also have a variety of options in applying for awards. More information will be coming in the next newsletter. Be sure you are keeping track of your participation in the Ward County 4-H program and of the trophies and ribbons you receive throughout the program year.*



## Free Dog Training Classes for 4-H Members

Ambush Kennels is offering **FREE** dog obedience, showmanship, Rally classes prior to Achievement Days. The class will be open for puppies at least 14 weeks of age and older. The dogs should be fully vaccinated. You will learn the different patterns and “tricks of the trade,” how to make yourself and your pet “shine.” Carrie Bush says she is promoting confidence. Purebred dogs are not required, just come to class with a positive attitude - ready to learn new things.

The classes will be held for *four consecutive weeks* from 7-8:30 pm at The Preserve. Classes will be **Mondays**: May 30th, June 6th, 13th and 20th.

To get to The Preserve from the North, travel 1 mile south of Ruthville, then go west (right) on 114th Ave. If you are coming from the South, The Preserve is exactly 5 miles north of Starr Fireworks, then west (left) on 114th Ave.

*Please pre-register by Thursday, May 26th.* Complete the registration form and return to Carrie at the address below.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Pet Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like your dog to learn? \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccination Dates: Distemper \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail the completed registration to:*

Ambush Kennels  
6001 128th Ave NW  
Minot ND 58703



NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE  
WARD COUNTY  
Ward County Courthouse  
315 SE 3rd Street Box 5005  
Minot, ND 58702-5005

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Extension Assistant  
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Laura Morelli  
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**Resources**

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

**Phone Numbers:**  
**4-H/Nutrition/Family Economics:  
701-857-6450**  
**Agriculture: 701-857-6444**  
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**[ndsuhard.extension@ndsuhard.edu](mailto:ndsuhard.extension@ndsuhard.edu)**

**Websites:**  
**[www.ext.nodak.edu/county/ward](http://www.ext.nodak.edu/county/ward)**  
**[www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/about/formList.htm](http://www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/about/formList.htm)**

**Gail Slinde  
Extension Agent/4-H Youth**