



# 4-H Newsletter

## 4-H Updates

### Premium Checks

Please cash your checks, as soon as possible, for your premiums and any award checks you may have received for items that you entered for the fair. The sooner these get cashed, the better.



### State Fair Exhibitor's

A reminder to everyone that brought in items for the state fair. Please stop by to pick up your items at the Extension Office as soon as possible. Thank you all for your great entries!

### 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 call the Extension office at (402) 352-3821.

In order to receive your recognition for 2023, please send your completed report to the Extension Office by December 1st.

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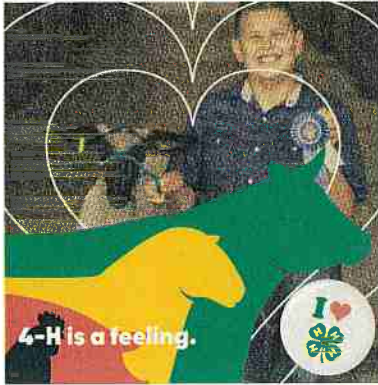
### **Upcoming Events**

October 9: Extension Office  
Closed in Observance of  
Columbus Day

November 7: 4-H Council  
Meeting, Extension Office  
– 7:00 p.m.

November 10: Extension  
Office Closed in Observance  
of Veterans Day





### **4-H Award System**

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 2023, please send your completed report to the Extension Office **by December 1st**. 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 call the Extension office at (402) 352-3821.

### **4-H Award 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. Nominations are due by January 2, 2024.

### **Quilt of Valor 2024 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 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.

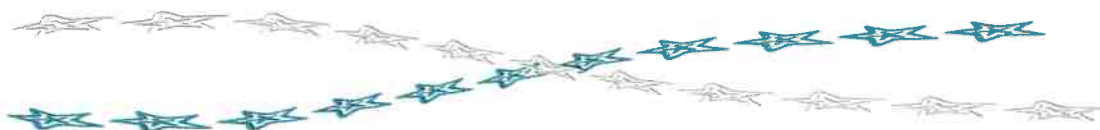
The Quilt created by Colfax County 4-H members will be presented to a deserving Veteran native to Colfax County.

Please use the attached nomination form to nominate a Veteran you know for this honor. If you have any questions, please call the office at: 402-352-3821. Nominations are due by January 2, 2024.



**Congratulations to our 4-H youth who have reached membership milestones! They will be receiving 4-H year pins. We hope you have many 4-H memories to celebrate!**

<p><b><u>3 years</u></b>            Akryn Bell            Blake Bell            Lexie Bruhn            Reann Bruhn            Reese Bruhn            Shaynie Burenheide            Baker Cinfel            Barrett Cinfel            Ava Cuda            Jase Cuda            Turner Czarnick            McCoy Ernst            Michael Erwin            Coy Fehringer            Madeline Grovijohn            Wyatt Hamata            Bryce Janata            Marrx Kabes            Anna Koehn            Taytum Larson            Quinn Parsons            Samuel Rocheford            Gunnar Sayers            Chloe Scott            Aspen Shonka            Kendrik Svehla            Brecken Went</p>	<p><b><u>6 years</u></b>            Reagan Bayer            Karlee Bourek            Livia Cash            Kara Eisenmann            Cooper Fehringer            Benjamin Gall            Rebecca Hastreiter            Hallie Hopkins            Callen Jedlicka            Dusty Jedlicka            Katelyn Ladwig            Tyce Larson            Grayson Loseke            Cruz Malena            Sophia Morfeld            Benjamin Rodenburg            Jaxon Rodenburg            Rowan Stodola            Lainey Urban</p> 	<p><b><u>9 years</u></b>            Levi Andersen            Ava Baumert            Ella Baumert            Hope Borman            Joshua Eisenmann            Justin Eisenmann            Reagan Graham            Claire Holoubek            James Hunzeker            Bela Jedlicka            Cody Jedlicka            Daphne Jedlicka            Emma Jedlicka            Kaleb Kroeger            Kirsten Ladwig            Emily Lutjelusche            Sydney Reeves            Mic Sayers</p> 	<p><b><u>10 years</u></b>            Eliza Bailey            Hayden Bailey            Rylee Balzer            Tucker Czarnick            Gracelyn Eisenmann            Alessa Gall            Levi Gall            Zachary Gall            Grace Hunzeker            Hailey Hunzeker            Jayda Kingston            Riley Ladwig            Brielle Wolfe            Gunnar Wolfe</p> 
<p><b><u>11 years</u></b>            Konner Bourek            Emma Gall            Aubrie Hanna            Wyatt Kluck            Robert Rocheford            Taylor Steffensmeier</p>	<p><b><u>12 years</u></b>            Isaac Baumert            Lane Belina            James Grotelueschen            MaKenna Lutjelusche            Nora Ruskamp            ViviAnne Sayer</p>	<p><b><u>13 years</u></b>            Blair Fiala            Kellen Fiala            Cole Grovijohn            Ella Kappel            Hanna Kroeger            Audrey Ruskamp</p>	<p><b><u>14 years</u></b>            Brock Marxsen</p>



## Congratulations to our Clover Kids on earning their certificates!

<p>Abigail Ahrens            Matilda Ahrens            Ryker Bahns            Daxten Beller            Weslie Brabec            Evolette Burenheide            Shaynie Burenheide            Emma Cash            Everly Cech            Evelyn Cinfel            Jayton Crosley            Elizabeth Czarnick            Turner Czarnick            Logan Dietrich            Clayton Dostal            Hadlee Dostal            Carly Dvorak            Kayson Dvorak            Ada Ernst            McCoy Ernst</p>	<p>Trent Faltys            Tyler Faltys            Coy Fehringer            Jude Gall            Lawson Gall            Charlotte Grovijohn            Wyatt Hamata            HayLee Heavican            Bryce Janata            Easton Janata            Maci Jedlicka            Kenzie Kabes            Marrx Kabes            Anna Koehn            Kamarie Koehn            William Koehn            Allison Kracl            Levi Kurpgeweit            Paislee Messing            Camden Neesen</p>	<p>William Novak            Brecken Ohlde            Harper Paprocki            Maddix Paprocki            Berkley Pieper            Gunnar Sayers            Oakley Sayers            Baylen Schulz            Aspen Shonka            Lynae Shonka            McCoy Svehla            Kendrick Svehla            Laurel Urban            Thea Urban            Brecken Went</p>	
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### Happy National 4-H Week!

National 4-H Week is the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>! We hope you will all join us in celebrating all the amazing opportunities 4-H has to offer for all youth! On Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> please wear your 4-H t-shirt, and we encourage you to share a photo on the Nebraska Extension in Colfax County Facebook page post that day. Thank you to all of you for all you do to support the Colfax County 4-H program!





### **Popcorn, Coffee, and Cappuccino, and Hot Chocolate Sales**

Letters and order forms for the 2024 popcorn, coffee, cappuccino, and hot chocolate sales will be mailed to all 4-H families the beginning of November. Please be sure to watch for this in the mail.

4-H Council fundraisers support: 4-H leader materials, year pins for 4-H members and leaders, 4-H Diamond Clover pins, County 4-H award medals, 4-H promotional items, 4-H camp scholarships, senior 4-H scholarships (*\$250 per recipient*), scholarships for national and regional 4-H competitive events, scholarships for National 4-H Congress, 4-H t-shirts (*free shirts are provided to first year members, and partial costs are paid for other 4-H members*), 4-H speech contest premium and awards, contest entry fees, and renovations to the food stand.

We appreciate everyone's efforts towards a successful 2024 popcorn, coffee, cappuccino, and hot chocolate fundraiser!

### **Upcoming Events:**

October 6: Wear your 4-H t-shirt for National 4-H Week

October 9: Extension Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

November 7: 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office – 7:00 p.m.

November 10: Extension Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

November 23-24: Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Nov 28: Order forms from the popcorn, coffee, cappuccino, and hot chocolate sales due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

December 1: Completed Diamond Clover and Achievement Applications due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

December 25-January 1: Extension Office Closed; Happy Holidays!

January 2: 4-H Award Nominations due to Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

January 2: Quilt of Valor Nominations due to Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

2023

**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 2, 2024 to: Nebraska Extension - Colfax County  
PO Box 389  
Schuyler, NE 68661



**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. The quilt was exhibited at the Colfax County Fair and the Nebraska State Fair. At the request of the Colfax County 4-H Council, the Quilt of Valor has been brought back to Colfax County 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 2, 2024.

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  
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