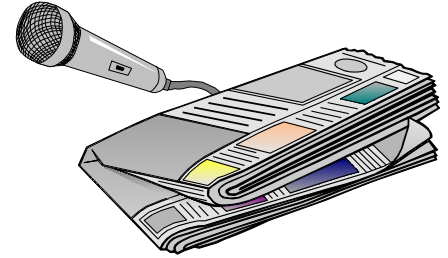




*Agriculture Home Economics 4-H*

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## **4-H CELEBRATES NATIONAL 4-H WEEK AND SALUTES VOLUNTEERS**

Across the country, 4-H will celebrate National 4-H Week 2004 Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. National 4-H Week, celebrated annually, provides recognition to the 6.6 million youth involved in 4-H programs and the 6.3 million 4-H volunteers.

Pledging their hands to larger service is a key component to the 4-H philosophy of learning by doing.

During National 4-H Week, 4-H'ers in Glenn County will participate in the National 4-H Week Window Display Contest. Be looking for their displays in many businesses throughout the county.

From quilting to archery to sheep, more than 160 4-H volunteers in Glenn County pledge their head, heart, hands and health toward their improving their communities and themselves. "By pledging their heads, 4-H volunteers, contribute their knowledge and expertise," said Deanna Rogers, 4-H Program Representative.

Whether planning field days, summer camp or leading a project, the skills volunteers bring to 4-H strengthen it and help the young people. "Over and over, volunteers say they concentrate on what they can contribute, yet are amazed at what they gain," says Rogers. "People enjoy volunteering when they're able to make changes in a community where they are needed."

4-H volunteers range in age from 18 to well over 70. Many of them, though not all, are 4-H alumni who wish to give back to the organization that they benefitted from. They come from a wide array of economic situations and backgrounds, and share the common interest of youth development. In Glenn County, there are approximately 160 4-H volunteers in archery, bowling, foods, clothing, quilting, swine, beef, dairy, sheep, rabbits, arts and crafts, small engines, veterinary science, stamp art, and a wide array of other projects.

A variety of 4-H volunteer opportunities are available in Glenn County. For information, contact Deanna Rogers, 4-H Program Representative, at the Glenn County Extension Office, 865-1107.

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