Nebraska Extension in Colfax County 4-H Newsletter
November 2015

Staff Spotlight

We have some new faces at the Extension Office! Scott Reiner is our 4-H Program Assistant. Scott will be working with the 4-H program in Colfax County and doing school enrichment programs. Julie Crandall is an Extension Educator focused on Expanded Learning Opportunities. Julie C. will focus her time on the afterschool programs in Colfax, Madison, and Platte Counties. She will be located in the Homestead Center in downtown Schuyler. Please read their introductions about themselves and help us Welcome Scott and Julie C. to Colfax County!

Scott Reiner, 4-H Assistant for Colfax County, started his work here on September 28th. Scott grew up living outside West Point, NE. Scott Attended Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Wayne State College and Peru State College to obtain his Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Before coming to Colfax County, Scott worked with kids with troubled backgrounds in Omaha and with drug and alcohol rehabilitation in Columbus. Scott will be focusing on school enrichment and the afterschool program in Colfax County. Scott is excited to start this new job that he will be doing.

Julie Crandall, the second 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator in Colfax County, started her work here on September 21st. Julie grew up outside of Wilcox, Ne and was a 10 year 4-H member in Phelps County. She received her bachelor’s degree in Nutrition, Exercise, and Health Sciences and her master’s degree in Youth Development from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Before coming to Colfax County, Julie worked as the 4-H Assistant in Cuming County where she gained a great deal of experience. In her new role, Julie will focus on Expanded Learning Opportunities, and after-school programming in Schuyler, Norfolk, and Columbus. Julie is excited to start this new job and about that work she will be doing.

Thank You Notes

Please send a Thank You note to your award sponsors that you received at County fair along with your awards. We have heard from several sponsors that they have not received a thank you. Sending a thank you note is a nice gesture to those who generously donated your award and shows your appreciation of their support for the Colfax County 4-H program! This is support we don’t want to lose; send your Thank You notes today!

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 Kreikemeier at the Extension office: 402-352-3821 or at jkreikemeier5@unl.edu

In order to receive your recognition for 2015, please send your completed report to the Extension office by December 1st.

Office Closed

The Extension office will be closed November 11th in observance of Veteran’s Day and November 26th & 27th for Thanksgiving.

4-H Awards

County and District 4-H Award applications are due December 1 at the Extension Office. Remember you can only receive a specific county award once.

Facebook

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook at Nebraska Extension in Colfax County! We update the page regularly with reminder of dates, events, and pictures. Search Nebraska Extension in Colfax County to like our page!

Job Opportunities

Summer 2016 4-H/Activity Internship (May – August 2016) with the Masonic – Eastern Star Home for Children. The Position with be responsible for supervision of young people at the home during the summer months. The position will involve working with children and willingness to work with other interns and the 4-H coordinator. Applicant will need to be a positive role model for young persons and work well with all staff at the home and follow all policies and procedures. Applicant must be 21 years of age, be a high school graduate and have a Nebraska Drivers license free of any major traffic violations. Having a background in 4-H, agriculture, Industrial technology, psychology, sociology, human services, teaching or criminal justice would be helpful but not required. There are 4 positions available paying $10/Hour and the hours are 8am – 4pm M-F (Some minimal weekend hours). If interested contact Todd Thomason, Director of childcare services at masonic-Eastern Star home for Children, at 402-721-1185 or email at tthomason@meshc.org.

Sincerely,

Aaron Nygren
Extension Educator

Julie Kreikemeier
Extension Educator
2016
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 4 to: Nebraska Extension - Colfax County
PO Box 389
Schuyler, NE