



## Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

### 4-H Newsletter October 2021

#### 4-H Updates: Premium Checks



**Please cash your checks for state fair contest re-imbursements as well as for any premiums or award checks you may have received for items that you entered for the fair.**

#### State Fair

If you have not picked up your state fair Exhibits, please do so immediately!

#### Become a 4-H Youth Leadership Ambassador!

Hey High School Age Youth!

We are looking for youth who are interested in becoming a part of the Nebraska 4-H Youth Leadership Conference Ambassador Team. As a part of this group, you would be a voice on the youth perspective of the Leadership Conference, develop & practice leadership skills that you could take back to your communities, and collaborate with Extension Staff and 4-Hers across the state to plan & implement the 4-H Youth Leadership Conference!

The deadline for applications for the Ambassador team is **Friday, October 15th, 2021! Apply here:** <https://go.unl.edu/2022ylcapp>

If selected our first meeting will be Sunday, November 7th, 2021 at 4-6pm CT (via Zoom). From there we'll meet monthly to create an amazing experience for you and other high schoolers across the state! The 4-H Youth Leadership Conference will be held June 24th-26th, 2022 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey, NE!

If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Julie Kreikemeier ([julia.kreikemeier@unl.edu](mailto:julia.kreikemeier@unl.edu)) or Stacey Keys ([stacey.keys@unl.edu](mailto:stacey.keys@unl.edu))!

#### 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.

#### Quilt of Valor 2021 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 all 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 contact Julie at the office: 402-352-3821 or by email: [jkreikemeier5@unl.edu](mailto:jkreikemeier5@unl.edu).

#### 4-H Achievement Application

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 2021, please send your completed report to the Extension Office **by December 3rd**. 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 contact Julie at the Extension office (402)352-3821 or [jkreikemeier5@unl.edu](mailto:jkreikemeier5@unl.edu).

### **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 contact Julie at the Extension office (402)352-3821 or [jkreikemeier5@unl.edu](mailto:jkreikemeier5@unl.edu).

### **Upcoming Events**

Oct 11: Extension Office closed in observation of Columbus Day

Oct 11: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Oct 18: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Oct 25: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Nov 1: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Nov 8: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Nov 11: Extension Office closed in observation of Veteran's Day

Nov 15: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Nov 16: 4-H Council Meeting at the Extension Office 7:00 p.m.

Nov 22: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Nov 25 & 26: Extension Office closed in observation of Thanksgiving

Nov 29: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Nov 30: Martha and Don Romeo Scholarship due to Extension Office

Dec 3: Deadline for Diamond Clover and Achievement Application to the Extension Office

Dec 6: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Dec 13: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Dec 20: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

**Dec 24th-Dec 31st: Colfax County Extension Office Closed. Happy Holidays! We will reopen January 3rd at 8:30 a.m.**



**We would like to acknowledge our 4-H youth for their number of years in 4-H and hope they have many more!**

**THREE YEAR PINS**

Skylar Baumert  
 Madelyn Belina  
 Andrew Brester  
 Taylor Czarnick  
 Brayton Dietrich  
 Jackson Faltys  
 Mason Faltys  
 Luke Gall  
 Sawyer Graham  
 Layton Held  
 Brantley Higby  
 Bennett Jones  
 Henry Koehn  
 Maximus Morfeld  
 Zane Morfeld  
 Kinlee Olson  
 Trenton Olson  
 Hayley Podany  
 Bailey Prinz  
 Logan Sayers  
 Bergan Settje  
 Caleb Settje  
 Logan Sindelar  
 Eisley Urban  
 Cody Wendt  
 Kyra White

**SIX YEAR PINS**

Courtney Andersen  
 Hayden Andersen  
 Chloe Aragon  
 Lindley Bailey  
 Luke Belina  
 Dylan Brichacek  
 Hannah Cech  
 Luke Eisenmann  
 Wyatt Eisenmann  
 Cash Fehringer  
 Hunter Gall  
 Shayla Gall  
 Grace Hansen  
 Collin Hopkins  
 Riley Hopkins  
 Ellison Koehn  
 Jacklyn Koehn  
 Blake Loseke  
 Brayden Loseke  
 Carmen Malena  
 Kyle McMullin  
 Jace Prinz  
 Alaina Sayers  
 Parker Sayers  
 Ella Urban  
 Addison Vavricek  
 Allison Vavricek  
 Kayli Vavricek  
 Karly Wendt

Nevaeh Zulkoski

**NINE YEAR PINS**

Jade Bayer  
 Konner Bourek  
 Emma Gall  
 Aubrie Hanna  
 Makenna Held  
 Wyatt Kluck  
 Jacob Kroeger  
 Robert Rocheford  
 Taylor Steffensmeier

**TEN YEAR PINS**

Isaac Baumert  
 Jestin Bayer  
 RJ Bayer  
 Lane Belina  
 Levi Belina  
 Jacob Eisenmann  
 Morgan Gall  
 James Grotelueschen  
 Riana Grotelueschen  
 Jacob Hegemann  
 Noah Holoubek  
 Abigail Lutjelusche  
 MaKenna Lutjelusche  
 Rylan Nelson  
 Natalie Reeves  
 Nora Ruskamp

Vance Sayer  
 ViviAnne Sayer

**ELEVEN YEAR PINS**

Blair Fiala  
 Kellen Fiala  
 Cole Grovijohn  
 Kanyon Held  
 Ella Kappel  
 Hannah Kroeger  
 Audrey Ruskamp

**TWELVE YEAR PINS**

Gracelyn Baumert  
 Logan Fiala  
 Brock Marxsen  
 Gavin Nelson  
 Abby Vogel

**THIRTEEN YEAR PINS**

Jillian Grovijohn  
 Sawyer Kappel  
 Logan Nelson  
 Curtis Novak

**FOURTEEN YEAR PINS**

Austin Steffensmeier

**CLOVER KID CERTIFICATES**



Ava Bahns  
 Birkley Balzer  
 Skylar Baumert  
 Madelyn Belina  
 Blake Bell  
 Kazlee Bourek  
 Colton Brabec  
 Shaynie Burenheide  
 Baker Cinfel  
 Taylor Czarnick  
 Turner Czarnick  
 Brayton Dietrich  
 McCoy Ernst  
 Coy Fehringer  
 Luke Gall

Sawyer Graham  
 Madeline Grovijohn  
 Leah Hansen  
 Caitlyn Hastreiter  
 Kathryn Hicks  
 Brantley Higby  
 Bryce Janata  
 Kreightyn Janata  
 Bennett Jones  
 Khloe Kabes  
 Marrx Kabes  
 Anna Koehn  
 Henry Koehn  
 Alexis Kracl  
 Taytum Larson

Sophie Loseke  
 Cannon Malena  
 Kinlee Olson  
 Bailey Prinz  
 Gunnar Sayers  
 Logan Sayers  
 Aspen Shonka  
 Logan Sindelar  
 Braxton Sobota  
 Brayden Sobota  
 Ian Sobota  
 Kendrik Svehla  
 Cody Wendt  
 Brantley Went  
 Brecken Went



## 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. At the request of the Colfax County 4-H Council, the Quilt of Valor is 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 3rd, 2022.

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