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When you support
4-H Youth
Development,
teens build
community pride
in their members
who identify
issues, such as
drug abuse and
bullying, and
empower youth
to display their
character and
confidence to take
action to improve
their communities.



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EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE *Changing Lives*



Anti-Bullying Performers from Muhlenberg County work to make schools "Bully Free Forever!"

Brooklyn Yonts Receives 4-H Emerald Award for Anti-Bullying Program

Brooklyn Yonts and Muhlenberg 4-H members performed anti-bullying superhero skit to elementary school groups throughout the region over the past two years. Their positive self-worth has encouraged others to be more caring and compassionate.



Brooklyn Yonts contributed to a community forum to identify needs and displayed the competence to organize an anti-bullying and anti-drug use campaign in western Kentucky. Over the past two years, **Brooklyn Yount and Muhlenberg County 4-H members performed anti-bullying superhero programs** to area elementary schools. Youth are encourage to consider their choice of words in emotional situations since the hurt and pain of verbal abuse can take far longer to heal than other injuries.

In addition, Brooklyn and Muhlenberg County 4-H members created advertisements **encouraging youth to be drug, alcohol, and tobacco free.** The advertisements were seen in local movie theaters. 4-H leadership development provides youth with the confidence and character to inspire others to make positive life choices.

The 4-H Achievement Program is for members from sixth grade through high school, with the Emerald Award being the highest honor for 4-H members. Youth are recognized and awarded points for participating in activities and events, completing projects and serving in leadership roles. The Emerald Award recognizes four Kentucky youth who are selected after a rigorous interview and application process and awarded a college scholarship, as well as the opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference, in Washington D.C.



Dylan Simmons, Brooklyn Yonts, Dillan Edmonds and Conner Cooper are leaders in their community, state and country as participants in national 4-H Youth Development opportunities.

Brooklyn and Muhlenberg County 4-H teens are working to improve the quality of life in western Kentucky by serving as role models and leaders.



Brooklyn and other Muhlenberg County 4-H members create advertisements show in local movie theater and in local businesses.