



4-H NEWSLETTER

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Colfax County



Here's what to look out for in the upcoming month!

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Office Update:

The Extension office will be closed on November 11th for Veterans Day and November 27th & 28th for Thanksgiving.

The fall season is speeding along! It's hard to believe that the busy holiday seasons are just around the corner.

Hopefully everyone is close to wrapping up a safe and productive harvest and the Holiday fundraiser sales are pouring in.

In the spirit of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, our office would like to thank YOU, our amazing Colfax County 4-H families, for everything you do to support our local youth and create quality 4-H experiences in our communities! Please be sure to express your gratitude by nominating someone you know for the Quilt of Valor or one of our three 4-H Awards so they can be recognized at the volunteer banquet in January. We love reading all the positive stories in the nomination forms - keep up the great work!

Upcoming Events:

November 10: 4-H Council meeting @ Extension office, 7pm

November 11: Extension office closed, Veterans Day

November 19: Holiday fundraiser orders due

November 27 & 28: Extension office closed, Thanksgiving holiday

December 1: 4-H Achievement Award & Diamond Clover Applications due

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*Thanks
Giving*



Holiday Fundraiser

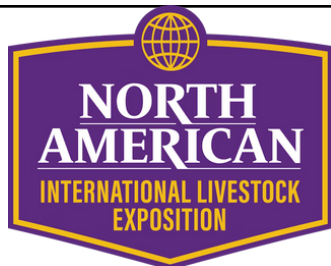
It's that time of year again! Letters and order forms for the 2025 Holiday Fundraiser have been mailed to all 4-H families in October, so please let us know if you did not receive your fundraising information.

There are some exciting new popcorn flavors and sizes available, along with the popular favorites from previous years, that would make great holiday gift items! The hot chocolate and coffee vendor is no longer available, so thanks to Jeanne Scheuneman for locating a tasty new option: MinDee's Nuts!

As an added incentive this year, 4-H families that participate in the Holiday Fundraiser by selling at least \$50 worth of items, or donating \$50, and enroll in Colfax County 4-H by April 1st, 2026 will be registered for a drawing with multiple prizes.

4-H Council fundraisers support: 4-H leader materials, year pins for 4-H leaders and members, 4-H Diamond Clover pins, County 4-H award medals, 4-H promotional items, 4-H camp scholarships (\$250 per recipient), scholarships for national and regional 4-H competitive events, scholarships for National 4-H Congress, 4-H t-shirts (free shirts are provided to first year members, and partial costs are paid for returning 4-H members), 4-H contest premium awards, contest entry fees, and renovations to the food stand.

Please have orders turned in by **November 19th**, items will be delivered on December 10th. We appreciate everyone's efforts towards a successful 2025 Holiday fundraiser!



Senior Livestock Judging Team Update

Our Colfax County Livestock Judging team has been working hard to prepare for the National 4-H Livestock Judging Competition in Louisville, Kentucky on November 18th! In addition to weekly practices, team members Bela Jedlicka, Jace Prinz, Addison Vavricek, and Allison Vavricek competed in the Aksarben Livestock Judging contest in Grand Island, NE. Our team placed 27th out of 41 teams at Aksarben. We are proud of all their hard work and hope you will join us in wishing them luck on November 18th!



4-H Enrollment

4-HOnline is now back open to enroll or re-enroll in Colfax County 4-H for 2026! Please enroll at: v2.4honline.com

If you are re-enrolling, please do not create a new account. Use your email address and password from last year to log in and start your re-enrollment.

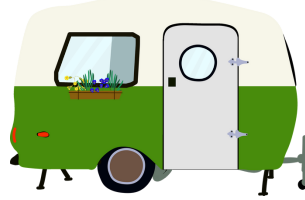
Additional instructions are available online: <https://4h.unl.edu/enrollment/> Enroll right away to get started on projects and stay informed about upcoming opportunities. Everyone that completes enrollment by April 1st and participates in the fundraiser as stated above will be eligible for prizes! Please contact the Extension office if you have any questions or issues.



4-H and Universal Pictures' "Wicked: For Good"

A simple act of kindness can spark a ripple of good - and you can be the spark! Leading up to the release of Wicked: For Good on **November 21**, we're celebrating the power of young people and communities everywhere to make a difference by putting their heart and hands together to create a wave of kindness. Join the "For Good Challenge" and be part of a movement to create a kinder world in your school, workplace, or community. How to join the #4HForGood Challenge:

1. Do Something Good: Big or small, every act counts! Help out, give back, or simply show someone you care.
2. Share Your Heart Hands: Snap a pic of your heart hands and write a short post about your good deed.
3. Post It Online: Use the hashtag **#4HForGood** and tag 4-H.
4. Challenge Your Crew: Tag 4 friends and invite them to keep the good growing!



Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Road Show

Colfax County 4-H Volunteers! Nebraska 4-H is excited to bring the 4-H Volunteer Road Show to volunteers statewide this November! The show will rotate host locations, get registered at your chosen location OR attend a virtual session. All registered participants will go in a drawing for a shop 4-H digital gift card. This is a great opportunity to experience project training and new ideas to bring back to your 4-H community. Please see the attached flyer or visit <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/volunteers/road-show/> for details.



Pumpkins

Shout out to the Maple Creek Creators club for supplying our office with some of the pumpkins they grew as a club fundraiser! These pumpkins have traveled to classes all around Colfax County as part of the Pumpkin Life Cycle and AgCiting Science school enrichment lessons. Students from preschool through 2nd grade have enjoyed seeing the different colors and types of pumpkins, as well as getting some hands-on learning experiences by feeling the inside of the pumpkins. Thank you!



Calling ALL Teen Artists

Calling all artists, creators, and performers! We'd love to see what YOU do best. Submit your work for a chance to be featured at upcoming National 4-H events.

We're looking for singers, dancers, instrumentalists, and visual arts creators of all kinds to showcase their unique talents.

Applications from students ages 14-19 are accepted from **October 1 - December 1**. More details at: <https://4-h.org/youth-artists/>



Fed Steer Challenge

Applications are now open for the Fed Steer Challenge 2026! The Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge is an opportunity for youth interested in learning more about the cattle industry and is designed to cultivate the next generation of leaders in the Nebraska cattle industry. Please apply by **December 15th**, 2025 for the 2026 program year. For more information or to submit an application please visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/livestock-program/fed-steer-challenge/>



Awards & Recognition

Quilt of Valor 2026 Award Nominations

A Quilt of Valor is a quilt made using patriotic material that is donated to a Veteran member of the Armed Forces after its completion. The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national organization made of volunteer quilters from across the USA, including Nebraska 4-H'ers.

The Quilt created by Colfax County 4-H members will be presented to a deserving native of Colfax County. Please use the attached nomination form to nominate a local veteran for this honor.

Nominations are due **January 2, 2026**. Please contact the office with any questions.

4-H Award Nominations

Please see the attached Awards Nomination Form at the end of the newsletter. This form gives you the opportunity to give special recognition to people or groups involved in 4-H. The form can be used to nominate three different categories: Friend of 4-H, Outstanding 4-H Member, and Outstanding 4-H Alumni. Awards will be presented at the 4-H Volunteer Banquet in January.

Please use a new form for each nomination. Nominations are due **January 2, 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office.



4-H Diamond Clover Application

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program encourages 4-H youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring, and contributing citizens. The program's goal is to provide 4-H members with a rich and diverse learning experience.

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is designed for all ages of 4-H members. The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments.

To learn more, contact the office at 402-352-3821. In order to receive your recognition for 2025, please submit the completed report by **December 1st**.



4-H Achievement Application

The Achievement Application will be used at the state level to select winners for 4-H Congress, 4-H Conference, scholarships, and other leadership opportunities that arise statewide, as well as county awards. You can access the Achievement Application at:

<https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/awards-recognition/achievement-application/>

Two new revised applications are now available.

Junior: ages 8-14 (county only)

Senior: ages 15-18 (state eligible)

In order to receive your recognition for 2025, please send your completed application to the Extension office by **December 1st**.



Important Dates:

November 10: 4-H Council meeting @ Extension office, 7pm

November 11: Extension office closed, Veterans Day

November 18: National 4-H Livestock Judging Competition @ NAILE, Louisville, Kentucky

November 19: Holiday Fundraiser orders due

November 21-23: Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium, UNL Animal Science Complex

November 27 & 28: Extension Office closed, Thanksgiving holiday

December 1: 4-H Achievement Award & Diamond Clover applications due to Extension office by 4:30pm, Youth art applications due

December 10: Holiday fundraiser delivery date

December 15: Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge applications due

December 24 - January 1: Extension Office closed, Holiday Break

January 2: 4-H Award Nominations and Quilt of Valor Nominations due to Extension Office by 4:30pm, 2026 Quilt of Valor work day @ Schuyler Presbyterian Church

Thank you for reading!

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https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/colfax/	Nebraska Extension in Colfax County on Facebook



Join one of the unique volunteer training events to discover new opportunities for your members, network with others volunteers, and build your skills working with youth.

A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies. Virtual sessions have a registration fee of \$10.

Learn more and register at
GO.UNL.EDU/4HVR



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- **VIRTUAL - NOV. 9**
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CT
- **ARLINGTON - NOV. 11**
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **VIRTUAL - NOV. 13**
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. CT
- **CENTRAL CITY - NOV. 17**
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

SESSION TOPICS

Are you looking for ways to **build a strong relationship** with you through each stage of their 4-H experience? Learn ways to intentionally build relationships with youth.

Avoid 4-H Volunteer Burnout by learning how to implement some practical steps for your own 4-H club structure.

Searching for your next club project? Experience a hands-on **Human Development** project! This includes a lesson and fair exhibit idea(s) ready to take back to the 4-H experience you lead.

Discover how volunteers can ensure youth are **Beyond Ready** for life and work by experiencing a lesson you can take back to the 4-H experience you lead! Ready to provide your 4-H members with some career exploration activities - this is perfect for you!

2025

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

(Plaques donated by Nebraska 4-H Foundation)

Nominee _____

Submitted by: _____ Phone # _____

(Check One - One form per nomination)

- ☐ Friend of 4-H. An individual, group or business who has given outstanding service over the years to 4-H in Colfax County. Winners may receive only once.
- ☐ Outstanding 4-H Member. This is awarded to a current 4-H member enrolled in Colfax County. The recipient shall have demonstrated leadership and growth through the 4-H program, including projects and activities. Winner may receive only once.
- ☐ Outstanding 4-H Alumni. This is awarded to a former 4-H member who as an adult, has contributed to the 4-H program. Winner may receive only once.

EXPLANATION OF WHY NOMINEE SHOULD RECEIVE THIS AWARD:

Please return by January 2, 2026 to: Nebraska Extension - Colfax County
PO Box 389
Schuyler, NE 68661



Quilt of Valor
Recipient Nomination Form



The Quilts of Valor Foundation was started in 2003. Since then, Veterans and returning soldiers have been wrapped in Quilts of Valor as they return home or are honored on special occasions for their service.

Colfax County 4-H members have created a Quilt of Valor throughout the year. The quilt was exhibited at the Colfax County Fair and the Nebraska State Fair. At the request of the Colfax County 4-H Council, the Quilt of Valor has been brought back to Colfax County to be given to a local **Colfax County Veteran**.

Please fill out the following nomination form to nominate a Veteran, Serviceman, or Servicewoman you feel is deserving of this honor. Nomination forms are due: January 2, 2026.

Thank you!

Name of Person Nominated: _____

Has the recipient ever received a Quilt of Valor? ____ Yes ____ No

Branch of Service: _____

Place and Time of Deployment: _____

Please share why you feel your candidate should be selected:

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

Please return completed form to: Nebraska Extension Colfax County
P.O. Box 389
Schuyler, NE 68661



Colfax County 4-H Sweet Harvest

Popcorn Fundraiser 2025

4-H Member/Family Name: _____

4-H Member Phone: _____

4-H Club Name/Independent: _____

		Cheese - 20 cup	Caramel - 20 cup	Slightly Sweet - 20 cup	Party Mix - 20c up	Cheddar & Bacon - 20 cup	Buttery Delight - 20 cup	Gourmet White Half-Salt - 20 cup	6 pc Gift Box Set	Spicy Buffalo - 10 cup	Party Mix - 10 cup	Cheese - 10 cup	Caramel - 10 cup	Garlic Parmesan - 10 cup	Dill Pickle - 10 cup	Buresch Meats Smokehouse - 10 cup	Holiday Munch - 10 cup	Peanut Brittle Flavor - 10 cup	Raspberry Cream Cheese - 10 cup	Strawberry Cheesecake - 10 cup	Cookie Crunch - 10 cup	Cinnamon Toast Explosion - 10 cup	Caramel Drenched Pretzels - 10 cup	Total	Total
Name	Phone	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$20	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	Items	\$\$\$
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Checks Payable: Colfax 4-H Council
Return forms to Extension Office - Schuyler

End Date: Wednesday, November 19th, 2025
Delivery Date: December 10th, 2025

**Sweet Harvest Popcorn Shoppe is located in Columbus, NE.
All of the popcorn flavors are hand made locally in the shoppe
and they offer many wonderful flavors.**

Yellow Cheese



Caramel



Cookie Crunch



6 pc Gift Box
(3 cup bag of each flavor)

Buttery Delight
Yellow Cheese
Kickin Rach
Hot Chocolate (cocoa)
Peppermint
Popcorn Peanut Brittle

Garlic Parmesan



Cheddar & Bacon



Buttery Delight



Dill Pickle



**Strawberry
Cheesecake**



Party Mix
(Cheese, Caramel & White)



Spicy Buffalo



Holiday Munch



**Popcorn Peanut
Brittle**



**Raspberry
Cream Cheese**



**Caramel Drenched
Pretzels**



**Cinnamon Toast
Explosion**



Get addicted to the
sensational pleasure
of...

MindDee's

Gourmet nuts
and seeds

Nuts

minddeenuts.com



Dill Pickle Almonds
Infused with dill pickle
brine, so the flavor is IN
it not on it.



**Chocolate Caramel
Almonds**
Light chocolate with a
hint of caramel.



**Stingin Honey
Mustard Almonds**
Tangy & spicy sweet
mustard. Medium heat



Honey Jalapeno Cashews
Has the flavor of the
jalapeno but NOT the heat.
Sweet & savory,



Sweet Candy Cashews
Tastes like Christmas, if
Christmas were a flavor



**Salt, Pepper, Garlic
Cashews**
Should of been named... GARLIC



Cinnamon & Sugar Pecans
Do you like Cinnamon
Toast Crunch cereal?
You're going to love these!



Screaming Honey Pecans
Savory, Sweet, and More Spice.
MindDee's personal favorite.
Medium heat



Apple Pie Pecans
Made with apple juice and
apple sauce for that tangy
sweetness.



Pumpkin Spice Pecans
Made with real pumpkin and
lightly sweeten for a perfect
fall favorite.



Vin Yang Trio
Savory & sweet on the trio mix
of almonds, cashews, and
pecans. Simple, easy snacking.



Chili Lime Pepitas
Bold flavor and mildly
spicy



Salted Caramel Pepitas
The perfect blend of
sweet and salty

At MindDee's Nuts, we keep it
simple and tasty. Using limited
ingredients and zero artificial
ingredients, we handcraft small-
batch nuts that are big on flavor
and quality. The result? Snacks
you can feel good about and
crave even more!

← **check out the best sellers**

4-H Member: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: COLFAX COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
DELIVERY DATE IS DEC 10TH.



Name, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER

	4 OZ = \$8	CHOCOLATE CARAMEL ALMONDS
	4 OZ = \$8	DILL PICKLE ALMONDS
	4 OZ = \$8	STINGIN HONEY MUSTARD ALMONDS
	4 OZ = \$8	HONEY JALAPENO CASHEWS
	4 OZ = \$8	SALT, PEPPER, & GARLIC CASHEWS
	4 OZ = \$8	SWEET CANDY CASHEWS
	4 OZ = \$8	CINNAMON & SUGAR PECANS
	4 OZ = \$8	screaming honey pecans
	4 OZ = \$8	APPLE PIE PECANS - seasonal
	4 OZ = \$8	PUMPKIN SPICE PECANS - seasonal
	4 OZ = \$8	Yin Yang TRIO
	3 OZ = \$7	CHILI Lime PEPTIAS
	3 OZ = \$7	SALTED cinnamon caramel PEPTIAS
		AMOUNT DUE
		PAID
TOTALS		