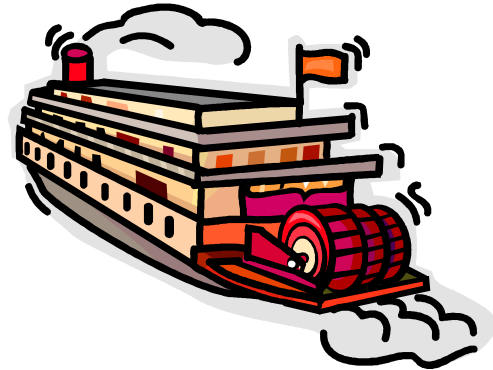


  
**Christian County 4H News**  
**Spring 2005**

A very unique upcoming opportunity is the **MARK TWAIN 4-H LITERACY PARTNER'S PROGRAM**. Current 4-H'ers team up with a non-4-H'er to read "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and a second book of their choosing. A day trip to Hannibal, MO will be held June 7, for 50 teams from across the SW Region. Christian Co. can send 2 teams. Who wants to go???



**THE NATIONAL 4-H CALENDAR** wants to know how you think 4-H benefits America.

The 2007 calendar theme is "How 4-H Benefits America". It will be up to 4-H members, volunteers, parents, staff and partners to furnish the stories that will be featured. These personal testimonials must tell the what, when, where, why, and how; so everyone can understand how 4-H benefits America.

One story for each month will be featured in the calendar and the author will receive one \$10 gift certificate towards a future purchase in the 4-H Source Book. Please limit your entry

to 125 words due to the space restrictions of the calendar.

Please e-mail, fax or mail your stories by April 30, to: **Maria Cascioli**, National 4-H Supply Service  
7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
[mcascioli@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:mcascioli@fourhcouncil.edu) or Fax 301-961-2937

## WESTERN THEME FOR 4-H CAMP THIS SUMMER



If you're 12 or older and want to be a Clover Kid's camp counselor this year, or 13 and older and want to be a

counselor at members camp, a counselor's application will be available shortly. Call the office for an application. Like last year, teens may only be a counselor for one camp.

2005 Camp dates are: Teen Camp–June 17-20  
Counselor's session for Member Camp #1 and  
Clover Kids Camps - June 20-21  
Member Camp #1 - June 21-24  
Clover Kids Camp #1-June 24-25  
Clover Kids Camp #2-June 25-26  
Counselor's session  
for Member Camp #2 -June 26-27  
Member Camp #2 -June 27-30

Counselors for Clover Kids camp will attend both sessions plus an overnight training before camp. For those who'd like to be a counselor at one of the Member Camps, you must attend Teen Camp and complete a counselor's application. It is available now.

### MO 4-H YOUTH FORUM, IS JUNE 28-30

This is often, the first major 4-H trip for many of our members 8th grade or older. It's fun and educational. Sessions are held at Jefferson City in the Capitol, House of Representatives committee rooms, House and usually Senate chambers and state Supreme Court building.

The study of the legislative and judicial branches plus a media in government session, highlight the workshop. Also included are tours of state government functions and at least one dance.

**Calling all Clover Kids and Mom or Dad! We have two opportunities to share a memory with your CK. Call for a camp application. Fee is only \$30 per child and parent. Additional child or parent is \$20. We expect both camps to fill since they are on the weekends. Applications are here! Call today and apply now. Clover Kid camp counselor applications are due April 15, call us for one.**



### Scrapbooking Clinic

**April 16, at Southwest Center in Mt. Vernon.**

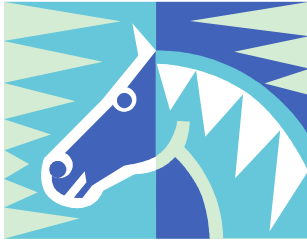
We are holding this clinic because of the interest at the Winter Training Sessions in January. This is for Leaders and prospective leaders in the Scrapbooking project. While we love to have children around; this workshop is being planned for adults only.

The planned schedule is:

10 am- 11:30	Fundamentals of Scrapbooking, do's and don'ts, also sharing of ideas.
11:30 – 12:00	Brown Bag lunch and more sharing.
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Hands on experience with some Scrapbooking techniques: decorative scissors, matting, die cuts, eyelets, chalking, paper piecing, and more.

To cover the cost of the paper, eyelets, etc. there is a small charge of \$3.00, payable at the door. It would be nice to know how many are coming so please let your county youth staff know. Be sure to bring a sack lunch since there aren't eating places close. You may also bring questions, pictures and any scrapbooks you are working on.

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## MISSOURI EQUINE 4-H TRIP, JUNE 20-25

A few openings are available in the first ever Horse Road Trip!! Mature 12 and 13 year olds are now eligible to attend as well as members 14-19. Cost is \$350 and is due ASAP.

This charter bus trip includes motel, dinner meals and a special trip shirt. Program highlights include: visiting specialty breed farms of Clydesdales, Andalusians. Quarter, Morgan, Missouri Fox Trotter, Rocky Mountain; disciplines – Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, Western Reining, Roping; career exploration – Horseshoeing, Custom bit/saddle makers, Trainers, Health and Equine Higher Educ.; MU Equine Vet School, dentistry and feeds; and just for fun the Dixie Stampede and great traveling companions.

Contact immediately, 4-H specialists, Debbie Davis at 816-539-3765 or Carol Parmenter, 417-448-2560.

## Operation: Military Kids

**Hero Packs** will be coming in May and June! Please let me know if your 4-H club or council would like to do this for a community service project. The Hero Packs are back packs that have 4-H items to put in them. The only thing your group would need to do is write a letter to enclose in the back pack as well as maybe a few other items that you collect. The Hero, remember is the youth who has a deployed parent or parents. They have taken on added responsibilities and have to be brave in continuing their life while knowing that their parent may be in harms way. Some communities are establishing babysitting services and lawn mowing services for these families. Thanks for all you do for our youth.

The following is a story from Iowa where “Operation: Military Kids” is reaching kids.

Sally (name changed for protection) knows what it's like to start crying in the middle of her seventh hour class.

She knows it's no help to hear, "I understand what you're going through." She knows how a military deployment affects everything from who mows the lawn to how 15th birthdays are celebrated. So yes, she said, 4-H's Operation: Military Kids is for her. She enjoyed the retreats. Sally is a 16-year-old junior. Her father left in July 2003 with troops from the Army National Guard. They spent nine months in Afghanistan.

"It was pretty difficult," she said. She and her older sister had to pick up the mowing chores. Somebody had to figure out how to take care of the car. She missed dad a lot. And about that time she cried in class? She said, "It just kind of got to me." Sally's mom has said that it has been good for Sally to connect with other youth from deployed military families in order to share difficulties, challenges and discover how they have grown during these trying times. She said she hopes Operation Military Kids project will spread to include more youth. Sally's mom said, "They are proud families who won't ask for help, but if it is offered, it won't turn it down."

**It's our job to help military kids like Sally across Missouri.** Let's invite a youth affected by deployment to join in our 4-H activities and events. Help them feel a part of a great youth development organization!

If you live in the greater Kansas City area, you may want to know that the Kansas City Veteran's Hospital is collecting your old cell phones that you are not using. They are able to send these to be recycled and they purchase calling cards for our soldiers who are deployed in order for them to be able to call home. This would be a wonderful community service opportunity for your 4-H club! <http://www.thekansascitychannel.com/news/4282859/detail.html>  
<http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/pages/1/index.html>

Thought for the day:

### **“The Farmer and His Sons”**



Can any of you think of a place you might apply this parable to your life??

A farmer, being at death’s door, and desiring to impart to his sons a secret of much moment, called them round him and said, “My sons, I am shortly to die. I would have you know, therefore, that in my vineyard there lies a hidden treasure. Dig, and you will find it.” As soon as their father was dead, the sons took spade and fork and turned up the soil of the vineyard over and over again, in their search for treasure which they supposed to lie buried there. They found none, however: but the vines, after so thorough a digging, produced a crop such as had never before been seen.

**Moral:**

There is no treasure without toil.

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**Christian County Fair week is  
July 7 through the 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**How are your projects coming along?**

