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I interviewed Mrs. Summer Young of the Wayne County Center. Her job is the 4-H Program Assistant, which includes many things, but the main thing is working with youth of ages 5 to 19. She also does many important jobs, like planning summer camps, organizing events, registering youth, ordering awards and certificates, send out important emails and reminders, put together 4-H clubs, and many more. She says the hardest part about her job is to find enough adult volunteers to help out with camps and other events. The part of her job she enjoys most, although she likes all the parts of her job, is the relationships she makes with the youth and working with the Jr. Leaders, and meeting a wide variety of people. I asked her how her job impacts the community, and she gave many answers, but the main ones that stuck with me was that she helps develop tomorrows leaders, and strengthen the youth of today. Also, she mentioned that the programs keep youth out of trouble they may get in if they wouldn't have her program. After asking her where she sees her job going, she says that there are probably going to be economic changes, and that the job may merge with another, but still be active. She sees the numbers enrolling increasing over the years, and that the youth will remember what she and her co-workers taught them, and teach them to their children, and enroll them into the program.