

# NIORRARA COUNTY 4-H



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Dear 4-H Families, Leaders and Volunteers,

It is amazing to think that January is half over and we are already starting to make plans for the 2021 Niobrara County Fair. The time will be passing quicker and quicker, I am afraid! Many of you are looking for animals sales to purchase your projects through. Keep in my your end weight goals and keep minimum weights in mind. There are Educational Opportunities scheduled to help you make some of these decisions. You need to participate in at least one Educational Opportunity to be eligible to sell your animal as the Niobrara County Fair. Meats Judging will be starting in February, so check the newsletter for dates and times. The project corner is full of great information, each month focusing on a different project to help you set your goals, guide your projects and give you ideas to work on your project year round. This year we have moved the calendar to online, check out the information on where to access it. Online allows us to have the most current information in it. If you click on each of the events, you will get more information and in some cases, the registration information necessary. We hope to have the record books out by the end of the month, we are updating a couple of them to get the most complete information from your project. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



The Extension Office will be closed February 15th

This is your last newsletter if you have not re-enrolled for the 2021 4-H year! Make sure to get enrolled

~ Kellie

**Club Leaders:** Please let the office know when you are meeting each month so that we can let new members know!

Welcome to Niobrara County 4-H

Join us for a **New to 4-H Gathering**

Open to 1st and 2nd Year Members

Let's kick 2021 off with a bang!  
Dinner, games, and some great new to 4-H info

**January 25th @ 5:30 PM**

Please RSVP by Jan. 22nd

# 4-H Calendar is ONLINE

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=niobrara%20county%40uwyo.edu&ctz=America%2FDenver>

The link is also available on the website on the 4-H page at <https://wyoextension.org/niobrara%20county/4h-youth-development/>

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## **Meeting Dates**

Fair Board—Feb. 1st @ 6 PM  
 Cloverbuds - February 15th @ 3:45 PM  
 4-H Council— March 10th @ 5 PM  
 Junior Leaders - March 10th @ 6 PM

GET A HEAD START ON  
 YOUR 2021 RECORD BOOKS

# RECORD BOOK HELP SESSIONS

FEBRUARY 2ND	BRING YOUR RECORD BOOKS AND YOUR QUESTIONS. PARENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
MARCH 19TH	
APRIL 16TH	
MAY 7TH	
JUNE 4TH	
JULY 2ND	
AUGUST 27TH	
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	

Record books are due September 3rd

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY #4

### MARKET GOAT SELECTION AND NUTRITION

**TARA HUMMEL  
OF  
HUMMEL LIVESTOCK  
CABERY, ILLINOIS**



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and Natural Resources  
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**FEBRUARY 2, 2021  
6:00 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM  
REGISTER AT:**



**SCAN ME**

**CONTACT KELLIE  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS  
KELLIEC@UWYO.EDU  
307-334-3534**

Again for the 2020-2021 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 2021 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.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY #5

**FEBRUARY 15,  
2021  
5:00 P.M. MST**

**MARKET LAMB SELECTION, MANAGEMENT AND NUTRITION**

**JOIN ADAM AND HIS FAMILY IN THE BARN AS THEY DISCUSS SELECTION OF A MARKET LAMB, MANAGEMENT AND SHOW PREPARATION. HE WILL COVER ITEMS NEEDED FOR YOUR SHOWBOX TO BE SHOW READY!**

**PRESENTED BY  
ADAM COLEMAN  
COLEMAN CLUB LAMBS  
LAKEVILLE, OHIO**

**REGISTER VIA ZOOM**



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ANY QUESTIONS OR  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
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307-334-3534**

### Scholarship Deadlines

The Wyoming State 4-H Foundation scholarship applications for 2021 are due by February 15, 2021. All scholarships are listed on the State 4-H website at:

<https://www.wyoming4h.org/4hfoundation/scholarships/>

One single application is used for all scholarships. Let me know if you need any help filling out and submitting your application.



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# Wyoming's Premier Summer Event

Mark Your Calendars For The 109th State Fair  
August 17-21, 2021



Cloverbuds will meet at 3:45-5:00 PM each 3rd Monday of the month.

For more information about Cloverbuds please contact the office or leader Heather Goddard.

[goddardfamily06@gmail.com](mailto:goddardfamily06@gmail.com)

307-334-5015. Cloverbuds need to enroll in ZSuite before participating.

**Dates:**

February 15th

March 15th

April 19th

May 17th

June 21st

**NIORARA  
COUNTY FAIR  
2021**

**July 31st - August 7th**

## Photography Workshops

Leader Heather Goddard is going to start photography workshops for the youth interested in the photography project.

**Dates:**

February 2nd

March 2nd

April 6th

May 4th

June 1st

**Times:**

3:45-5:00 PM or 5:30-6:30 PM

**RSVP to:**

Heather Goddard

[goddardfamily06@gmail.com](mailto:goddardfamily06@gmail.com)

307-334-5015

## Shooting Sports Dates

Friday, January 29th  
 Sunday, January 31st  
 Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Challenge Shoot—March 13th  
 Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

4-H State Shoot will be July 8-11, 2021 in July. State Shoot may all change again, but put the dates on your calendar now!

## Meats Judging Dates

January 26th (seniors and intermediates who have judged before only)

February 9th (juniors and new members)

February 16th

February 23rd

March 2nd

March 9th

March 16th

March 23rd

March 30th

April 5th—County Contest

Contact Coach Tammie Jensen for any questions.

JANUARY 29TH, 2021  
 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

# Beginning Sewing Workshop

RSVP TO ERIN  
 NIOBRARACOUNTY@UWYO.EDU  
 307-334-3534

Create your own  
 simple tote bag

## PROJECT CORNER

EACH MONTH DIFFERENT 4-H PROJECTS WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION ON PROJECT MEETINGS, TIPS, INFORMATION, CONTACT KELLIE.

### Fabric and Fashion

These cold winter months are a great time to get lots of sewing projects completed while it is too cold and snowy to spend much time outside! It is also a great time to get your sewing kit organized and restocked. Below is a list of the essentials in my sewing kit (one that I created as a first-year 4-H member a LONG time ago and have kept and continue to maintain and update.

- Hand sewing needles
- Thread (start with basics like black, white, brown, blue, red, etc.)
- Safety pins
- Straight pins
- Fabric Scissors—I have several sizes including thread snips and large shears
- Pincushion (I prefer my magnetic pin cushions)
- Tape measure
- Seam ripper (the most used item in my box!)
- Marking pen or pencil
- Seam gauge
- Sewing machine needles
- Extra bobbins

*Happy Sewing  
Erin Persche*

In-between Zooms members will have a “mini-challenge” to complete to further explore each Fair opportunity in the project. All supporting documents (including Zooms, resources and materials) will be held in the Fabric & Fashion WyoLearn course that is being developed.

Members can choose to participate in each session or just those that interest them but we do ask that members RSVP using the link on our website - <https://www.wyoming4h.org/goshen4h/>



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## Virtual Fabric & Fashion Group

**Are you ready to learn more about the Fabric & Fashion Project?**

Join 4-H Fashionista Kadra Clark each month for a virtual session to explore the possibilities of this versatile and fun project. Planned sessions include:

**Fabric and Fashion Round Table:** February 2nd

**Buymanship:** March 2nd

**Recycled and Embellished:** April 6th

**Personal Appearance:** May 4th

**Fashion Revue:** June 1st

All sessions will be at 6:30 p.m.  
First Tuesday of each month



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It hasn't been too terribly cold....yet, so maybe you've been able to do some riding. But if not there are some things you can do to be ready for the spring riding season. First, make sure your friend's mane and tail are free of cockle burrs and any other annoying stickers. Plus, I'm sure he/she likes to be brushed, this is a good way of keeping tabs on their health during the cold winter months. Second, what kind of condition is your tack in? This would be a great time to get a jump on cleaning and repairing your tack in readiness for spring and summer riding. Be sure to find out the proper cleaner for your particular equipment before starting.

When I was young I cleaned my saddle in my folks' dining room (it had a linoleum floor). I put papers down, put the saddle stand (when one was available) in the middle of the papers and put my saddle on the stand. I took the latigo and cinches off and laid them out. All the while checking to see if they were in good repair, such as no slices, cuts, abrasions, or tears. The next thing is to find a plastic scraper and scrape off the sweat, mud, and manure as much as possible. Be careful not to gouge the leather. On that particular saddle I used saddle soap, except on the latigo and leather strings. On the latigo, leather strings, headstall, and split reins I used Neats Foot oil, oiling them very well. Yes, this oil can stain your clothing and get your hands oily, but it's really good for your leather. The leather will absorb it, more so as the weather warms. The saddle I have now is a rough out saddle and I just use oil on it. It was recommended by the seller to use olive oil, which I did, and it's in good shape.

The next item would be your saddle blanket/pad. It's a whole lot easier if you keep up with hair removal. A curry comb or mane comb can be used to remove the hair. Perhaps you have a better tool to do that with, if so be sure and share that idea with your fellow horse enthusiasts. Some people wash their saddle pads, I never have, but if you use soap make sure it is all rinsed out to eliminate any possible irritation.

Paula Fritzler  
Horse Project Leader



Hi all! Happy New Year! I think we were all ready to turn our calendars to 2021. I know last year's projects and fair looked different than anyone could have imagined. Even in a crazy year I saw so many smiles each day at fair and lots of growth!

With that being said, there is a lot more to the 4-H year than just fair week. Smiles and growth can happen throughout the year (even while doing record books)! This is the perfect time to write down a goal or two for each project - even if it's just on a couple sticky notes on the side of the fridge. My goal for the year is to spend at least 1,000 hours outside!

Maybe your pig didn't make weight last year? That could be a goal for this year! Maybe you'd like to spend more time working with your pigs throughout the year? I know I always hated it when I didn't know the answer to what the judge asked me during showmanship. Learning more about the swine project in general could be a goal. Just remember to write those goals down! Whether you're planning to give the market swine project a try for the first time this year, or this is your last year in the project - please don't hesitate to shoot me an email with questions!! I'm definitely not an expert, but I will find an answer to your question if I don't know it.

Your swine superintendent,

Chrisanna Lund - [chrisannaklund@gmail.com](mailto:chrisannaklund@gmail.com)





**STEAM ACTIVITIES AND A SNACK  
PRESENTED BY  
NIOBRARA COUNTY EXTENSION  
OFFICE**

**2021  
4-H  
STEAM Fridays**

OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL AGE YOUTH

\$5 EACH WEEK

REGISTER EACH WEEK BY WEDNESDAY AT 4:30 PM

CALL 334-3534 OR EMAIL NIOBCNTY@UWYO.EDU



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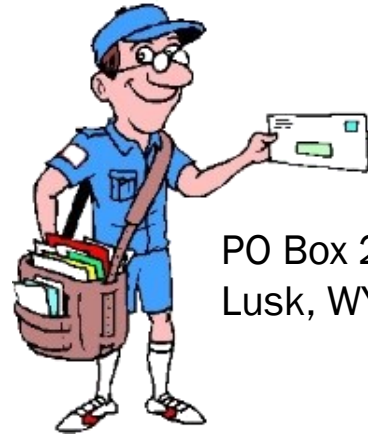
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- MAY 14**



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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!!!!

**E-mail!**

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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***