



4-H Newsletter

4-H Updates

Office Closed

The Extension Office will be closed December 24 through January 1 for Holiday Break. We will re-open on January 2. Happy Holidays!



Quilt of Valor Sewing Workday

Sewing workday for the Quilt of Valor has been scheduled for Thursday, January 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Social Hall (Southeast corner of 802 A Street) in Schuyler. 4-H members will participate in cutting, piecing and sewing a quilt top for a Quilt of Valor that will be presented to a local veteran at the 4-H Volunteer Banquet in January 2026. 4-H members with any, or no level of sewing experience are invited and highly encouraged to participate.

Since the Extension Office will be closed for the holidays, please register by sending a text or calling Jeanne Scheuneman at 402-689-4230. We ask that you register if you plan to attend so we have appropriate supplies ready for the workday. You will also need to bring a sack lunch with you that day.

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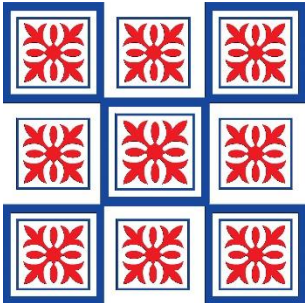
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4-H Award Nominations Needed

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, 2025.



Quilt of Valor 2025 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 presented 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 presented 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, 2025.



Gearing up in 2025

The new year will soon be here and that means it's time to re-organize 4-H clubs. Please let us know if you need help getting started or re-organized in your clubs. Be sure to invite new members and families in your community to join your 4-H group.

Upcoming Events:

December 11: Popcorn Pick Up Date. *(Please watch your emails for more information on times and locations)*

December 24-January 1:

Extension Office Closed.

Happy Holidays!

January 2: Quilt of Valor Sewing Workday, Presbyterian Church Social Hall, Schuyler
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

January 2: Quilt of Valor and Awards Nomination Forms due to the Extension Office

January 7: 4-H Council Meeting in Leigh at the Fairgrounds
6:00 p.m.

January 8: 4-H Livestock Superintendent Meeting in Leigh at the Fairgrounds 7:00 p.m.

January 20: Extension Office Closed in observance of Martin Lutheran King Day.

January 26: 4-H Volunteer Banquet

4-H Council Representatives

A reminder to ALL 4-H clubs! If you need to nominate new 4-H Council representatives, please nominate them before the March meeting. If a club doesn't have 4-H Council representatives, it has no voice on how to allocate the resources of the 4-H Council to support your club's success in Colfax County. Remember that all youth representatives have 1-year terms, and that adult representatives have 2-year terms, but both youth and adults can serve multiple terms. We have quite a few adult representatives whose terms are up, so be sure to have them in place by the March 10th 4-H Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Schuyler at the Extension Office.

Independent members can also be on the 4-H Council. If you are an independent member and either you &/or your parents are interested in being on the 4-H Council, please call the extension office.

Holiday Fundraiser

A big THANK YOU to everyone who bought and sold popcorn, coffee, hot chocolate and cappuccino with the 4-H Council 2024 fundraiser! 475 popcorn and 165 coffee, hot chocolate, and cappuccino items were sold in 2024!

Congratulations to the top 3 families that sold the most items.

- Karlee, Kazlee, Konner and Kyller Bourek
- Jude, Lawson and Rixtyn Gall
- Birkley, Jordyn and Rylee Balzer



Thank
You

2024

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, 2025 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, 2025.

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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