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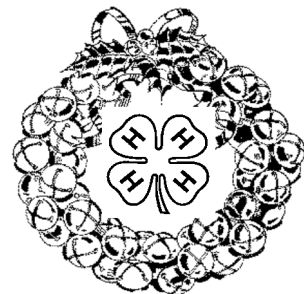
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Christmas Confusion
I'm sometimes amused
At just how confused
Older people can sometimes be.
And as I hang colored eggs
On my Christmas tree,
I'm thankful it hasn't
yet happened to me.

Dave Hileman



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

Christmas Break doesn't have to be boring! Join us on Wednesday, December 28, 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. A map to the Union Memorial Auditorium was included in your November 4-H Newsletter.

This year, every kid that helps stuff envelopes will have a chance to win a 4-H duffle bag!

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.

4-H LEADER RECOGNITION DINNER - JANUARY 27, 2012

New and returning 4-H volunteers should save Friday evening, January 27 on your calendars now for the Franklin County 4-H Leader Recognition dinner. We will present leader recognition cards and medals, announce Letters to Leaders winners, and recognize outstanding supporters of Franklin County 4-H. Invitations will be sent in late December or early January.

STATE 4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, February 18, in Eckles Hall on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia. The contest is open to 4-H members age 8 and older on December 31, 2011. There is a \$10 registration fee for members but no fee for adults. Anyone interested in participating in the contest should contact the Franklin County University of Missouri Extension Office by January 20.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP Applications due February 1

High school seniors who will graduate in the spring of 2012 can apply for a \$1000 to \$2500 college scholarship. The Youth in Agriculture Committee will provide twenty-four \$1000 scholarships and one Supreme Scholarship for \$2500. To be eligible to apply for the scholarships you must be a senior in high school, an active 4-H or FFA member, and have participated in the Missouri State Fair as an FFA or 4-H exhibitor (at some time). You must also plan to enroll in an accredited Missouri college, community college, or university with a major in agriculture.

The application is available on the Missouri State Fair website: www.mostatefair.com (click on Youth in Agriculture Scholarship).

HELP PLAN ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT January 23, 2012

4-H teens, adult volunteers and parents are invited to help plan the 2012 Franklin County 4-H Achievement Night. All those interested should join Jenny Wallach at the Scenic Regional Library in Union at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23. The group will also begin making plans for the Educational Tour to reward Achievement Night participants.

4-H COUNCIL TO MEET JANUARY 23

The next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. Each 4-H Club should have 3 representatives at the meeting. All 4-H members, volunteers, and parents are welcome.

COUNTY MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL CONTESTS

Congratulations to Chris Kahlenbeck, Kristy Cox, and Spencer Crumbaugh of the Maverick 4-H Club, and Cassy Aholt of the Jeffriesburg 4-H Club for representing Missouri in the National 4-H Horse Bowl Contest in Louisville, Kentucky.

Congratulations, also, to Rachel Bardot, Laura Bardot, and Ben Bardot of the Rockford Rebels 4-H Club, and Shawn Bevforden of the Indian Prairie 4-H Club for representing Missouri 4-H in the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest in Kansas City.

Special congratulations to Rachel for placing 10th in the nation in individual performance at the event!

WIN HALF A HOG

The Franklin County Interstate Exchange Group is selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for their trip to Montana this summer. The drawing will be on January 16. Tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5. You can purchase tickets from any of the Interstate Exchange families, or at the Extension Center (correct change or payment by check, please).

There will be two prizes of a processed half hog. Thanks to the Danny Kuenzel family for donating the hog and to Swiss Meats for donating most of the processing fee.

\$20 SULLIVAN FAIR SEASON PASSES Offer only good until December 29!

Just in time for the holidays you can purchase a voucher for a Meramec Community Fair season pass for \$20! This is the best price you will see all year for season passes to the fair in Sullivan. The vouchers must be purchased from the Sullivan Chamber of Commerce and must be redeemed for a season pass by May 15, 2012.

The vouchers are non-refundable and non-replaceable - so be sure you keep them in a safe place until redeemed. This is a great stocking stuffer for parents and kids who will be participating in the Meramec Community Fair.



4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI Registration for 2012 MOVE Competition begins January 1

Wouldn't it be great to get credit for all the physical activity in your life?! By joining 4-H Move Across Missouri, you can! 4-H members and adults can join as an individual, a group of friends, a family, or as a 4-H Club. Then every time you "get physical" whether having fun or working, you can go to an online system and "log" the number of minutes/miles you accumulate throughout the year. Missouri 4-H will provide prizes and awards.

Individuals and groups interested in competing, or just having more incentive to stay active, should enroll by January 1. The county and state-wide contest will be held from February 1 to May 31, 2012. Those who participated last year will need to re-enroll this year. To enroll, or to learn more about 4-H Move Across Missouri, go to: www.mo4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

SKATE FOR SOUP

A great way to kick off your Move Across Missouri effort!

The whole family can get active, have fun, and provide community service by participating in Skate for Soup at Skaterz in Union from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 21. The event is sponsored by the Maverick 4-H Club.

Participants are asked to bring a can of soup to donate to local food banks (you can bring more than one can if you want). The skating fee is \$6.00, which includes quad or inline skate rental, or \$8.00, which includes skate rental and a slice of pizza and small soda.

TRAINING FOR NEW PROJECT LEADERS

Returning project leaders are welcome, too!

Note: Attending this meeting will not meet the Making The Best Better Orientation requirement.

New, and fairly new project leaders, and yes, even veteran 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 Friday, January 27, 2012, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the East Central College Training Center in Union. We will discuss how many meetings you need to have, information resources, different teaching techniques, project paperwork, and more.

ALL FRANKLIN COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN GET DISCOUNTED PRESCRIPTIONS!!

A message from your Franklin County Commissioners

Because Franklin County is a member of the National Association of Counties (NaCo), all county residents can obtain a NaCo Prescription Discount Card at no cost. The card can be used to receive an average savings of 24% on prescription drugs. You can go on the web and conveniently print your prescription discount card for immediate use. And the same site allows you to see which pharmacies in the area honor the card. Go to www.caremark.com/naco to obtain a card and get additional information.

MISSOURI 4-H GOAT AND SHEEP CAMP

For parents and members - not goats and sheep!

4-H members and parents are invited to learn more about goats and sheep at the 4-H Goat and Sheep Camp to be held February 11 at the Darr Agricultural Center in Springfield, Mo. There is a \$15 fee for each participant (adults and members) and the camp is limited to 100 participants. Enrollment deadline is February 3, but don't wait until the last minute! More information and the registration form are available at: www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin/members.aspx