



Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

4-H Newsletter October 2022

Office Update:

Please Call Before Coming to the Extension Office

Due to limited staff and programming, there are times that the office may be closed during some upcoming conferences. We greatly appreciate all of you and do not want anyone to make a trip when no one is in the office who is able to assist you. Please call 402-352-3821 prior to coming to the office to ensure that someone is at the office. There is a drop box out front if you ever need to drop something off when the office is closed. Thank you to everyone for your understanding and support!

4-H Updates:

Congratulations to Eliza Bailey!

We would like to congratulate Eliza Bailey who will be representing Colfax County in the National Junior Horticulture Judging Association's judging competition! Eliza will be competing at the convention held in Towson, Maryland October 7th through the 10th. Good luck and we are so proud of you Eliza!

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! Premium checks are with your exhibits and will be given when your projects are picked up. There is an expiration date on the checks, so please be sure to pick everything up promptly.

Become a 4-H Youth Leadership Conference Ambassador!

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 at the 2023 4-H Youth Leadership Conference!

The deadline for applications for the Ambassador team is **Friday, October 14th, 2022!** Apply here: <https://go.unl.edu/2023ylcambassador>

If selected our first meeting will be Sunday, November 6th, 2022, 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 16th-17th, 2023* at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey, NE!

If you have questions or would like to know more please contact Julie Schultz (jschultz28@unl.edu) or Stacey Keys (stacey.keys@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 call the Extension office at (402) 352-3821.



In order to receive your recognition for 2022, please send your completed report to the Extension Office **by December 2nd**.

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 2022, please send your completed report to the Extension Office **by December 2nd**. 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.

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 2023 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 call the office at: 402-352-3821.

Calendar

Oct 10: Extension Office closed in observation of Columbus Day

Oct 10: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Oct 17: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Oct 24: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Nov 7: 4-H Council meeting - Clarkson Public Library @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Nov 14: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Nov 21: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Nov 24 & 25: Extension Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Nov 28: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Dec 12: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Dec 19: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.

Jan 3: Nomination Forms due to the Extension Office

Dec 24th-Jan 2nd: 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

Ava Bahns
Birkley Balzer
Kazlee Bourek
Colton Brabec
Easton Brabec
Kaylee Brabec
Jackson Greene
Olivia Hake
Caitlyn Hastreiter
Kreightyn Janata
Khloe Kabes
Alexis Kracl
Sophie Loseke
Cannon Malena
Ryan McMullin
Kipton Oehlich
Bella Podany
Blaine Sindelar
Axel Vavricek
Brantley Went
Blair Wietfeld

SIX YEAR PINS

Jordyn Balzer
Isabel Belina
Oliver Belina
Audrey Brabec
Dillon Brabec
Trevor Czarnick

Garrett Graham
Dylan Higby
Dezaraiy Jones
Nile Jones
Coleigh Kluck
Madilyn Koehn
Avery Ladwig
McKenzie Sindelar
Bailey Sucha
Reese Wietfeld
Alyse Wolfe
Colton Wurdeman

NINE YEAR PINS

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
Dalton Zulkoski

TEN YEAR PINS

Konner Bourek
Emma Gall
Aubrie Hanna
Wyatt Kluck
Robert Rocheford
Taylor Steffensmeier

ELEVEN YEAR PINS

Isaac Baumert
Lane Belina
Levi Belina
Jacob Eisenmann
Morgan Gall
James Grotelueschen
Riana Grotelueschen
Noah Holoubek
MaKenna Lutjelusche
Rylan Nelson
Nora Ruskamp
ViviAnne Sayer

TWELVE YEAR PINS

Blair Fiala
Kellen Fiala
Cole Grovijohn
Kanyon Held
Ella Kappel
Hanna Kroeger

Audrey Ruskamp

THIRTEEN YEAR PINS

Gracelyn Baumert
Brock Marxsen
Gavin Nelson
Abby Vogel



CLOVER KID CERTIFICATES

Abigail Ahrens
Matilda Ahrens
Ava Bahns
Birkley Balzer
Kalyn Beller
Kazlee Bourek
Colton Brabec
Anden Brester
Shaynie Burenheide
Emma Cash
Everly Cech
Baker Cinfel
Turner Czarnick
Logan Dietrich
Hadlee Dostal

Ada Ernst
McCoy Ernst
Coy Fehringer
Lawson Gall
Aria Gomez
Charlotte Grovijohn
Madeline Grovijohn
Eli Hake
Emmett Hake
Caitlyn Hastreiter
HayLee Heavican
Bryce Janata
Kreightyn Janata
Kenzie Kabes
Marrx Kabes

Anna Koehn
William Koehn
Levi Kurpgeweit
Sophie Loseke
Cannon Malena
Brecken Ohlde
Maddix Paprocki
Berkley Pieper
Gunnar Sayers
Kendrik Svehla
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. 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 3, 2023.

Thank you!

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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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
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