Congratulations to the Ray County 4-H High School Graduates!
“All the 4-H Best” to our seniors: Colby Anderson & Kaitlyn Zimmerman of Excelsior; Joe Wollard of Hardin; Grace Black & Jayla Jones of Lawson; McKenzie Hayson & Aaron Shank of Richmond.

Kaitlyn Zimmerman of Clever Clovers 4-H Club received a $2500 Goppert 4-H Foundation scholarship! 65 scholarships were awarded to graduating 4-H members.

Evan LaDue of Orrick 4-H, LaDonna Wollard & Cloyce Wollard of Central 4-H stepped forward for camp counselor training.

STATE HORSE HIPPOLOGY CONTESTS:
Horse Bowl—Emily Henderson of Guys & Gals placed 2nd high individual.
Hippology—Senior Team placed 6th at state. High individuals:
Emily Henderson was 6th & Kaitlyn Zimmerman was 10th.
Senior team members: Tonni Gonzalez & Kaitlyn Zimmerman of Clever Clovers and Emily Henderson of Guys & Gals.

Thanks to Kim Zimmerman for taking the lead in working with the hippology teams!

TO MY MOTHER
I want to thank you, Mother, for your patience... your encouragement... your strength... your generosity... your unswerving love... and for those six little words that helped me through...
RAY COUNTY FAIR/MO STATE FAIR

Ray County Fairbook is on-line at http://extension.missouri.edu/ray
Will notify clubs when to pick up printed copies.
MO State Fairbook to be on-line May 7th.

4-H COUNCIL

The Ray County 4-H Council will meet on Monday, May 20th, 7PM at the Extension Center in Eagleton. Clubs need to report on their specific fair assignment.

SHOW ME WARES @ STATE FAIR

Show Me 4-H Wares Sales Booth is for members who want to sell their 4-H projects or other original items at the MSF: August 13th-16th. Applications for a booth are due by July 1st!
For more information go to http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/showmewares.htm

BLUE RIBBON 4K RUN

Come on--let’s join these two clubs with their special assistance to the Ray County Fair! Central 4-H & Millville 4-H invite YOU to join the FUN as we RUN & WALK around the City of Richmond in support of the Ray County Fair. The race starts at 8AM on Saturday, June 27th at the Ray County Fairgrounds. Register @ 7:30 AM.

If you pre-register by June 5th the entry fee is $20, after that it is $25  Email contact: dwollard@greenhills.net or phone--Amanda Wollard @ 816-506-0055

FOCUS ON MO AG PHOTO CONTEST

Send your best snapshots of Missouri Agriculture for this year’s Focus on Missouri Agriculture photo contest!
Contest entries will be displayed in the Ag Building at the MSF in Sedalia, August 13-23, and winners will be recognized at the 46th MO Governor's Conference on Agriculture. Photos will be accepted through Monday, June 15, 2015.

Eligibility– The contest is open to any amateur photographer and a special prize will be awarded to the best photo submitted by a child, age 12 and under. Photographers may submit up to three entries per category, and the entries must show some aspect of agriculture including food production or ag-tourism in Missouri. Online form: https://apps.mda.mo.gov/webforms/Photo-Contest

4-H PROJECT RESOURCES at eXtension

Yes, it is spelled correctly, with a little “e” and a big “X”. eXtension is a on-line community of Cooperative Extension resources from across the country. By going to www.extension.org you can find a wealth of information on topics, also called Communities of Practice, such as horses; goats; rabbits; and science, engineering and technology for youth. Once at their home page you can go to Resource Areas and see the topics available. And more are being added all the time. Under Goats you can find Instructional Videos. There are YouTube videos. If you need project resources on water, geospatial technology, energy and other science topics, eXtension has an entire Community of Practice called Science, Engineering, & Technology for Youth. So check it out!

SUMMER JOB LEAGUE

The Summer Job League is a workforce placement program that helps emerging workers (ages 16-24) earn workplace skill certificates and connect with area businesses.

Are you looking for a summer job and are between the ages of 16-24? If so, register online at summerjobs.mo.gov

PET PHOTO CONTEST

Get your cameras ready! Orscheln’s is sponsoring a Pet Photo Contest. Whether it has fur, feathers or scales, they want to see your best pet photos! Enter by June 30th. Grand prize winner will receive a 10’ x 10’ x 6’ dog kennel, and be featured on the cover of their 2016 Pet Calendar!
SHOOTING SPORTS

COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS
May 4-H Shooting Sports is on Saturday, May 9th, 8:30 AM-12 noon at the Ray County Fairgrounds.

PLEASE NOTE: Do you have your log sheet? You need to be checking the hours you have shot--10 hours are required to compete at the Ray County Fair. You must have a minimum of 5 hours at the fairgrounds in order to qualify to shoot at RCF.

June meeting for Shooting Sports is June 6th at the Fairgrounds in Richmond.

EQUINE NEWS

COUNTY HORSE ENTRIES
County Horse Show entries are due June 1st! Members that turned in horse forms will receive the “County Entry Form” by May 11th. Horsemanship leaders will also have a copy.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

SHOW ME QUALITY
Just a reminder that to show at the Ray County Fair & MO State Fair--all 4-H youth showing a meat product animal must have a “Show Me Quality Assurance” card. You need to have completed this by July 1st. You will be asked to present it when you check in at the entry desk. It’s online at http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/

SHEEP & SWINE MARKET ANIMALS
Market sheep & swine must be ear tagged if you plan to sell at the Ray County Fair. RCF livestock committee members will contact you & come to your farm by June 1st to ear tag the sheep, swine & goats. Please contact the Extension Center if you have not already done so for sheep, swine or goats that need to be tagged. Otherwise you will not be eligible to sell.

MSF MARKET HOGS
If you plan to show a barrow at the Missouri State Fair--remember you need to order your own cards from the MSF office @ 660-827-8150. DNA cards have to be turned into the EXTENSION OFFICE by May 11th to be turned into MSF. You CANNOT turn in DNA cards individually this year! They will be DENIED if you do.

Club Reports

Millville 4-H Club met with 38 members present. Erin Dana reported that the club t-shirts have been ordered. All project changes have been closed. The Blue Ribbon 4K Run is scheduled for June 27th. Registration and sponsorship forms are available. Members enrolled in meat projects must be certified in MSMQA. Projects reported on were: floriculture and foods. Fundraiser winners were: Michelle Layman & Rob Swafford. Our next meeting will be planting flowers at Shirkey’s.

Next Meeting: 5/13 or 16 Jodi Robinson, Reporter

Guys & Gals 4-H Club met April 9th with 23 members present. Mrs. Erskine discussed the concession stand duties for the Demo Derby to be held during the Mushroom Festival. She had a signup sheet to work. The Sonic & Price Chopper cards/books were passed out for the Ray County 4-H Council fundraiser. Important dates for the next month were announced. Several parent praises were given about their kids accomplishments. Project reports were given by: Mykayla Shank on Shooting Sports, Lydia Russell on Horses, Lyssa Green & Emily Henderson on Horse Judging & Hippology. Community Service report was presented by Mrs. Gilbow of the club plans to clean the Shotwell Cemetery on Saturday, May 9th at 9am.

Next Meeting: 5/14/15 Blake Logsdon, Reporter

Lawson 4-H Club met April with 10 members meeting at Watkins Mill to so we could see the completed Little Library our club developed. Blue Ribbon 4K Run information was presented. We collected sizes for county fair shirts. Price Chopper books were passed out. The deadline for fund raiser money was given as May 8. No locations have been secured for our Bake Sale/Car Wash for 5/23. Sunday April 12 was chosen to meet at 2pm to complete the trash pickup on our section of adopted HWY D. Alyssa Edwards gave a presentation on “how to polish boots”, Justin Edwards gave a presentation on “how to wipe a table” and Haylee Edwards gave a presentation on “how to tie ribbons on her dog”. The 4H lock in was reported on. Marlys reported on Quilting. Gavin reported on Woodworking.

Next Meeting: 5/7/15 Haylee Edwards, Reporter

Olde Tyme 4-H Club met for their March meeting with 35 members present. The meeting was kicked off with a song! Poultry members and shooting sports gave project reports. Be sure to keep track of your Move Across Missouri minutes. Horse forms are due May 1st. Geena Black told about the 4-H Summit that she attended.

Next Meeting: 5/1/15 Corbyn Boyer, Reporter
FOURCAST

MAY
1    Horse Forms DUE
1-2  Mushroom Festival, Richmond
9    County Shooting Sports, 8:30am
10   Happy Mother’s Day
20   4-H Council, 7PM, Richmond
25   Memorial Day, Office Closed

JUNE
1    County Horse Show Entries DUE
6    County Shooting Sports, 8:30am
9    4-H Camp, Warrensburg
10   Ray County Fair ENTRIES DUE
14   Flag Day---Fly Your Flag Proudly!!
20   4-H Inside Exhibit Form Due
21   Father’s Day
22   4-H Council, 7PM, Richmond
25   Public Speaking/Demonstrations, 6:30pm, Richmond
27   RCF Ribbon Run/Walk, 8 a.m.
28   County Horse Show, 8AM, Rayville

JULY
1    MO State Fair Entries Due, Sedalia
     Livestock & Open Home Economics
3    4th of July Holiday, Office Closed
4    Happy Birthday America
10-18 Ray County Fair

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