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4-H Newsletter December 2017 - January 2018

Holiday Office Hours

The Extension office will be closed December 25th thru January 1st for Holiday break. We will re-open on January 2nd.

Award Nominations date Changes

The deadline for nominations for Friend of 4-H, Outstanding 4-H Member, Outstanding 4-H Alumni and Quilt of Valor has changed. Nominations are now due to the Extension Office **Friday, December 22**. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Diamond Clover Awards

Congratulations to these award winners:

Diamond Clover - Level 2 - Aquamarine
Taylor Steffensmeier
Diamond Clover - Level 3 - Ruby
Elizia Bailey
Ella Kappel

Career Portfolio Awards

We would like to congratulate the following 4-H members on their Career Portfolio Achievements!

Consumer and Family Science - Kara Kudera

Personal Development - Korbin Kudera

Contests:

District Horse Show:

The 2018 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Show will be held on June 21st in Central City for our district. All level testing required for participation in the 2018 District 4-H Horse shows must be completed by **May 11, 2018**. Also, all entries are due to the county office by **May 11, 2018**.

7th Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the seventh Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production.

As a team (2 or more participants), youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge management summary.

Cash prizes and plaques are given. First place receives $1,000, second place receives $500, and third place receives $250. Sustainability, crop scouting and "extra mile" awards are also given as cash awards.

To participate in 2018, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded after January 1st at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities. For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu. or call Aaron at the office.

Youth Crop Scouting Competition

Nebraska Extension also offers the 5th annual Crop Scouting Competition for Nebraska youth. This contest is at the ARDC near Mead, Nebraska on July 26th, 2018. The event includes indoor and outdoor events. Teams of junior high and high school students (those completing 7-12th grades) are invited to participate.

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Clubs or other organizations may enter a team composed of three to five participants. An adult team leader must accompany each team. Team leaders could be FFA advisors, crop consultants, extension staff, coop employees, etc.

Top-scoring teams win prizes: $500 for first, $250 for second, $100 for third place. Top two teams are eligible for regional competition in August at Nebraska.

Teams are expected to know basics of scouting corn and soybean fields. This includes crop staging; looking for patterns of crop injury; disease, insect and weed seedling identification; etc. Other topics may include but are not limited to, pesticide safety, nutrient disorders, and herbicide injury.

More information about the crop scouting competition and instructions on how to register a team are available online at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth.

Teams must be registered by July 16th. This program is sponsored by DuPont Pioneer, Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association and Nebraska Extension. Please contact Aaron for more details on how to participate on the Colfax County 4-H team.

Training:

4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop

A Nebraska shooting sports Leader Certification Workshop is scheduled in Lincoln on January 20-21. The deadline to register is January 10th.

Volunteers will have the option to be certified as and adult or apprentice in five project areas. All areas will be taught by expert instructors from Nebraska 4-H Shooting sports training team.

The registration fee is $110.00 per person for initial certification and those adding an additional discipline. This includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs 8:00am to 8:45am. The Colfax County 4-H Council has agreed to reimburse the registration fee for those who get certified.

If you have any further questions please contact the Extension office.

Upcoming Events

December 11 - Robotics Club - 5:00 p.m.
December 18 - Robotics Club - 5:00 p.m.
December 19 - Robotics Club - 5:00 p.m.
December 22 - Award nominations are Due
December 25 thru January 1st - Closed for Holidays
January 2 - 4-H Counsel meeting @ Clarkson Library 7:00p.m.
January 2 - Robotics Club - 5:00 p.m.
January 4 - Robotics Club - 5:00 p.m.
January 8 - Robotics Club - 5:00 p.m.
January 11 - Robotics Club - 5:00 p.m.
January 13 - Robotics FLL competition
January 28 -Volunteer Banquet at St. Benedict Center at 6:00 p.m.

Happy holidays to you and yours! Wishing you a wonderful Holiday season and a Happy New Year from all of us at Nebraska Extension—Colfax County!

Aaron, Julie, Scott and Brenda