



Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

4-H Newsletter February 2019

Announcements:

Office Closed

The Extension office will be closed Monday, February 18th 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.

Gearing up in 2019

The new year will soon be here and that means it's time to re-organize 4-H clubs. Please let us know if you need help getting started or re-organized in your clubs. Be sure to invite new members and families in your community to join your 4-H group.

Julie would like to attend your reorganization meeting this year to answer any questions and give program updates for the new year. Please let her know when your meetings will be so she can get them on her schedule.

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 all 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 1, 2019**.

Remember when enrolling in 4HOnline use Colfax County when enrolling, not the county you live in. Thank you.

Email Notice

Please remember the email address your family uses to create your 4Honline account is the email address where all of your 4-H, newsletter, county fair, and state fair information is sent. Please make sure you are using an email address your family regularly checks.

T-Shirt Design Contest

The 4-H Council is excited to announce that they are holding a t-shirt design contest to find a new design for the Colfax County 4-H shirt. All Colfax County 4-H'ers are welcome to enter. The 4-H council members will chose a winner and will send that design to the State 4-H Office for approval. After the design is approved by the state office, a winner will be announced. A prize will be given to the 4-H'er whose design is chosen as the winner.

Attached to this newsletter is a sheet that can be used to draw your design. You may also send in computer generated designs. Designs need to be sent to the Extension Office by April 1st, so start working on your designs now!



Beef Weigh Day

Beef Weigh Day has been set for February 2nd from 1 -3 p.m. at the Schuyler Vet Clinic.

Nebraska 4-H Month

February is Nebraska 4-H Month. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for fun activities to celebrate Nebraska 4-H Month. If you have any ideas on how to celebrate please email Amber (amber.krula@unl.edu).

Nebraska 150

The University of Nebraska was chartered on February 15, 1869 and charged with its land-grant mission of public education and service to Nebraska. In 2019, we mark a 150-year legacy of improving the quality of life for Nebraska and beyond. Please join us in celebrating the historic past of your University and helping us chart a bold new future.

Flat Herbie Tour the Town

Flat Herbie is here to celebrate this milestone. Cut out Herbie and make him part of your community by taking him on a tour of your town. Snap a picture of him at local events, favorite landmarks, or 4-H activities. Upload the pictures to your social media channels with #N150Herbie or email us at nebraska4h@unl.edu. We encourage everyone (students, faculty, staff, 4-H families, and alumni) to get in on the fun with Flat Herbie throughout 2019! Participate during the month of February to win the Grand Prize! All photos submitted during Nebraska 4-H Month will be included in the N150 Grand Prize Drawing, sponsored by Nebraska 4-H. Two winners will receive a UNL Prize Pack, filled with Husker Gear!
<https://4h.unl.edu/documents/N150-Flat-Herbie.pdf>

4-H Updates:

4-H Council Award Winners

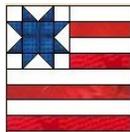
Congratulations to the following 4-H Award Winners:

- Friend of 4-H - Tammy Kudera
- Outstanding 4-H Alumni - Janet Eisenmann
- Outstanding 4-H Member -Katelyn Steffensmeier

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 Lori Kracl for being selected to receive the Quilt of Valor. As a member of the U.S. Air Force she served our country at Malmstrom AirForce Base, Great Falls, Montana and RAF Wethersfield, England. Thank you for your Service Lori.



Youth of the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

State 4-H rules require that all 4-H members ages 8-18, who are enrolled in the following livestock projects (beef, sheep, dairy, swine, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry and rabbits) be certified in Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). 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. <http://yqca.org/>

Test-out options are only available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. If passed, youth will not be required to complete the annual training requirements for the remainder of their current age level (Intermediates: 12-14; Seniors: 15-18). Each test consists of 50 random-

ly selected questions and has a pass rate of 80% or better for certification.

Participants will have only one chance to take the test-out option. If youth fail, they will not be provided another opportunity to test out of that age level. Participants who do not pass will be prompted to take the instructor-led training or web-based training annually.

If the youth passes, payment for the completed test-out course will be required after the completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test. Test-out costs are:

Intermediate: \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification)
Senior: \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification).

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 2018 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, 2019.

Photography Themes

The 2019 Photography theme for Unit II is: BEAUTIFUL NEBRASKA: Nebraska's state song, Beautiful Nebraska, talks of peaceful prairieland, rivers, hills of sand, dark green valleys, and rainbows reaching to the ground. However, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and everyone has their own idea of what makes Nebraska great. Entries in the theme print class should capture and share what the exhibitor finds beautiful in or about Nebraska. Exhibitors should explain how their photo fits the Beautiful Nebraska theme when answering question #1 of the Data Tag.

The 2019 Photography theme for Unit III is: N150: February 15, 2019 marks 150 years since the day the state of Nebraska chartered the University of Nebraska. That's 150 years of history to appreciate, impact to unpack, and stories to tell. Much has hap-

pened since 1869, all for the purpose of changing lives, advancing knowledge, and fulfilling dreams. How has the University of Nebraska impacted you, your family, or your community? How can you tell this story through photography? Exhibitors should explain how their photo fits the N150 theme when answering question #1 of the Data Tag.

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 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.

EID Tags and DNA Testing for State Fair

Any market animal to be shown at the Nebraska State Fair must have an EID tag installed and hair pulled for DNA samples. This includes market beef, swine, market sheep, and meat goats. 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 \$7.00 per animal. So if you have any ideas of showing at the Nebraska State Fair be sure to get EID tags and samples pulled. Call the Extension office for more information.

Market Lamb & Market Goat Tagging

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, 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

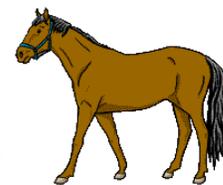
Colfax County 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the 4-H Speech / PSA & 4-H Presentation Contest on April 28th in Columbus. The contests will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the West Education Center at Central Community College. Theme for PSA's this year is "Inspire Kids to Do". We will be joining Platte County 4-H'ers in these contests but Colfax County will have their own contest awards. Please pre-register by April 22nd by calling the Extension Office.

District Horse Show

The 2019 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Show will be held on June 10th in Bloomfield for our district. All level testing required for participation in the 2019 District 4-H Horse shows must be completed by May 10, 2019. Also, all entries are due to the county office by May 10, 2019.

4-H Horse Stampede

The horse stampede is a group of contests for youth interested in horses. These contests do not require youth to have a horse all they need is to have an interest and be willing to learn some information about horses.



The 4-H Horse Stampede will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Animal Science Complex.

Contests include: Individual Demonstration Contest (can be done in person or through zoom), Team Demonstration (can be done in person or through zoom), Speech (can be done in person or through zoom), Junior or Senior Horse Bowl (team quiz bowl contest), Art Contest (do not need to be present to participate, you can mail in the entries), and Photography Contest (do not need to be present to participate, you can mail in the entries).

It will be held the same day as the 4-H Companion Animal Challenge so that youth can compete

in both events if they choose. We will ensure there are not schedule conflicts.

If you would like to have lunch or a t-shirt at the contest, please make sure to fill out a lunch or t-shirt order form when registering for contests. Entries are due by March 1, 2019.

For more information and registration forms: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>
Questions? Contact: Dr. Lena Luck
(lena.luck@unl.edu)

4-H Companion Animal Challenge:

The Companion Animal Challenge is a set of contests for youth interested in companion animals. These contests are animal-less and test youths knowledge about companion animals. New this year to the contest are a Cat Skillathon and an essay contest. 4-H youth ages 10-18 are invited to participate. The 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Animal Science Complex.

Contests include: Demonstration Contest, Dog Skillathon Contest, Cat Skillathon Contest, Essay Contest, Art Contest, and Photography Contest.

This event allows youth to apply their companion animal knowledge, but does not require them to have an animal!

It will be held the same day as the 4-H Horse Stampede so that youth can compete in both events if they choose. We will ensure there are not schedule conflicts.

Entries are due by March 8, 2019.
For more information and registration forms: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge>
Questions? Contact: Dr. Lisa Karr
(lisa.karr@unl.edu)

Rabbit Show!

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

- Saturday, April 27th
- 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/RabbitShowSpring19.pdf>

Youth Crop Scouting Competition

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Youth interested in learning more about scouting

crops should contact the extension office to learn more about the Youth Crop Scouting Competition. The 2019 Youth Crop Scouting Competition will be held on July 23rd at the ARDC near Mead. The Competition consists of both a written test and hands on questions about corn, soybean, or alfalfa plots. Teams consist of 3, 4 or possibly 5 youth members (7th - 12th grade), so once we know who is interested we can set up teams. Aaron is willing to work with interested youth before the contest to help them learn more about agronomy and crops and prepare them for the competition.

Innovative Youth Corn Challenge



Eight 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 sixth 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, each worth \$200.

To participate in 2019, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities. For more information, contact Brandy at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu or Aaron Nygren at nygren2@unl.edu

Seventh Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Results

We would like to congratulate the Colfax County youth who participated in the seventh annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge. Colfax County was well represented with Korbin and Kara Kudera with

the Maple Creek 4-H team sponsored by Kevin Kudara, and Logan, Gavin, and Rylan Nelson with the Lost Creek 4-H team sponsored by Steve Nelson. 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 at the end of the growing season. The Maple Creek 4-H team received 1st place overall with a \$1000 award, as well as the Extra Mile award, and the Lost Creek 4-H club received 3rd place overall with a \$250 award. Congrats to both teams!



Upcoming Events

Feb. 16-24: Nebraska Cattleman's Classic Kearney
 Feb.18: Office closed for Presidents Day
 Feb. 23: Nebraska Cattleman's Classic Livestock Judging contest Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney.
 Feb. 26: Omaha Fashion Week Student Night
 Mar.11: 4-H Council Meeting @ Howells Library
 Mar. 15: Innovative Youth Corn Challenge registration Deadline
 Mar. 30: 4-H Horse Stampede
 Mar. 30: 4-H Companion Animal Challenge
 Apr. 26: Office Closed for Arbor Day
 Apr. 27: Rabbit Show at Lancaster Event Center
 Apr. 28: 4-H Speech & Presentation Contests
 Apr. 1: 4-H Enrollment Deadline
 May 10: District Horse Show Deadline
 May 27: Office Closed for Memorial Day
 May 30: Livestock Judging Contest @ Fairgrounds
 Jun. 1: Camp Scholarship Deadline

Congratulations

The Colfax County First LEGO League teams on a great season. On January 12th, twelve youth competed in Columbus at the Qualifying tournament showing off their teamwork skills, presentation skills, programming and building skills they have been building since August.



Colfax 4-H Computers



Colfax 4-H Space Aliens

Nebraska Extension In Colfax County Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30a.m. - 12:00 and 1:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.

Find us Online!

Web: Colfax.unl.edu

DESIGN A T-SHIRT

NAME _____

- Limit of 2 colors in design
- Contest open to 4-H'ers, parents and leaders
- Design must be approximately 8"x8" with no copyrighted characters
- The design must feature 4-H or the 4-H clover, but be sure to follow the following rules. No text or any item may appear over or on top of the clover, the clover needs to be upright, and the official 4-H clover must be used as shown.
- Designs will need to be approved by the State 4-H Office.
- The 4-H Council Reserved the right to modify or combine designs the meet 4-H Rules.
- Return by April 1 to Nebraska Extension in Colfax County, P.O. Box 389 Schuyler, NE 68661





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