



Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

4-H Newsletter September 2022

See you soon!

Dear 4-H Families,

Where do I begin? I guess with the obvious, as you know, I'm transitioning to the Nebraska Extension in Wayne County office on September 1. I will be the 4-H Educator for Wayne and Pierce counties, same thing I do here, just a different location.

The last seven years have been an absolute joy. Getting to know you, work with you, and learn from you has been a great experience for me. You let me into your personal lives, you let me get to know you outside of our 4-H events, and I loved every minute! We became friends. You trusted me with your child/ren and knew they would be okay when interacting with me. That is the greatest honor you could have given me. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you for the laughs, the tears, the excitement, the energy, for welcoming me, embracing my crazy ideas and going with the flow when things didn't work out quite right. I have no doubt in my mind that Colfax 4-H is one of the best programs around and that is because of all of you and for that I am grateful to have spent even the smallest amount of time here. I will cherish my memories and experiences I've had here forever.

A piece of my heart will always reside in Colfax County.

Till I see you again,

Miss Julie

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!

State Fair Results:

Congratulations to the 4-Her's who participated at State Fair Judging Contests

- **Horticulture ID Contest**

Senior Team - Colfax/Platte - 1st Place

Eliza Bailey - 4th (Purple Ribbon)

Hayden Bailey - 10th place (Blue Ribbon)

Intermediate - Individuals

Lindley Bailey - (Red Ribbon)

Akryn Bell - (Red Ribbon)

- **Weed & Grass ID Contest**

Senior - Individual

Josh Eisenmann - 3rd Place (Purple Ribbon)

Intermediate - Individuals

Justin Eisenmann - 8th Place (Blue Ribbon)

Akryn Bell - (White Ribbon)





Entomology Contest

Senior - Individual

Josh Eisenmann - 3rd Place (Purple Ribbon)

Intermediate - Individual

Justin Eisenmann - 4th Place (Purple Ribbon)

Congratulations to the 4-Her's who participated at State Fair Animal Shows

- Carmen Malena - Grand Champion Senior Swine Showman, Reserve Champion Market Barrow
- Jace Prinz - Reserve Champion Foundation Simmental Breeding Heifer
- Allison Vavricek - Grand Champion Senior Sheep Showman, Grand Champion Hampshire Market Lamb

State Fair Special Recognition

- Levi Belina - Special Recognition (Woodworking Article)
- Josh Eisenmann - Special Recognition (Lighting Comparison)
- Josh Eisenmann - Special Recognition (Large Animal Poster or Display)
- Kara Eisenmann - Special Recognition (Large Pieced Quilt)
- Luke Eisenmann - Special Recognition (Alter Your Pattern)
- Bela Jedlicka - Special Recognition (Furniture - Fabric Covered)

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.

4-H Council Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Food Stand a success this year at the 2022 Colfax County Fair. Your hard work will help support the following programs and activities during the upcoming year:

- 4-H leader materials*
- Year pins for 4-H members & leaders*
- 4-H Diamond Clover pins*
- County 4-H award medals*
- Fashion Revue medals*
- 4-H promotional items*
- 4-H camp scholarships*
- Senior 4-H scholarships - \$200 per applicant*
- Scholarships toward National & Regional 4-H Contests*
- Scholarships toward National 4-H Congress 4-H T-shirts*
- 4-H Speech Contest premiums and awards*

Contest entry fees - registration fees for: PASE (State Livestock Judging Contest), District & State Speech/PSA contest, State Fashion Revue contest, State Horticulture, Weed/Grass ID, Tree ID, & Insect ID contests, District & State Presentation contest

Support for educational workshops - partial registration fees for county 4-H workshops

Renovations to the food stand



Colfax County 4-H'ers receive 2nd and 3rd at the Youth Crop Scouting Competition

We would like to congratulate the achievements of the Colfax County 4-H Crop Scouting teams. Our team consisting of Josh Eisenmann, Rylan Nelson, Mic Sayers, and Hayden Bailey received second place. Our other team representing Colfax County with members of Cody Jedlicka, Callen Jedlicka, Daphne Jedlicka, and Justin Eisenmann received 3rd. We are so proud of all of your hard work and achievements! A special thank you to our coaches Steve Nelson and Justin Zoucha!

Teams of students participated by completing a written knowledge test and eight crop scouting exercises. The purpose of the competition was to provide students an opportunity to learn crop scouting and principles of integrated pest management (IPM) for corn and soybeans in Nebraska, to obtain knowledge and skills that will be helpful in future careers and to demonstrate newer crop scouting technologies.

If youth are interested in competing at next year's Crop Scouting Competition, please contact the Extension office and we will get more team information to you when it is available.

More information about the crop scouting competition is available online at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth. Click on the link that says, "Crop Scouting Competition" on the right hand side of the page.



Crop Scouting Team members: back row from left to right: coach Steve Nelson, and team members: Daphne Jedlicka, Hayden Bailey, Rylan Nelson, Mic Sayers, and coach Justin Zoucha. In the front row team members Cody Jedlicka, Justin Eisenmann, Josh Eisenmann, and Callen Jedlicka.

Calendar

- Sept 10-11: Norfolk Beef Expo
- Sept 12: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.
- Sept 19: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.
- Sept 20: 4-H Council meeting - Howells Public Library @ 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 26: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.
- Oct 3: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.
- 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 28: 4-H Robotics @ 5:00 p.m.
- 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.
- Dec 24th-Jan 2nd: Colfax County Extension Office Closed. Happy Holidays! We will reopen January 3rd at 8:30 a.m.**