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UC Cooperative Extension Glenn County

4-H NEWS FLASH

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THIS IS 4-H

4-H, one of America's largest non-formal education programs for youth, makes a major contribution to our nation by helping youth acquire knowledge and develop life skills that help them become self-directed, productive and contributing members of our society.

Today, 4-H involves young people from the city, from the farm and in between. They are learning practical skills in hundreds of projects. But more importantly, they are developing attitudes and habits that help them meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

- 4-H not only asks youngsters to "Make the Best Better", it gives them guidance to reach their goals.
- 4-H is conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service of state land-grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This strong educational base is extended to the youngsters through a corps of volunteer 4-H leaders who share their time and talents to help 4-H'ers "learn by doing".

Additionally, thousands of individuals, corporations, foundations and businesses help support the 4-H program by providing incentives and recognition, educational aids, training and travel opportunities, together with advisory, technical and public relations assistance.

- 4-H is family and community-oriented. 4-H members devote much of their time to community service in a wide variety of projects, ranging from helping replenish local food banks, to cleaning the county fairgrounds, to landscaping public buildings, to providing homemade cookies and Christmas cards to the elderly.
- 4-H alumni point with pride to their experiences telling how much they gained from the discipline of keeping written records, making oral presentations, developing leadership, management and communication skills, and gaining an understanding of citizenship responsibilities.
- 4-H today is indeed having a strong impact on youth and America. Find out how you can become involved by calling your Glenn County Cooperative Extension Office at 865-1107.

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