

October 2024



# 4-H Newsletter

## 4-H Updates

### Premium Checks

Please cash your checks, as soon as possible, for your premiums and any award checks you may have received for items that you entered for the fair.



### Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program

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 overall goal is to provide 4-H members 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. The program is designed to enable every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H.

If you are interested in learning more about the Diamond Clover program, please call the Extension office at (402) 352-3821.

In order to receive your recognition for 2024, please send your completed report to the Extension Office **by December 2nd.**



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### **Upcoming Events**

October 14: Extension Office  
Closed in Observance of  
Columbus Day

November 4: 4-H Council  
Meeting, Clarkson Library  
– 7:00 p.m.

November 11: Extension  
Office Closed in Observance  
of Veterans Day





### **4-H Award System**

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. In order to receive your recognition for 2024, please send your completed report to the Extension Office **by December 2nd**. You can access the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application at: (<https://4h.unl.edu/annual-achievement-application>).

If you are interested in learning more about the Achievement Application program, please call the Extension office at (402) 352-3821.

### **4-H Award Nominations Needed**

Attached at the end of the newsletter is the Awards Nomination form. The 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). Please use a different form for each nomination. If you have any questions, please contact the office. Nominations are due by January 2, 2025.

### **Quilt of Valor 2025 Award Nominations**




Colfax County 4-H members have created a Quilt of Valor throughout the year. 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 Quilt and its recipient are also entered into the national Quilt of Valor Foundation database to keep track of the number of quilts that have been donated around the world. The Quilts of Valor Foundation is made of a volunteer group of quilters from across the United States, including Nebraska 4-H'ers. Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national organization founded in 2003 by "Blue Star" military mom Catherine Roberts while her son was stationed in Iraq and wanted him to have a comforting piece of home with him.

The Quilt created by Colfax County 4-H members will be presented to a deserving Veteran native to Colfax County.

Please use the attached nomination form to nominate a Veteran you know for this honor. If you have any questions, please call the office at: 402-352-3821  
Nominations are due by January 2, 2025.



**Congratulations to our 4-H youth who have reached membership milestones! They will be receiving 4-H year pins. We hope you have many 4-H memories to celebrate!**

<p><b><u>3 years</u></b>            Abigail Ahrens            Matilda Ahrens            Kalyn Beller            Raelea Brichacek            Emma Cash            Everly Cech            Logan Dietrich            Hadlee Dostal            Carly Dvorak            Kayson Dvorak            Lexi Elm            Zachary Elm            Ada Ernst            Lawson Gall            HayLee Heavican            Maci Jedlicka            Kenzie Kabes            William Koehn            Avery Kuester            Levi Kurpgeweit            Brecken Ohlde            Maddix Paprocki            Emma Patterson            Berkley Pieper            Presley Pope/Wasser            Abigail Reyna            Marissa Reyna            Lynae Shonka</p>	<p><b><u>6 years</u></b>            Skylar Baumert            Madelyn Belina            Taylor Czarnick            Brayton Dietrich            Jackson Faltys            Mason Faltys            Luke Gall            Sawyer Graham            Landen Guddeck            Layton Held            Bennett Jones            Henry Koehn            Maximus Morfeld            Zane Morfeld            Kinlee Olson            Trenton Olson            Hayley Podany            Bailey Prinz            Logan Sayers            Caleb Settje            Logan Sindelar            Cody Wendt</p> 	<p><b><u>9 years</u></b>            Courtney Andersen            Hayden Andersen            Lindley Bailey            Luke Belina            Hannah Cech            Luke Eisenmann            Wyatt Eisenmann            Cash Fehringer            Hunter Gall            Shayla Gall            Kammy Held            Collin Hopkins            Riley Hopkins            Ellison Koehn            Jacklyn Koehn            Blake Loseke            Carmen Malena            Jace Prinz            Alaina Sayers            Parker Sayers            Addison Vavricek            Allison Vavricek            Nevaeh Zulkoski</p> 	<p><b><u>10 years</u></b>            Levi Andersen            Ava Baumert            Ella Baumert            Joshua Eisenmann            Justin Eisenmann            Reagan Graham            Claire Holoubek            Bela Jedlicka            Cody Jedlicka            Daphne Jedlicka            Kaleb Kroeger            Kirsten Ladwig            Emily Lutjelusche</p> 
<p><b><u>11 years</u></b>            Hayden Bailey            Rylee Balzer            Tucker Czarnick            Alessa Gall            Levi Gall            Zachary Gall            Grace Hunzeker            Jayda Kingston            Riley Ladwig            Brielle Wolfe            Gunnar Wolfe</p>	<p><b><u>12 years</u></b>            Konner Bourek            Emma Gall            Aubrie Hanna            Taylor Steffensmeier</p>	<p><b><u>13 years</u></b>            Isaac Baumert            Lane Belina            James Grotelueschen            Nora Ruskamp</p>	<p><b><u>14 years</u></b>            Audrey Ruskamp</p>

## Congratulations to our Clover Kids on earning their certificates!

Abigail Ahrens Charlotte Ahrens Matilda Ahrens Otto Ahrens Ryker Bahns Emersyn Banahan Oaklynn Banahan Tayler Belina Daxten Beller Kyller Bourek Weslie Brabec Evolette Burenheide Scarlett Burenheide Emma Cash Riddik Cattau Amira Cech Everly Cech Broderick Cinfel Evelyn Cinfel Grayson Coufal Jayton Crosley Elizabeth Czarnick Logan Dietrich	Clayton Dostal Hadlee Dostal Jaylynn Dostal Carly Dvorak Kaleb Dvorak Ada Ernst Jude Gall Rixtyn Gall Beckett Higby Easton Janata Maci Jedlicka Peyton Jedlicka Brooks Kabes Kenzie Kabes Cru Koch George Koehn Kamarie Koehn William Koehn Allison Kracl Ila Kudera Richard Kudera Jonathan Mena Paislee Messing	Nora Novak William Novak Brecken Ohlde Harper Paprocki Hayes Parsons Elias Patterson Hannah Patterson Berkley Pieper Bryce Pieper Brock Ruby Oakley Sayers River Sayers Baylen Schulz Lynae Shonka Amelia Stone McCoy Svehla Laurel Urban Linden Urban Thea Urban Henry Vrba William Vrba Jordan Wendt Koy Wendt	
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## Happy National 4-H Week!

National 4-H Week is the week of October 6th! We hope you will all join us in celebrating all the amazing opportunities 4-H has to offer for all youth! On Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> please wear your 4-H t-shirt, and we encourage you to share a photo and a thank you to your 4-H leader on the Nebraska Extension in Colfax County Facebook page post that day. Thank you to all of you for all you do to support the Colfax County 4-H program!





### **Holiday Fundraiser**

Letters and order forms for the 2024 Holiday Fundraiser will be mailed to all 4-H families the week of October 21st. Please be sure to watch for this in the mail.

4-H Council fundraisers support: 4-H leader materials, year pins for 4-H members and leaders, 4-H Diamond Clover pins, County 4-H award medals, 4-H promotional items, 4-H camp scholarships, senior 4-H 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 other 4-H members*), 4-H speech contest premium and awards, contest entry fees, and renovations to the food stand.

We appreciate everyone's efforts towards a successful 2024 Holiday Fundraiser!

### **Upcoming Events:**

October 11: Wear your 4-H t-shirt for National 4-H Week

October 14: Extension Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

November 4: 4-H Council Meeting, Clarkson Library, 7:00 p.m.

November 11: Extension Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

November 20: Order forms from the Holiday Fundraiser are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

November 28-29: Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December 2: Completed Diamond Clover and Achievement Applications due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

December 24-January 1: Extension Office Closed; Happy Holidays!

January 2: 4-H Award Nominations due to Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

January 2: Quilt of Valor Nominations due to Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.



## 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, 2025.

Thank you!

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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

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**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, 2025 to: Nebraska Extension - Colfax County  
PO Box 389  
Schuyler, NE 68661