

# NIOBRARA COUNTY 4-H



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The last six weeks have zoomed by in a blink of an eye! We hope that you have decided what projects you are planning to take and will be getting your record books started. 4-H events are going to start happening fast and furious before we know it. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call, email or Facebook us!



Leaders make sure to complete your MVR prior to transporting youth!

**Meeting Dates**

Cloverbuds - Feb. 17 @ 3:45 PM

Fair Board—March 2 @ 6 PM

4-H Council— March 11 @ 5 PM

Junior Leaders - March 11 @ 6 PM



**Achievement  
Day**

**DATE CHANGE**

**October 11,  
2020**

## Upcoming Local Events

- ⇒ February 14 1st and 2nd Year Shooting Sports Members Practice
- ⇒ February 16 Cloverleaf Club Meeting
- ⇒ February 16 Shooting Sports Practice
- ⇒ February 17 Extension Office Closed
- ⇒ February 17 Cloverbuds
- ⇒ February 18 Meats Judging Practices Start
- ⇒ February 25 Meats Judging Practice
- ⇒ February 28 1st and 2nd Year Shooting Sports Members Practice
- ⇒ March 1 Lance Creek Club Meeting
- ⇒ March 1 Shooting Sports Practice
- ⇒ March 2 Fair Board Meeting
- ⇒ March 3 Meats Judging Practice
- ⇒ March 6 Record Book Help Session
- ⇒ March 8 Rollicking Ranchers Club Meeting
- ⇒ March 10 Cheyenne River Club Meeting
- ⇒ March 10 Meats Judging Practice
- ⇒ March 11 4-H Council and Junior Leader Meetings

# Meats Judging

February 18—Practice

February 25—Practice

March 3—Practice

March 10—Practice

March 17—Practice

March 24—Practice

March 31—Practice

April 7—Practice

April 14 –Practice

April 20—County Meats Contest

April 25—State Meats Contest,  
Laramie

Please contact the Extension Office or Tammie Jensen if you are interested in participating!

Record Books are in your club boxes and should be picked up at your next club meeting.

Record Book Help Sessions

March 6th

April 3rd

May 1

June 12th

August 28th

Come get some guidance on how to complete your record books on each of those days from 1:00-3:00 PM

## Educational Opportunity Workshops

Again for the 2019-2020 year - you will be required to attend one of the many Educational Opportunities offered throughout the year. There will be opportunities to learn more about Animal Nutrition, Selection and Management, Reproduction, Record Books, Showmanship, Entrepreneurship, Livestock Skill-A-Thon and more! If you are planning to sell an animal in the 2020 Market Animal Sale at the Fair, you will be required to attend one of the workshops. You may attend as many as you would like, but one is mandatory. This doesn't take the place of the required Livestock Judging. This will be in addition to the Livestock Judging requirement. This is a fair requirement and applies regardless if you are in 4-H or FFA. Let Kellie know if you have any questions.

**Ed. Op. #5—Market Lamb and Goat Selection**

**February 17th @ 6:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

**Ed. Op. #6—Market Swine Selection**

**TBA**

**Ed. Op. #7—Record Book Success**

**April 3rd @ 1:00-3:00 PM @ Extension Office**

**Ed. Op. #8—Poultry Banding**

**May 28th**

## Shooting Sports News

New this year will be 1st and 2nd Year Shooting Sports member meetings every other Friday, starting January 17. This will be a great opportunity for these members to get a bit more one on one help to fully understand gun safety, range commands and what each shooting discipline requires. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office or Kenny Jensen.


### 1st and 2nd Year Practices

January 17  
 January 31  
 February 2—Super Bowl Shoot  
 February 14  
 February 28  
 March 13  
 March 15—Challenge Shoot  
 March 27  
 April 17  
 April 26—County Shoot

### General Shooting Sports Practices

January 19  
 February 2—Super Bowl Shoot  
 February 16  
 March 1  
 March 15—Challenge Shoot  
 March 29  
 April 19  
 April 26—County Shoot

Everyone is invited to attend any of the practices, only one each week will count toward your end of year scores. If you know of anyone that might be interested in becoming a certified shooting sports leader, please let us know. Each shooting sports leader needs to complete a training. Members must participate in County Shoot to be eligible for State Shoot. Outdoor shooting schedule will begin in May, weather permitting.



## 31st Annual 4-H Shooting Sports Challenge Shoot

**MARCH | 15TH | 2020**

Niobrara County Shooting Sports Buidling

SHOOT ANY TIME BETWEEN  
9:00 AM AND 3:00 PM

AWARDS AT 4:00 PM

\$10 PER 4 PERSON TEAM

SHOOT ON MULTIPLE TEAMS

LUNCH IS SERVED

### Divisions

Youth Boys  
 Youth Girls  
 Youth Mixed

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Men  
 Women  
 Mixed  
 Family

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT THE NIOBRARA  
 COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (307) 334- 3534



\$20


## NEW THIS YEAR! 4-H LEAD

Two tracks:  
 Middle School Aged Youth  
 4-H Volunteers

**MARCH 7 STARTING AT 1:00 PM**  
**MARCH 8 ENDING AT 1:00 PM**

Wyoming State Fairgrounds  
 Food · Lodging · Materials  
 Included

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WE ARE FUNDRAISING

# SAVE SAVE SAVE

DECKER'S RECEIPTS, OUR FAMILY  
UPC LABELS AND ALUMINUM CANS

Why do you save Deckers receipts for 4-H? For every \$150,000.00 that we collect Deckers donates \$1000.00 to Niobrara County 4-H Junior Leaders. This supports their travel fund for educational opportunities such as Citizenship Washington Focus, etc. Receipts must be tallied by May 31st!

Why do we save Our Family UPC Labels? For every 500 labels collected the Niobrara County 4-H Council receives \$25 to support Niobrara County 4-H activities.

Aluminum cans are collected and sold as another Junior Leader fundraising effort. The Junior Leaders fundraise all year long to support their educational trip travel fund.

These are all fairly simple, little input but highly successful fundraisers if we have help from 4-H members, families and friends! Please bring Deckers receipts and UPC labels to the Extension Office. Aluminum cans can be left in the trailer on the south side of the beef barn!

## Market Animal Weights & Ownership Deadlines

Market Steers	Minimum: 1150 lbs.	Maximum: 1400 lbs.
Market Heifers	Minimum: 1050 lbs.	Maximum: 1400 lbs.
Market Lambs	Minimum: 110 lbs.	Maximum: 150 lbs.
Market Swine	Minimum: 220 lbs.	Maximum: 285 lbs.
Market Goats	Minimum: 50 lbs.	

*Remember that Ownership Deadlines are as follows:*

Market Beef ... February 1

Horses ... May 1

Dogs ... May 1

Sheep/Swine/Rabbits/Goats/Poultry ... June 1

Breeding Cattle (including Feeder Calves)-June 1



## Club Reminders!

- Leaders, please be sure to stop by the office to pick up your club box prior to your next meeting. Everyone's box needs cleaned out for the new year!! Important information like bank statements, new member info, etc. is housed in these boxes.
- As new officers are elected, be sure to update the club signature cards at the bank. When the new signature cards are ready to be signed, let Kellie know as she and Denise are required to be on each account.
- Please keep the office in the loop as to when your meetings will be and any changes to such.



## Salt Crystal Hearts

### Supplies:

- Salt
- Pipe cleaners (1 per heart)
- String
- Glass mason jars (1 per heart)
- Clothespins (1 per heart)

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill your jars about 3/4 of the way full with water. Dump this water into a pot on the stove. Heat the water until it boils. Slowly add salt into no more salt can dissolve in the water and crystals start to form on the surface of the water. Remove from heat.
2. Fill the mason jars 3/4 of the way full of the salt water.
3. Bend a chenille stems into the shape of a heart. Make sure the heart can fit through the mouth of the jar. Once the crystals form it will be hard to get it out of the jar if it is too big.
4. Tie a string (or you can use another chenille stem) to the point of each heart. Use a clothespin to suspend the heart in the center of each jar.
5. Set the jars in a sunny place and let the crystals start to form. The longer you leave them, the more they will grow!
6. We recommend leaving your salt crystals to grow for at least three days.



## Valentine's Fruit Kabobs

### Ingredients

- Bananas
- Strawberries
- Strawberry yogurt
- Small heart cookie cutter
- Lollipop sticks

### Instructions

1. Cut off strawberry stems and discard
2. Use the cookie cutter to cut the strawberries into heart shapes

3. Slice the bananas in large chunks (if not serving immediately, spritz banana slices with lemon juice or dip in club soda to prevent browning)
4. Put strawberry hearts and banana chunks on lollipop sticks. Repeat until full.
5. Serve with strawberry yogurt.



# Record Book Award Changes

Some big changes are happening to record book awards this year. In each division listed below there will be an award given to:

- ◆ Champion Jr.
- ◆ Res. Champ. Jr.
- ◆ Champion Int.
- ◆ Res. Champ. Int.
- ◆ Champion Sr.
- ◆ Res. Champ. Sr.

## Div. 1 - Livestock

Beef  
Dairy Goats  
Meat Goats  
Sheep  
Swine  
Poultry

## Div. 2 - Animal

Rabbits  
Cat  
Dog  
Horse

## Div. 3 - Family and Consumer Sciences

Cake Decorating  
Crocheting  
F&F  
Interior Design  
Knitting  
Quilting  
Foods and Nutrition

## Div. 4 - Creative Arts

Leathercraft  
Photography  
Ropecraft  
Woodworking  
Visual Arts

## Div. 5 - Leadership and Civic Engagement

Civic Engagement  
Self Determined  
Youth Leadership

## Div. 6 - Science and Technology

Aerospace  
Computers  
Electricity  
Robotics

## Div. 7 - Natural Resource Education

Entomology  
Geology  
Nature and Ecology  
Range Management  
Shooting Sports  
Sport Fishing  
Wildlife and Hunting  
Gardening and Horticulture  
Health  
Outdoor Recreation

## Other Awards

- Hard Luck
- Heart of 4-H Sportsmanship
- Extra Mile Sportsmanship
- Stepping Up Sportsmanship
- Best 4-H Story
  - Jr.
  - Int.
  - Sr.
- Portfolio - Outstanding Leadership
  - Jr.
  - Int.
  - Sr.
- Portfolio - Outstanding Community Service
  - Jr.
  - Int.
  - Sr.





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Wyoming Game & Fish  
Commissioners

License

\$100

per ticket

WIN A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME HUNT!

ONLY 300  
TICKETS  
AVAILABLE

DRAWING IS  
MARCH 6, 2020

Purchase tickets  
online at  
sconlinesales.com



CONTACT NIOBRARA COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT 307-334-3534 OR KELLIEC@UWYO.EDU

Tickets on sale March 2nd-March 5th, 2020



February 7th

PANCAKES  
AROUND  
THE  
WORLD



FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINE'S DAY  
RANDOM ACTS OF

Kindness

BANANA BREAD AND  
HOMEMADE MARSHMALLOWS

# February 4-H Fridays

STEAM ACTIVITIES AND A SNACK PRESENTED BY  
NIOBRARA COUNTY 4-H

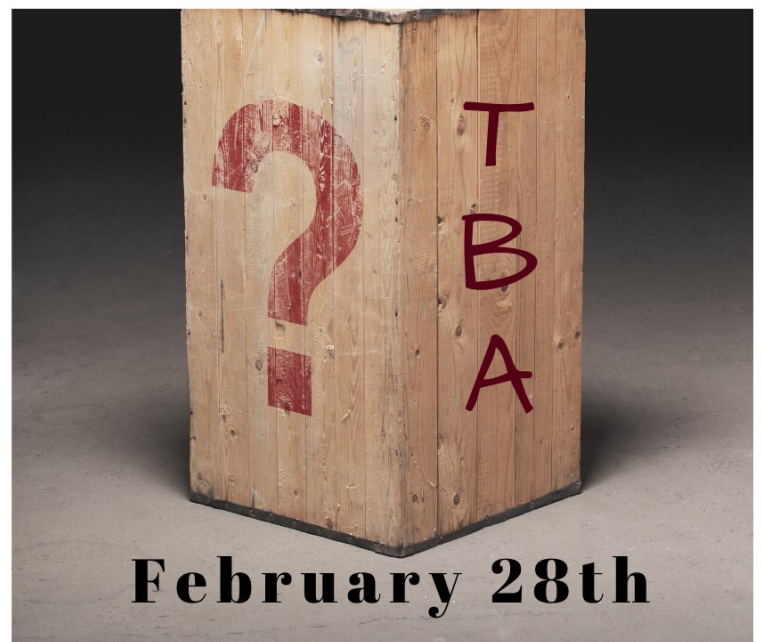
OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL AGE YOUTH 9:00 AM TO NOON NIOBRARA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

\$5 EACH WEEK

REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK BY CALLING 334-3534 OR EMAILING  
NIOBRARACOUNTY@UWYO.EDU OR JOIN US ON REMIND

4-H STEAM FRIDAYS PRESENTED BY NIOBRARA COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

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# 2020 VISION February



		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Market Beef Ownership Deadline
2 Lance Creek Super Bowl Shoot Shooting Sports	3 Fair Board Meeting @ 6 PM	4	5	6	7 4-H Friday Record Book Help Session	8
9 Rollicking Ranchers @ 1 PM	10	11 Cheyenne River	12	13	14 4-H Friday 1st and 2nd Year Shooting Sports Meeting	15
16 Cloverleaf Shooting Sports	17 President's Day Extension Office Closed Cloverbuds	18 Meats Judging Practice	19	20	21 4-H Friday	22
23	24	25 Meats Judging Practice	26	27	28 4-H Friday 1st and 2nd Year Shooting Sports Meeting	29



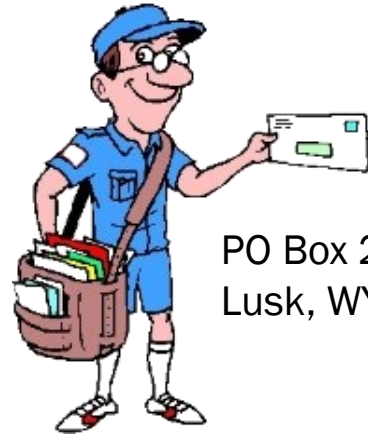
# 2020 VISION March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lance Creek Shooting Sports	2 Fair Board Meeting @ 6 PM	3 Meats Judging Practice	4	5	6 Record Book Help Session	7
8 Rollicking Ranchers @ 1 PM	9	10 Cheyenne River Meats Judging Practice	11 4-H Council @ 5 Jr. Leaders @ 6	12	13 1st and 2nd Year Shooting Sports Meeting	14
15 Cloverleaf Challenge Shoot	16 Cloverbuds	17 Meats Judging Practice 	18	19	20 4-H Friday	21
22	23	24 Meats Judging Practice	25	26	27 4-H Friday 1st and 2nd Year Shooting Sports Meeting	28
29 Shooting Sports	30	31 Meats Judging Practice				

# HOW WE COMMUNICATE



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**Check us out on Facebook:**

Niobrara County 4-H & Extension

[www.facebook.com/groups/NiobraraCounty4HExtension/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/NiobraraCounty4HExtension/)

The *Niobrara County 4-H website* is:  
<http://wyoextension.org/niobraracounty/>

Visit this website for 4-H information, including the current newsletter, handbook, calendar, etc.! Visit it often!!!!

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The *Niobrara County Extension website* is:

<http://niobraracounty.org/>

Then select 'County Extension' on the right-hand side

Our hours are:

**Monday - Friday**

**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Closed from 12 - 1 PM**