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Dear Webster County 4-H Members and Volunteers:

During my six and a half years as a 4-H Youth Agent, I have served in Attala and Lowndes Counties. In both of these counties I have worked with various 4-H projects.



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In Attala County, I worked mostly with livestock and had the chance to start the Central Mississippi Holiday Classic Livestock Show and also the Attala County Farm Day, which was held in conjunction with the livestock show. This farm day was geared toward kindergarten children and taught them farm safety.

In Lowndes County, my program has multiple areas of focus including: Shooting Sports, Equine, and Congressional Awards. In the Shooting Sports Program this year, there were approximately seventy-five youth involved. Fifty-three of these youth competed at the district match, fourteen qualified for the state match, and two have qualified for the national match. This program continues to grow each year and more and more adults are also becoming interested in assisting with this program.

The equine program in Lowndes County has increased greatly over the past three years. This year, we held the third Lowndes County Horse Camp. This is a three-day camp that provides 4-H'ers in Lowndes County with instruction from individuals who have a great deal of knowledge of horsemanship, showmanship, speed events, pleasure events, and halter. At the conclusion of the camp a fun show is held for the youth to show off what they have learned over the three days.

The Congressional Awards Program is a big part of Lowndes County 4-H. In the past three years there have been seven youth to receive their gold medals, six receive silver medals, and four receive bronze medals. The County Board of Supervisors has realized the value of this program and provides financial support for these youth to attend the awards ceremonies in Washington each year.

I have also been extremely active in the Mississippi Association of Extension 4-H Agents. Serving this year as the associations' president has provided me with a great leadership opportunity, along with a better knowledge of the relationship between the association and the Extension Service. I have received several awards through this association including the Clover Award and the Achievement in Service Award.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Julie White
Webster County 4-H Youth Agent