



4-H NEWSLETTER

N **EXTENSION**
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 October
13th for Columbus Day.

Happy Fall, y'all! The scent of pumpkin spice has been filling the office, and there's even been a few flannel sightings! Our 4-H staff have been gearing up for the new year of school programming by attending statewide training opportunities and receiving fresh curriculum updates to provide more engaging and hands-on learning opportunities for local youth! The beginning of October also marks the annual 4-H Online shutdown, as the site will be unavailable for 4-H families and staff while updates for the new year are made. Our office will be sending out more information and instructions when we are ready to begin the new enrollment season. In the mean time, let's celebrate National 4-H week in our communities and have a safe harvest season!

Upcoming Events:

October 5-11: National
4-H Week

October 6: Beyond
Ready Go Green Day

October 9: Beyond
Ready 4-H for Good Day

October 13: Extension
office closed, Columbus
Day

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

November 27 & 28:
Extension office
closed, Thanksgiving
holiday



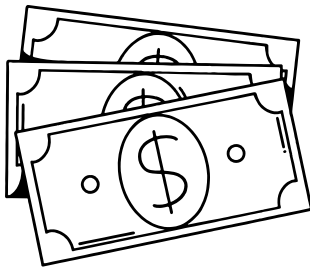
Holiday Fundraiser

It's that time of year again! Letters and order forms for the 2025 Holiday Fundraiser will be mailed to all 4-H families in mid-October, so please be sure to watch for this in the mail. 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.

We appreciate everyone's efforts towards a successful 2025 Holiday fundraiser!



County Fair Premium Checks

Colfax County Fair premium & award checks were sent out in early August so watch your mail for those.

Once you have received your checks, please cash them as soon as possible.

If you have not yet received your checks in the mail please contact the Extension office.



State Fair Exhibits

A reminder to everyone that brought static exhibits for the State Fair: Please stop by to pick up your items from the Extension office as soon as possible. This excludes perishable items such as fresh foods, vegetables, and cut flowers, since they do not get sent back from the fair.

Thank you for all your great entries! We are grateful for another successful fair season and can't wait to see what everyone comes up with next year!



2025 National 4-H Week

Save the Date! National 4-H Week, held **October 5-11**, is a week that will rally, inspire, and connect 6 million 4-H'ers, 3,500 educators, and 35 million alumni! Events in every county and state are celebrating and amplifying the 4-H mission: preparing youth to be Beyond Ready for life and career.

More information about National 4-H Week can be found at <https://4-h.org/events/4-h-week/>

Please plan to wear your 4-H green on **Oct. 6th** for "Beyond Ready Go Green Day" and share your photos! Be sure to watch our social media page for updates.



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.



How it Started. How It's Going Promotion.

It may have been a while since you were last in 4-H, or you may still be a 4-H'er doing amazing things. We want to know how your 4-H experience started and how it's going. share a photo of yourself from early on and one of you today and a short description of how 4-H has made you Beyond Ready in your life and career. More details at: <https://4-h.org/events/how-it-started-how-it-s-going/> You can email your stories to KateLynn or Erin to be featured. Follow Nebraska 4-H on Facebook to see other stories!



Meat Judging Opportunities

UNL is hosting the 3rd annual Husker Youth Meats Workout on **Monday, October 20th** from 8am-4pm. Located at UNL's Animal Science complex, this come-and-go event will feature a wide variety of meat products for students to practice on (carcasses, wholesale cuts, retail ID). It's a great warm up for upcoming contests and a fun way to build skills in a low-pressure environment. See the attached flier for more info.



4-H + Casey's

From October 1-November 4, 2025 4-H and Casey's are teaming up to strengthen the communities they call home. You can help support 4-H in Casey's in two easy ways:

- **October 1-10:** round up your in-store purchase to donate to 4-H
- **October 1-November 4:** you can add a donation to 4-H with any purchase online or in the app.

Every donation benefits local 4-H programs!



Regional Youth Crop Scouting

Congratulations to the Colfax County 4-H Youth crop scouting team for representing Colfax County and participating in the Regional Crop Scouting Competition hosted by Iowa State Extension on September 13th.

The team consisted of Justin Eisenmann, Josh Eisenmann, Cody Jedlicka, Daphne Jedlicka, with coach Korbin Kudera.



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**.

Membership Milestones

Congratulations to our 4-H youth who have reached membership milestones! They will be receiving 4-H year pins.

3 years

Ryker Bahns
Daxten Beller
Cambree Brabec
Weslie Brabec
Evolette Burenheide
Axel Cattau
Declan Cattau
Evelyn Cinfel
Jayton Crosley
Elizabeth Czarnick
Clayton Dostal
Trent Faltys
Tyler Faltys
Jude Gall
Easton Janata
Kamarie Koehn
Allison Kracl
William Novak
Harper Paprocki
Oakley Sayers
Baylen Schulz
Bently Sindelar
Braxton Sobota
Brayden Sobota
McCoy Svehla
Laurel Urban
Thea Urban
Dominic Vomacka

6 years

Ava Bahns
Birkley Balzer
Kazlee Bourek
Colton Brabec
Brittney Faltys
Brooklyn Faltys
Jackson Greene
Caitlyn Hastreiter
Brantley Higby
Kreightyn Janata
Khloe Kabes
Alexis Kracl
Sophie Loseke
Cannon Malena
Bella Podany
Blaine Sindelar
Axel Vavricek
Brantley Went

9 years

Jordyn Balzer
Isabel Belina
Oliver Belina
Audrey Brabec
Dillon Brabec
Trevor Czarnick
Garrett Graham
Dezaraiy Jones
Coleigh Kluck
Madilyn Koehn
McKenzie Sindelar
Bailey Sucha
Alyse Wolfe

10 years

Courtney Andersen
Hayden Andersen
Lindley Bailey
Luke Belina
Hannah Cech
Luke Eisenmann
Wyatt Eisenmann
Cash Fehrenger
Hunter Gall
Shayla Gall
Kammy Held
Collin Hopkins
Riley Hopkins
James Hunzeker
Ellison Koehn
Jacklyn Koehn
Carmen Malena
Jace Prinz
Alaina Sayers
Addison Vavricek
Allison Vavricek
Nevaeh Zulkoski

11 years

Levi Andersen
Ava Baumert
Ella Baumert
Josh Eisenmann
Justin Eisenmann
Reagan Graham
Claire Holoubek
Bela Jedlicka
Cody Jedlicka
Daphne Jedlicka
Kaleb Kroeger
Emily Lutjelusche

12 years

Hayden Bailey
Rylee Balzer
Tucker Czarnick
Alessa Gall
Levi Gall
Zachary Gall
Grace Hunzeker
Jayda Kingston
Brielle Wolfe

13 years

Konnor Bourek
Emma Gall
Taylor Steffensmeier

14 years

Nora Ruskamp



Clover Kids

Congratulations to our Clover Kids on earning their certificates!

Charlotte Ahrens	Grayson Coufal	George Koehn	Brock Ruby
Otto Ahrens	Jayton Crosley	Barrett Kohler	Oakley Sayers
Carson Bahns	Zane Crosley	Allison Krael	Riggs Sayers
Ryker Bahns	Elizabeth Czarnick	Jordan Kreikemeier	River Sayers
Oaklynn Banahan	Brecklynn Dietrich	Ila Kudara	Baylen Schulz
Kaylor Baumert	Ashtyn Dostal	Joseph Kudara	Pryor Shonka
Daxten Beller	Clayton Dostal	Hadley Kurpgeweit	Charlotte Sobota
Jameson Bos	Jaylynn Dostal	Lillian Madden	Anna Stuehmer
Kyller Bourek	Chloe Dvorak	Nora Novak	McCoy Svehla
Bexlie Brabec	Kaleb Dvorak	William Novak	Linden Urban
Burke Burenheide	Raelynn Fuhr	RyeLynn Oeltjen	Dominic Vomacka
Evolette Burenheide	Jude Gall	Tilden Oeltjen	William Vrbra
Kassidy Burenheide	Rixtyn Gall	Cayson Ohlde	Jordan Wendt
Scarlett Burenheide	Beckett Higby	Hayes Parsons	Koy Wendt
Riddik Cattau	Easton Janata	Bryce Pieper	Kolton Went
Amira Ceck	Peyton Jedlicka	Kolton Rehak	
Broderick Cinfel	Carrie Jindra	Rudy Reichmuth	
Ryett Cockle	Brooks Kabes	Stella Reichmuth	
	Lucy Koch		

Important Dates:

October 1-10: round up in-store purchases at Casey's to donate to 4-H

October 1-November 4: add a donate to 4-H with any Casey's purchase online or in-app

October 5-11: National 4-H Week

October 6: Beyond Ready Go Green Day - wear 4-H green and share photos

October 13: Extension Office closed, Columbus Day

October 20: Husker Youth Meats Workout, UNL

October 31: Happy Halloween!

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

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

November 27 & 28: Extension Office closed, Thanksgiving holiday

December 1: 4-H Achievement Award and Diamond Clover applications due to Extension Office by 4:30pm

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

Thank you for reading!

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

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Road Show!

Join one of the unique volunteer training events to discover new opportunities for your members, network with other 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.

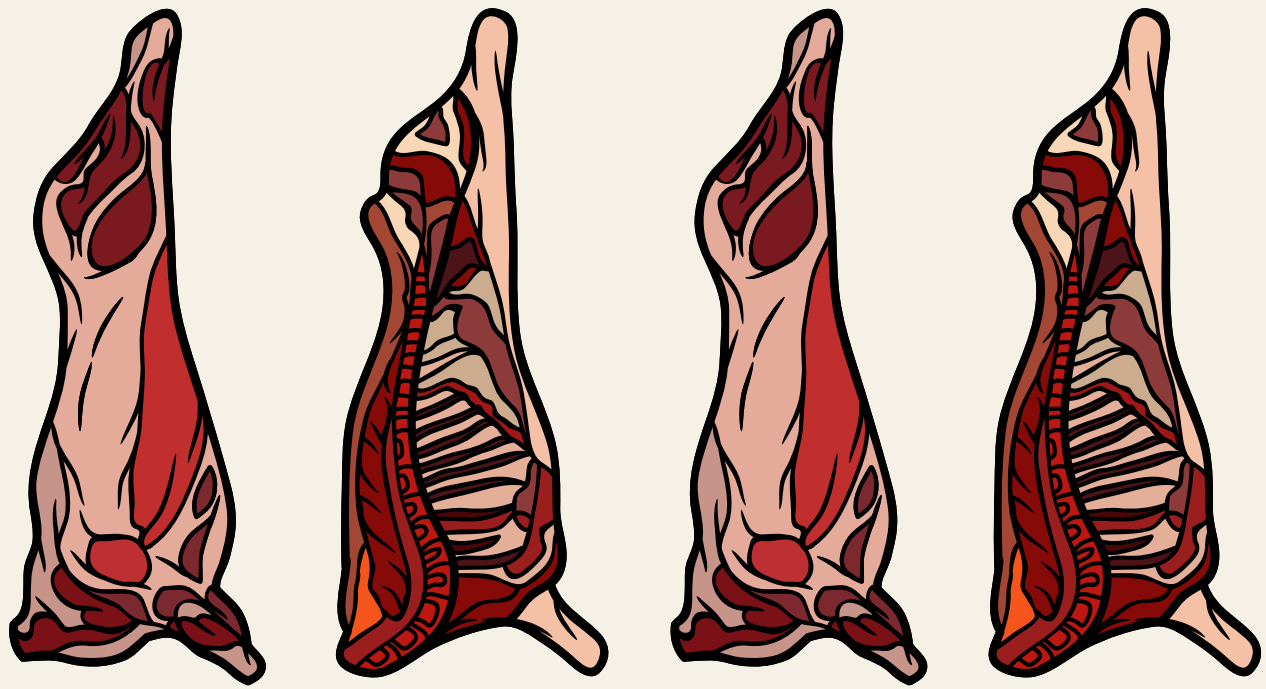
SESSION TOPICS

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!



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

HUSKER youth MEATS WORKOUT

Monday October 20, 2025 | 8 AM - 4 PM

Beef, Pork, & Lamb Carcass and Cuts Classes

Retail ID

RSVP: bgarcia18@unl.edu

Required PPE: Hardhat, Hair/Beard net, Frock, Long pants & Closed-toed shoes



ANIMAL SCIENCE

Animal Science Complex
3940 Fair St. Lincoln, NE 68583

Day parking permits can be purchased at:
<https://parking.unl.edu/visitors#visitor-permit>



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2025

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

(Plaques donated by Nebraska 4-H Foundation)

Nominee _____

Submitted by: _____ Phone # _____

(Check One - One form per nomination)

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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.

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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.

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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