



# Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

## 4-H Newsletter September 2024

### Thank You!

It has been a joy working with the youth, parents, volunteers, and fellow co-workers in Colfax County. August 30th marked my last day at Colfax Extension. Moving forward, I plan to spend more time with my family and teach classes online.

I cannot express enough gratitude for the dedication and passion Colfax County has for the 4-H program and the incredible youth in this community. Thank you for all the "yes" answers and for raising such remarkable young people!

My boys will continue to be active in Colfax County 4-H, so this is not goodbye—just see you later!

Stephanie Bell



### 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 Static Exhibitors

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 and Achievement Applications

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.

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. 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 Diamond Clover or Achievement programs, please call the Extension office at (402) 352-3821.

In order to receive your recognition for 2024, please send your completed report to the Extension **Office by December 2nd before 4:30pm.**





# 2024 State Fair Results

## STATIC EXHIBIT SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

(Special Recognition listed, for full results go to <https://nebraska4hresults.com/>)

- **Josh Eisenmann:** Special Recognition - Wildlife Diorama
- **Reagan Graham:** Special Recognition - Accessory-3D
- **Rebecca Hastreiter:** Photography II - Chosen for Special Exhibition
- **Claire Holoubek:** Photography III - Chosen for Special Exhibition
- **Bela Jedlicka:** Special Recognition - Original Mixed Media Visual Arts
- **Bela Jedlicka:** Special Recognition - Original Art Inspired by Plants or



## LIVESTOCK RESULTS

(Special Recognition listed, for full results go to <https://nebraska4hresults.com/>)

- **Daphne Jedlicka:** Champion Division 1 Dorset Market Lamb
- **Bailey Prinz:** 3rd Place Junior Beef Showmanship
- **Addison Vavricek:** Champion Division I Market Goat; Grand Champion Market Goat; 3rd Place Senior Goat Showmanship; 3rd Place Senior Goat Showmanship
- **Allison Vavricek:** Champion Division VI Other Registered Meat Breed Ewes
- **Brantley Went:** Champion Commercial Doe-Kid; Champion Division 1 Market Goat; Reserve Overall Champion Market Doe; Supreme Champion Breeding Doe; 3rd Place Junior Goat Showmanship



## CONTEST RESULTS:

### Insect Identification Contest:

Intermediate Division:

- **Kara Eisenmann** - 5th Blue

Senior Division:

- **Josh Eisenmann** - 3rd Purple

### Weed and Grass Identification Contest:

Intermediate Division:

- **Kara Eisenmann** - 5th Purple

Senior Division:

- **Josh Eisenmann** - 3rd Purple





Congratulations to the Colfax County Crop Scouting Teams. They competed August 7th At ENREEC.

Participation included 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.

Team one (left) included Josh Eisenmann, Mic Sayers, Hayden Bailey and Rylan Nelson, who finished 3rd overall. Team two (right) included Daphne Jedlicka, Justin Eisenmann, Callen Jedlicka and Cody Jedlicka who finished 1st overall. The top team will represent us at regionals in Minnesota in September. We are proud of their efforts and wish them well in Minnesota. A special thank you to our coaches Steve Nelson, Logan Nelson, Korbin Kudera and Justin Zoucha.

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.



### Upcoming Events:

- September 14: Regional Crop Scouting Competition (Minnesota)
- October 14: Extension Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
- November 4: 4-H Council Meeting, Clarkson Library, 7:00 p.m.
- November 11: Extension Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day
- November 28th-29th : Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 2: Completed Diamond Clover and Achievement Applications due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.
- December 24-January 1: Extension Office Closed; Happy Holidays

