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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST
• 4HOnline
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4hOnline
With another year of experience in 4hOnline, we hope that your interaction with the site went well! With that being said, now is a great time to review your 4hOnline account to make sure your data is accurate. This can mean your contact information, but years in each project and other data needs to be corrected prior to the end of the current 4-H year. September is the month for staff to do reviews, reports and maintenance; so please let us know of issues or corrections as soon as possible.

Screened and registered 4-H adult volunteers who do not have an active enrollment in 4hOnline yet will need to get this done as soon as possible! You could be in jeopardy of losing your status as a registered Kansas 4-H Volunteer. Members, as a reminder, club and project enrollment will not automatically propagate in your accounts, so please watch carefully come enrollment time. Stay tuned for more information, but please note that the enrollment process for the 2022-2023 year will not begin until October 1.

Record Books—A Summary of Your 4-H Year
To mitigate stress, I hope that everyone has been working on their 4-H records throughout the year. In addition to the PDF versions of the Kansas 4-H Record Reports, Meadowlark District has continued to utilize the Kansas 4-H Record online template with ZSuite. Remember the completion of a 4-H Record Book is part of the annual requirement of 4H membership. During October, Record Books will be evaluated to determine local Project Champions. Members remember to only use the project records located on the Meadowlark District website, https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html. Please consult with your Club Leader as your club most likely asks for these to be turned in at the club level much earlier than the deadline in which they are due to the office. Club Leaders need to review and submit record books to the Extension office.

Important Due Date—September 30
As with every year, September 30 is the last day of the 4-H year. This time of year is also a beneficial time to reflect on your year in 4-H: did you meet your goals, what have you learned, how can you improve for next year, have you grown as a young person through your 4-H work? The 4H record book, especially Permanent Record and 4-H Story, is a perfect place to journal this reflection. LEADERS – September 30 is the date that completed 4-H Record Books, Achievement Pin applications (submitted to you by member), Club Seal Summary reports, Club Goal Summary reports, and other important local forms are all due to the Extension office. All of these forms can be found at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is planned for November 19-20, 2022 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2023. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. Registration will open in Mid-October. Registration deadline is November 1, 2022. For more information go to, https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html.
**Kansas State Fair**

One of the largest events in Kansas will be happening **September 9-18** in Hutchinson - the Kansas State Fair. This is the capstone event for many 4-Hers in project work, but the Fair offers something for everyone.

For information visit the State Fair website: [www.kansasstatefair.com](http://www.kansasstatefair.com/)

All 4-H entries need to be brought to the local Extension Office by noon on **September 6**. We prefer all non-perishable exhibits to be brought in to the office on **September 1 & 2**. Entries will be available to be picked back up **September 22** or thereafter.

4-H results can be found at [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html).

**Youth Council and National Conference Applications**

The Youth Council application and National Conference application are again combined this year. Applicants will indicate if they are applying for one or both opportunities.

This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program regions (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one-year terms on council. Up to six National Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF and they serve a two-year term on council.

Application information for State 4-H Youth leadership Council and National Conference is available at [https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/index.html).

The deadline to apply is **October 1, 2022**.

**48 Hours of 4-H 2022**

Every 4-H Club is encourage to join 4-Hers from across the state this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H alums too!

**When:** October 8-9, 2022  
**Who:** 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni, Partnerships, Community Organizations, Potential 4-H Families

More information can be found at [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/).

**Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum**

The Kansas Volunteer Leaders Forum is an opportunity for volunteers from around the state to learn together while building a network of likeminded passionate adults. Participants will have the opportunity to dive into interactive content they can use to engage their youth members, connect with state and local extension staff to learn about new and exciting 4-H happenings, and engage with the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers as a support system for volunteering efforts throughout the year.

**When:** Tentative Dates - November 19-20, 2022  
**Where:** Rock Springs 4-H Center  
**Registration Deadline:** October 1, 2022  
**More Information:** [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html)
Introduction to Me

Hi, my name is Clay Roland. I became the Meadowlark Extension District 4-H Youth Development Agent effective June 13.

I want to first take the time to say that I am excited to be stepping into this role! I know I have some big shoes to fill, but I am confident that I can do it and put my own unique footprint on the program.

I am initially from Greenfield, Indiana, about half an hour east of Indianapolis. In my youth, my older brother and I were involved heavily in showing swine at the local, state, and national level. We currently have about 15 sows that include Chesters, Crossbreds, and a Tamworth under the moniker RnC Showpigs. We take great pride in raising showpigs that meet the needs and desires of youth across the country while providing advice and tips to anyone willing to reach out.

After high school, I attended Fort Scott Community College where I was a member of the Livestock Judging Team and Collegiate Farm Bureau. After my two years at Fort Scott, I transferred to the University of Nebraska. While in Lincoln I was a member of the Livestock Judging and Meat Animal Evaluation teams. I majored in Animal Science with the focus being on animal production.

Upon graduation, I moved back to Central Indiana for a gap year. During that time, I worked on a non-traditional commercial swine farm acting as a herdsman. Then I took a position at Covance, where I worked in the research sector, as a member of the large animal team, consisting of canines and primates.

I then attended the University of Florida in Gainesville to achieve my Master’s degree in Meat Science. During my time in Gainesville, I coached the Livestock Judging team. On top of this I assisted my major professor with numerous state level 4-H events. My research project was based around auditing the national retail pork supply and required cooking more than two thousand pork chops, evaluating color scores, and testing tenderness. At some point, I look forward to leading a workshop that includes the safe preparation and proper cooking method to make a tender and juicy pork chop!

After successfully defending my thesis and graduating, I took a position as an Agriculture Instructor and Livestock Judging coach at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming. I taught numerous classes focusing on livestock production and animal science. I had the opportunity to travel the country hauling students to local, state and national level shows and contests to judge sheep, goats, cattle, and pigs. I also assisted with the Livestock Show Team where students got hands-on experience on the day-to-day activities to make competitive showpeople.

During my time in Florida and Wyoming, I developed a love of helping students find their passion, develop their interests, and harbor an environment for successful learning. A key factor in doing this was allowing students an environment where they felt comfortable to make mistakes and fail. This philosophy was instilled into me by a mentor when I was young. He would often say “Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly.” I never fully realized what this meant until I became hyper-competitive in livestock judging, and became discouraged that I wasn’t winning the first few contests I went to. The most rewarding aspect in utilizing this method was to identify and develop what made these students tick. I’ve had the opportunity to serve many kinds of students from numerous backgrounds, and this method seemed successful for most students.

This brings me to current times. My wife, Mercedes, and I purchased a house in Lawrence. We moved here with our three dogs, Meeko (greyhound mix), Henni (lab/pit mix) and Norma (bassett hound). Mercedes and I enjoy being in nature, going to pig shows, and attending sporting and music events.

I look forward to serving the Meadowlark District and developing relationships with each of you! I’m excited to get integrated into the community, and serve the community.
Thank You
A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to 4-H’ers, your families, 4-H Ambassadors, Fairboard members and all the Volunteers who made the 2022 Jackson County Fair a big success.

Each 4-Her can be proud of the things they accomplished this year. No matter what color of ribbon you won or how much your premium check is, you are ALL winners because you worked hard and learned many new things along the way.

Jackson County Farm Bureau Association provided a free meal for every 4-Her so a big thank you to them as well. Please take time to write thank you notes to the sponsors of your awards and others that helped with the fair. We need to let our volunteers and sponsors know that we appreciate their continued support.

Any feedback about the fair would be greatly appreciated. Please email me your comments and thoughts. Let me know what you liked this year and what you didn’t like.

Remember to send your Trophy Sponsors and Livestock Buyers Thank You Notes or Cards!
Without their support we wouldn’t have the trophies and premiums that we do. Trophy sponsors labels can be found on the thank you cards, on our website or you may call the office.

State Fair Entries
All exhibits going to the state fair need to be at the Extension Office before noon September 6. We strongly encourage you to bring in your non-perishables state exhibits in September 1 & 2.

Special Thanks to Livestock Sale Crew!
A huge THANKS to Denison State Bank Crew and sale clerks. The Livestock Haulers are a special set of volunteers that help out year after year, working the back and we wouldn’t have had a sale without them. Also thanks to Dan Harris and Cody Askren for being the ring men and auctioneers for the evening. We couldn’t have done it without all of you. Please be sure to send your thank-you’s to the premium buyers, livestock buyers, livestock sale crew & clerks.

Record Books
The last phase of the 4-H year is the record book process. All 4-Hers will need to complete their record books. Please be sure to go back to the email sent about record book information as it is a different process this year. All 4-Hers 14 years and older will fill out the record book pages and then if they are selected as the winner in that area they then will have a chance to fill out the KAP to compete at Area KAP judging. All the record book forms, permanent record, personal page and KAP can be found on the Meadowlark District website www.meadowlark.ksu.edu. It’s time to record what happened during the year, what you’ve learned, what brought you success, and what you can improve upon. Community Leader’s will receive information on nominating 4-Hers for county awards. Your record books are due to your club leaders.

Key Award
This is a state-wide award, the standards are set by the State 4-H Department. Applicants must be 16 years old by January 1, 2022 and enrolled in leadership at least four years.
Fair Royalty
Congratulations to our 2021-2022 4-H Royalty, who were crowned on June 15. They are the following:

- **Queen** - Eryn Vaughan, Billtown Go-Getters 4-H Club
- **Princess** - Lauren Conser, Prosperity 4-H Club
- **Prince** - Dalton Westbrook, Valley Victors 4-H Club.

We appreciated them being present to hand out awards at pre-fair and fair judging events.

Thank you to each participant in the contest.

Fair Thank You
We were all thankful for the rain and cooler temperatures during our fair. It was a great week and we are so happy to have so many talented and supportive people as part of our team.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, whose dedication and experience make our events run smoothly. Each of you play an important role in making our fair run smoothly, and when it doesn’t, you lend a helping hand to make things better.

THANK YOU TO OUR 4-H MEMBERS! It was great seeing your project work and hearing judge’s comments. We hope you will take suggestions that the judges made for improvements and apply it as you set goals for next year in each of your projects.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AWARD DONORS, LIVESTOCK AND COOKIE JAR BUYERS! Use our Donor Books, which are available in the office and on our webpage, to find out who you need to thank. Don’t forget your club leaders, project leaders, and anyone else who helped you with your project work this year.

Fair Follow-Up
Premium Checks will be mailed to club leaders for distribution to members with fair exhibits. Premium Fund Donors can be found near the back of the Donor Book. Take time to let them know you appreciate their generosity.

Livestock Premium Checks will be mailed directly to members and will include a small deduction to cover buyers plaques, accounting fees and other costs associated with the sale.

Ideas on what you liked about our fair and improvements that you would like to see can be given to your club council rep. to be discussed at the next 4-H Council meeting.

Several lost and found items have been turned in. If you are missing a watch, kids sweatshirt or tools, please contact the office.

Project Record Books
Yes, it’s time to get those completed and turned into your club leader by your club’s designated deadline in September. Don’t be late! You must use the project records found on the Meadowlark website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html You only need to turn in your 2021-2022 records, along with your Permanent Record. Use the Project Nomination Form, available from your leader or the office, to circle those projects you would like to be considered for an award in. This form and your Member Achievement Pin application should be placed in the front of your record book. You are not eligible for county or area awards unless record books are completed. 4-H members who complete and turn in record books on time get a free meal at the Achievement Banquet.

It’s OK to have goals this past year that were not achieved, or have extra challenges that you did not plan for. Write about these types of things in the Project Reflection part of your project records. We can learn a lot from our successes and challenges.
Oskaloosa News cont.

Record Book Judging
We will judge record books on October 13 at the Oskaloosa City Hall. At least four older teens/adults from every club are needed to select project award winners from another county. We will have three “formal” shifts (9:00 am-12:30 pm/12:30-4:00 pm/4:00-8:00 pm), but are flexible if you can come and help at any time. Please let Linda know if you can help, and the time that works for you, by October 7.

Seneca Office News

Thank You
The 2022 Fair was a great success because of all the help we had! We would like to THANK all the volunteers, superintendents, fair board members and 4-Hers who helped make the Nemaha County Fair a success.

Total exhibit numbers at the fair
2022 - Static exhibits – 1193
- Animals - 358
2021 - Static exhibits - 1075
- Animals - 332

Please Thank Sponsors
Over 100 businesses and individuals contributed thousands of dollars to the fair, not including the livestock auction. Please make sure that if you received an award of any type that you take the time and write the sponsor a thank you. It is not too late; in fact, you should thank them multiple times throughout the year! If you are not sure, contact Deb.

Recycle and Save Council $$!
Did you know that we can reuse the bags your photos are displayed in? Yes, why not bring them in and let us reuse them. If you no longer want your ribbons, plaques or even achievement pins, these can also be brought into the office to be recycled.

Extra Special Thank You
Make sure to tell each Fairboard member THANK YOU. They put a lot of time and effort into making sure you 4-Hers have a fair. A list of all Fairboard members can be found in the fairbook on page 8.

THANK YOU to Mike Stallbaumer for providing live coverage of the livestock shows and auction. If you missed these shows they can still be found on the Nemaha County Kansas Fair Facebook page.

We were able to have the live coverage because of Rainbow Communications. So make sure to thank them, as well.

Fair Premium Checks
Premium checks will be sent to the club treasurers in September. The club treasurer will then hand out premium money to exhibitors at your club meetings.

Livestock premium checks, decorated cakes, cookie jars and bread basket checks will be mailed directly to members in September. You will see a small deduction to cover banners and meals for buyers, accounting fees and other cost associated with sale. 4-Hers please remember to send your buyers a thank you!

If you see a green ribbon on your statement. That is for any exhibits that were not pre-entered. If you have a yellow ribbon, those are for exhibits taken before check-out time. You will not be paid for either of these ribbons.

Fair Suggestions
Is there something you would like to see happen differently at the 4-H fair next year? Did you think something went well and want to make sure it doesn’t get changed? If so, email Deb and she will forward this on to the Fairboard members. You can also talk with any Fairboard member; they are always open to suggestions.

State Fair Entries
All exhibits going to the state fair need to be at the Extension Office before 4:30 pm

September 6. We strongly encourage you to bring in your non-perishables state exhibits before September 1. You will be able to pick up your state fair entries anytime on September 22 or thereafter.

Time to Enroll
The new 4-H year begins October 1. Returning members need to re-enroll in the existing 4honline account by November 1 to avoid penalties.

National 4-H Week
Mark your calendars for Oct 2-8, as it is National 4-H Week. I am requesting that all 4-H members wear a 4-H shirt to school October 5.

Record Book Judging
We will start judging Jefferson County Record Books on October 10 at 9:00 am in the Community Building meeting room. All clubs are required to provide at least 2 adult volunteers, giving 8 hours of judging time. The more volunteers, adult or older 4-Hers that we have, the quicker judging will go. If you plan to attend later in the day, a phone call to the office to check on the status of the workload is suggested before you come.

4-H Council
Our next 4-H Council meeting will be October 11 at 7:30 pm. This will be for the 2022 club representatives. Please come with ideas for “Friend of 4-H” and fair theme ideas.
**Seneca News cont.**

4-H Record Books

The last phase of the 4-H year is the record book process. All 4-Hers will need to complete their record books. All forms can be found on our website [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html) It’s time to record what happened during the year, what you’ve learned, what brought you success and what you can improve upon.

There is a general and livestock record. You only need to fill out one form for each project you are enrolled in and not each exhibit you took to the fair. **We ask that you turn in only your 2021-2022 records to your club leader in a 1” 3 ring binder.** Make sure you have a cover page on the binder with your name and club. If you have questions or need help with your records, please contact Deb, she will be happy to help you.

All record books are to go to your club leaders and not dropped off at the Extension office. Each club has set due dates for your record book to be turned into your club leader. **Make sure to also turn in your Achievement Pin application and Event Scholarship Application which can be found on our website.**

4-H Achievement Event

Mark your calendars for the 2022 Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Event to be held **November 22** at the Nemaha County Community Building. More details will be in the next newsletter.

Fair Pictures

This year we purchased a new camera and iPad. During the fair we used these to take many pictures! So, we decided to share a file so you can all grab the photos you want for your record books. This link will be open for about a month. [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j4w6FGmZoAcZnWyxLT_VC5ATvA_GaQc?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j4w6FGmZoAcZnWyxLT_VC5ATvA_GaQc?usp=sharing)

Community Service Ideas

Are you or your club looking for a Community Service project? We would like to have someone paint photo cut out boards to have around the fair grounds. Get with Deb for more information.

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The Meadowlark District Encourages YOU to Volunteer!

We invite you to make the difference in the life of a young person. Volunteers make 4-H possible through the passion, skills, and talents they share with young people. 4-H volunteers are screened and receive ongoing training.

How do you get started? Talking to your local extension office is your first step in the volunteer process. You will then complete your application through 4-H Online. All Kansas 4-H volunteers must complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening process through their local Extension Office to work with Kansas 4-H youth. Your local Extension Office will guide you through the process.

Kansas 4-H offers a wide variety of involvement opportunities for adult volunteers, from a one-time event or program to a multi-year experience as a club or project leader. There are many roles for volunteers, check with your local club and/or Extension Office for more information.

Outbound Exchanges Resume in 2022

The IFYE exchange program will continue to offer opportunities for 4H alum next year. Students will have the opportunity to travel for 2, 3, or 6 months. Currently there are agreement with Austria, Germany, Morocco, Norway, Slovenia, South Korea, Switzerland, Wales, Finland, Germany, and Thailand.

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**Why 4-H??**

*(Noting the IMPACT of the 4-H Program in the lives of young people, in their own words.)*

“I am beyond thankful for my time in 4-H, the lessons and skills learned through it, and all of the friendships that have come along the way. Being able to tell people that I am 4-H Grown is something that I am so proud of.”
### Calendar of Events

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The Meadowlark Extension District offices are closed Monday, **September 5** in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, **September 6**.