

# NIOBRARA COUNTY 4-H



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

Dear 4-H Families, Leaders and Volunteers,

The sunshine outside sure does make me look forward to flowers and longer days! The newsletter this month has a lot of dates to help make your summer planning go a bit smoother. Tagging for hogs, goats and lambs will be held May 26. Be sure that you are selecting animals that will hit your target weights by fair. You can easily determine what your animal needs to gain to make weight, but this doesn't take into account any illness or off of feed. If you are able to, get two animals. Animals tend to do better with a friend. As you begin to purchase your animals, watch for signs of illness, as they transition into a new location, to a new feed and weather swings. Many of the hogs have come out of a grow house and haven't been exposed to our cold night temperatures and sunshine. Keep all of this in mind as you transition your animals to their new environment. If you are taking an animal you have raised, you have the advantage as they already know their home and you!! Keep building that relationship with them. The educational opportunities have been recorded and can be viewed to answer questions you may have still. If you have any questions or need help, do not hesitate to contact me.

~ Kellie



Market Hog, Goat and Lamb weigh-in will be on May 26, 4:00-6:00 PM. You will need to have your bill of sale and brand inspections (for lambs).

# 4-H Calendar is ONLINE

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

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

  
**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

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## Meeting Dates

Fair Board—March 9th @ 6 PM  
4-H Council— March 10th @ 5 PM  
Junior Leaders - March 10th @ 6 PM  
Cloverbuds - March 15th @ 3:45 PM



GET A HEAD START ON  
YOUR 2021 RECORD BOOKS

# RECORD BOOK HELP SESSIONS

FEBRUARY 5TH	BRING YOUR RECORD BOOKS AND YOUR QUESTIONS. PARENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
MARCH 19TH	
APRIL 16TH	
MAY 7TH	
JUNE 4TH	
JULY 2ND	
AUGUST 27TH	

Record books can be picked up at your club meeting or at the Extension Office. We are not using the ZSuite record books.

**Record books are due September 3rd!**

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY #6

## MARKET HOG SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT

PRESENTED BY:  
KRISHA CUSTIS GEFFERT  
ADM ANIMAL NUTRITION AND CUSTIS SHOW PIGS

MARCH 16, 2021  
5:00 P.M. MST

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE  
ON ZOOM AT:  
HTTP://BIT.LY/3BDKSWD

CONTACT KELLIE WITH ANY QUESTIONS  
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

KELLIEC@UWYO.EDU  
OR  
307-334-3534



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

For more information about Cloverbuds please contact the office or leader Heather Goddard. [goddardfamily06@gmail.com](mailto:goddardfamily06@gmail.com) or 307-334-5015.

Cloverbuds need to enroll in ZSuite before participating.

**Dates:**

March 15th  
May 17th

April 19th  
June 21st

Again for the 2020-2021 year - you will be required to attend one of the many Educational Opportunities offered throughout the year. 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.

Upcoming dates for the remaining Educational Opportunities are:

Ed. Op. #6—March 16, 5:00 p.m. –Market Hog Selection and Management

Ed. Op. #7—June 25, 10-12 a.m.—Thank You Notes, come and design your own Thank you notes for fair, buyers, Achievement Day and more.

Ed. Op. #8—July 2, 2-4:00 p.m.—Record Book Help Session

## Livestock Judging Dates

June 2—ZumBrunnen's  
June 7—Goddard's  
July 7—Fairgrounds

Each exhibitor must participate in one livestock judging and one Ed. Op. in order to sell their animal at the Niobrara County Fair. Anyone is welcome to attend the livestock judging! If you have any questions, please let Kellie know.

## Shooting Sports Dates

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

March 9th

March 16th

March 23rd

March 30th

April 5th—County Contest

Contact Coach Tammie Jensen for any questions

March 26, 2021

1:00-4:00 PM

## Beginning Sewing Workshop

RSVP to Erin

by March 24th

[niobrara@uwyo.edu](mailto:niobrara@uwyo.edu)

307-334-3534

## PROJECT CORNER

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Horse Members!! Judging dates and riding clinics for the summer have been set, with the possibility of more to be added. Be sure and write these down to avoid any conflicts you may have.

May 11—Horse Judging Orientation, Halter—6-7:30 p.m.

May 18—Horse Judging Orientation, Performance—6-7:30 p.m.

May 25—1st Horse Judging -9:00 a.m. followed by riding clinic—1-3:00 p.m.

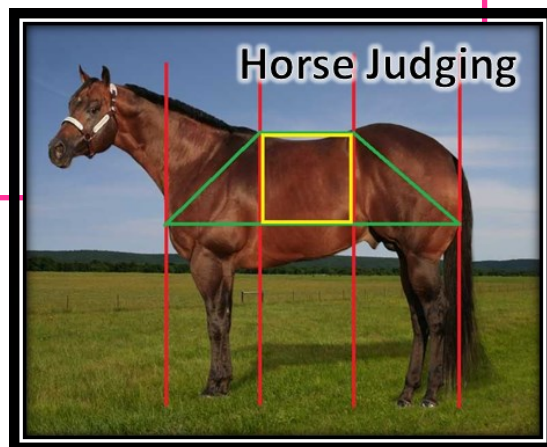
June 1—2nd Horse Judging—9:00 a.m. folled by riding clinic—1-3:00 p.m.

June 8—WYOBRASKA Horse Judging

June 22—Horse Clinic 3-6:00 p.m.

July 17—Grooming Clinic and Safety Certification Day\*\*NEW

July 28—Trail Clinic 1-3:00 p.m.



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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Spring is in the air, yet the weather is probably still not cooperating enough to be working on a lot of riding outside. The remnants of snow is making for some mud and ice so it's hard to safely be able to ride and work on patterns every day, unless you have an indoor arena – wouldn't that be awesome! Before the weather does get nice enough to be outside and you get busy with spring activities, now would be a superb time to make your goals of what you want to learn or accomplish this summer. You can put these goals down in your record book but also you should put them on a piece of paper and put them on your fridge or your bedroom mirror where you will be seeing them often to remind you of what you want to accomplish with your horse this summer.

Just because you can't ride your horse yet, the weather will be getting warmer, so you still can bring your horse in and brush them as they will be shedding their winter hair. The more you groom your horse the better their haircoat will be and they will be that much more eye catching when show day rolls around. While you have them in to brush them, you can also work on showmanship. Set up cones and make your own patterns, work on setting your horse up, having them walk and trot with you being in the correct position between their jaw and shoulder.

Also, think about maybe worming your horse if you aren't already on a worming schedule and also set up an appointment with your farrier to get their feet trimmed and possibly a veterinary appointment to get annual vaccines and maybe teeth floated. Get all this out of the way now so they are ready to be worked with as soon as the weather lets you.

**Submitted by Kitson Boldon, 4-H Horse Leader**

Goshen County 4-H will be hosting a virtual Poultry in Wyoming 4-H group. Meetings will be held virtually on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. beginning in February. Topics will include Meat Production, Egg Production, Avian Bowl, Parts, Breeds, and Nutrition. Participate in one or all of the sessions! RSVP at the link: <https://forms.gle/VZ672q9y2sWsw9j19>

## Photography Workshops

Leader Heather Goddard has planned photography workshops for the youth interested in the photography project. Your participation will help you complete your projects before Fair!

### Dates:

April 6th

May 4th

June 1st

### RSVP to:

Heather Goddard

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

307-334-5015

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



## 2021 Volunteer Training Series

All trainings will be done via Zoom, and online learning classroom and run from 6:30—7:30 pm.

### **What Does a Great 4-H Experience Look Like**—March 22, 2021

The Wyoming 4-H Leadership Team will join us as we look at great 4-H meetings and experiences. Hear directly from youth as to what they enjoy and love about their time in 4-H. We will look at ways to implement an engaging and fun 4-H experience for youth and adults.

### **Communication Best Practices**—April 26, 2021

Communication is the key to success in a 4-H program. Key leaders from around the state will share communication techniques that work well for them and how you too can use them to communicate to your club and project members.

A link to participate in the meetings above will be sent to your 4-H enrollment e-mail account one week prior to the meeting. If you are unable to access the link or a computer, please contact your local 4-H Educator to talk about option. Hope to see you there

### Scholarship Deadlines

- Niobrara County Homemakers Council Scholarship—must be postmarked by April 1. Applications can be found on our website at: <https://wyoextension.org/niobraracounty/niobrara-county-homemakers/>
- Niobrara County Cattlewomen—Due May 1. Applications can be picked up at the Extension Office or the Niobrara County High School.



**STEAM ACTIVITIES AND A SNACK  
PRESENTED BY  
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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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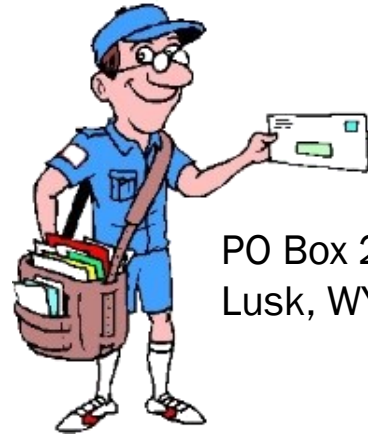
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- APRIL 23**
- APRIL 30**
- MAY 7**
- MAY 14**



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Niobrara County 4-H & Extension

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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***