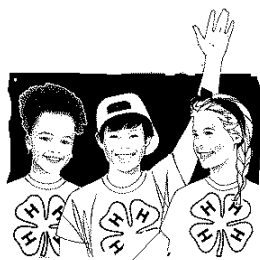


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# Franklin County 4-H News

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## The Gift That Lasts

Last Christmas you gave me a gift,  
But I can't remember what;  
And I know you sent a card,  
But I can't recall the thought;  
And the snowman we built  
Has melted away,  
But the smile you gave me,  
I still have today.

Dave Hileman



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

Christmas Break doesn't have to be boring! Join us on Thursday, 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 age 8 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 community service listing for your County 4-H Report Form or to meet school requirements..

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.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

The 4-H Council has installed a locked drop box just outside the front door of the Franklin County Extension office for your convenience. The box allows a safe place to drop that 4-H enrollment form, camp registration, scholarship form, or whatever information you need to get to Jenny or me after office hours. Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 447 sponsored by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Clair for installing the drop box for us. The troop is led by Ray Rolley who is assisted by Dave Bates.



## SELECT ST. PAT'S CANDIDATES

Note date changed to March 29

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 29, 2008.

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.

Any 4-H member 8 or older by January 1, 2008 can represent your club as a St. Pat's King or Queen candidate.

### 4-H CAMP DATES SET

Dates for 4-H Counselor Camp and Franklin County 4-H Camp have been set. Counselor Camp, for those members age 14 and older who are selected to serve as counselors, will be June 10-12. 4-H Camp for 4-H members age 8 to 14 (and their friends) will be June 13-16. Camp fee will remain at \$55.00 for 2008.

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

### 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 4-6. 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 and represent Missouri 4-H at regional and state events.

4-H members 14-17 as of January 1, 2008, are eligible. You must plan to attend State 4-H Congress if you are selected as a candidate. Applications are available from the Extension Center or at:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/franklin/4-H/member.shtml>

Applications are due to the Extension Center by January 10.



### 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 a 4-H Century Family. Five Franklin County Families have been recognized as Century Families.

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

<http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/recognition/recognition.htm>

for a form if you think your family may qualify as a 4-H Century Family. Applications must be returned by July 4, 2008.

### SONG SHEETS AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING

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

## 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 19, 2008, 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.

## MEAT GOAT CAMP

Missouri 4-H and Missouri State University will cooperate to provide a one day Missouri Youth Meat Goat Camp on Saturday, February 9 at the MSU Darr Agricultural Center in Springfield, Mo. Experts in the field of nutrition, selection, and carcass composition as well as producers with years of experience in the meat goat industry will guide participants through the basics and finer points of choosing and feeding both your commercial, registered or show herds. Youth and their adult leaders will work in small groups to ensure individualized attention. Contact the Franklin County Extension Center for more information.

## AHOLT PLACES 8TH IN NATION

Congratulations to Courtney Aholt for placing 8th in the nation in the 4-H Horse Public Speaking contest. Courtney placed first in the state back in September, and represented Missouri at the national event at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-up in Louisville, Kentucky.

## NEW PROJECT LEADER WEB RESOURCE

4-H project leaders looking for more ideas should check out the new Project Briefs located at:

<http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/projects/briefs/>

The briefs are full of ideas for fair projects, demonstrations, and field trip ideas. They also help project leaders with ideas to include community service, critical thinking, science and technology, character education as part of the project.

If you don't see a brief for the project you are leading just check back every now and then. More briefs will be added as they are completed.

## 4-H COUNCIL YOUTH LIAISON NAMED

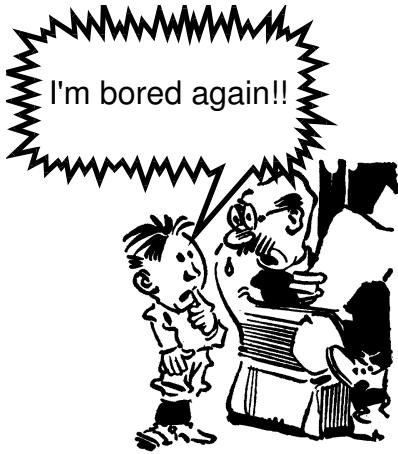
Lauren Hileman has been selected to serve as the Missouri State 4-H Council Youth Liaison (CYL) for Franklin County. She will be working to put together an e-mail and cell phone list for county teens who want to become a 4-H RATs, or Rapid Action Team members. When the State 4-H Council or the county office needs to get information out fast, the CYL will send the message to the Rapid Action Team members through e-mail or text message. The 4-H RATs will then spread the news further.



4-H teens will be getting more information on how they can become a Franklin County 4-H RAT.

## ROCKFORD REBELS COMPETE

Rockford Rebels 4-H Club members Spencer Crumbaugh, Chris Kahlenbeck, and Kristy Cox participated in the Invitational Youth Judging Contest at the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show in Oklahoma City. They judged mares and geldings at hand, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Classic Pleasure, and Hunt Seat Pleasure classes. They placed 8th in the team competition. Kristy was 6th high individual, Spencer was 7th, and Chris placed 16th.



**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**

**(Map on back)**

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

**THURSSDAY**

**DECEMBER 27, 2007**

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**BRING YOUR FRIENDS**

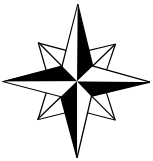
**PARENTS, LEADERS, AND 4-H ALUMNI ALSO WELCOME**

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*

Locust Street

*Parking*

Springfield Ave.

McKinley Ave.

*Conoco Station*

Linden Street

Hwy. 50 to Jefferson City

Hwy. 50 to I-44

Hwy. 47 to St. Clair

