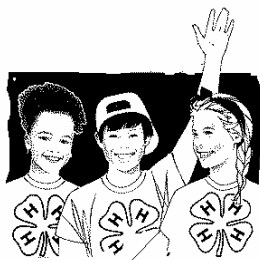


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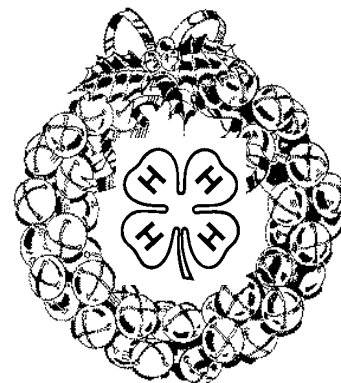
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## Sweetest Gifts

The Christmas lights reflect my soul  
Upon the crystal ground,  
And a glow is cast upon my heart  
With every holiday sound.  
Memories of time with you  
float through the chilly air,  
Reminding me the sweetest gifts,  
Are those we have to share.

*By Dave Hileman*



## 4-H MEMBERS & FRIENDS NEEDED TO EAT PIZZA AND STUFF ENVELOPES

Christmas Break doesn't have to be boring! Join us on Tuesday, December 27, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Union Memorial Auditorium, for the annual Extension Council Ballot Stuffing. Help us stuff envelopes, and stuff yourself with pizza provided for lunch. Snacks and soda will also be provided. All 4-H members 8 years and older, parents, leaders, and 4-H Alumni are welcome! And you can even bring a friend who isn't a 4-H member. See the enclosed map to the Union Memorial Auditorium.

Most of all, you will be helping the Extension Council. What a great way to show how much you appreciate their support of our 4-H program. So, come join us, have fun, eat pizza, and leave with a great citizenship listing for your County 4-H Report Form.

For those of you who will need to pick your kids up early, you might note that we usually eat lunch about 1:00. We wouldn't want them to work all morning and then miss out on the pizza.

## SONG SHEETS AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Song sheets for Christmas Caroling are available from the University of Missouri Extension Center. Contact us if you would like copies.

## SHARE THE FUN SCHEDULED

The Franklin County Share The Fun skit competition will be held Saturday, April 22, at the Beaufort Elementary School. Clubs will need to register by March 1.

## SELECT ST. PAT'S CANDIDATES

Although we won't actually hold our St. Pat's Coronation for several months, clubs may want to select their candidates at their November or December meetings. That will help you to avoid delays that occur if we have bad weather in January and February. The St. Pat's Coronation Ceremony and dance will be Saturday, March 25, 2006.

Each club can have two St. Pat's candidates. It is preferred that a club have one male and one female candidate, but clubs are allowed to have two king or two queen candidates.

Members 8 and older by January 1, 2006 can be a King or Queen candidate.

## MFA SADDLE AWARD

4-H members 14 and older who are enrolled in a 4-H Horsemanship project can apply to win a new saddle provided by MFA. To apply for the MFA Saddle Award a member must complete the Application for the MFA Saddle Award (which includes completing the Missouri 4-H Recognition Form) available from the University of Missouri Extension Center or at <http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin>. The forms must be returned to the office by January 10.

## STATE 4-H COUNCIL CANDIDATES NEEDED

The Missouri State 4-H Council is looking for 4-H teens to represent our region on the council. Three Representatives will be elected for our region during State 4-H Congress, June 1-3. As a State 4-H Council member, you will meet 5-6 times a year where you will plan State 4-H Congress and Teen Conference. You will also have an opportunity to represent Missouri 4-H at regional and state events.

4-H members 14-17 as of January 1, 2006, are eligible. You must plan to attend State 4-H Congress if you are selected as a candidate. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for more details. Applications are available from the University of Missouri Extension Center or at: <http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin> Applications are due to the Extension Center by January 15.



## ARE YOU A 4-H CENTURY FAMILY?

The Missouri 4-H Century Family program recognizes 4-H families with a long history of involvement in the 4-H program. Missouri 4-H families with a combined 100 years or more of membership and/or volunteer leadership in 4-H will be recognized as 4-H Century Family. Five Franklin County Families have been recognized as Century Families since 2002.

The 100 years may include direct-line family members such as parents, siblings, and grandparents. Aunts, uncles, and cousins may not be considered. Stepparents, stepchildren, and adopted children may be considered. Supporting documents are not necessary (we trust you). Years as a paid 4-H staff do not qualify.

In the early days of Franklin County 4-H the program was directly connected to the Farm Bureau and local Extension Homemaker clubs. Years of service to 4-H in these capacities can be included. Years of volunteer service at any level (county, regional, state, etc.) can be included, but do not include the same year more than once. (Example: A county project leader who also served on a state committee to plan State Leaders Forum in the same year can only count the year one time.) Years of 4-H membership or leadership in a state other than Missouri can be included. Years as a Clover Kid can be counted.

Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center or go to <http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin> for a form if you think your family may qualify as a 4-H Century Family. Applications must be returned by July 4, 2006.

## ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT SCHEDULED

Plan now to participate in County 4-H Achievement Night- May 5, 2006.

## SAVE 15% AT ORSCHELN'S

4-H and FFA members can save 15% storewide at the Washington Orscheln Farm and Home store from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. You can bring your 4-H newsletter as proof of 4-H membership. The 4-H member must be present to get the 15% savings.

## SAVE 10% AT ORSCHELN'S ALL YEAR

4-H Club or project leaders can ask for 4-H and FFA discount cards for their members at their local Orscheln Farm and Home store. The card must be signed by the member and leader. Then, any time the 4-H member purchases supplies to be used for their 4-H project, they will get a 10% discount. Please note that the member must be present when the purchases are made.

## TRAINING FOR NEW PROJECT LEADERS

**Returning project leaders  
are welcome, too!**

New and fairly new project leaders can learn more about what is expected of them at the Franklin County 4-H Project Leader workshop. The workshop will be held Saturday, January 14, 2006, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Union Knights of Columbus hall. We will discuss how many meetings you need to have, information resources, different teaching techniques, project paperwork, and more.

The 4-H Volunteer Recognition dinner will be held following the workshop. Come to learn and stay to eat!

## 4-H CAMP DATES SET

The dates for 4-H Counselor Camp and Franklin County 4-H Camp have been set. Counselor Camp, for those members 14 and older who are selected to serve as counselors, will be June 5-7. 4-H Camp for 4-H members 8 to 14 (and their friends) will be June 14-17.

Both camps will be held at Camp Derricotte in Cuivre River State Park. Plan now to join us for 4-H Camp!

## STACEY SCHROEDER AT STATE CONTEST

I left Stacey Schroeder off of the list of state contest participants in the last newsletter. Stacey participated in the Senior Shotgun event at the State 4-H Shooting Sports contest.

## MISSOURI AGRIBUSINESS ACADEMY

4-H members currently in their sophomore year of high school can be a part of the 2006 Missouri Agribusiness Academy. The academy is made up of outstanding young people from across the state. The program is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Participants will meet twice in the summer to visit with agri-business leaders and government officials and to explore agricultural career opportunities and issues.

The application process includes completing a form and providing three letters of support. The forms and letters are due February 3. They are judged and several are chosen for an oral interview. After the interview, five students will be chosen from our region as part of the academy.

Sophomores who are members of a 4-H club or FFA chapter, or who are from a farm family can apply. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for application forms, or log on to: <http://www.mda.mo.gov/Market/agribusacademy.htm>

## MORE COUNTY WIDE PROJECTS

Here are two more opportunities for 4-H members. If you want to take the project, please call the leader to make sure there is room, and then contact the Extension Center so we can add the project for you.

**Line Dancing** - led by Dorothy Keence. Members will meet one-two times each month to learn line dances. Call Dorothy at (636) 583-5777.

**Crochet, Knitting, and Tatting** - led by Maryellen Davis. The project will meet one time each month starting in January. Call Maryellen at (636) 583-8437.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H TEENS** **(4-Hers 13 and older by January 1, 2006)**

So you're a 4-H Teen. **Now the fun begins!!** 4-H offers many opportunities for 4-H teens to get together to have fun, meet new friends, and of course, provide leadership and learn new things along the way. Below are a few of the county, regional, and state opportunities for 4-H teens. You can learn more about each activity by attending County Teen Council Meetings, reading the 4-H newsletter, or contacting the Franklin County University of Missouri Extension Center.

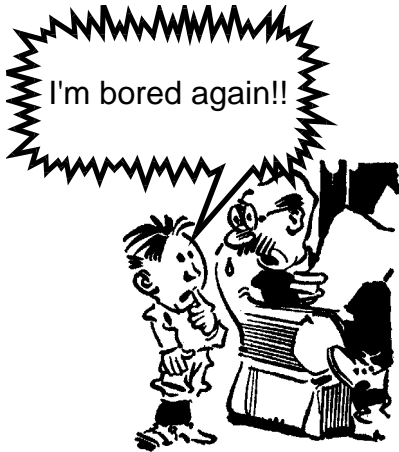
**County Committees** — Franklin County Teens 14 and older who want to help make decisions that affect our county program, help plan county activities, or just get together with other teens, can serve on county committees. Look for committee opportunities in newsletters and mailings.

**Regional Teen Dance, Lock-in, and Retreat** — The regional teen council, made up of teens from 10 counties, plan these activities for teens 13 and older. The Franklin County 4-H Council provides a bus to take kids to the lock-in and dance so that more kids can participate. And you can bring a friend along so they can see what fun 4-H teens have.

**Kansas City Global Conference, State 4-H Congress, 4-H Citizenship Youth Forum** These out-of-county trips allow teens to expand their leadership skills, explore possible careers, experience government first-hand, and of course, meet other teens from Franklin County, Missouri, and even other states. The 4-H Council provides scholarships to help pay for the trips. So get away from your parents and siblings, and spend a few days with kids your own age. And did I mention the great dances?

**Camp Counselor** — Being a camp counselor is a great responsibility and honor. 4-H members 14 and older attend counselor camp to learn skills to help them be successful camp counselors, and then come to camp to be a buddy, teacher, parent, and role model for the campers they work with.

**Key Award, I Dare You Award, Scholarships, other special recognition** — 4-H teens can work toward receiving special awards to recognize their leadership and citizenship contributions. As you get older 4-H offers scholarship opportunities. And we don't just count your 4-H involvement, you also get credit for your school, church, and community efforts.



**DON'T PANIC MOM & DAD!!!**

HELP YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE GET OVER

***"THE CHRISTMAS VACATION  
I'M BORED BLUES!!!"***

BRING THEM TO THE ANNUAL:

***4-H CHRISTMAS BREAK ENVELOPE STUFFING  
& PIZZA PARTY***

UNION CITY HALL MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM BASEMENT

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8:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 27, 2005

ALL 4-H MEMBERS 8 AND OLDER ARE INVITED

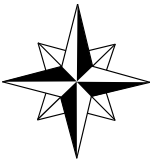
BRING YOUR FRIENDS

PARENTS, LEADERS, AND 4-H ALUMNI ALSO WELCOME

We will stuff envelopes for the Extension Council Election. Pizza, sodas, and snacks will be provided by the Franklin County Extension Council. This is our chance to thank the Council for their support of our 4-H program. Bring the kids and enjoy a day to yourselves.

**Parents, please check with one of the adults in charge when you pick your young people up, so we know they are safely on their way home.**

MAP TO UNION MEMORIAL  
AUDITORIUM



NORTH

Hwy 47 to Washington

Union Memorial Auditorium

Parking

Locust Street

Springfield Ave.

McKinley Ave.

Conoco Station

Linden Street

Hwy. 50 to Jefferson City

Hwy. 50 to I-44

Hwy. 47 to St. Clair

