



Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

4-H Newsletter June & July 2021

Announcements:

Welcome KateLynn!

We would like to Welcome our new Extension Assistant KateLynn Ness!

My name is KateLynn Ness. I am a Dodge County 4-H and Logan View FFA Alumni. I have a strong passion for leadership development organizations because of all of the awesome opportunities 4-H and FFA provides! This and my love of showing standard breed poultry with my family is what influenced my decision to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a major in agricultural education. My student teaching experience at Lyons-Decatur Northeast is what solidified my decision to work in education. I love getting to teach and help youth work towards achieving their goals.

I graduated from UNL in December of 2018 and substitute taught at Scribner-Snyder Public Schools and Lyons-Decatur Northeast before heading west for the opportunity to serve as the Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor at Elba Public School beginning July of 2019. In my free time I love to spend time with my family, raise and show poultry with my family, garden, read, and be with my pets. I am extremely excited for the opportunity to serve as the Extension Assistant at Colfax County! I cannot wait to meet everyone!

4-H T-Shirts are in!

You can come into the Extension Office to pick up your 4-H t-shirts.



4-H Council Award Winners

Congratulations to the following 4-H Award Winners:

- Friend of 4-H—Jan Bahr
- Outstanding 4-H Alumni—Michael Otto Brabec
- Outstanding 4-H Member—Abigail Lutjelusche

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

4-H Updates:

4-H Building Entry Time:

- Youth will be able to enter projects in the 4-H Building from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. (Foods, Ag Engineering, Horticulture, Clover Kids, Cakes, and Miscellaneous)
- All other entry times remain the same.

Pre-Entry Process for 2021

Pre-Entry worksheets are **DUE** into the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on June 18th. Please include showmanship on your livestock form.

Hints for Completing the Pre-Entry Sheets

*Each 4-H'er exhibiting items in the 4-H building and livestock needs to complete a pre-entry sheet. **Only one exhibitor per entry sheet.**

*The pre-entry sheets have been sent to each 4-H member in a separate mailing. They can also be found on the webpage.

*The sheets are due June 18 (Building, livestock and horses). Please allow several days if mailing. The pre-entry forms are due **in** the Extension Office by 4:30 pm. If sending by FAX, please call after you have sent the fax to make sure we have received it.

*List all items that you plan to exhibit. If you list an item, but end up not bringing the item, that is okay. However, if you bring an exhibit that is not listed on the pre-entry sheet, it will not be accepted and you will be encouraged to enter in open class for that exhibit item. **SO** - if there is a chance that you might exhibit an item, list it on the pre-entry form.

*Only one exhibit per class number.

*For horticulture. Please list everything you might possibly bring (example—slicing cucumber, red potatoes, roma tomatoes).

Hints for Successful Exhibiting

*All exhibits (including Clover Kid exhibits) should be marked with exhibitor name separate from the entry tag. This way if the entry tag becomes separated from the exhibit, the exhibit can still be identified.

*Check the fair book to see if any supporting information is needed. **Supporting information** may include: recipes, woodworking plans, information cards, etc.

*All clothing/sewing items need a clothing label. If there is more than one piece to a clothing exhibit, put a clothing label on all pieces. This clothing label needs to be attached ***SEPARATELY*** from the entry tag.

*Put all garments on a wire hanger.

*Put a clear plastic bag on all clothing exhibits. This is to protect **YOUR** garment.

*You must be enrolled in the project in order to exhibit in the project.

*The cultivar name needs to be on the entry tag for floriculture and horticulture exhibits. **THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE 4-H MEMBER.**

Find out this information **BEFORE** you bring your exhibit to the fair. **DO NOT** wait until entry day to do this.

Entry Tags for 4-H Building

Entry tags will be printed by the Extension office. Tags will be printed based off of pre-entry sheets. This will be for all Exhibits-static **AND** live-stock. We will send out an email when tags are ready to be picked up.

Fair Books Available

We recently received copies of this year's fairbook. You can pick them up from your leader or the Extension Office. You can view it online at https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/colfax/2021_Colfax_Co.pdf

Fairbook Clarification

When reading your fairbook you will notice some classes have SF written at the end. This designates the class as a State Fair Class. Projects entered in those classes will be eligible for State Fair.

Help Needed at County Fair

We will be needing adult and teen volunteers to help at the county fair and judging days this year. A meal and refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office.

Attention Independent Members

For Colfax County 4-H to be successful we need all members, both in clubs and independent members to help out throughout the year, and especially at fair time! Both club and independent members will be asked to help clean the fairgrounds on the Monday of fair week and work at the food stand this year. Don't be surprised if you are an independent member and you get contacted to help!

County Fair Clean-Up

Fairground clean-up will be on July 12th from 4:00-8:00 pm. Your 4-H club leader will receive a schedule and cleaning assignment in a separate letter. Independent members will also receive a letter.

Watermelon will be served when you have completed your tasks, courtesy of the Colfax County Ag Society. This year Homestead Bank will be grilling burgers and hotdogs for all who help with clean-up!

Superintendent's Meeting

Superintendents for the Exhibit building are requested to attend a meeting at the fairgrounds on Monday, July 12th, at 6:00 pm. This is the same night as the fairground clean-up.

A letter will be sent to each superintendent regarding this meeting. At the meeting, we will discuss the duties and answer questions you may have.

Exhibit Hall Hours

Please note that the 4-H exhibit hall will be **closed** to the public during judging on Wednesday, July 14th and Thursday, July 15th.

Ag Olympics

There will be **no Ag Olympics in 2021**. On Saturday during the scheduled Ag Olympics time, we will gather all 4-H members on the football field. 4-Hers must wear their green 4-H shirts, leaders in white and we will take a photo in the shape of 100 to commemorate the 100th Colfax County Fair!

4-H Project Tips and Notes:

Photography Exhibits

Be sure to attach a personal data tag to your photography exhibit. See the fair book for details. Let us know if you would like us to email you a copy of the Data Tag or stop by the office to pick up a copy. They are also on our website https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/colfax/Photography-3-Data-Tag_2020.pdf

Copyright Materials

Remember that the use of copyrighted materials such as cartoon characters or commercial product names is **PROHIBITED** unless it is on purchased fabric. Avoid using decals or stickers and try using your art skills and paint or draw your logos for your fair projects.

County Sewing Project Requirements

Reminder! All entries must include pictures of assembly and/or 4-H member wearing clothing

item(s) or holding non-clothing item(s). Items made from new bolt material need pictures of 4-H member wearing or holding the finished product. If item is an upcycled garment, 4-H member must include pictures of the item before deconstruction, during construction and of the final product worn or held by the 4-H member.

REMINDER:

As fair is getting closer we want to remind you of the Exhibit Building Policy.

As stated in the fair book on pages 7 and 8: “No article or animals entered for the exhibition will be allowed to be removed from the location assigned until noon of the closing day of the fair... **Any article or any animal in any division (4-H, FFA, or open class) that is removed from the items or animals exhibit prior to the announced check out time without the consent, in writing, of the Colfax County Agricultural Society Board will forfeit ribbons, trophies, premium money and recognition.**”

If you are caught removing your animals or exhibits before noon on Sunday of the fair, you will be asked to return any ribbons and trophies you have earned during fair and premiums will be forfeited.

Learning Opportunities:

Contests:

2021 Online Insect Identification Contest

Do you know what kind of insects are right outside your door? Have you ever wondered what kind of bug that is! The Nebraska 4-H Online Insect Identification provides an opportunity for youth to test and increase their insect knowledge. This event will consist of insect identification and multiple choice questions. The contest will be available from June 4-21, 2021 at <https://4h.unl.edu/online-insect-id-contest>.

2021 Online Horticulture Judging Contest

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available June 4-21, 2021 at: <https://go.unl.edu/21onlinehortcontest>

Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts. The first is identification of plant material. Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits,

roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products.

The second is a knowledge portion, usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz. Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.

The last portion is judging or placings. This is where four different plants, plates of vegetables, or containers flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

More information about the Nebraska State contest along with a list of study materials can be found in the Fairbook <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/45>. Here you can find the written study materials for the knowledge portion, follow links to plant pictures for help with identification, and read how judging of plant material is done.

Tree, Horticulture, Weed/Grass & Entomology Contests

The 2021 Tree I.D., Horticulture, Weed/Grass and Entomology Contests will be held on June 24th in Columbus beginning at 12:15 p.m.

Contestants will have to ID different plants, including vegetables, perennials, flowers, and trees for the first two contests. The weed and grass contestants will have to ID weeds and grasses from a list of around 60 plants that will be available from the Extension Office. The participants in the Entomology contest will have to identify insects. We have study materials available for those that want information on all of these contests. Youth 10 years and older will be eligible to compete at the state Contests. Registration deadline is Tuesday June, 22nd. Please call the Extension Office to register.

Favorite Foods Revue

The Favorite Foods Revue will be July 8th at 1:00 pm in the Heun Church Basement. This Contest will be before the Fashion Revue Judging. Check the fair book for more details. Please pre-register by July 6th.

Livestock:

Thanks to Tom Messing for the Chicks!

The Extension Office staff and all 4-H'ers who will be receiving free chicks from Tom Messing would like to thank him again for all his time and effort. With some good luck, we will have plenty of chickens to be shown at fair. Thanks again.

Livestock Showmanship Update

Animals shown for showmanship, must be shown in another class. Exhibitors cannot bring an animal just for showmanship.

Shipping of Livestock at County Fair

Once again swine exhibitors will have the opportunity to ship their pigs after County Fair. Exhibitors will need to inform swine superintendents if they want to ship their animals. Exhibitors will also need to inform swine superintendents if their animals have been feed PayLean. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to be honest if you have feed your animals PayLean, as it could jeopardize our new partnership with the shipper.

NEW in 2021!! Exhibitors will also have the opportunity to ship sheep and goats. Exhibitors will need to inform their sheep or goat superintendents if they wish to ship their animals when they weigh them in at Fair.

Ethics Affidavit & Statement of Disclosure

There is a form included with this newsletter. This form is required for everyone showing **MAR-KET** and **DAIRY** animals at the fair. It is not required for breeding livestock.

- 1) Use the form included here, and use only the **one** form for **all** family members. Turn it in to the Extension Office along with your fair pre-entries on June 21st.
- 2) Circle all species of Market livestock that your family will be exhibiting at the fair.
- 3) **Have all family members/exhibitors:** 1) print their name at the top and 2) sign their name at the bottom. Be sure the parent/guardian also signs.

Be Sure to Follow the Dress Code at Fair for all Animal Exhibitors!

Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, poultry, small animals, goats, cats, sheep, swine and rabbits are required to wear a Colfax County 4-H t-shirt, plain white shirt (including t-shirt) or blouse with the official 4-H chevron attached, or a national 4-H t-shirt. Club t-shirts are not allowed. Dark blue jeans are required for beef, cat, sheep, swine, goats, small animals, poultry and rabbit exhibitors. Dairy and dairy goat exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants. All animal exhibitors must wear closed toe shoes. No sandals allowed. No hats, cap or other type of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. Exhibitors shall not display commercial or other identification while showing their animals except official 4-H and such identification the show ring may require. Horse exhibitors must have armbands while exhibiting to enter the arena.

Upcoming Events

- June 4-21: 4-H Online Insect Identification Contest
- June 4-21: 4-H Online Horticulture Contest
- June 16: Painting Workshop
- June 16: Cookie Decorating Workshop
- June 17: Welding Workshop
- June 18: Pre-entry deadline for Livestock & Static Exhibits due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.
- June 22: Clover Kid Monsters
- June 22: 4-H Council Meeting, Clarkson Library 7:30 p.m.
- June 24: 4-H Weed, Tree, Insect and Horticulture ID Contest, Columbus
- June 28 & 29: PASE & Life Challenge
- June 30: State Public Speaking Contest
- July 5: Office closed in observance of Independence Day
- July 6: Deadline to register for Favorite Foods Revue
- July 8: Favorite Foods Revue and Fashion Revue at Heun at 1:00 p.m.
- July 12: Fair Clean Up at 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
- July 12 Superintendents meeting at fairgrounds at 6 p.m.
- July 14-18 Colfax County Fair

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

Date: _____ (Circle all species exhibited) **Beef Sheep Swine Dairy Goat**

(All family members may sign on same sheet)

(Please Print) First Name(s): _____

Last name: _____

COLFAX COUNTY FAIR 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK SHOW
ETHICS AFFIDAVIT AND STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE

Youth livestock producers understand they have an obligation to be a responsible food producer. All market animals will enter the food chain and become edible products for the consuming public. Dairy animals may be producing milk that will enter the food chain.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have read and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the Colfax County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition. We agree to the condition that our entries may be screened for violative residues.

We certify that these animals have not received any non-approved drug(s). We certify that our entries are not within any withdrawal time for slaughter. In exhibiting beef or sheep, we attest, that the best of our knowledge, the finishing ration fed to the animals under our ownership does not contain "prohibited" mammalian protein (i.e. ruminant meat & bone meal).

We certify that we have followed standard operation procedures to deal with the broken needles. If exhibiting swine we attest, to the best of our knowledge, that animals with broken needles have been properly identified.

If exhibiting market swine, market beef, market lambs, meat goats, dairy or dairy goats we certify that we have been trained and certified in Quality Assurance. We further certify the information provided is correct and accurate.

If violations are detected, we will not challenge the validity of testing or sampling procedures, and we will be subjected to penalties determined by show management.

We, the exhibitor/family will accept expenses of maintaining animal drug withdrawal period until slaughter, plus transportation and slaughter fees, if any

By signing we are agreeing to the Colfax County Fair Livestock Show Ethics Affidavit and Statement of Disclosure and the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics. The IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics is found on the back side of this form.

Owner's/Exhibitor's Signature
(Additional family members sign below)

Parent's or Guardians Signature

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.
- 11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.



2021 Summer Workshops

Join us for a fun filled summer as we prepare for the 2021 Colfax County Fair!
Masks are optional

June 2: Clover Kid Animals

Join us as we explore the world of animals!

Time: 9-11 AM

Where: Heun Church

Cost: \$15



June 8: Color Draping

Did you know everyone has a season? Have you noticed that you look better in some colors than in others? We will discover the mystery of how the color of your clothing matters!

Time: 9:30 AM –1:30 PM (Please bring a sack lunch)

Where: Fair Grounds, Leigh Cost: \$15

June 9: Quilted Placemats

Jeanne Scheunman will help us put our cutting, piecing and sewing skills to the test as we create quilted placemats. We will learn to quilt our project as we make it!

Time: 9:30 AM –1:30 PM (Please bring a sack lunch)

Where: Heun Church

Bring: 18 X 21 inch piece (fat quarter) print material for mat backing

Assorted fabric prints to make nine 2 1/2 X 14 inch strips for place mat top

1/4 yard print for the place mat binding

Spool of cotton thread that matches your fabrics

Sewing machine if you would like too



June 16: Painting Workshop

This unique workshop helps you learn basic brush techniques and composition while using a variety of painting techniques. Costs includes all of your materials and three hours of fun learning!

Time: 9-NOON

Where: Fair Grounds, Leigh Cost: \$20 (4-H members) \$30 (non-members)

June 16: Cookie Decorating

Join us as Jaime Stodola leads us through the art of decorating cookies! Let's put our decorating skills to the test!

****Please bring a cookie sheet (jelly roll pan) to bring your cookies home on.

Time: 1-3 PM

Where: Heun Church

Cost: \$15



June 17: Welding Workshop (max 15 participants)

For beginning welders! Join us and Mr. Harper as he guides us through the basics of welding and preparing the welded joints project for county fair! For Ages 12 and Up!

Time: 9-11 AM

Where: Schuyler Central High School

Cost: \$40 (to counter the cost of metal)

June 22: Clover Kid Monsters

We are going to explore the world of monsters as we discover why they aren't so scary and how much fun they can be!

Time: 9-11 AM

Where: Heun Church

Cost: \$15