



## Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

### 4-H Newsletter February 2018

#### Announcements:

#### Office Closed

The Extension office will be closed Monday February 19th in observance of Presidents Day.

#### New Families

If you have new families in your 4-H club, please submit their name, email and mailing address to the Extension Office so that we can add their name to our mailing lists and help them with the enrollment process.

#### 4-H Enrollment

All 4-H members must enroll on the 4-H Online system using **Google Chrome**. Instructions can be found on our website at <http://colfax.unl.edu> or you can call the Extension office for a hard copy to be mailed to you. These instructions will take you step by step through the process. Please contact the office if you have any problems or questions at 402-352-3821. You are welcome to stop in the office sometime and use one of our computers to enroll if you wish. Enrollment fee is \$5 for both Clover Kids and traditional age 4-H members. This enrollment fee can be paid online with a credit/debit card or paid in the office with a check. Enrollment deadline is **April 2, 2018**.

Remember when enrolling in 4HOnline use Colfax County when enrolling, not the county you live in. Also **please delete** any projects you are not enrolling in for 2018. Thank you.

#### 4-H Updates:

#### 4-H Council Award Winners

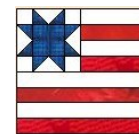
Congratulations to the following 4-H Award Winners:

- Friend of 4-H - Don Tyser
- Outstanding 4-H Alumni - David Jedlicka
- Outstanding 4-H Member - Kara Kudera

The awards are sponsored by the Colfax County 4-H Council and the Nebraska 4-H Foundation.

#### Quilt of Valor

We would like to Congratulate Charles (Chuck) Kudera for being selected to receive the Quilt of Valor. As a member of the U.S. Military he served our country in Kuwait. Thank you for your Service Chuck.



#### Youth of the Quality Care of Animals (YOCA)

#### Training

State 4-H rules require that all 4-H members who show beef, sheep, dairy, swine, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry and rabbits be certified in Quality Assurance (QA). Each youth wanting to show livestock at county or state fair needs to complete 3 modules. There is a \$12 dollar fee that you must pay for.

4-H Members age 8-11 are required to complete annual training. Members age 12-14 may complete training or take intermediate test and be certified until age 15. Members 15 and older may complete training or take the senior test and be certified for the rest of their 4-H career. <http://yqca.org/>

#### Camp Scholarships

4-H Youth are encouraged to apply for a camp scholarship sponsored by the 4-H Council. The 4-H Council would like for you to complete the Application for 4-H Camp Scholarship that is included in this newsletter and return to the Extension office. The 4-H Council will provide 2/3 of the camp cost. Some options are:

- Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center, Gretna
- Natural Resources & Leadership Camp, Halsey
- Livestock Judging Conference, Lincoln
- Unicameral Youth Conference, Lincoln
- Big Red Summer Academic Camps

4-H'ers who did not receive a camp scholarship in 2017 will have first priority, but all 4-H'ers are encouraged to apply. Your 4-H leader has a supply of camp brochures or you can pick one up at the Extension Office.



The Deadline for camp Scholarships is June 1, 2018.

### **Photography Themes**

The 2018 Photography theme is: True Leaders exhibit print: Explore True Leaders in your community. True Leaders can be anyone from community leaders, teachers, and volunteers to parents and friends. So, what sets them apart? What makes someone a True Leader? What effect do they have on the people or environment around them? How can you tell their story through photography? This is your story to tell. Unit II and Unit III will include this Class.

### **4-H Diamond Clover Recognition**

Colfax County will recognize 4-H'ers through the Diamond Clover program. 4-H'ers will be recognized for their accomplishments and life skill development. This is a non-competitive program and is available to all 4-H'ers, regardless of age. There are six levels of recognition. A short form needs to be completed when you sign up for 4-H this year and the rest of the form will be completed in September. For more information, contact the Extension Office. Club leaders have also received information on the 4-H Diamond Clover Recognition Program.

### **Livestock:**



### **Free Chicks!**

Tom Messing will once again offer free chicks to 4-H'ers interested in showing them at the Colfax County Fair. Each 4-H'er that signs up will receive 10 broiler chicks, with the expectation that they show them at fair. Look for upcoming information on signing up and picking up the chicks, but for now sign up for the poultry project when you enroll.

### **Youth Livestock Projects and the VFD Regulation**

Just a reminder that effective January 1, 2017, all livestock producers that use antibiotic medicated feeds to prevent, treat or control animal health issues will be required to get a written order or directive from a Veterinarian to purchase and feed these feeds. The regulation will only affect antibiotics administered in feed or water for livestock.

Antibiotics are important to both human medicine and animal health, to reduce the risk of antibiotic resistance in both areas; producer must follow the FDA Approved Labels. These labels determine what animal health issues can be treated with that specific antibiotic, dosage and proper administration.

The first step youth producers should take is to develop a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship by visiting with their veterinarian. Within this discussion, producers need to review their herd/flock health plan and evaluate vaccinations and treatment plans for the animals they care for. If you determine that medicated feeds should be used, plan on how to acquire a VFD Order from the veterinarian.

Copies of the VFD must go to you and your feed supplier/dealer before you can purchase or feed these feeds. Youth Livestock Participants may visit with their feed supplier/dealer to plan a nutrition/feed program prior to getting their project animals to discuss if medicated feeds should be used and if a VFD is required.

For more information visit the Nebraska BQA VFD Webpage at: <http://bqa.unl.edu/veterinary-feed-directive> Or Contact Rob Eirich, Extension Educator/Director of Beef Quality Assurance via email at: [reirich2@unl.edu](mailto:reirich2@unl.edu)

### **2018 State Fair Livestock Fees**

Just a reminder that as of last year, the Nebraska State Fairboard voted to add a bedding fee onto the entry fee for all livestock exhibitors; the fee will be \$15 for beef and dairy and \$5 for sheep, goats, and swine. The State Fair board also voted to add a \$3 per head fee for 4-H & FFA market animals to help defray the costs of drug testing. These costs are in addition to the existing entry fees that will stay the same for 2018.

### **Aksarben Stock Show**

The Aksarben Stock show will be in Grand Island again in 2018. The show will take place September 22nd - 23rd at Fonner Park.

## **EID Tags and DNA Testing for State Fair & AK-SAR-BEN**

Any market animal to be shown at the Nebraska State Fair or AK-SAR-BEN must have an EID tag installed and hair pulled for DNA samples. This includes market beef, swine, market sheep, and meat goats. Also, feeder calves need an EID tag and DNA sample to show at AK-SAR-BEN. DNA samples for market beef were pulled at weigh day along with EID tags. 4-H'ers with swine, sheep, or goats will need to work with the office to get animals tagged with EID tags and the hair samples pulled. EID tags will cost \$2.00. DNA testing costs \$6.00 per animal. So if you have any ideas of showing at the Nebraska State Fair or at AK-SAR-BEN, be sure to get EID tags and samples pulled. Call the Extension office for more information.

## **Market Lamb Tagging**

Market lambs for County Fair, State Fair, or AK-SAR-BEN do not have to be tagged in front of Extension personnel.

County only market sheep and goats will need a 4-H tag to be eligible to show at the Colfax County Fair. If you are desiring to show at State Fair or Aksarben, market lambs and goats will need to have a Scrapies tag.

## **Livestock Progress Shows Mailing List**

All livestock exhibitors are encouraged to attend a Progress Show prior to the County Fair. This serves as good practice for both the exhibitor and their animals.

Contact the Extension office if you want to be on the mailing list for 4-H Livestock Progress Shows. The information about progress shows will be sent only to those notifying us that they want the information.

We do not carry names over from last year's list. So, if you want to receive progress show information, give us a call.

## **Learning Opportunities:**

### **Contests:**

#### **4-H Speech & Presentation Contests**

Colfax County 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the 4-H Speech / PSA & 4-H Presentation Contest on April 26th in Columbus. The contests will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the West Education Center at

Central Community College. Theme for PSA's this year is 4-H Grows True Leaders. We will be joining Platte County 4-H'ers in these contests but Colfax County will have their own contest awards. Please pre-register by April 2nd by calling the Extension Office.

#### **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.

#### **Rabbit Show!**

The Lancaster County Rabbit VIPS Committee will again be hosting a Spring 4-H Rabbit Show.

- Saturday, March 17
- Registration 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
- Show starts at 9 a.m.
- Lancaster Event Center - Exhibit Hall



This is a great show for youth new to showing rabbits! A very knowledgeable VIPS committee will be present, and more than happy to help answer any questions 4-Hers and their families might have. Also, a few good 4-H rabbits for sale at this show. To check out the flyer go to <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/documents/RabbitShowSpring18.pdf>

#### **Seventh Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge**

Do you enjoy being outside? Learning new things about crops? Considering a career involving crops, insects, diseases, soils, water or more? Do you want to help figure out how to feed our world's growing population in a sustainable way?

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the seventh annual 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 will be given to the

first, second, and third place teams. First place will receive \$1,000, second place will receive \$500, and third place will receive \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and “extra mile” awards will also be given.

To participate in 2018, youth must **complete and return an entry form by March 15<sup>th</sup>** to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms

**Innovative Youth  
Corn Challenge**



can be downloaded at [crop-watch.unl.edu/youth/activities](http://crop-watch.unl.edu/youth/activities). For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at [brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu](mailto:brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu), Aaron Nygren at [anygren2@unl.edu](mailto:anygren2@unl.edu) or Amy Timmerman at [atimmerman2@unl.edu](mailto:atimmerman2@unl.edu).

**Upcoming Events**

- February 19 - Office closed for Presidents Day
- March 12 - 4-H Council Meeting at the fairgrounds
- March 15 - Innovative Youth Corn Challenge registration Deadline
- March 17 - Rabbit Show at Lancaster Event Center
- April 2 - 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- May 11 - District Horse Show
- June 1 - Deadline for camp scholarships



**Sixth Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Results**

We would like to congratulate the Colfax County youth who participated in the sixth annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge, Korbin and Kara Kuderka with the Maple Creek 4-H team, and Logan, Gavin, and Rylan Nelson with the Lost Creek 4-H team. Their teams made up two of the seven total teams from across the state that completed their corn plot work and submitted the required documentation. The Lost Creek team ended up winning the Innovation Award as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall for the yield of their plot which looked at different down pressure settings. Congrats to both teams!



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**VISIT CAMPUS**

Take a look at the event list at <https://admissions.unl.edu/visit/> to see which event may work best for you.

