It is important to understand that in-person activities pose an unknown level of risk due to COVID-19. Participation is voluntary. NDSU Extension will take all reasonable measures, but cannot, at any level, assure protection from exposure.
2021 4-H Calendar

JANUARY
Hippology, Crops Judging & Livestock Judging practices begin
4-H Literature will be ordered for those who have pre-paid by .......................... 15

FEBRUARY
ND 4-H LAW (Leadership Awareness Week) .................................................... 21 & 22, virtual
4-H & FFA Southeast Judging Classic ................................................................. 27, Lisbon

MARCH
Scholarship applications due ................................................................. 1
ND Winter Show .................................................................................. 10-14, Valley City
Hippology Contest ............................................................................... 13
State Livestock Judging Contest .............................................................. 6, Watford City
State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl ................................................................. 7, Watford City
4-H Showcase (pre-reg. due March 18) .................................................. 25, Ransom County Expo Center

APRIL
4-H Leader Council meeting ................................................................. 19, Community Room, 7 p.m.
Communication Arts Contest (pre-reg. due April 8) ............................. 15, Lisbon High School

MAY
Extension 4-H Youth Conference reg. due .................................................. 15
N.D. Ambassador application due ......................................................... 15 to County Extension office

JUNE
Western 4-H camps begin
District Communication Arts Contest .................................................. 3, Lisbon
Animal Care & Lease forms due ................................................................. 10
Consumer Decision Making contest (pre-reg. due June 3) ..................... 10, Lisbon HS Commons
Extension 4-H Youth Conference ............................................................ 21-24, NDSU, Fargo

JULY
Exhibits for State Fair due in extension office ........................................ 1
State Hippology & 4-H Horse Judging Contest ........................................ 4, Minot
State 4-H Horse Demo, Public Speaking & Quiz Bowl .......................... 5, Minot
Red River Valley Fair ........................................................................ 13-18 West Fargo Fairgrounds
Ransom County Fair pre-registration due .......................................... 15
ND State Fair ....................................................................................... 23-31, Minot
State Communication Arts contest ...................................................... 25, Minot
State Showcase contest .................................................................... 26, Fairgrounds Minot
State Consumer Decision Making contest ........................................ 27, Fairgrounds Minot

AUGUST
Ransom County 4-H static exhibit entry date ......................................... 24
Ransom County Fair ........................................................................... 25-28

SEPTEMBER
Beginning of New 4-H year ................................................................. 1

OCTOBER
Ransom County 4-H Ambassador applications due ............................... 1
Points Sheets due .................................................................................. 1
Ransom County Project Plans & Participation Summary due ............ 1
N.D. Ambassador applications due ...................................................... 15 to County Extension office
National 4-H Week ............................................................................. 3-9
4-H Enrollment & County Dues due .................................................... 15
Area Leaders Forum .......................................................................... TBD

NOVEMBER
4-H Awards Night .................................................................................. TBD
Dear 4-H members, leaders and parents,

A variety of activities are scheduled for the coming months. Each activity offers 4-H members an opportunity to learn new things, meet new friends, and gain in their own personal development. You may not be able to participate in everything, but choose a few and get involved.

A lot of exciting things are happening during the months of 2021. You can be a part by participating in any of the events that interest you. The following pages have brief descriptions of some of the events.

The 2021 TIPS book will be your guide to use throughout the current 4-H year. Forms for events are included in the book as well as dates for specific events.

A section for Ransom County 4-H Rules and Polices for 2020-2021 can be found on the following pages. Please read over these polices carefully.

We hope you have a very enjoyable and successful 4-H year.

If you have any questions about any of the events, please feel free to give us a call. Also, keep informed of Ransom County Extension and 4-H events by visiting our website often. We post current topics and changes to event dates due to weather related issues.

www.ag.ndsu.edu/ransomcountyextension.htm

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Article I: GENERAL

1.01 All matters regarding policy must be cleared through the Ransom County Extension office and/or the Ransom County 4-H Council Executive Committee, or the entire Ransom County 4-H Council (if the situation warrants).

1.02 The 4-H Executive Committee consists of the current 4-H Council President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Leaders at Large. The Executive Committee will serve two year terms which will be voted on during even numbered years during the Fall Council meeting. The Vice-President will be promoted to the President position in the next voting year during the Fall Council meeting.

1.03 The Financial Committee includes the 4-H Executive Committee consisting of the 4-H Council President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and two Leaders at Large. The Financial Committee will serve two year terms which will be voted on during even numbered years during the Fall Council meeting.

1.04 Ransom County 4-H Rules and Policies will be evaluated at the Fall 4-H Council meeting for adoption for the current 4-H year. Any changes or additions to the rules and policies need to be made at the Fall 4-H Council meeting in order for them to be effective for the current 4-H year. If changes are made at any other time they will not take effect until the next 4-H year.

1.05 Members may enroll in any projects suited to their abilities. North Dakota State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, disability, age, status as a U.S. veteran, sexual orientation, marital status, or public assistance status. Direct inquiries to the Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach, 205 Old Main, (701) 231-7708.

1.06 A code of conduct agreement must be signed by a member before participation in an activity is allowed.

1.07 Payment to official delegates receiving reimbursement for state fair contest events (except for state fair exhibits) shall be $0.50 per mile, $7.00 per day for meals and $10 per night for lodging. Travel and lodging expenses must be combined wherever possible (applicable to bus transportation whenever possible). If transportation is provided by either county or state and the member chooses to travel by their own, no payment will be made.

1.08 4-Her’s attending Extension Youth Conference will be reimbursed $50 of their registration fee. Ransom County Ambassadors will be reimbursed $100 of their registration fee for Extension Youth Conference.

1.09 The Ransom County Extension office will keep an office copy and a check-out copy of 4-H literature on file. 4-H literature will be ordered only on January 15 and July 15. Only pre-paid literature will be ordered. Check-out copies are available anytime during the year.
1.10 4-H club members holding an office must be an active member.

1.11 Checks issued from the Ransom County 4-H Council account will be void if not cashed/deposited six (6) months after the issue date. No exceptions will be made unless the person wishes to contest it at a 4-H Council Meeting.

1.12 Funding of educational material for county-wide projects is available upon approval of the Extension office in the amount of $200 per project. A maximum of $600 per year on projects wider than the club scope. Written proposals must be submitted by a 4-H Leader to the Extension Office. Any projects larger than $200 should be brought to the 4-H Council.

1.13 An amount of $200 is available for the Extension office to use towards expenses incurred for the 4-H Ambassador program.

Article II: 4-H AGE
2.01 The 4-H year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31. These dates will guide overall program management. Clubs and programs may organize and youth may join clubs or programs at any time during the year. Members must meet the Ransom County Fair requirements.

2.02 September 1 is the starting date for ages and events related to the 4-H program.

2.03 Any boy or girl who is 6 years old prior to September 1 is eligible to join 4-H. Youth who turn 19 as of September 1 of the new 4-H year are no longer eligible to be in 4-H.

Article III: CLOVERBUDS
3.01 Cloverbuds must be 6 years old by September 1 of the current club year and will remain as a Cloverbud until they reach their 8th birthday as of September 1 of the current club year.

3.02 Cloverbuds in Ransom County have the same membership privileges as regular 4-H members except that they are not eligible to advance to district or state events.

Article IV: ENROLLMENT
4.01 Enrollment must be done through the 4hOnline program in order to enroll or re-enroll.

4.02 The six meeting requirement for exhibiting at the Ransom County fair does not start until enrollment is accepted by Extension office and the County Dues are paid. The September meeting will be considered a grace period for those who attend that meeting.

Article VI: COUNTY DUES
6.01 County Dues are part of our fund-raising efforts to continue to provide 4-H members with various awards and activities throughout the year. The 4-H Council requires that 4-H members age 6-19 pay $15.00/member with a cap of $45.00 per family for County Dues at the time they enroll for the current 4-H year.
Article VII: 4-H DRESS CODE

7.01 Members must wear a white, green, yellow, or grey shirt with the 4-H emblem displayed or attached to the front of the shirt. Dark pants/knee-length skirt.

7.02 Horse show participants for Western Wear must wear a long sleeved button or snap collared white shirt with the 4-H emblem prominently displayed or attached to the front of the shirt, must wear a properly fitted ASTM-SEI approved helmet for all mounted events, western boots, dark colored jeans, and a belt is required. **Jeans must be untucked from boots while competing.** Hard-soled boots with less than 1/8-inch tread are required. Jewelry or ties are not permitted; gloves are permitted in English events. Additional optional and prohibited attire and/or equipment pertaining to specific classes are noted in the rules for that class.

7.03 Members going through the Premium Sale during the fair must wear a white shirt with the 4-H emblem displayed or attached to the front of the shirt.

7.04 Members should not wear, shirts/tops that are low-cut nor allow the mid-riff to show or sleeveless. Shirts should be of sufficient length to be tucked into the pants/skirt.

7.05 The dress code is required at the following events: Consumer Decision Making, Communication Arts, Showcase, and exhibiting at the Ransom County Fair.

Article VIII: CLUB FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.01 Clubs will follow the good management practices for handling money set forth by the North Dakota Center for 4-H.

8.02 All checks must contain two signatures on them, and the two signatures cannot be from related individuals.

8.03 All monies paid out must be done with a check.

8.04 Records must be maintained by the club treasurer and monthly treasure reports given at the club meetings.

8.05 NDSU Extension has the right to request the club financial records and supporting documentation at any time to audit the records.

Article IX: CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

9.01 The Youth Protection Policy is to ensure the safety and well-being of all youth participants, their families, volunteers and paid staff. Every new volunteer who applies to work with Extension youth programs and all paid Extension staff participate in a process that fulfills the requirements of this policy. A prospective volunteer's acceptance as an NDSU Extension volunteer is contingent on clearance through the North Dakota Child Abuse Information Index and the North Dakota Office of Attorney General Convicted Sex Offenders and Offenders Against Children - Public List, and satisfactory results from a reference and review process.

9.02 In North Dakota, volunteers with NDSU Extension are considered 'unpaid staff'
when they are functioning in an official capacity on behalf of NDSU Extension.

9.03 Every six years, volunteers and staff are asked to reaffirm their commitment promoting the safety and well-being of all youth program participants by resubmitting a Behavioral Expectation Code of Ethics and a Volunteer Information for Recertification form.

9.04 **Ensuring a Safe Environment for All Participants in Youth Programs**

The following guidelines help establish positive environments and program barriers that promote safety and well-being for all program participants.

9.04.1 To protect ALL individuals, volunteers and staff need to work with young people in reasonably open places where others are welcome to enter (NOT behind closed doors).

9.04.2 Be aware that while spending time alone with a single child can be positive and helpful, it can also be a reason for concern for everyone involved.

9.04.3 Parents and guardians are always welcomed and encouraged to attend Extension youth program meetings and events.

9.04.4 Respect privacy. Adults need to respect the privacy of youth. The privacy issue is especially relevant in situations where changing clothes or taking showers may be in facilities lacking privacy. In these situations staff (volunteer and paid) should intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires.

9.04.5 There will be a minimum of one responsible adult (at least 18 years old) for every 8 to 10 youth, for any NDSU Extension youth-related activities involving an overnight stay, as consistent with national 4-H guidelines (12/1/93).

9.04.6 Paid staff and volunteers should be alert to the physical and emotional well-being of youth under their supervision. Signs of injury or suspected child abuse or neglect should be reported.

9.04.7 Extension paid staff and volunteers are reminded that adult behavior can have an impact on youth in many situations and environments, during extension programming and outside of those responsibilities.

9.04.8 Extension staff and volunteers will not, under any circumstances, discipline youth by use of physical punishment or by failing to provide the necessities of care, such as food and shelter.

9.04.9 An adult should not share a room with one minor child who is not his/her child. Youth should room with other youth. If the situation dictates that an adult and a youth must share a room, there should be several youth present with a single adult.

9.05 **4-H Anti-bullying Policy**

North Dakota Extension exists to help youth and adults enhance their lives and communities. To achieve this goal, a safe and positive environment needs to be maintained; thus, bullying behaviors by youth, volunteers and/or staff are prohibited.

Bullying behavior is defined as unwanted deliberately negative action by
another individual or group of individuals with intent to harm. Bullying may inflict harm or distress, including physical, social, sexual, psychological or educational harm, on the targeted individual or group. Bullying often includes an imbalance of power between individuals/groups.

Cyberbullying is bullying that happens through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, a website, text messages or social media. Bullying may include, but is not limited to verbal aggression, emotional attacks, sexual harassment, racial discrimination, physical aggression, isolating others or electronic harassment. The full Anti-bullying Policy and Incident Reports are found at:

http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/staff_resources/youth_protection_policy/anti_bullying/

Other policies can be found at

Policies include Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Drug Use; Personal Liability Insurance; Automobile Insurance; Accident & Illness Insurance; Code of Conduct and Health Statements; Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment; Non-Discrimination Policies; Equine Helmet Policy; Handling and Care of Animals; Helping Youth Resist Abuse; Identifying the Signs of Possible Child Abuse and Neglect; and Reporting Child Maltreatment.

Article X: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLEGAL DRUG USE

10.01 Since consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs is not acceptable for young people in extension youth programs, adults should not consume these substances while working with or observing youth activities.

10.02 If evidence of alcohol or illegal drug use is occurring during extension youth programs, that individual in violation will be asked to leave the event.

Article XI: EXHIBITING AT THE RANSOM COUNTY FAIR

11.01 4-H members are required to be enrolled in a Ransom County 4-H Club and attend a minimum of six club meetings to be eligible to exhibit in 4-H at the Ransom County Fair. A signed leader report of member meeting attendance for the year shall be submitted to the Extension office by July 15. Members that are 2 or more meetings short of the rule will be contacted by the Extension office and will have the chance to appeal the decision. The Executive Council would make the final decision.

11.02 Livestock shown in the 4-H show, whether it is a second entry in the same lot or a group lot, must be shown by a current 4-H member dressed according to the 4-H dress code.

Article XII: ANIMAL OWNERSHIP

12.01 Animals shown at the Ransom County Fair must be in the possession of the 4-H member by May 31 of the current year or they will not be eligible to show in the 4-H show.
12.02 If the member will be showing at the State Fair the youth must follow the ownership guidelines set forth by the North Dakota Center for 4-H.

12.03 The Animal Care and Lease form must be signed by the 4-H member and parents as well as owner of the livestock (if livestock will be leased) and submitted to the Ransom County Extension by June 10th of the current year.

12.04 If Animal Care and Lease forms are not submitted by June 10th of the current year the youth will not be allowed to take their animals through the premium sale during the Ransom County Fair for that year.

12.05 Livestock can be leased from a local producer as long as the club member is taking care of the livestock and the livestock owner has signed off that they agree to the terms set forth in the Animal Care and Lease form.

**Article XIII: RANSOM COUNTY FAIR GATE PASSES**

13.01 4-H exhibitor passes will be made available to qualified exhibitors. Members must attend six club meetings and exhibit a minimum of one exhibit at the Ransom County Fair. Passes will be at the Expo Center on Static Exhibit Day the week of the fair. Pre-paid passes will be attached to members' exhibit tag packets. Passes will be available to purchase at the fair for $3.00 to qualifying members. Gate passes will only admit entrance into the fairgrounds.

**Article XIV: LIVESTOCK, HORSES AND SMALL ANIMALS AT THE FAIR**

14.01 **Overall Horse Selection Procedure**

14.01.1 An overall horse will be selected from each age division (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) and recognized during the premium sale during the Ransom County Fair. The overall horse will also have an opportunity to go through the premium sale.

14.01.2 If the overall horse will be going through the premium sale the horse must be housed on the fairgrounds after 1 p.m. and by 10 p.m. Wednesday evening of the start of the Ransom County Fair and will not be allowed to leave the fairgrounds until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday of the conclusion of the Ransom County Fair.

14.02 **Large Animals and Rabbits**

14.02.1 4-H members that have multiple entries in the ring, or are exhibiting groups, need to find other 4-H members to help exhibit those animals. 4-H members assisting an exhibitor in the show-ring must also be in official 4-H dress. Adults are not allowed to serve as an exhibitor during the 4-H Show.

14.02.2 The lot champion and lot reserve champion ribbons will no longer be given, rather designate classes as blues, reds, or whites. Designate an overall champion and reserve male and female and market animal in each species.

14.03 **Poultry**

14.03.1 Poultry exhibits in each lot will be awarded blue, red or white and one grand and one reserve champion will be awarded for each category.
Article XV: PREMIUM SALE

15.01 To be eligible for the premium sale an animal must receive at least a blue 4-H or FFA ribbon.

15.02 All 4-H members participating in the premium sale must wear a white shirt with the 4-H emblem prominently displayed on the front and dark pants or knee-length skirt.

15.03 All 4-H members attending the premium sale must meet the requirements of the Animal Care & Lease Contract. This contract must be signed and returned to the extension office postmarked no later than June 10 or you will not be allowed to go through the premium sale.

15.04 Placing’s received in showmanship or open class (blue, grand, reserve, grand overall or reserve overall) DO NOT qualify animals for the Premium Sale.

15.05 The Premium Sale registration form must be turned in at the Fair Office window located on the east side of the expo building by the end of your last livestock judging event or no later than the conclusion of the sheep show on Friday. Those not turning in a registration form will not be allowed to participate in the premium sale. The registration form will be included with your livestock registration papers that you will receive on Wednesday, or you may pick one up at the Fair Office window on the east side of the expo building.

15.06 Only one animal out of a blue ribbon group will be allowed in the sale ring during the premium sale. Animals that are sold must be broke to lead.

15.07 Exhibitors are not allowed to jump ahead of other species in the sale order. There are no exceptions to this rule. Exhibitors are allowed to move up in the sale order within the species only if the exhibitor speaks to someone from the Extension staff or FFA Advisor. Exhibitors who do not comply with this rule will forfeit their premium for that animal.

15.08 All 4-H & FFA exhibitors must interview judge. Exhibitor MUST be present with their exhibit at the premium sale in order to take part in the sale. The only exclusion is illness to self or death in the family and must be presented to the county agent or FFA advisor.

15.09 4-H & FFA Livestock exhibitor will be limited to 1 entry in the sale. Ribbon premiums will be paid on the entries not eligible for the sale. The sale listing will be put in random order within species with blue selling first, reserve overall, and grand overall selling last within species.

15.10 The sale will include market and breeding beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, poultry, rabbits and the Overall Champion horse in the junior, intermediate and senior divisions. Any animal going through the premium sale MUST BE STALLED on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair.

15.11 4-H members will be requested to contact buyers for payment of their premium. The county extension office will furnish a list of buyers to the 4-H member for the animals that were bought. 8 x 10 4-H cardstock thank you cards are available at the Fair Office window located on the east side of the Expo Center.
Buyers will pay the premium on all sale animals determined during the auction. All animals will be sold in the sale for premium only. Premiums will be on a dollar/head basis only and not based on weight or market price.

**Article XVI: 4-H NAME & EMBLEM**

16.01 Keep the 4-H color as close to the original Kelly green color as possible.

16.02 Keep the size proportions (do not make the 4-H emblem longer, taller, wide, narrower, angled or squarer)

16.03 The stem of the 4-H emblem MUST point to the right as you look at the image.

16.04 Do not remove any leaves.

16.05 Do not place text or other images over or on top of the 4-H emblem.

16.06 No photo, drawing, symbol, word or other figure or object may be placed on or obscure the 4-H emblem.

**Article XVII: COMPLETING THE 4-H YEAR**

17.01 To complete the 4-H club year in Ransom County, 4-H members must attend a minimum of six club meetings and participate in at least one 4-H contest.

**Article XVIII: YEAR END AWARD QUALIFICATION**

18.01 A member must have completed the 4-H club year in order to be eligible for year-end awards. Refer to completing the club year section for further details.

18.02 Project summaries are turned in for each project area that the member wants to be considered for an award. Award forms not turned in by the due date will not be judged.

18.03 Participation summaries are turned in by the member to be considered for major awards.

18.04 Each member turns in a point sheet to be considered for the awards associated with the point sheets. Points from one members point sheets cannot be transferred to another members point sheets.

**Article XVIII: CLUB DISBANDMENT**

19.01 If a club chooses to terminate their club activities, they must contact the county extension office and inform them of their intent prior to the final meeting. Perhaps assistance can be given to those wishing to remain in 4-H club work.

19.02 Club must determine the disposal of club property (gavel, flags, etc…). It is suggested that these materials be donated to the 4-H Council to be available to new club groups.

19.03 Determine the termination of financial accounts. Excess funds should be labeled for community improvement or donated to a charitable or other worthwhile purpose. Cash returns to individual members are discouraged. If two months after the final meeting funds have not been disbursed, all remaining...
monies should be turned over to the county 4-H Council.

19.04 Return all usable 4-H project literature and other materials to the extension office.

Article XX: COUNCIL GUIDELINES

20.01 Voting delegates per club: Each club may have three (3) votes on each motion at council meetings. Executive council members and leaders-at-large are allowed one separate vote in addition to the three votes per club ruling. This does not apply to voting on the Family of the Year and the Friend of 4-H awards. It is encouraged that club voting delegates be assigned prior to the council meetings.

20.02 The council will meet semi-annually.

Revised & Adopted by Ransom County 4-H Council 9/29/2020
State & National Policies

Ages
The recommended age for club junior leaders is 13 or older.

Any boy or girl who is 19 as of September 1 is not eligible for 4-H membership or participation, except as a volunteer leader. Age requirements are flexible for special circumstances involving youth or adults who have learning disabilities or other special needs.

Some national 4-H event age participation requirements could be different than those established in North Dakota. Participants in most national events must be 14 on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year. Participants must follow the national age requirements.

4-H State & District Dress Code
All members participating in North Dakota State 4-H competitive events except Clothing Revue (Sew and Show, Buy and Show) will be neatly dressed and must wear a solid colored white, yellow, gray or green shirt/blouse with the 4-H emblem prominently displayed, and securely fastened, on the front.

The objective of the 4-H Dress Code is to:
1. to promote a positive image of 4-H by using a consistent, identifiable appearance. The public will recognize a group dressed in similar fashion; and
2. to eliminate any real or perceived advantage or disadvantage in an activity caused by appearance.

The 4-H Dress Code as adopted by the Program Action Council is the only rule regarding dress enforced at state events. It was reviewed and revised by the North Dakota 4-H Policy Board on November 23, 2003 and refined effective February 3, 2005.

Failure to comply with the dress code shall result in reduced premiums equivalent to one ribbon placing. In team competition, the penalty shall be a deduction of 25 points from the individual and team scores. The dress code remains in effect through the completion of the event and awards presentations.

Shirts from the National 4-H Supply Service are considered appropriate provided they are solid colored white, yellow, gray or green and have only a 4-H emblem prominently displayed on the front. Shirts with the 4-H emblem can also be purchased by contacting your local county extension office. County or club names should not be on the shirts.

Horse show participants will be neatly dressed and must wear a long sleeved solid colored white, yellow, gray or green shirt/blouse with the 4-H emblem prominently displayed, and securely fastened, on the front. Exhibitors must wear properly fitted ASTM-SEI approved harness helmets for all mounted events (western hats are permitted for showmanship), western boots, blue or black colored jeans (dark colored), and a belt. Jewelry or ties are not permitted. Gloves are permitted only in English events. Failure to comply with helmet regulations will result in the youth not being able to participate in the show.

For reasons listed under objectives and/or for the safety of the exhibitors, the following is also recommended but not required:
• dark jeans/pants or skirts
• protective shoes or boots when showing livestock
• long sleeves when showing rabbits, poultry, small animals
• dairy show - white jeans/pants are not required but are acceptable

In an effort to promote a professional appearance by 4-H members, it is recommended that the shirt/blouse be a crew neck t-shirt, polo shirt, or Henley-type. The emblem can be sewn, silk-screened, fused or securely fastened using Velcro type fastener or spray adhesive. Visible pins (safety, stick and straight) are not an acceptable method of attachment. If used, securely fasten all sides of the chevron/emblem with the pins on the inside of the garment. 4-H members should not wear short shorts or short skirts, shirts/tops that are low-cut nor allow the mid-riff to show or sleeveless. Shirts should be of sufficient length to be tucked into the pants/skirt.

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Ransom County Educational Material Funding

Educational material funding of $200 per project for a total of $600 per year on projects wider than the club scope is available. A written proposal form must be submitted by a 4-H leader to the extension office. Forms can be requested from the extension office. Any larger projects should be brought to the 4-H Council.

Club PIZZA PARTY!

We are issuing a club challenge again this year!

The club with the highest percentage of participation in the following county events - Communication Arts and Consumer Decision Making - events in the county will be rewarded a pizza party. Club will be awarded in June. 
Sponsored by the Ransom County 4-H Council.

Club BOWLING PARTY!

Your club can win a bowling party at the Tri-County Lanes in Enderlin. The winning club is determined by the highest percentage of members participating in the 4-H Showcase from each club with a minimum of 50% of your club participating. The winning club will be announced after the Showcase event which is held in conjunction with the 4-H Carnival.
Sponsored by the Ransom County 4-H Council.

“Fill the Fair Shelves” Challenge!

Wouldn’t it be great to have a platter of subs at your 4-H meeting in the fall? The Ransom County 4-H Council is sponsoring the Fill the Fair Shelves Challenge at this year’s Ransom County Fair. 
The challenge: Each club that has EVERY member exhibit a minimum of two static exhibits will earn a sub sandwich platter from Lisbon Subway®.
Sponsored by the Ransom County 4-H Council.

Club of the Year

The Club of the Year is determined by the number of points earned from the Secretary Report forms that your club secretary turns into the extension office after your meeting. The Club of the Year recipient is named at Awards Night in November.
Sponsored by the Ransom County Gazette.

2021 Club Events

Clubs will rotate to help organize the 4-H events. Clubs are listed in alphabetical order and will rotate every January with the clubs moving down the list with the bottom moving to the top each year.

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The extension office will send out a letter to your club prior to the event that your club is to help organize. Most events have a very detailed list as to what to do and what supplies are needed. Thank you for your help.

4-H Literature Orders

The following are the only dates that literature will be ordered:
January 15
July 15.
Only pre-paid literature will be ordered on the 15th.

Literature can be checked-out by anyone who wants to look at the book before committing to purchase it. Check-out time is 1 week then it is due back in the office. If the check-out copy is not brought back to the office you will be billed for that piece of literature.
Get Involved!
Ransom County 4-H has much more to offer than just monthly meetings! Enhance your 4-H experience by participating in at least one of the below events that our county has to offer.

Communication Arts (April 15) Lisbon High School
A member will choose to either give a speech, broadcasting, commercial, interpretive reading (reading a short story from your favorite book), a demonstration on making a food or project and many more categories. Cloverbuds can recite the 4-H Pledge or the Pledge of Allegiance.

County winners will advance to the District Contest in June. Winners in the District contest will advance on to the State Contest held during the ND State Fair in Minot. The Ransom County 4-H dress code is required.

Consumer Decision Making (June 10) Lisbon High School
The contest is the same but under a new name. The contest will now be called Consumer Decision Making.

Learn how to make wise buying decisions. In the contest, the age divisions are:

**Beginner** ages 8-9 before September 1 of the current 4-H year

**Junior** ages 10-13 (age 10 before September 1 and up to age 13 as of December 31 of the current 4-H year)

**Senior** ages 14-18 (as of December 31 of the current 4-H year)

Junior and senior teams will advance to the ND State Fair for competition.

Each class will contain four similar articles (example: four jeans or fast food, etc...) with characteristics that vary. The articles will be numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 for identification purposes. A brief situation will accompany each class. The situation is a short descriptive paragraph that includes the standards (most important first), specific conditions and important information. The class will be placed according to the standards in the situation.

The Ransom County 4-H dress code is required.

Livestock Judging (Jan.-March)
Rank a group of 4 animals of the same species (sheep, swine & beef classes) and give reasons on one or two of the classes. Livestock Judges have the opportunity of participating in contests in Fargo, Kindred, Lisbon, Napoleon, Oakes and the state contest at NDSU.

Hippology (Jan.-June)
Join a group of 4-H’ers who are interested in horses to compete in contests around the state. Hippology is a 4-H equine event that does not require horse ownership. Hippology is a contest event that makes learning fun for youth by encouraging them to test their knowledge and understanding of horse science in a friendly but competitive setting. Contact the office if you are interested in joining hippology.

Crops Judging (Jan.-March)
Join a group of 4-H’ers who are interested in crops to compete in contests around the state. Crop judging is an event to identify crop seed, weed identification, machinery identification and more. Contact the office if you are interested in crops judging.

Ransom County Fair (August 24-28)
4-H Static exhibit entry date is August 24. Watch for more information to follow in the 4-H Newsletters and on the web. Pre-registration forms are due on July 15.

Animal Care & Lease Form
Please refer to the Ransom County 4-H Rules and Policies in this book under Article XII, Section 12.01-12.05.

All animals that are shown in 4-H at the Ransom County Fair must comply with the policies of the Animal Care & Lease Form. The form must be completed and returned to the extension office at PO Box 950, Lisbon, N.D. 58054 and be postmarked by June 10 of the current year.
Ransom County Project Plans & Participation Summaries
Due - October 1

Members/families are responsible for picking up these forms at the Extension office for themselves or printing them from the website.

To be considered for any Ransom County awards given at awards night ($25 given by program sponsors), a Project Summary must be completed for projects you would like to be considered for. A Participation Summary may also be completed by members that would like to be considered for major awards such as $25 and $50 cash award. The 8-12 year-old summary is pink; and the 13-19 year-old summary is blue, these forms can be picked up at any time at the Ransom County extension office or you can get them online at www.ag.ndsu.edu/ransomcountyextension.htm and click on the 4-H Forms link. Forms received in the Extension office after the due date will not be judged for awards.

Ransom County 4-H Ambassadors
Ambassadors focus on community service and fun activities to promote 4-H in Ransom County. Currently there are eight individuals that are county ambassadors.

Members must be age 14 or older as of September 1 of the current year to be eligible as a county ambassador.

National 4-H Conference
April
Washington, D.C. Reg. deadline August 1

The National 4-H Conference is a wonderful opportunity to share, learn, and develop an appreciation for other people, programs and the United States of America. The conference is a weeklong program held at the National 4-H Center, near Washington, D.C. It is a future-focused program that aims to build strong leaders through roundtable discussions, team-building activities, group assemblies, and visits with national legislators. Participants will be selected by an application. A selection committee will review the applications and make recommendations for delegates. Youth 15-19, are eligible for the trip. Most expenses for this trip are covered by the North Dakota 4-H Foundation.

Contact our office or the web for an application form.

N.D. 4-H Ambassador
Application form due:
May 15 for conference selection
Dec. 15 for January selection

A number of 4-H Ambassadors are selected each spring through an application and interview process. 4-H'ers must be 16 years of age by January 1, 2021 to apply. Candidates must have demonstrated leadership ability and be willing to devote time and energy to the 4-H program. They help promote 4-H, plan and conduct statewide 4-H events and assist with a variety of activities. Application forms are available in our office or on the web and need to be returned to the Ransom County Extension office by May 5 for Conference selection and December 5 for January. Applications will be screened and finalists interviewed and will have a chance to meet conference delegates before a final decision is made.

ND 4-H LAW (Leaders Awareness Week)
February 21 & 22, Virtual

This program is for youth in grades 7 to 12. The event will focus on strengthening skills in parliamentary procedure and increasing the knowledge about the judicial system of our government.

More information and registration:
https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/parents/programs_events/overnight_tripscamps/

Citizenship Washington Focus
June Washington, DC
Reg. deadline March 1

CWF provides an opportunity for youth to travel to Washington, DC, and use our nation’s capital as a classroom. This program gives teens a chance to experience the power of our nation’s capital, meet with movers and shakers, and discover the citizen within themselves. Delegates must be 15-19 years of age at the time of participation. Cost is $1,700 per delegate. Registration form is on the State 4-H web page:
https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/national_leadership_opportunities/citizenship_washington_focus_cwf/

Contact our office for more information and registration forms.

Red River Valley Fair
July 13-18

The Red River Valley Fair will be held at the West Fargo fairgrounds. If you have exhibited in the past, your name has automatically been put on the mailing list to receive their exhibit book and preregistration form. Those of you that are new exhibitors at the RRV Fair, your name will need to be submitted so you will receive the information needed. If you plan to attend, or are even thinking about it, call our office with your name prior to May 15 and we will take care of it for you.
Extension 4-H Youth Conference
June 21-24 Registration deadline - May 15

Youth (13-19) from throughout the state gather at NDSU to share ideas and have a great time. The four-day program features special workshops, speakers, games, dances, and other activities. Most members that have gone once have gone year after year. Registration is $225.00 with the 4-H Council paying $50.00 of the fee. This includes all activities, meals and lodging.

N.D. State Fair
July 23-31

Any member 4-H age 8 and older who has received a blue ribbon on an exhibit that was taken to last year's fair may exhibit at the 2021 State Fair. If you wish to exhibit and need your projects sent up there please have them into the extension office before July 1. Exhibit tags will need to be filled out and attached to each exhibit and require some time for you to fill out. Please let us know how many tags you will need so we can send them to you in order for you to attach the tags at home. The county agent will be taking the exhibits up to the fair. Please do not send items exceeding the size of a camper door. Also, if you are sending something breakable it is requested that YOU pack it to protect it from breakage. Listed are some helpful hints when sending exhibits to the State Fair:

* Pin pattern guides and tags to clothing.
* Tape or rubber band exhibit tags securely.
* Completely fill out exhibit information on tags and forms prior to bringing them into the office.

Call the extension office and request an exhibit book or view it on the web under the ND 4-H Program website.

National 4-H Congress
November/December Atlanta, GA
Reg. deadline August 1

National 4-H Congress is a 5 day conference for youth 15-19 years of age and is held in Atlanta, GA. Delegates will be selected from youth who participated in NDSU Youth Development Programs. This means that delegates will not be limited to 4-H club members. The program will focus on personal development. Congress will be held in late November and early December. Applications must be postmarked or delivered to the state office by August 1. They are available upon request from the extension office or via the web.

4-H Camps and Programs
Held at Western 4-H Camp in Washburn unless otherwise stated. Camps are held in June, July and August. Busses are available for a minimal fee. If you are interested in riding the bus, pick-up locations, etc... contact the extension service office. For a current list of camps visit the website at: www.western4hcamp.com
Scholarships

Ransom County 4-H Camp Scholarship
At the fall 2017 4-H Council meeting, the council approved to award $1,000 in scholarships to be used for 4-H Camp in Washburn. Scholarships are $50 each and are awarded to the first 20 members who submit a request to help pay for 4-H Camp in Washburn in 2021. A Request Form is available by contacting the Ransom County Extension office. This scholarship is on a first-come-first-served basis.

ND 4-H Foundation have several scholarships are available for 4-H and former 4-H members. Scholarship candidates must be:

- A high school senior or accepted or enrolled as an undergraduate at an accredited post-secondary school. Maximum age is 21 as of September 1 of the current year.
- A current or former ND 4-H member.
- A ND 4-H member for at least one year at the time they apply.

Scholarships in certain program categories may have special eligibility or selection requirements. Scholarship applications are due to the state office by March 1. The Scholarship Committee has made the decision to add that if an applicant has won a specific scholarship in a previous year, the applicant is no longer eligible for that scholarship and if an applicant has applied for a ND 4-H Foundation Scholarships in previous years, the applicant must submit both updated application and Narrative Sections each year. Scholarships are available to present and former ND 4-H members through the 4-H Foundation. The scholarship application should be completely filled out with all the required signatures, copy of current transcript and two recommendation letters. https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/foundation/scholarships/.

Scholarships available:

The Eleanor R. Schultz Memorial, ($300) given to a ND 4-H member or former member and first year student at NDSU. Deadline is March 1.

The North Dakota 4-H Foundation in honor of Erwin Klusmann and John Norgaard, ($350) given to a present or former ND 4-H member. Deadline is March 1.

The Rosevold Memorial Scholarship, ($350) given to a ND 4-H member or former member enrolled in a North Dakota post-secondary school in the fall of the current year. Deadline is March 1.

Jerome Striegel Memorial, ($150) given to a ND 4-H member selected as an alternate to attend National 4-H Congress or National 4-H Conference. Deadline is March 1.

Farm and Ranch Guide, ($250) given to current or former ND 4-H member entering a ND university or college as a freshman. Selection to be based on academic potential and 4-H participation. Deadline is March 1.

Kelci Jo Willson Memorial, ($300) given to a current or former North Dakota 4-H member who is entering or continuing his/her education at a vocational school, technical school, college or university. Deadline is March 1.

ND Crop Improvement & Seed Association, given to three incoming freshmen and three undergraduates. The six $1000 scholarships are to the NDSU College of Agriculture. Deadline is February 15.

Ransom County Crop & Livestock Improvement Association, (1 - $500) given to high school seniors and individuals who are attending a post-secondary institution and will not be graduating in the spring of 2021. The applicant’s family must be a resident of Ransom County, ND. Applicant must be pursuing a degree in an agricultural related field. Deadline is February 1.

ND Winter Show, (2- $500) given to a resident of North Dakota who meets criteria of academic standing; have enrollment plans at a college or university in North Dakota; and demonstrate leadership, character, and citizenship. Deadline is February 15.

For more scholarships available log on to the Ransom County website at www.ag.ndsu.edu/ransomcountyeextension.htm and click on the 4-H link. For information on applying for the above scholarships contact the county extension office. You can download the application form at www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/scholarships/.
Web Sites

Email: NDSU.Ransom.Extension@ndsu.edu

Ransom County 4-H Website
www.ag.ndsu.edu/ransomcountyextension/4h-and-youth.htm

Facebook: NDSU Extension– Ransom County

Ransom County Fair
www.ransomcountyfair.com
Find it on Facebook!

North Dakota 4-H
www.ndsu.edu/4h
Find ND 4-H on Facebook!

ND 4-H Pintrest
www.pintrest.com/4hnd/

4-H Literature
www.ndsu.edu/4h/projects/

Clovershop (4-H shirts)
https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ndae4hyw/clover-shop

National 4-H Council
www.fourhcouncil.edu

National 4-H Headquarters
www.4husa.org

CYFERNET – Children, Youth and Families Education
www.cyfernet.org

National Gardening Association Resources
This site has several good activities for kids, online gardening lessons which are changed every month. www.garden.org

Kids’ Science Challenge
http://kidsciencechallenge.com

4-H in Ransom County

4-H Hot Topics
Current 4-H related events, topics, deadlines and information

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4-H Name & Emblem Use
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State Fair Static & Livestock Entry Forms

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4-H Related Links

NDSU State 4-H Website
4-H Mall

Project Guide
Many project manuals
Recipes, lessons and more!
A 4-H member who is 8-12 years old before September 1 will participate in the junior division in state events. A 4-H member who is 13-18 before September 1 will participate in the senior division.

**Junior** 8-12 years old

**Senior** 13 & over

**DRESS CODE:** Members must wear a white, yellow, green, or grey shirt with the 4-H emblem displayed or attached to the front of the shirt. Dark pants/skirt. Members should not wear short shorts or short skirts, shirts/tops that are low-cut nor allow the mid-riff to show or sleeveless. Shirts should be of sufficient length to be tucked into the pants/skirt.

**Members can participate in more than one event.** There are four sections to the 4-H Showcase. Selections include:

- **Project Expo**  
  Open to any boy or girl enrolled in a 4-H project whether it is leather craft, foods, etc.... Ideas might be a display of how to tool a design for leather craft. The list is endless.
  
  Members can do a display in more than one area at the county level if they wish. Exhibitors must follow the 4-H dress code for Project Expo.

- **Buy & Show**  
  (Purchased clothing revue) - 4-H'er may model a purchased garment. A fact Sheet about the garment must be filled out and turned in with your pre-registration form.
  
  Exhibitors need to be enrolled in the Clothing Decisions project. Item must be purchased for yourself and modeled by you at the State Fair contest.

- **Sew & Show**  
  (Constructed clothing revue) 4-H'er will construct a major item of clothing which is related to a clothing and textile project in which the member is enrolled. Item must be made for yourself and modeled by you at the State Fair contest.

- **Decorate Your Duds**  
  Decorate Your Duds is embellishment of a garment or accessory. It can be done on a purchased or constructed item. The item will be judged only on the embellishment technique, not the construction of the item. Item must be made for yourself and modeled by you at the State Fair contest.

- **Cloverbuds**  
  Cloverbuds will be judged and receive participation ribbons, but cannot advance to state.

Each participant will be scheduled a certain time to be judged with their project.

Awards will be presented. Pictures of participants will also be taken.

**NOTE:** A photo book of past state fair participants is in the office to help you with ideas.

**State Fair**  
Each county may send any number of participants in Project Expo to the State Fair as determined by the judges.

Each county may send any number of participants to the State 4-H Clothing Revue which includes Buy and Show, Sew and Show and Decorate Your Duds as determined by the judges.
Family Name ________________________________________________________________
Phone ______________________________________ Club ____________________________

Please complete this form before sending to Ransom County Extension.

Register On-line!

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2021 Communication Arts Contest
April 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Lisbon High School
Pre-registration deadline – April 8

COUNTY, DISTRICT & STATE RULES:

● Youth can participate in more than 1 category (individual & team). They can not participate more than once in the same category.

● No live animals, of any sort, at any contests.

● No guns or ammunition should be brought as props for any category in the Communication Arts contests.

● All topics, content and language of your presentation must be appropriate for an audience with an age range of 5 to 85. Topics, language and content that may be appropriate for you may not be appropriate for the youngest members of the audience.

● If a religious reading is chosen as a piece, it should remain neutral and avoid influencing the religious beliefs for your audience.

A 4-H member who is completing or have just completed 3rd through 6th will participate in the junior division in district events. A 4-H member who are completing or have just completed 7th grade will participate in the senior division. **Cloverbuds, age 6-7 before September 1, are eligible to advance to the district level and receive a participation ribbon and gift like all other participants.**

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**Dress Code:** Members must wear a white, yellow, green, or grey shirt with the 4-H emblem displayed or attached to the front of the shirt. Dark pants/skirt. Members should not wear short shorts or short skirts, shirts/tops that are low-cut nor allow the mid-riff to show or sleeveless. Shirts should be of sufficient length to be tucked into the pants/skirt.

**District & State Contest Dress Code:** All members participating in North Dakota Communication Arts MPU/District events will be neatly dressed and must wear a solid colored white, yellow, grey or green shirt/blouse with the 4-H emblem prominently displayed, and securely fastened, on the front. The emblem can be sewn, silk-screened, fused or securely fastened using Velcro type fastener or spray adhesive. Visible pins (safety, stick and straight) are not an acceptable method of attachment. If used, securely fasten all sides of the chevron/emblem with the pins on the inside of the garment. It is recommended that participants wear dark jeans/slacks/skirts.

+ Exceptions to this are those youth participating in the Dramatic Presentation and Commercial categories where costumes are allowed.

+ Participants not following the dress code shall not be eligible for the Champion or Honorable Mention awards in their categories.

Learning public speaking skills is a benefit that will be used throughout your life. A good public speaker is made, not born. Communication Arts consists of giving speeches, reading a book or short story, giving a demonstration, and many other public speaking opportunities. We hope you will consider adding this event to your list of other events you enjoy.

The primary objectives of the Communication Arts program are:

● To help participants develop communication skills that are useful throughout a lifetime.

● To provide an opportunity to practice skills before a group.

● To provide an opportunity to gather and organize information, equipment and props for public presentation.

● To develop participants confidence in making public presentations.

● To evaluate and enhance communication skills.

If you are interested in participating please pick up the publication BA800 “4-H Communication Arts Program,” for a complete description and rules for each category.
Communication Arts Categories (revised 2020)

1. Demonstration
Demonstrations are presentations that show skills and procedures on any topic. They show “how to do something”, “how to make something” or “how something works” and may display a finished product. When choosing a topic, remember you will demonstrate “live” in front of the judges and an audience.
(Junior time: two to 12 minutes; Senior time: four to 12 minutes; teams allowed)

2. Illustrated Talk
Illustrated talks are speeches using visual aids. They also are like demonstrations in that they show a product or procedure. However, the process is not performed during the presentation. Charts, posters, electronic slides, figures or real objects may be used to explain an idea or procedure.
(Junior time: two to 12 minutes; Senior time: four to 12 minutes; teams allowed)

3. Speech (prepared and impromptu)
Speeches are talks given with no visual aids. Notes may be used for reference. All speeches are composed by the presenter. Prepared speeches are written in advanced; impromptu speeches are written in 15 minutes after receiving a topic.
Prepared speeches – (Junior time: two to 12 minutes; Senior time: four to 12 minutes; teams NOT allowed)
Impromptu speeches – (Junior time: one minute minimum; Senior time: two minutes minimum; teams NOT allowed)

4. Interpretive Reading (humorous or serious)
Interpretive readings are oral presentations of works taken from any published source. The presenter should be familiar with the piece; however, it is not a memorized speech; it is a reading. The presentation begins with a brief introduction, including the source, author and an explanation of the reason for the selection. The goal is to communicate the author’s thoughts expressively through voice. Gestures and actions should be kept to a minimum.
(Junior time: two to 12 minutes; Senior time: four to 12 minutes; teams allowed)

5. Dramatic Presentation
Dramatic presentations are based on an original or published piece performed by combining words and actions to entertain or educate the audience. This begins with a brief introduction, including the source, author of the material and an explanation of why it was selected. A costume, makeup and/or props are required.
(Junior time: two to 12 minutes; Senior time: four to 12 minutes; teams allowed)

6. Mass Media
Presenters prepare a
1) radio or television broadcast that may be read from a script. The broadcast may have four to five items of about 30 to 45 seconds each or a more in-depth story addressing a topic or a
2) Commercial to sell a real or fictitious product. Presentation should have broad audience appeal and except for radio may include props or visual examples, including example social media posts.
(Junior time: two to 12 minutes; Senior time: four to 12 minutes; except Commercials are one minute in length for all presenters, teams allowed)

7. Electronic Presentation (includes video, website design and software presentations)
4-H members create and deliver a presentation utilizing presentation software that may include PowerPoint (or similar), filmmaking or web development programs. Contestants are judged primarily on content, appearance, design and technical performance of the presentation. Participants also will describe what they learned and why they chose the software used and the topic in their presentation.
(Junior time: two to 12 minutes; Senior time: four to 12 minutes; teams allowed)

8. FishTank: Youth Entrepreneurship
This category is for youth entrepreneurs. Youth who have started or plan to start a business are encouraged to enter this category. They provide a quick overview of their business or product and make a pitch to sell the product or business.
(Junior time: two to 12 minutes; Senior time: five to 15 minutes; teams allowed)

9. Cloverbud
This is a noncompetitive category designed to provide an opportunity for Cloverbud members to experience public presentations. They may do a recitation or a short presentation similar to the other categories. This category has no minimum time limit and all presentations receive equal recognition. Recitation of the 4-H Pledge, Pledge of Allegiance or other simple verse is appropriate. This category will not be offered at the state event.
Communication Arts Registration Form
April 15, 2021 – Lisbon High School

Please complete and return to the extension office or register on-line before April 8.

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2. No live animals, of any sort, at Contest.
3. No guns or ammunition should be brought as props for any category in the Communication Arts contests.
4. Cloverbud (6-7 yrs. old), Junior - 3rd through 6th Grade (completing or have just completed) Senior - 7th through 12th Grade (completing or have just completed)
5. Cloverbuds enter in the Recitation category.
6. All groups can advance to Districts including Cloverbuds.

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If you are presenting the category as a team please indicate with whom:

Return to: Ransom County Extension, PO Box 950, Lisbon ND 58054
4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest
June 10, 6:30 P.M.
Lisbon High School Commons
Deadline for county registration is June 3
Register on-line

Formerly known as Consumer Choices.

Consumer Decision Making helps 4-H’ers make wise buying decisions.

In the contest, there are three divisions:
Beginner ages 8-9 before September 1 of the current 4-H year
Junior ages 10-13 (age 10 before September 1 and up to age 13 as of December 31 of the current 4-H year)
Senior ages 14-18 (as of December 31 of the current 4-H year)

Contest Description: Each class will contain four similar articles (example: four jeans or fast food, etc...) with characteristics that vary. The articles will be numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 for identification purposes. A brief situation will accompany each class. The situation is a short descriptive paragraph that includes the standards (most important first), specific conditions and important information. The class will be placed according to the standards in the situation.

Individuals can pick up information pertaining to this year’s class standards at the extension office. Club workout practice packets can be picked up at the extension office.

DRESS CODE: Members must wear a white, yellow, green, or grey shirt with the 4-H emblem displayed or attached to the front of the shirt. Dark pants/skirt. Members should not wear short shorts or short skirts, shirts/tops that are low-cut nor allow the mid-riff to show or sleeveless. Shirts should be of sufficient length to be tucked into your pants/skirt.

An unlimited number of participants in both junior and senior divisions can advance to the state competition at the North Dakota State Fair in July.

To register, cut off the form and return to the extension office. Ransom County Extension, PO Box 950, Lisbon ND 58054

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Consumer Decision Making Registration - 2021
Registration due – June 3

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4-H Consumer Decision Making Reasons

Reasons
After you have decided on placing of a class, it is time to prepare to give oral reasons for your decision. When giving oral reasons to a judge it is important for you to know them well enough so that you can look at the reasons judge rather than just read your notes. In Ransom County, Beginners are allowed to look at their notes.

You will use this form for organizing your oral reasons:
I place this class of (name of class), _____, _____, _____, ____. (place numbers in these blanks of how you ranked the items)

I place _____ over ______ because:
Compare - reasons why the first is better than the second; list in order of importance.
Grant – any combinations where the second excels the first; in some pairs there may be nothing to grant.

I place _____ over _____ because:
Compare
Grant

I place _____ over _____ because:
Compare
Grant

I place _____ last because:
Statement of facts.

For these reasons I place this class of (name of class), _____, _____, _____, ____.

A sample situation:
Tanner wants a cuddly pet. He wants one that does not need daily care. He wants a furry pet.

Items to rank for the class are:
1) Fish       2) Spider       3) Dog       4) Cat

The reasons for Tanner's Pet Classes are as follows:
I place this class of Pets 4, 3, 2, 1.

I place 4 over 3 because cats can take care of themselves better than dogs.

I place 3 over 2 because dogs are cuddly while spiders are not. Dogs are furry while spiders are not.

I place 2 over 1 because spiders do not need daily care while fish do

I place 1 last because fish are not cuddly. They need daily care. They are not furry.

For these reasons I place this class of Pets 4, 3, 2, 1.

When presenting reasons, keep these tips in mind:
-- Use correct grammar and enunciate words properly.
-- Practice “seeing the class” in your mind’s eye when you are giving reasons.
-- Have your reasons well organized and present them in logical sequence.
-- Be neatly groomed and stand in a straight, comfortable position.
-- Present your reasons in a pleasing and confident manner. Your reasons need to be convincing, impressive, interesting and sincere, but brief. Your voice needs to be loud enough to be heard.
-- Speak with a convincing tone placing greatest emphasis on the most important words. Be accurate in your statements.
-- Giving more detail in your reasons will give you more points. Example: instead of saying #1 is less expensive than #2, say # 1 is less expensive since it costs $1.50 as compared to #2 which costs $3.50.